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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
for the proposed

Gamma Substation

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Comment Sheet: Draft Scoping Report

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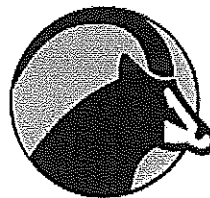
2. Any other comments:

WITH REFERENCE TO MY KNOWLEDGE AND PERUSAL OF OUR MINERALS DATABASE, THERE ARE APPARENTLY NO MINERAL DEPOSITS, INCLUDING URANIUM, WITHIN A 10 KM RADIUS OF THE PROPOSED SUBSTATION SITE.

We thank you for your participation
Please use separate or additional sheets if you wish

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COMMENTS ON THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE GAMMA SUB-STATION

Page 19, point 2.2.7.5: Solid waste disposal. Depending on the amount of solid waste that will be produced during the construction phase, why is this waste not taken to appropriate recycle plants elsewhere (major centre like Johannesburg), rather than taken to a local land fill? Large development such as this substation should set an example for recycling rather than depending on local land fills for depositing solid wastes.

Pages 35, point 5.3.7: The construction of the substation would probably have the greatest impact on the avifauna of the area and therefore an investigation into the possible impacts must be conducted. Collision with power lines etc are a major cause of direct mortality for many of the larger terrestrial bird species such as the blue crane, Ludwig's bustard etc, which are already impacted by the presence of electrical infrastructures across the province. The relevant persons involved with the conservation of large terrestrial birds in the region should be consulted, e.g. Mark Anderson of the Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation, Kimberley, and Bradley Gibbons, Crane Working Group, Endangered Wildlife Trust, Middelburg.

Page 35, point 5.3.8: As stated in the report, all effort should be made to maintain the aesthetic appeal of the landscape, as tourism will increasingly become reliant on the appeal of wilderness landscapes in the future. Similarly, a physical inspection of the site will be required to ensure that no *in situ* heritage resources are degraded/destroyed, as pointed out in the scoping report.

Page 50, point 7.4.1: As stated in the report (details on page 54, point 8.1.1.2), a vegetation assessment will be imperative to ensure that no rare plant species occur on the proposed site for development.

Page 50, point 7.4.2: To comment on the final statement of that section, namely 'In order to address these concerns, a faunal and avi-faunal assessment will be undertaken'; what is actually meant by this? This is addressed to a greater extent on page 53 and 54 under the heading 8.1.1.1. It will be essential that the person/company responsible for conducting the EIA consults individuals who are familiar with the region, its birds, and the conservation efforts currently undertaken in the area (e.g. Mark Anderson and Bradley Gibbons, as mentioned earlier).

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Relocation of Gamma Substation

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Comment Sheet 1: Scoping Phase

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I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EIA PROCESS
YES NO

PLEASE DELETE MY NAME FROM THE PROJECT MAILING LIST
YES NO

1. The following issues must be addressed by the Scoping Process:

- Impacts of the proposed substation on the biophysical and ecological processes on the site and associated with the proposed Serrivale Road
- Power line routes must be confirmed with all affected landowners and concerns must be reported on and address in scoping and EIA Assessment process.

2. My comments on/or suggestions for the public participation and technical processes are as follows:

PLEASE ENSURE THAT LANDOWNERS & STAKEHOLDERS NAMES ARE DISCLOSED IN REPORTS FOR EASY REFERENCE & APPEAL PROCEEDINGS

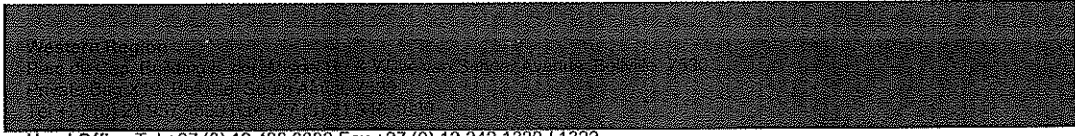
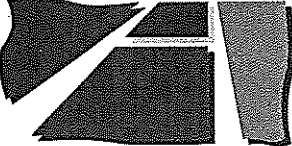
I suggest the following stakeholders be involved in the process: (Please provide contact details)

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Dear Ms Shinga

NATIONAL ROUTE 12 SECTION 6: EIA COMMENT: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: GAMMA SUBSTATION

Thank you for the CD and telephone call.

The South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) has the following comments with regard to the proposed Gamma Substation.

SANRAL has a statutory building line of 60m measured from the road reserve fence, adjacent to the national road as well as a 500m radius building restriction measured from the centre point of an intersection on a national road. SANRAL will not allow any servitudes inside the building restriction. Application needs to be submitted to SANRAL for a wayleave in terms of Act 7 of 1998 for the construction of the substation if it is to be situated within the 500m radius building restriction or if a road crossing is anticipated.

SANRAL will impose conditions in terms of Act 7 of 1998 upon approval of a wayleave.

Yours sincerely

MJ RUNKEL
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Kommentaarblad: Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag

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1. Kommentaar op die konsep omvangbepalingsverslag (verwys asb. na bladsy nommers waar moontlik)

Algemeen: Dan dankie vir die gedeelede basis waarop julle vir my en ander betrokke partye ingelig hou. Ook vir die goed verorgde Afrikaans ~~tales~~ wat in die verslag gebruik word. Ons weet daar word nie baie Afrikaans in Mtunzini gepraat nie.

Daar is nog so nes en daar ⁱⁿ ~~was~~ die opsommings, was die Afrikaans kan verbeter.

- Tekst: Murraysburg Distriks Landbouvereniging

2. Enige ander kommentaar:

- Normaalweg sal Alis Vlug Fontein as een woord (Alisvlugfontein) geskryf word. Ek neem aan julle gebruik die spelling op die transport akte.
- Bladsy 6 Paragraaf 2. toe te lig
- Daar is in sommige gebuik van (Blaai om).

Baie dankie vir u deelname

Gebruik asseblief aparte bladsye indien nodig

en dokumente verwoep word. Ek neem aan daar is geen

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redes voor... Dit is ten minste konsekwent...

Die inhoud van die opsomming is baie volledig, sistematies en duidelik. Ek dink dit is in puik stuk werk...

Baie dankie ook vir julle reëlings en saamewerking tot sover. Dit was deurgaans professioneel!

Kobi v a Berg

2. Any other comments:

Mr Jacobus Albertus (Kobie) van den Berg:

General: Thank you very much for the regular basis on which you keep myself and other involved parties informed. Also for the care taken with the Afrikaans used in the reports. We know that not a lot of Afrikaans is spoken in Mtunzini! There a few things which could improve the Afrikaans summary:

- Covering letter: Murraysburg Distrikse Landbouvereniging.
- Normally, Uit Vlught Fontein would be written as one word (Uitvlugfontein). I assume you are using the spelling on the title deeds.
- Page 6, paragraph 2: toe te lig.
- There is excessive use of capital letter in the middle of sentences when reference is made to organisations and documents. I assume there are good reasons for this. At least it is consistent.

The content of the summary is very comprehensive, systematic and clear. I think it is a brilliant piece of work.

Thank you also for your all your arrangements and cooperation to date. It was professional throughout.

OMGEWINGSIMPAKSTUDIE (OIS)
vir die voorgestelde

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Die plek waar die Substasie gebou gaan word is n deel van my grond. Ek het wild in die menfieke kamp. Die enigste water-bron is teen die substasie, is daar gewerk gaan word sal die wild nie naby die water kom nie. Ek stel voor die

2. Enige ander kommentaar:

wild word gevang en gekoop na in ander kamp.

June Mottram

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Subject: Translation

Translation:

The area where the substation will be erected is on part of my land where wild game is roaming. The only water source is right next to the area where they will be working. All the activity will cause for the game not to go close to the water. I suggest that the game should be caught and move to another campsite.

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