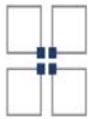


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## **INSAKE: OMGEWINGSIMPAKSTUDIEPROSES VIR ESKOM SE VOORGESTELDE 400kV TRANSMISSIELYN TUSSEN DIE BESTAANDE PERSEUS EN MERCURY SUBSTASIES**

Ingevolge Regulasie 4(6) van Goewermentskennisgewing No. R 1183 onder Artikel 26 van die Wet op Omgewingsbewaring (Wet No. 73 van 1989), word u daaraan herinner dat Eskom beoog om 'n nuwe 400kV transmissie kraglyn te bou en bedryf. Die voorstel is dat hierdie transmissie kraglyn gebou sal word tussen Eskom se bestaande Perseus substasie (noord-wes van Dealesville) en die bestaande Mercury substasie (noord van Vierfontein). Die lengte van hierdie kraglyn sal ongeveer 300 – 350km wees.

### **BONDIGE AGTERGROND**

Ingevolge Regulasie 4(6) van Goewermentskennisgewing No. R 1183 onder Artikel 26 van die Wet op Omgewingsbewaring (Wet No. 73 van 1989), moet 'n omgewingsimpakstudie vir sekere voorgestelde aktiwiteite gedoen word. (Die aanbou van 'n transmissie kraglyn word hierby ingesluit.)

Die voorstel is dat 'n 400kV transmissie kraglyn gebou sal word tussen Eskom se bestaande Perseus substasie (noord-wes van Dealesville) en die bestaande Mercury substasie (noord van Vierfontein). Die lengte van hierdie kraglyn sal ongeveer 300 – 350km wees.

Oorspronklik is drie moontlike roetes geïdentifiseer en 'n bestekopname is gedoen om die die mees gesikte belyning te bepaal.

Kennisgewings is in posbusse geplaas en het ook in sekere koerante verskyn om aan geïnteresseerde en geaffekteerde partye die geleentheid te bied om te registreer om betrokke te raak. Hierna is fokusgroepvergaderings sowel as ope dae en openbare vergaderings gehou. 'n Voorlopige bestekopnameverslag wat beduidende kwessies en impakte identifiseer wat aangespreek sal word in die Omgewingsimpakstudie (OIS) fase is beskikbaar gestel vir publieke insae en kommentaar.

Die tydperk vir kommentaar op die Voorlopige Bestekopname het op 25 Junie 2003 verstryk. Kommentare is ingewerk in die verslag en die Finale Bestekopname verslag is aan die betrokke owerhede oorhandig wat die verslag goedgekeur het, die OIS fase gaan dus voort.

Tydens die publieke deelname proses vir die bestekopname fase het geintereseerde en geaffekteerde partye voorgestel dat 'n vierde alternatief ondersoek moet word. Die konsultante is tans besig met die omgewing studies vir die alternatief, as deel van die omgewingstudies sal die publiek 'n kans gegun word om betrokke te raak by die proses.

Ons wil u graag uitnooi om aan die publieke deelname proses deel te neem deur een van die volgende geleenthede by te woon:

#### **FOKUSGROEPVERGADERINGS:**

##### **BULTFONTEIN:**

DATUM: Dinsdag 25 November 2003  
PLEK: Bultfontein Biblioteek, Bosmanstraat  
TYD: 10:00 tot 12:00

##### **HOOPSTAD:**

DATUM: Dinsdag 25 November 2003  
PLEK: NG Kerksaal, Kerkstraat  
TYD: 15:00 tot 17:00

##### **BOTHAVILLE:**

DATUM: Woensdag 26 November 2003  
PLEK: Bothaville Kommandosaal (langs die Shell petrolstasie)  
TYD: 11:00 tot 13:00

#### **OPENBARE VERGADERING:**

##### **WESSELSBRON**

DATUM: Dinsdag 27 Januarie 2004  
PLEK: NG Kerk Wesselsbron Noord  
TYD: 14:00 tot 17:00

U is welkom om my te skakel indien u verdere inligting verlang.

Corné Roelofse

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR ESKOM'S PROPOSED 400kV TRANSMISSION LINE BETWEEN THE EXISTING PERSEUS AND MERCURY SUBSTATIONS**

This reminder is published in terms of Regulation 4(6), Government Notice R. 1183 under Section 26 of the Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989). Eskom proposes to construct and operate a 400kV transmission power line between the existing Perseus substation (north-west of Dealesville) and the existing Mercury substation (north of Vierfontein) covering a distance of approximately 300 - 350 km. Currently, this study is in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase.

### **SHORT BACKGROUND**

In terms of Regulation 4(6), Government Notice R. 1183 under Section 26 of the Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989), an Environmental Impact Assessment has to be conducted for certain proposed activities. (The construction and operation of a transmission power line is one of these activities).

The proposal is to erect a 400kV transmission line between the existing Perseus substation (north-west of Dealesville) and the Mercury substation (north of Vierfontein) covering approximately 300 - 350 km.

Originally, three possible alignments were identified and a scoping study was conducted to assess these and make a recommendation as to the preferred alignment.

Notifications were placed in post boxes and advertisements appeared in newspapers to provide Interested and Affected Parties the opportunity to participate. Subsequently Focus Group Meetings, Open Days and Public Meetings were held. A Draft Scoping Report, which identifies the significant issues and impacts that will be investigated in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase, was made available to the public for information and comment.

The period for public comment on the Draft Scoping Report expired on 25 June 2003, and the Final Scoping Report was submitted to the relevant authorities and has been approved therefore the EIA phase proceeds.

During the public participation process for the Scoping Phase, Interested and Affected Parties proposed that a fourth alignment be investigated. The consultants are in the process of conducting the environmental studies for this alignment. As part of the environmental studies the public will be afforded the opportunity to become involved in this process.

We would like to invite you to participate in the public participation process by attending one of the following events:

**FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS:**

**BULTFONTEIN:**

DATE: Tuesday 25 November 2003  
VENUE: Bultfontein Library, Bosman Street  
TIME: 10:00 to 12:00

**HOOPSTAD:**

DATE: Tuesday 25 November 2003  
VENUE: NG Kerk, Kerk Straat  
TIME: 15:00 to 17:00

**BOTHAVILLE:**

DATE: Wednesday 26 November 2003  
VENUE: Bothaville Kommando Hall (adjacent to the Shell garage)  
TIME: 11:00 to 13:00

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

**WESSELSBRON**

DATE: Tuesday 27 January 2004  
VENUE: NG Kerk Wesselsbron North  
TIME: 14:00 to 17:00

You are welcome to contact me if you need any further information.

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