

Mr Justice Maluleke
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15 April 2008

Dear Mr Maluleke

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED WATER RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED WATER PIPELINES AT MEDUPI POWER STATION, LIMPOPO PROVINCE (AN ESKOM INITIATIVE)

Eskom Holdings Limited is proposing the relocation of the planned new water reservoir at the Medupi power station complex (close to the town of Lephalale in the Limpopo Province) in order to optimise the operations at this complex. Initially the new water reservoir would have been located at the Medupi Power Station complex, but has since been relocated to approximately 1.6km southwest of this complex to a proposed new site on the farm Kuipersbult within the Lephalale Local Municipality's area of jurisdiction. Please refer to the attached Background Information Document (BID) for more information on the proposed project.

In terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notices R385 (Regulations 22–26) and R386, a Basic Assessment process has to be undertaken in which authorisation is required for the following:

- Construction of a 400 000 m³ capacity water reservoir (covering an area of ~6.9 ha in extent) on the Farm Kuipersbult;
- Construction and operation of a pipeline (underground) from the existing DWAF water pipeline (water source) to the reservoir (approx 10 km in length), including an inline value house; and
- Construction and operation of a pipeline from the reservoir to the power station (approx 10 km in length).

In this regard, Eskom has appointed **Savannah Environmental** to undertake the Basic Assessment process to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts that might arise as a result of the proposed project. A public involvement process forms part of the overall Basic Assessment process and as part of this process we are involving all relevant Organs of State. You are hereby

requested to confirm that your Department has been informed of the proposed project, and we would like to request your formal comments (if any) on the proposed project. All comments received will form part of the Comments and Response Report that will be compiled by **MasterQ Research**, which in turn will be included in the Basic Assessment Report.

You can register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and note your formal comments by completing the accompanying Reply Form, or sending formal correspondence in this regard. By submitting your details and comments to **MasterQ Research**, you are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries will be noted. If, however, you have no comments that you would like to be formally included and considered during this process, please also inform us accordingly. Also, please inform us if there are additional persons within your Department that we should contact in this regard, and if so, please supply us with their contact details.

Please do not hesitate to contact either **Ms Nonka Byker** or **Ms Ingrid Snyman** of MasterQ Research should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Their contact details are listed in the BID.

Kind regards,

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4 June 2008

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