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Dear Sir

**RE : CONCERNS RAISED ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE ESKOM
KUDU EIA**

At the meeting of the Northern Cape Provincial Coastal Committee (PCC) that was held in Springbok, Northern Cape on the 30th November 2006, several concerns were raised on the Public Participation process for the EIA of the "**Eskom Kudu High Voltage Transmission Line**" Project. The Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation (DTEC) chairs the PCC.

These concerns for the EIA process are summarized as follows:

1. Posters for invitation of the public to attend Public Hearing sessions on the proposed Kudu High Voltage Transmission Line Project were not placed at strategically visible places, points and positions. Most of the areas that will be affected and impacted by the project were not fully and adequately covered.
2. The Transmission Power Line will pass through private land that is legally owned and under the control of private mining industry. In particular the Senior Management of De Beers (Namaqualand Mines) and Alexkor (Pty)Ltd in the area should be officially informed either by ESKOM or by their EIA Consultant of this development project at specific, exclusive, dedicated and one-on-one consultation and liaison meetings separate from EIA Public Participation meetings. Such meetings would enable the mining industry to give a more informed input from a Private Business point-of-view on the project and its impact on their land and property.



3. The Transmission line will pass through portions of State Land that is administered by several Local Government structures in the area. These structures are:

- **Namaqua District Municipality in Springbok**
- **Nam Khoi Local Municipality in Springbok**
- **Richtersveld Local Municipality in Port Nolloth**
- **Richtersveld Community Property Association (CPA) in Alexander Bay and**
- **Kamiesberg Local Municipality in Garies**

Meetings should be held with these local government structures and their representative councillors in order to brief them on the project.

We trust that ESKOM and their EIA Consultant: SEF(Pty)Ltd will address these concerns amicably with the relevant Interested and Affected Parties.

As the Chairperson and Facilitator of the PCC the Northern Cape DTEC is looking forward to the presentation on the Project at the forthcoming PCC meeting of the 23rd February 2007 in Springbok.

Yours sincerely



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