

**ESKOM KLEINZEE 300MW WIND FARM PROJECT
 SCOPING PHASE COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**

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General			
1.	Register me as an interested and affected party.	Willem Goedeman, Ward Councillor Kleinsee, comment by reply form, 12 October 2011.	Registered as an interested and affected party (I&AP).
2.	Register the Namakhoi Municipality in Springbok as an interested and affected party.	Maureen Ouret, Personal Assistant to the Municipal Manager Namakhoi Municipality, 12 October 2011.	Registered as an interested and affected party.
3.	Register the IDP and LEF Manager, Russell Hartley as a interested and affected party.	Maureen Ouret, Personal Assistant to the Municipal Manager Namakhoi Municipality, 12 October 2011.	Registered as an interested and affected party.
4.	Please register me. Resident of the area.	Victor Cloete, comment per reply form at public meeting 13 October 2011.	Registered as an interested and affected party.
5.	We are the appointed town and regional planners to facilitate the rezoning. We need the input for our application.	Izak Rumboll, CK Rumboll and Partners (Town & Regional Planners), comment per reply form at public meeting, 13 October 2011.	Registered as an I&AP and will be notified availability of reports for review.
6.	I am interested in the project and would like to educate myself, and my community about the project. I would like to get my company and community involved to empower us.	Cyril Bugan, Innovative Development Solutions, comment per reply form at public meeting, 13 October 2011.	Registered as an I&AP and will be notified availability of reports for review. Details of all potential suppliers/ vendors will be forwarded to Eskom.

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7.	Communicate project information with the surrounding farmers.	Willem D. Engelbrecht, Chairperson Kleinzee Framers Association, comment by reply form.	Comment noted. The EIA team is planning a site visit in March 2012 where they will undertake consultation with surrounding landowners to discuss the proposed project. All registered farmers on the stakeholder database will be notified of the EIA process and availability of reports via email, post, telecons, or fax.
8.	Currently involved with restoration of Namaqua Sandveld vegetation in mined areas. Have an interest in proposed alternative land-uses and EIA processes followed.	Louise Visagie, Nature Restore Innovate, comment by reply form.	Comment noted. Registered as an I&AP, will be notified of the EIA process, and availability of reports.
9.	How sure are you that this project will happen?	Hannes Visser, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	Eskom is investigating the full extent of the project and needs to clarify all aspects of the project. It is not guaranteed at this stage, until these investigations are done.
10.	What is the investment Eskom will make on the 300MW facility?	Rob Blake, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	This is not determined at this stage. A ballpark estimate is in the region of R3.6 to R4.4billion.
11.	We are keen to learn and know more about this project. However, we need to know what the benefits of such a project would be for the people of Buffelsrivier. The communities of Buffelsrivier and Komaggas are the two closest communities to the proposed Eskom Kleinsee wind energy project. Please note Kleinsee is not a town, it's a mining area where the mine has closed down, so there is nothing.	Dominic Bugan, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	Noted. Registered as an I&AP, will be notified of the EIA process, and availability of reports. The social impact assessment within the environmental impact assessment process will clarify the needs and concerns of the local communities.
12.	Please keep us informed about how your project develops. We would be interested in job creation and education opportunities for our local communities.	Ettiene Field, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	The community of Buffelsrivier and Komaggas will be informed as part of the public participation process. The project has retained a stakeholder manager who will be responsible for liaising with all interested and affected stakeholders during the course of the project
13.	Eskom needs to educate us about the project,	Willem Goedeman, Buffelsriver	Noted. The project has retained a stakeholder manager who

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	create relationships with the community and demonstrate goodwill.	Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	will be responsible for liaising with all interested and affected stakeholders during the course of the project
14.	Please note the comments made by the community. We have real needs and we are one of the closest communities to the proposed Eskom project.	Willem Goedeman, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011..	The comments raised at the focus group meetings for the proposed project have been noted and was/is included within the draft and final scoping reports. All of the comments noted in this session are noted for Eskom to integrate in its project development and the social impact assessment.
15.	Thank you for the information you shared about the proposed project. Please keep us informed about the opportunities for our communities and development.	Benjamin Ruiters, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011..	Noted. Registered as an I&AP and will be notified availability of reports for review.
16.	Please send the reports to the Buffelsrivier Service Point at the Namakhoi Municipal office next to the Buffels Rivier Post Office. All notices can be placed there as well. Please make sure it is in Afrikaans.	Willem Goedeman, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	Noted. The draft scoping report was posted to Mr Willem Goedeman who distributed the reports to the Komaggas and Buffelsrivier communities according to prior arrangements made.
17.	Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this project. I have been in touch with the Namakhoi Municipal Manager about the project earlier today. We would like for you to make a formal presentation to the Namakhoi Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality during the formal environmental impact assessment phase.	Willem Goedeman, Focus Group Meeting, 12 October 2011.	Noted. This will be done in the EIA phase as requested.
18.	Please note the two focus group meetings have been arranged with the communities of Buffelsrivier and Komaggas. These are the closest communities to the Kleinsee area.	Willem Goedeman, Focus Group Meeting, 12 October 2011.	Noted. Focus group meetings were held with the Komaggas and Buffelsrivier communities on the 13 October 2011.
19.	Please note that you would have to communicate with the communities of	Willem Goedeman, Focus Group Meeting, 12 October 2011.	Noted. Focus group meetings were held with the Komaggas and Buffelsrivier communities on the 13 October 2011.

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	Buffelsrivier and Komaggas directly. I am only the ward councillor, there is a ward committee, a land claims committee, other community based and non governmental organisations in this area that need to be informed as well.		
20.	Can you please do your presentations to the two communities in Afrikaans.	Willem Goedeman, Focus Group Meeting, 12 October 2011.	Meetings were held in Afrikaans as requested.
21.	I will ensure the background information documents are distributed to the broader community.	Willem Goedeman, Focus Group Meeting, 12 October 2011.	Noted with thanks.
22.	I hope that this is not just a talk shop whereby you talk to the local communities during the public participation process and when the project is launched then the local community do not benefit. Please do not use the local community.	Rodville Adams, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted. The information provided during these consultation processes will be handed over to Eskom for inclusion in their social planning.
23.	We are keen to know what is written in the draft scoping report. Please ensure it is made available for the community of Komaggas. We want to review and comment on the report.	Sarah Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted. A copy of the Draft Scoping Report has been made available to the community at Komaggas. CDs are also available to stakeholders who request these.
24.	Eskom has a strong interest in this area. Eskom looked at a possible nuclear power station, which we did not support. It seems Eskom want to be here. Why does Eskom like this area so much?	Sarah Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	As part of Eskom's nuclear energy programme the site at Brazil was identified as a possible site. Eskom have looked at a number of sites throughout South Africa and the area identified for the environmental study has one of the best wind resources in South Africa.
25.	Must your wind energy facility be on state property?	Sarah Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	No.
26.	Dear Sir/Madam, This serves as a notice of receipt and confirms that your application has been captured in our electronic AgriLand	L. Mongoato, pp DIRECTOR: Land Use and Soil Management, comment by e-mail, 19	Noted.

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	<p>tracking and management system. It is strongly recommended that you use the on-line AgriLand application facility in future.</p> <p>Detail of your application as captured: Type: EIA Your reference number: 12/12/20/2212 Dated: 12 DECEMBER 2011 Please use the following reference number in all enquiries: AgriLand reference number: 2011_12_0200. Enquiries can be made to the above postal, fax or e-mail address.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, L. Mongoato pp DIRECTOR: LAND USE AND SOIL MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>December 2011.</p>	
27.	<p>I wish to register as an interested party to this mentioned proposed wind farm and infrastructure development which shall take place in the Northern Cape and would like to access more information to this process. Attached find a copy of the invite for public participation process published in the print media. Seeing forward to being part of this process.</p>	<p>Elrico G. Booyesen, comment by letter, 25 October 2011.</p>	<p>Noted. You have been registered as an interested and affected party and will be notified of the EIA process and availability of reports.</p>
Footprint			
28.	<p>What are the boundaries (PRS coordinates if available) of the area earmarked for the development of the facility? And total land surface area?</p>	<p>Louise Visagie, Nature Restore Innovate, comment by reply form.</p>	<p>It is expected that less than 10% of the area under investigation would be permanently affected by the proposed development.</p>

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29.	How big is site footprint?	Willem Goedeman, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	The development site is about 8 682ha in extent.
Timeline			
30.	What is the envisaged timeline for the development of the facility?	Louise Visagie, Nature Restore Innovate, comment by reply form.	It can take 3-4 years on average for construction of a facility of this size.
31.	How long before you start building?	Hannes Visser, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	Construction commences only after necessary permitting and statutory approvals are received. The project timelines are designed to support the IRP-2010 dates.
32.	How long will it take before you start the project?	Cyril Bugan, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	
33.	How long will the construction period be?	Rob Blake, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	The construction period could be 3-4 years.
34.	What is the full operational period for the project?	Rob Blake, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	About 20-25 years.
35.	How long will the project be operational?	Cyril Bugan, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	
36.	Where will all of the specialist and employees be accommodated during construction and steady state?	Rob Blake, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	Eskom needs to complete their studies in this regard. However the Koingnaas and Kleinsee areas look like a possibility. The social impact assessment will help clarify this question.
Capacity of Wind Energy Facility			
37.	What output is the facility projected to add to the Eskom grid?	Louise Visagie, Nature Restore Innovate, comment by reply form.	The facility will have a nominal installed capacity of 300MW.
Jobs & Opportunities			
38.	How many jobs will there be during construction?	Rob Blake, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	About 150-300 jobs during the construction period for every 100MW. This might not be a reflection of what will happen in South Africa. For 300MW up to 400 jobs might be created

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			during construction depending on the strategies pursued
39.	How many jobs will Eskom create with this project?	Benjamin Ruiter, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	This information is not available at this stage in the project planning process. The full benefits of the project will emerge as it is developed. Eskom do not want to make promises and create expectations that are not true. Eskom will inform and communicate will the community as the project develops.
40.	How many jobs in steady state?	Rob Blake, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	Up to a maximum of 30 persons (including Distribution and support services).
41.	Will there be opportunities for the local community?	Benjamin Ruiter, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	As with all Eskom projects, there are a number of opportunities for local communities. Eskom will investigate and develop local opportunities with the local community through the Eskom Development Foundation.
42.	Will there be training and will we be able to obtain qualifications?	Cyril Bagan, Innovative Development Solutions, comment per reply form	
43.	Will the community benefit from this proposed project?	Cyril Bagan, Innovative Development Solutions, comment per reply form	
44.	If Eskom is awarded the wind energy facility will it support youth and youth development and education?	Sarah Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Eskom has the Eskom Foundation that will deal with all of this type of request. The Eskom team would have to clarify its social responsibility programme.
45.	Tourism, conservation and job creation must be to the benefit of the community.	Rodville Adams, Ward Committee Member & Tourist Guide, comment per reply form	Comment noted.
46.	Will local specialists be employed during construction and post construction?	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by reply form	As with all Eskom projects, there are a number of opportunities for local communities. Eskom will investigate and develop local opportunities with the local community through the Eskom Development Foundation.
47.	Local employment is crucial.	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by reply form	Noted.

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48.	Would it be possible for local stakeholders to buy shares into the proposed Eskom wind energy facility?	Hannes Visser, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	It would not be possible because Government is the only shareholder in Eskom.
49.	We need jobs and long term sustainability.	Dominic Bugar, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	Noted.
50.	We have large scale unemployment and poverty in the towns of Buffelsriver and Komaggas. Please note the circumstances of the area and we require development. We are not looking for hand outs; we need development that would benefit our communities.	Dominic Bugar, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	Noted. Employment and other upliftment opportunities will be defined and provided to local communities.
51.	We need to know what Eskom's developments would entail and how these will benefit the communities. We have had many promises of development. The mining industry is dead. Our people are living in poverty.	Aubrey Damon, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	Noted. Employment and other upliftment opportunities will be defined and provided to local communities.
52.	We need to know what kind of opportunities would be created for our youth. Will there be opportunities for our youth to develop and become educated?	Vivien Cloete, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	Noted. This will be clarified through the Eskom's planning process, but would also inform the EIA.
53.	Please note the historical disadvantages of the area. This area was mined for a long period and all the wealth of the area was taken away and today we sit with nothing. Eskom needs to demonstrate its good intentions and illustrate the benefits of the proposed wind energy project to the broader community. We need tangible projects and benefits. Please do not make	Ettienne Field, Buffelsriver Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011.	Noted.

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	promises.		
Roads			
54.	Are local roads going to be upgraded?	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by reply form	A full traffic impact assessment needs to be done to determine what is required. Eskom will respond to the recommendations of this study. Eskom will also work closely with the road authorities such as Municipality, province and SANRAL
Ecological Issues			
55.	Sustainability of the project? Disturbance of habitat and ecological activity.	Rodville Adams, Ward Committee Member & Tourist Guide, comment per reply form	Comment noted. These issues will be investigated in detail in the EIA.
56.	NM Restoration is a specialist in rehabilitation and restoration of disturbed areas and has extensive knowledge of the local vegetation and restoration methods applicable to this area. Able to assist with the rehab of disturbed areas. NM Restoration has been doing restoration of De Beers disturbed mining sites over the past 4 years and is currently still working in the area and sources local labour and does inhouse training for staff to a semi-skilled level.	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by reply form	Comment noted. Services like these will be consulted by Eskom during the planning for construction activities.
57.	Will entomological studies be done?	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by reply form	The terrestrial ecology study will consider important habitats, including those considered important for insects.
58.	NM Restoration can supply specialist knowledge of flora and rehabilitation and restoration.	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by reply form	Noted. The specialist will make contact with NM Restoration
59.	Will there be predator control on the site?	A. Jonker, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	Eskom will work with the local farmers to deal with problem animals, where these would result from Eskom's project.
60.	There are specific rare plant species at Brazil. What are your plans with those areas? There might be a clash with the placement of your wind monitoring mast and wind turbines.	Dudley Wessels, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	The specialist studies, the environmental authorisation, the environmental management plan and the conditions of these would inform Eskom on how to do their micro siting and layout. The environmental authorisation will be clear on "no

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			go" areas and the environmental management plan will put mitigation measures in place to deal and avoid sensitive areas.
61.	I have read that the wind energy facility can affect rainfall and climate change. For us as a community rainfall is extremely important for household and farming use. Will this project affect our rainfall in this area?	Cathy Cloete, , Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	This issue is noted and will be investigated in the EIA phase of the process.
Water			
62.	Where are you going to get your potable water from for the construction and operational phases?	A. Jonker, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.	Eskom are undertaking a number of studies to determine the source of water and the amounts required. They are investigating at various options such as boreholes, a pipeline from the municipality and saltwater desalination. They are in talks with the Department of Water Affairs. These studies are on-going.
63.	The Department of Water Affairs (DWA) hereby acknowledges receipt of your EIA scoping report regarding the proposed 300MW Wind Energy Farm South of Kleinzee. The proposed plant will be located on the property; Remaining Extent of Goraap 323; Remaining Extent of Honde Vlei 325; Remaining Extent Kannabieduin 324 and Portion 4 of Rooivlei 326 that is on quaternary catchment F30A.	Shaun Cloete, Department of Water Affairs Upington, comment by e-mail, 05 February 2012.	Noted.
64.	The water user/developer is expected to assess all the potential water uses (associated with the development) as defined under section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998). All identified water uses will need to be authorised in terms of section 40 of the National Water Act	Shaun Cloete, Department of Water Affairs Upington, comment by e-mail, 05 February 2012.	Noted.

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	unless such a water use is permissible under section 22 of the Act.		
65.	Our assessment indicates that quaternary drainage region F40A is excluded from General Authorisations for taking water from a (ground) water resource (as extended under Notice 837 in the Government Gazette of 23 September 2010). Kindly note that energy developments/projects are not part of small industrial users and as such cannot be entitled to the water use allowance set aside for small industrial users as determined by the General Authorisation.	Shaun Cloete, Department of Water Affairs Upington, comment by e-mail, 05 February 2012.	Noted.
66.	Activities that might have an impact on water resources such as (i) storm water management (ii) waste management (iii) sanitation (iv) sedimentation and erosion (where it is not defined as water use) (v) storage of hazardous substances, should be managed and mitigated as stated in the EMP of the Proposed Project. The Department will be content with the inclusion of these proposed management and mitigation measures in the environmental management plan for the project. Kindly note that any deviations to these measures should be communicated to DWA in writing.	Shaun Cloete, Department of Water Affairs Upington, comment by e-mail, 05 February 2012.	Noted.
67.	Due to the high number of renewable energy projects that are taking part in the Department of Energy (DOE) bidding process, the Department (DWA) has resolved to only	Shaun Cloete, Department of Water Affairs Upington, comment by e-mail, 05 February 2012.	Noted.

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	<p>processing applications for water use authorisations received from developers who have attained preferred bidder status. Developers who wish to submit applications for water use authorisations may however proceed to do so, with the understanding that their applications will be processed as soon as we have confirmation of their status with the DOE. Attached to this letter is annexure 1 that details information, which must be submitted as part of the application for water use authorisation.</p>		
68.	<p>A part of the requirements for the DOE proposals, the Department (DWA) will issue non-binding letters to water users/bidders as required under clauses 2.4.4.1.2. and 2.4.4.1.4 of Part B: Qualifications Criteria of Tender Number DOE/001/2011/2012. The information required by the Department in order to issue the non-binding letters is contained on the attached annexure 2 (notes on the confirmation to be provided by DWA on water availability on request from bidders in the REFIT programme).</p>	<p>Shaun Cloete, Department of Water Affairs Upington, comment by e-mail, 05 February 2012.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
Security			
69.	<p>Will the area be fenced and will there be security?</p>	<p>A. Jonker, Public meeting, 13 October 2011.</p>	<p>The site will be fenced and will have security similar to all Eskom facilities.</p>
Land claim issues			
70.	<p>I have a problem with the proposed project on the Brazil property. The community of Komaggas has put in a land claim against this property. This now make us quite concerned. We</p>	<p>Sarah Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011</p>	<p>Noted. This will be considered within the EIA process and will be clarified by Eskom. Eskom will engage with the Regional Land Claims Commission and other statutory bodies</p>

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	have heard that the property was awarded to the community of Komaggas.		
71.	I can see a situation where the community of Komaggas and Eskom are in a conflict over a land claim.	Sarah Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	
72.	This land claim case is being handled by the local Komaggas Land Claims Committee and the Legal Resources Centre in Cape Town. Please liaise on the Komaggas land claim committee.	Sarah Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted. Follow-up is needed with the Komaggas Community, Komaggas Commonage Association, and KARUSAP.
73.	This land claim has divided the community of Komaggas since 1998. We have a conflict in the community about the land claim. There are two land claims.	Cyril Bugan, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted. The land claim issue will be considered within the EIA process and will be clarified by Eskom.
74.	Two years ago the farms Brazil and Spektakel were offered to the community of Komaggas by the Department of Land Affairs in Kimberley. This was part of the land claim.	Willem Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted. The land claim issue will be considered within the EIA process and must be clarified by Eskom.
75.	The Department of Land Affairs started identifying possible agricultural projects with the community.	Willem Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted. The land claim issue will be considered within the EIA process and will be clarified by Eskom.
76.	I want Eskom to go and look at alternative sites for their proposed wind energy faciity. Eskom should not be competing with the Komaggas Community over the Brazil Farm. We want a good relationship with Eskom. We do not want conflict with Eskom.	Sarah Cloete, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted. The land claim issue will be considered within the EIA process and will be clarified by Eskom.
77.	I am concerned about Eskom’s proposed project at Brazil and it would affect our land claim. The community would like to explore the Brazil area	Paulus Damon, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted. The land claim issue will be considered within the EIA process and will be clarified by Eskom.

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	for diamonds and other resources.		
78.	Would Eskom be interest in a landswop for the Brazil property?	Paulus Damon, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	This will to be investigated and considered by Eskom.
79.	We are not against the Eskom project. We just do not want to see it on the Brazil property were we intend to mine diamonds.	Paulus Damon, Komaggas Community Focus Group Meeting, 13 October 2011	Noted.