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A PROPOSED PROJECT BY: ESKOM: TRANSMISSION

INSAKE: OMGEWINGSIMPAKSTUDIEPROSES VIR ESKOM SE VOORGESTELDE 400kV TRANSMISSIELYN TUSSEN DIE BESTAANDE PERSEUS EN MERURY SUBSASIES

UITNODIGING NA 'N WERKSWINKEL VIR GEAFFEKTEERDE GRONDEIENAARS

Dit wil voorkom asof u grond geraak sal word deur bogenoemde aktiwiteit en daarom is dit van uiterste belang dat u by die omgewingsimpkstudieproses betrokke sal raak (verwys asseblief na die lys van potensieel geaffekteerde eiendomme hieronder). Hiermee 'n bondige agtergrond, asook 'n uitnodiging om 'n werkswinkel in verband met die projek by te woon.

BONDIGE AGTERGROND (Verwys na ingeslote agtergrondinligtingdokument)

Ingevolge Regulasie 4(6) van Goewermentskennisgewing No. R 1183 onder Artikel 26 van die Wet op Omgewingsbewaring (Wet No. 73 van 1898), moet 'n omgewingsimpakstudie vir sekere voorgestelde aktiwiteite gedoen word. (Die aanbou van 'n transmissiekraglyn word hierby ingesluit.)

Die voorstel is dat 'n 400kV transmissiekraglyn 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.

Oorspronklik is drie moontlike roetes geïdentifiseer en 'n bestekopname is gedoen om die die mees geskikte belying te bepaal.

Kennisgewings is in posbusse geplaas en het ook in sekere koerante verskyn om aan geïnteresseerde en geaffekteerde partye die geleentheid te bied om te registreer om betrokke te raak. Hierna is fokusgroepvergaderings sowel as ope dae en openbare vergaderings gehou. 'n Voorlopige bestekopnameverslag is ook beskikbaar gestel vir publieke insae en kommentaar.

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 oorhandig.

Intussen is die eiendomme wat deur die verkose belyning geaffekteer word geïdentifiseer en 'n reeks werkswinkels word beplan om die kwessie te bespreek. Aangesien u 'n grondeienaar is wat hierdeur geraak word, wil ons u graag uitnooi om een van die volgende geleenthede by te woon:

BULTFONTEIN:

DATUM:	Woensdag 6 Augustus 2003
PLEK:	Bultfontein Stadsaal (Bosmanstraat 3)
TYD:	14:00 tot 17:00

BOTHAVILLE:

DATUM:	Donderdag 7 Augustus 2003
PLEK:	Bothaville Kommandosaal (langs die Shell petrolstasie)
TYD:	14:00 tot 17:00

U is welkom om my te skakel indien u verdere inligting verlang.

Vriendelike groete!

Marita Oosthuizen

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR ESKOM'S PROPOSED 400kV TRANSMISSION LINE BETWEEN THE EXISTING PERSEUS AND MERCURY SUBSTATIONS

INVITATION TO A WORKSHOP FOR AFFECTED LANDOWNERS

It seems as if the above-mentioned project may impact on land that belongs to you (see list of potentially affected properties below). Therefore it is of paramount importance that you become involved in the Environmental Impact Assessment. Below, please find a short background as well as an invitation to a workshop in this regard.

SHORT BACKGROUND (refer to the Background Information Document attached)

In terms of Regulation 4(6), Government Notice R. 1183 under Section 26 of the Environment Conservation Act (Act No. 73 of 1989), an Environmental Impact Assessment has to be conducted for certain proposed activities. (The construction and operation of a transmission power line is one such activity.)

The proposal is to erect a 400kV transmission line between the existing Perseus substation (north-west of Dealesville) and Mercury (north of Vierfontein) substation covering approximately 300 - 350 km.

Originally, three possible alignments were identified and a scoping study was conducted to assess these and make a recommendation as to the preferred alignment.

Notifications were placed in post boxes and advertisements appeared in newspapers to provide Interested and Affected Parties with the opportunity to participate. Here after Focus Group Meetings, Open Days and Public Meetings were held. A Draft Scoping Report was also made available to the public for information and comment.

The period for public comment on the Draft Scoping Report has expired and on 25 June 2003, the Final Scoping Report was submitted to the relevant authorities.

In the meantime, the properties that may be affected by the proposed alignment were identified. A series of workshops are planned to discuss the matter. Seeing that you are a landowner affected by the proposed project, we would like to invite you to attend one of the following events:

BULTFONTEIN:

DATE:	Wednesday 6 August 2003
PLACE:	Bultfontein Town Hall (3 Bosman Street)
TIME:	14:00 to 17:00

BOTHAVILLE:

DATE:	Thursday 7 August 2003
PLACE:	Bothaville Commando Hall (next to Shell Garage)
TIME:	14:00 to 17:00

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

Kind regards!

Marita Oosthuizen

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