



Beste geïnteresseerde / geaffekteerde party

Junie 2003

**INSAKE: INHANDIGING VAN DIE FINALE BESTEKOPNAMEVERSLAG
VIR DIE OIS VAN ESKOM SE VOORGESTELDE 400Kv
TRANSMISSION TUSSEN DIE BESTAANDE PERSEUS NA MERURY
SUBSASIES**



**STRATEGIC
ENVIRONMENTAL
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**A PROPOSED
PROJECT BY:
ESKOM:
TRANSMISSION**



Die tydperk vir kommentaar op die Voorlopige Bestekopname het onlangs verstryk. Kommentare is ingewerk in die verslag en die Finale Bestekopname verslag is op 25 Junie 2003 aan die betrokke owerhede, naamlik die Nasionale Departement vir Omgewingsake en Toerisme en die Vrystaat Provinse se Departement vir Omgewingsake, Toerisme en Ekonomie oorhandig.

Op 6 Junie 2003 het die geleentheid om op die voorlopige notules kommentaar te lewer ook verstryk. Kommentaar is slegs ontvang op die notule vir 'n fokusgroepvergadering wat gehou is op 14 Mei 2003 met die Siviele Lugvaartagentskap en die Suid-Afrikaanse Lugmag. Aanvaar dus alle ander notules as die finale notule vir die vergadering.

Die owerhede het nou die geleentheid om die inligting te ondersoek ten einde 'n besluit te neem. Een van die volgende besluite kan geneem word:

1. Die owerheid kan versoek dat die studie oorgaan tot die omgewingsimpakstudie fase (OIS). In hierdie geval sal hulle Strategic Environmental Focus (SEF) adviseer om 'n alternatiewe belyning te ondersoek soos aanbeveel in die bestekopnameverslag; of
2. Die owerheid kan die studie afslas indien hulle besluit dat die moontlike negatiewe impak op die omgewing té groot is.

Die konsultante sal u in kennis stel sodra 'n besluit van die owerheid aan ons gekommunikeer is.

Intussen is u welkom om my te kontak indien u verdere inligting verlang.

Vriendelike groete!

Marita Oosthuizen

Dear Interested and Affected Party

June 2003

**SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE EIA OF
ESKOM'S PROPOSED 400KV TRANSMISSION LINE BETWEEN THE
EXISTING PERSEUS AND MERCURY SUBSTATIONS**

The period for public comment on the Draft Scoping Report has expired. The comments were worked into the Final Scoping Report and on 25 June 2003, the report was submitted to the relevant authorities, namely the National Department of Environment and Tourism (DEAT) and the Free State Province Department of Tourism, Environment and Economic Affairs (DTEEA).

On 6 June 2003, the opportunity to comment on the minutes of the various meetings also expired. Comment was only received on one set of minutes, namely the Focus Group Meeting that was held with the Civil Aviation Authority and the South African Air Force. Therefore, please regard all the other minutes as the final minutes for the meetings.

The relevant authority now has the opportunity to scrutinise the documents in order to make a decision. One of the following decisions can be made:

1. The relevant authority may request that the study continues into the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase. In this case, the authority will advise Strategic Environmental Focus (SEF) to investigate the alternative alignment as recommended in the Scoping Report; or
2. The relevant authority may decide that the negative impact would be too significant and decide not to authorise further studies.

The consultants would let you know as soon as they have received notification of the decision made by the relevant authority.

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

Best regards!

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