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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED  
NEW COAL-FIRED POWER STATION IN THE LEPHALALE AREA, LIMPOPO  
PROVINCE**

The meeting with representatives of Bohlweki Environmental and Eskom on 22 November 2005 refers.

Background information regarding the proposed project and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) were provided to the members of the Executive Council and Heads of Departments. The comments regarding the proposed project were noted as follows:

- Mayor MD Mabote requested that Eskom and Bohlweki Environmental should, in future, meet with the full council to ensure wider information distribution and inputs from the representatives of the Lephalale Local Municipality.
- Clr. Buys asked whether the rusting of the fences is due to emissions by the existing Matimba power station. Mr. N. Gewers indicated that it is difficult to determine at this stage, but they hope that the EIA process would inform all parties of the cause.
- Mr. D. de Ridder said that he still thinks that the preferred location is not the best option as it would be better to place the proposed power station next to existing infrastructure to cluster development. Compact development would result in less power lines, and less impact on the road and water infrastructure. The placement is now again moving away from the concept of clustered development.
- Mr. Willem Laenen (project manager) added that two power stations could technically not be too near each other due to the heat generation and impact on air quality.

- Mr. De Ridder said that Eskom should participate directly with the Lephalale Local Municipality, as the proposed project would have an impact on the infrastructure and therefore have serious cost implications for the local authority, which they need to plan for.
- Clr. Buys asked whether there would be sufficient water supply for the proposed power station. He also wanted to know whether the dam wall would be raised. Ms. Strong indicated that DWAF was undertaking studies to determine whether raising of the dam wall would be necessary. Issues related to the yield in the catchment, and the quality and quantity of water required would be fed into the report if available at that stage. Mr. Nico Gewers added that raising of the dam wall was an option that was looked at although this issue was not yet finalised with DWAF.

Bohlweki Environmental would like to thank the Lephalale Municipality for allowing time to the consultants and Eskom to meet with the members of the Executive Council and Heads of Departments. The information provided to us would form part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. We therefore request you to review the above information to ensure that your comments were noted correctly. Any amendments or corrections should be indicated on the document and be forwarded to Ms. Ingrid Snyman at Bohlweki Environmental within 14 days.

Kind regards

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