

26 January 2007

Dear Mr.

**NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
MATIMBA B-DELTA TRANSMISSION INTEGRATION PROJECT**

**4 X 765KV/400KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES FROM MATIMBA B POWER STATION TO
THE PROPOSED DELTA SUBSTATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE DELTA SUBSTATION
AND ALL ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATION-, ACCESS- AND COUPLING-INFRASTRUCTURE**

INVITATION TO PUBLIC OPEN DAYS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act Number 107 of 1998, all listed activities as identified in terms of section 24(2)(a) and (d) of the Act, may not commence without environmental authorisation from the competent authority and in respect of which the investigation, assessment and communication of potential impact of activities must follow the procedure as described in regulations 27 to 36 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006 , promulgated in terms of sections 24(5) of the act.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 5 of Regulations No.385 section 27 to 36 compiled in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998), of Eskom Holdings Limited – Transmission Services intention to carry out the following activities:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The study consists of a full EIA (scoping and environmental assessment) for the proposed transmission power lines and substation construction in the study area, within Limpopo Province:

- **4 x 765kV Transmission power lines from Matimba B power station (near Lephalale) to the proposed Delta substation (west of Lephalale)**
- **The construction of the 765kV/400kV Delta substation and rezoning of land**
- **The construction of an Access Road to Delta substation**
- **The construction of Communication Infrastructure at Delta substation**
- **The construction of a substation at Matimba B power station**

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), the listed activities are applicable under the following Government notices:

R387 Activity 1 (l)

- *The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for the transmission and distribution of above ground electricity with a capacity of 120 kilovolts or more.*

R386 Activity 14

- *The construction of masts of any material or type of any height, including those used for telecommunication broadcasting and radio transmission*

R386 Activity 15

- *The construction of a road that is wider than 4 meters or that has a reserve wider than 6 metres, excluding roads that fall within the ambit of another listed activity or which are access roads of less than 30 metres long.*

In respect of the above, a full EIA will be conducted in accordance to the above-mentioned Environmental Regulations. This project has been registered with the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), the Competent Authority for this proposed project, under Application Number (DEAT Number: 12/12/20/889)

Margen Industrial Services, who is the appointed EIA consultant, will also undertake the public participation process.

To ensure that you are kept informed throughout the EIA process of opportunities to attend Public Open Days and Public Meetings, raise issues, comment on reports and appeal, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact persons indicated below. This will ensure that you are included on the database of registered interested and affected parties (I&APs).

You are cordially invited to attend either one of the **Public open days or Public meetings** regarding the proposed project in your area.

The **open days** are scheduled for:

Lephalale (Ellisras)	13 April 07	Mogol Club Main Offices – cnr George Wells Street & Nelson Mandela Street	11:00 to 15:00
Steenbokpan	14 April 07	Steenbokpan Primary School Hall	11:00 to 15:00

The **public meetings** are scheduled for:

Lephalale (Ellisras)	13 April 07	Mogol Club Main Offices – cnr George Wells Street & Nelson Mandela Street	16:00 to 18:00
Steenbokpan	14 April 07	Steenbokpan Primary School Hall	16:00 to 18:00

The aims of the Open days and Public meetings are to provide I&APs with more information regarding the proposed project and the process to be followed and to provide an opportunity for the public to present their comments and viewpoints. Posters and presentations of information on the proposed **Matimba B – Delta Transmission Integration Project** will be presented at the Open days and Public meetings. The EIA and Eskom Transmission project teams will be on hand to discuss the different components of the project and answer questions.

Should you have any queries or comments, please contact:

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