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OMGEWINGSBESTEKBEPALINGSPROSES (OIS): 400kV transmissie kraglyn tussen Eskom se Perseus substasie naby Dealesville en die Perseus substasie naby Vierfontein

U en / of u organisasie is deur Afrosearch vooraf geïdentifiseer as 'n persoon wat moontlik 'n belang by bogenoemde projek mag hê. Hiermee die amptelike kennisgewing, asook 'n uitnodiging ten einde 'n Opedag en Openbare Vergadering in verband met die projek by te woon.

Ingevolge Regulasie 4(6) van Goewermentskennisgewing No. R 1183 onder Artikel 26 van die Wet op Omgewingsbewaring (Wet No. 73 van 1898), word hiermee kennis gegee dat Eskom beoog om 'n nuwe 400kV transmissie kraglyn te bou en bedryf. Die voorstel is dat hierdie 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.

Hierdie kraglyn is vir Eskom belangrik omdat dit sal help om elektrisiteit aan die Coega-inisiatief te verskaf.

OPENBARE GELEENTHEDE

Ten einde aan lede van die publiek genoegsame geleentheid te bied om insette te lewer, sal die Voorlopige Bestekopnameverslag vir besigtiging en kommentaar beskikbaar gestel word (kontak asseblief vir Afrosearch vir 'n lys van die plekke waar die verslag beskikbaar gestel sal word, of indien u graag 'n kopie van die verslag op CD-Rom wil bekom). Voorts sal 'n kopie van die agtergrondinligtingsdokument sowel as 'n elektroniese registrasievorm beskikbaar wees op Eskom se webwerf: www.eskom.co.za/eia. Alle kommentaar moet aan Afrosearch gerig word.

Twee Openbare Vergaderings gekombineer met 'n Opedag sal ook gehou word om die projek aan die gemeenskap bekend te stel en om inligting, vrae en kwessies van die publiek af te versamel. Hierdie inligting word dan deur die Omgewingskonsultant in sy verslag verwerk om deur die Departement van Omgewingsake en Toerisme in ag geneem te word, tydens hul besluitnemingsproses. Die besonderhede vir hierdie geleentheid is as volg:

BULTFONTEIN

DATUM: 23 April 2003

TYD: Opedag: 09:00 – 14:00

TYD: Openbare vergadering: 14:00-16:00

PLEK: Stadsaal (Bosmanstraat 3)

BOTHAVILLE

DATUM: 24 April 2003

TYD: Opedag 09:00 – 14:00

TYD: Openbare vergadering 14:00-16:00

PLEK: Kommandosaal (Langs Shell)

U is reeds op ons databasis ingesluit as 'n geïnteresseerde en geaffekteerde party. Indien u u naam van die lys wil onttrek of om verdere inligting te bekom, kontak my (Marita Oosthuizen) asseblief. My kontakbesonderhede is aangedui in die briefhoof. Ingesluit is 'n agtergrond inligtingsdokument wat meer inligting oor die projek self verskaf.

Moet asseblief nie huiwer om ander belanghebbendes van die projek in kennis te stel nie!

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS: 400kV power line
(transmission) between the Perseus substation near Dealesville and the Mercury
substation near Vierfontein**

You have been identified as a person / member of an organisation that may be an interested and / or affected party for the above-mentioned project. Hereunder, please find the official notification and invitation to an Open Day and Public Meeting with regard to the project.

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 4(6), Government Notice R. 1183 under Section 26 of the Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989) that Eskom proposes to construct and operate a 400kV transmission power line between the existing Perseus substation (north-west of Dealesville) and Mercury (north of Vierfontein) substation covering a length of approximately 300 - 350 km.

This transmission line is important in an effort to provide the necessary electricity to power the Coega initiative near Port Elizabeth.

PUBLIC EVENTS

In an effort to provide ample opportunity for members of the public to provide input into the EIA, the Draft Scoping Report will be available for perusal and comment later in the process (please contact Afrosearch to obtain a list of all the venues where copies will be available or to request a CD-Rom containing the Draft Scoping Report). A copy of the Background Information Document as well as an electronic registration form will also be available on the Eskom website: www.eskom.co.za/eia. Comment on the report should be directed to Afrosearch.

Two Open Days will be held to inform the public of the development. Formal Public Meetings form part of the Open Days. The purpose of the public meetings are to present the project and identify environmental issues and concerns that will be addressed by the environmental consultants in their report to the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. These concerns will be taken into account by the authorities in their decision making process. The details of these meetings are as follows:

BULTFONTEIN

DATE: 23 April 2003

TIME: Open Day: 09:00 – 14:00

TIME: Public Meeting: 14:00-16:00

VENUE: Town Hall (3 Bosman Street)

BOTHAVILLE

DATE: 24 April 2003

TIME: Open Day 09:00 – 14:00

TIME: Public Meeting: 14:00-16:00

VENUE: Commando Hall (Next to Shell)

You have already been included on our database of I&APs. If you wish to be taken off the database or to obtain any further information, please contact me (Marita Oosthuizen) at the contact details provided in our letterhead. Included is a Background Information Document that should answer a number of your questions.

Please do not hesitate to inform other potentially interested and / or affected parties!

All the best!

Marita Oosthuizen

