

**BRAAMHOEK TRANSMISSION POWER LINE AND SUB-STATION INTEGRATION**

**ANNEXURE 2:**

**LETTER ANNOUNCING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT**



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Dear «Title» «Surname»«Salutation»

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs): DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS**  
**▪ BRAAMHOEK 400KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINE AND SUBSTATION**  
**INTEGRATION**  
**▪ CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADE OF ACCESS ROADS**  
**FOR THE ESKOM BRAAMHOEK PUMPED STORAGE SCHEME**

Please find herewith, a **summary of the Draft Scoping Reports and comment sheet for the Transmission Integration project.** (The summary of the Draft Scoping Report and comment sheet for the Access Roads project will be mailed to you at a later date, closer to when the report is due out for comment).

The full versions of these reports (hard copy and CD), will be available at the following public venues during the specified period:

PROJECT:	TRANSMISSION INTEGRATION	ACCESS ROADS
COMMENT PERIOD:	11 April to 10 May 2005	25 April to 25 May 2005
VENUES:	Umtshezi/Estcourt Public Library Corner Connor and Victoria Streets, Estcourt	Harrismith Public Library Corner Murray and Warden Streets, Harrismith
	Emnambithi/Ladysmith Public Library Corner Murchison and Alexander Street, Ladysmith	Emnambithi/Ladysmith Public Library Corner Murchison and Alexander Street, Ladysmith
	Emnambithi Regional Authority Office 52 Fair Clough Street, Ladysmith	Green Lantern Inn, Van Reenen

**Please note:**

1. There are **three** Transmission Integration reports: transmission lines, sub-station and turn-in and **one** Roads report.
2. The hard copies of the reports are available for viewing at the venue and may not be borrowed. However, the CD version may be borrowed for a maximum of 3 days.
3. The reports can also be viewed at <http://www.eskom.co.za/eia>
4. Government bodies such as the municipalities and various departments have received full versions. Please contact ACER should you wish to know who in your organisation received such a copy.
5. The chairpersons of farmers associations and unions have also received full versions of the reports. Their members are encouraged to contact them directly should they wish to view these reports.

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6. **Comment sheets** have been provided for your convenience. Please complete and fax or post to the Public Participation Office. You may also use other written formats should you so wish and submit them by post, fax or e-mail.
7. There will be a **stakeholder meeting** on Friday, 6 May 2005 at Ladysmith Royal Hotel at 09h30- 12h00. **Please confirm your attendance.**
8. **Focus group meetings** are also being held in the study area with various stakeholder groups to discuss the Draft Scoping Report. Should you wish to be included, please contact the Public Participation Office.
9. Comments received on the Draft Scoping Reports will be used to produce the **Final Scoping Reports** to be submitted to the environmental authorities for consideration. A **letter** will then be sent to all registered stakeholders informing them of the next steps in the EIA process and the environmental authorities' decisions.
10. Please note the following opening and closing **dates for comment**:

<b>PROJECT:</b>	<b>OPENING DATE:</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE:</b>
TRANSMISSION INTEGRATION	11 April 2005	10 May 2005
ACCESS ROADS	25 April 2005	25 May 2005

Lastly, we would like to extend our thanks to the many people and organisations that have contributed thus far to the EIA processes. Please contact Debbie McKirdy or Bongzi Shinga at the Public Participation Office if you require additional information.

Kind regards.  
Yours sincerely,



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