

Your reference:

Our reference: BA Grootvlei Fuel Storage  
10937

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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party

**BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr) FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF AN ADDITIONAL 500M<sup>3</sup> BULK STORAGE FUEL OIL TANK AT ESKOM'S GROOTVLEI POWER STATION NEAR BALFOUR, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (DEA Ref. No: 12/12/20/2358 and DEA NEAS Ref. No: DEA/EIA/0000418/2011)**

• **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

SiVEST has been appointed by Eskom Holdings Generation, as the independent environmental consultants, to conduct a Basic Assessment (BA) for the proposed installation of a 500m<sup>3</sup> bulk storage fuel oil tank at Eskom's Grootvlei Power Station near Balfour, Mpumalanga Province in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, under Government Notices No R543 and R544 promulgated on 18 June 2010, Section 24 (5) read with section 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998). This proposed project is registered with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) under reference number **DEA 12/12/20/2358** and NEAS reference number **DEA/EIA/0000418/2011**.

As per the attached Background Information Document (BID), this project proposes the installation of an additional 7<sup>th</sup> bulk storage fuel oil tank with a capacity of 500m<sup>3</sup> which will bring the total capacity of fuel oil at the Power Station to 1 060m<sup>3</sup>. The proposed 7<sup>th</sup> bulk storage fuel oil tank is to be installed in close proximity to the existing six (6) tanks. The proposed alternative sites for the 7<sup>th</sup> bulk storage fuel oil tank are located within the boundaries of Eskom's Grootvlei Power Station.

SiVEST Environmental would like to invite you, as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP), to become actively involved in the BA and public participation processes for the proposed project. The aims of this process are as follows:

- to ensure that all the relevant environmental impacts are taken into consideration; and
- to ensure public input and provide decision-makers with sufficient information to make an informed decision on the proposed activities.

Attached is the BID which contains information regarding the proposed project as well as the BA and public participation processes to be undertaken during the BA of the proposed project.

By completing and submitting the accompanying registration and comment form, you will be registered as an I&AP on the project database.

We would like to thank you, in advance, for becoming part of the public participation process and are looking forward to receiving your valuable comments relating to the proposed project.

Yours sincerely



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**Incl:** Background Information Document  
Registration and Comment Form