# PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE AN ESKOM INITIATIVE

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE**

Eskom Holdings Limited is proposing to establish a wind energy facility and associated infrastructure on a site on the West Coast north of the Olifants River. A site of 37 km<sup>2</sup> has been investigated through an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the construction of up to 100 wind turbines, a substation and access roads. A route for the Juno-Wind Farm 132 kV power line (~ 40 km in length) has also been investigated.

This project was registered with the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (Application Reference No. 12/12/20/913) and the Scoping Report submitted in September 2007 was accepted by DEAT.

### DRAFT EIA REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

A Draft EIA Report has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is now available for public review. You are invited to review the report at one of the following locations:

www.eskom.co.za/eia	www.savannahSA.com
CapeNature's offices - Van Rhynsdorp	Lutzville Library
Department of Agriculture - Vredendal	Lutzville Farmers Association
Matzikama Municipal Offices - Vredendal	Doringbaai Library
Vredendal Library	Ebenhaeser Library
Strandfontein Municipal Office	West Coast District Municipality offices -
	Moorreesburg

The period for review is <u>07 January 2008 to 07 February 2008</u>. Please submit written comment by *07 February 2008* to the relevant contact person below.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

All interested and affected parties are invited to attend a public meeting to be held on **24 January 2008** at the **Lutzville Sport & Rugby Club**. An Open House will begin at 18h00, with the Public Meeting starting at 19h00.

To obtain further information, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

# Shawn Johnston of Sustainable Futures ZA

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# VOORGESTELDE WINDENERGIE FASILITEIT IN DIE WES-KAAP 'N ESKOM INISIATIEF

### **OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGSFASE**

Eskom Holdings Beperk stel die oprigting van 'n windenergie fasiliteit en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur op 'n terrein aan die Weskus, noord van die Olifantsrivier, voor. 'n Terrein van 37 km² is deur 'n Omgewingsimpakevaluering (OIE) ondersoek vir die konstruksie van tot 100 windturbines, 'n substasie en toegangspaaie. 'n Roete vir die Juno-windplaas 132 kV kraglyn (~ 40 km lank) is ook ondersoek.

Hierdie projek is by die Nasionale Departement Omgewingsake en Toerisme (DEAT) geregistreer (Aansoekverwysingsnommer 12/12/20/913) en die Bestekopnameverslag is in September 2007 deur DEAT aanvaar.

### KONSEP OIE-VERSLAG BESKIKBAAR VIR INSAE

'n Konsep OIE-verslag is deur Savannah Environmental saamgestel en is nou vir openbare insae beskikbaar. U word genooi om die verslag by een van die volgende plekke te besigtig:

www.eskom.co.za/eia	www.savannahSA.com
CapeNature se kantore - Van Rhynsdorp	Lutzville Biblioteek
Departement Landbou - Vredendal	Lutzville Boerevereniging
Matzikama Munisipale Kantore -	Doringbaai Biblioteek
Vredendal	
Vredendal Biblioteek	Ebenhaeser Biblioteek
Strandfontein Munisipale Kantoor	Kantore van die Weskus
	Distriksmunisipaliteit - Moorreesburg

Die tydperk vir insae is <u>07 Januarie 2008 tot 07 Februarie 2008</u>. Dien asseblief geskrewe kommentaar teen *07 Februarie 2008* by die tersaaklike kontakpersoon hieronder in.

### OPENBARE VERGADERING

Alle belangstellende en geaffekteerde partye word genooi om 'n openbare vergadering by te woon wat op **24 Januarie 2008** by die **Lutzville Sport- & Rugbyklub** gehou sal word. 'n Ope sessie sal om 18h00 begin, met die openbare vergadering wat om 19h00 'n aanvang sal neem.

Vir nadere inligting, verstrek asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede en belang by die projek aan:

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03 January 2008

Dear Stakeholder,

PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS

# INVITATION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ATTEND A PUBLIC FEEDBACK MEETING: 24 JANUARY 2008

Eskom Holdings Limited is proposing to establish a commercial wind energy facility and associated infrastructure on a site north of the Olifants River on the West Coast (near the towns of Koekenaap and Lutzville) in the Western Cape Province. A site of 37 km² which falls within the Matzikama Local Municipality and the WCMA01 has been identified by Eskom for consideration within an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This area comprises the farms Portion 5 of Gravewaterkop 158, and portions of Portions 620 & 617 of Olifants River Settlement.

An area of less than 20km² will be required for the construction of the proposed wind energy facility, and would include up to 100 wind turbines, substation and access roads. A route for the Juno-Wind Farm 132 kV power line (~ 40 km in length) has also been investigated.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment have been undertaken for this proposed project by *Savannah Environmental*. Sustainable Futures ZA is assisting Savannah Environmental in the process of facilitating the public participation process. This project has been registered with the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), the Competent Authority for this proposed project (Application Reference Number 12/12/20/913). The Scoping Report submitted to DEAT in September 2007 has been accepted.

### PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared and will be made available for review and comment by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders. The 30-day period for review is 07 January 2008 to 07 February 2008. The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be available for review at:

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Comments can be made as written submissions via fax, post or e-mail.

# Please submit your comments to

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The due date for comments on the Draft EIA Report is 07 February 2008

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

In order to facilitate comments on the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, a public meeting will be held during the review period. All interested and affected parties are invited to attend a public meeting:

DATE: Thursday, 24 January 2008

TIME: Open House 18h00 - 19h00, Public Meeting at 19h00

VENUE: Lutzville Sports & Rugby Club

The aim of the public meeting is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project, to provide a summary of the findings of the environmental impact assessment studies undertaken, and to invite comment on the proposed project.

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your continued involvement.

Yours sincerely,

Shawn Johnston

**Process Facilitator** 

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# INVITATION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND ATTEND A FEEBACK MEETING: 24 OR 25 JANUARY 2008

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### PUBLIC MEETING IN LUTZVILLE & STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP IN CAPE TOWN

In order to facilitate comments on the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, a public meeting and a stakeholder workshop will be held during the review period (in Lutzville and Cape Town respectively). All interested and affected parties are invited to attend:

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, 24 January 2008

TIME: Open House 18h00 - 19h00, Public Meeting at 19h00

VENUE: Lutzville Sports & Rugby Club

## STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

DATE: Friday, 25 January 2008

TIME: 09h30

VENUE: Koeberg Visitor's Centre

The aim of these meetings is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project, to provide a summary of the findings of the environmental impact assessment studies undertaken, and to invite comment on the proposed project.

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Yours sincerely,

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