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Mr Izak van Heerden Skietkuil Farm	The economic viability of the farms next to the Gamma Sub-station needs to be investigated. This includes the compensation value paid by Eskom which does not take into consideration the impact on property values, financial loss, etc.	As part of the proposed Gamma-Grassridge 765 kV Transmission Lines EIA, A Compensation Study is being undertaken, the outcomes of which will inform this EIA for the proposed Gamma Sub-station.
Mr Malcolm Frederick Western Cape Dept of Environmental Affairs, Development and Planning	The impact of the Gamma Sub-station on the biological diversity of the area should be investigated.	In order to address these concerns, a faunal, an avi-faunal assessment, a vegetation assessment and a wetlands assessment will be undertaken (Chapters 7 and 8 of the Draft Scoping Report).
Landowner	The impact of HIV/Aids in the area during construction.	In order to address this concern, a social and socio-economic assessment will be undertaken (Chapters 7 and 8 of the Draft Scoping Report).
Landowner	The South African National Roads Agency is planning to upgrade the National Route N1, the cumulative impact from the construction of both the sub-station and N1 should be considered.	This has been noted for inclusion in the EIA for the proposed Gamma Sub-station (Chapters 7 and 8 of the Draft Scoping Report).
Landowner	Requested that landowners be informed of progress regarding the Gamma Sub-station relocation. Landowners would not like to find out about the outcome of the project when the contractor is putting pegs in preparation for construction.	Communication with landowners will continue for the duration of the EIA, and all landowners will be informed of the outcome of the project, including notification of the Record of Decision.
Mr Jan Claassen Mordant & Gabriels Baken Farms	The construction of a sub-station will affect the management of the neighbouring farms.	This has been noted for inclusion in the EIA for the proposed Gamma Sub-station (Chapters 7 and 8 of the Draft Scoping Report).
Mr Danie Hugo Burgersfontein	Enquired about the effects of electro-magnetic fields.	Potential impacts will be addressed in the EMF study, which has been commissioned separately by Eskom. This report is currently being reviewed and will be made available to the public upon completion. As a precautionary measure, Eskom does not allow people to live under the power lines. The outcomes of the EMF Study will be used to inform this EIA for the proposed Gamma Sub-station.

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Mrs Anel van Heerden Skietkuil	<p>How many people are going to work at the sub-station during the construction and operation phase?</p> <p>Concerned about security of surrounding landowners with construction workers in the area.</p>	<p>Approximately 400 people are required (at different stages) for the construction of a sub-station (not more than 80 people at any one time). Only two people are required for the operation of the sub-station (and will not be permanently based at the sub-station).</p> <p>The Environmental Control Officer (ECO) is always on site and is responsible for the management of construction activities. All landowners will have access to the ECO. The duties of the ECO include liaison between the landowners, the contractor and Eskom. The ECO is also required to keep a complaints register. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be compiled for the construction and maintenance phases. This EMP is given to the contractor as part of his/her contract documents and is legally binding on the activities of the contractor. The EMP specifies the requirements of landowners and the contractor must comply with these specifications. If the contractor does not adhere to these specifications, the landowner has a right to report the contractor to the ECO. Non-compliance can result in financial penalties for the contractor. Lastly, Eskom is audited on its construction activities. Eskom is ISO 14000 certified, therefore, if their contractors are not complying, Eskom is penalised.</p>
Mr Danie Hugo Burgersfontein	<p>How are farmers going to know that their stock is safe? All farmers are aware that stock theft is a problem and would like to know what measures will be put in place to prevent theft. The impact of construction camps in the area regarding stock theft needs to be examined. Farmers would like to see the practicality of the solutions to problems identified.</p>	<p>In order to address this concern, the issue needs to be investigated in terms of a specialist study that looks at the question of construction in rural areas and the influence that such construction teams have on personal security and the safety of animals on farms. This will be undertaken in this EIA (Chapters 7 and 8 of the Draft Scoping Report).</p>

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Mrs Anel van Heerden Skietkuil Farm	There is no existing infrastructure around the Gamma Sub-station sites (Kleinfontein or Uitvlugtfontein) compared to other areas where sub-stations and transmission power lines have been built. The lack of infrastructure can easily lead to serious problems being experienced by landowners around the Gamma Sub-station.	This has been noted for inclusion in the EIA for the proposed Gamma Sub-station (Chapters 7 and 8 of the Draft Scoping Report).
Landowners around the Gamma Sub-station Site	Landowners are concerned about the management of the work force during the construction phase and more so after working hours.	In order to address these concerns, a social and socio-economic assessment will be undertaken (Chapters 7 and 8 of the Draft Scoping Report).
Mr Johan Claasen Gabrielsbaken and Mordant	When will the sub-station be built?	The construction of the Gamma Sub-station will commence only once a positive Record of Decision has been issued by DEAT. Communication with landowners will continue and all landowners will be informed of the outcome of the project, including notification of the Record of Decision. However, it is important to note that Eskom would like to commence construction in the second half of 2007.
Mr Johan Claasen Gabrielsbaken & Mordant Farms	He would like to provide the project team with physical input in the planning of the route to Gamma Sub-station.	Noted with thanks. The project team would welcome the opportunity for inputs regarding the alignment of the transmission lines/an indication of the alignment with which landowners are comfortable. It is important to note that Eskom is targeting both Gamma Sub-station sites. Should the Kleinfontein site not be used, Eskom will go back to the original Gamma site at Uitvlugtfontein.