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Our Ref: J27035
Your Ref: Email received 07 August 2011

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Dear John Williams

RE: ESKOM EIA CONCERNS FOR THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (DEA Ref. No: 12/12/20/944)

RE: COMMENTS ON THE REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR ESKOM NUCLEAR- 1

Comment 1:

Dear Jaana-Maria Thank you for all your communications.

I would like to refer to 2 issues

1. The below document (can be found at http://www.savebantamsklip.org/docs/NSIP%20REPORT_0001.pdf) of 1988 and 1993.

Entitled: NG18/TAC/ea/scapREP
NUCLEAR SITING INVESTIGATION PROGRAMME (NSIP)
SOUTHERN CAPE
SUMMARY REPORT

2. Nuclear-1_Bantamsklip_sensitivity map_rec area_31072010 COM

Response 1:

Your comments are noted.

Comment 2:

Dealing with 1.

After eighteen years having relapsed, the recommendations stipulated in your own report (shown below) for the purchase of the Bantamsklip site have still not been fulfilled on all three counts Motivation, Warm Water Effects and Compensation. We believe the EIA procedure is Fatally Flawed on this count alone.

Response 2:

Your comment is noted and is responded to in Response 4 below.

Comment 3:

Dealing with 2.

No protected areas are shown on the map Agulhas National Park, Pearly Beach Nature Reserve, Soetfontein Nature Reserve and Groot Hagelkraal itself. The locality of Buffelsjagt is also not indicated on any of your mapping for the Bantamsklip site.

Response 3:

Your comments are noted and a map explicitly illustrating these areas will be included in the Revised EIR Version 2.

Comment 4:

5 RECOMMENDATION OF SITE SPECIFIC SENSITIVITY
(acc 1162516)

6. 5. 2 Recommendation : Bantamsklip

The Bantamsklip site should not be purchased for later development for a nuclear power station unless certain criteria are met.

6.5.4 Criteria for purchase of Bantamsklip or Buffelsjagt

The following three major criteria should be met before either the Bantamsklip or Buffelsjagt sites and re purchased:

Motivation

A clear and publicly motivated need is shown for the specific site compared to other national sites.

Warm water effects

The effects of the maximum release of warm water on the local marine resources are quantified and carefully assessed.

Compensation

Fair compensation (as determined in negotiations) is made to the affected parties.

Response 4:

Your comments are noted and responded to as follows:

Motivation:

The motivation for the specific site selection and the site selection process is discussed in the Revised Draft EIR Version 2 and in previous versions of the EIR and Scoping Reports. Eskom's focus is to provide power as close as possible to the areas where there is the greatest need for power. The sites identified for assessment are located near growth areas where the greatest increases in electricity demand occurs and is due to continue for the foreseeable future.

Warm water effects

Warm water effects are discussed in detailed in Sections 3 and 5 of the Marine Ecology Impact Assessment. This report has recently been revised in response to comments received from Interested and Affected Parties and additional Key Stakeholder consultation and will be made available for public comment and review and as an addendum to Revised Draft EIR Version 2.

Compensation

It is normal practise to purchase land at market related conditions, hence Eskom will do the same.

Comment 5:

It is our contention that the Bantamsklip site EIA (and EIR) is fatally flawed and the site should be removed from the list of proposed nuclear sites. We are prepared to elaborate on this submission when you have had time to consider the contents thereof.

Response 5:

Your comment is noted and GIBB invites the writer to elaborate further.

Yours faithfully
for GIBB (Pty) Ltd

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The Nuclear-1 EIA Team