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**PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE:
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS**

SCOPING REPORT REVIEW AND COMMENT

Our discussion on 11 September 2007 has reference. Savannah Environmental has been appointed by Eskom Holdings Limited to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure at a site on the West Coast in the Western Cape Province. A Background Information Document (BID) for the Wind Energy Facility EIA is attached to this letter for your information.

Eskom Holdings Limited is proposing to establish a commercial wind energy facility and associated infrastructure on a site on the West Coast (near the towns of Koekenaap and Lutzville) in the Western Cape Province. A broader area which falls within the Matzikama Local Municipality and the WCMA01 has been identified by Eskom for consideration within an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This area comprises the farms Portion 5 of Gravewaterkop 158, and Portions 620 & 617 of Olifants River Settlement.

An area of approximately 25km² will be required for the construction of the proposed wind energy facility, and would include up to 100 wind turbines, substation, 132kV powerline and access roads.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment are being undertaken for this proposed project by Savannah Environmental. Sustainable Futures ZA is assisting Savannah Environmental in the process of facilitating the public participation process. This project has been registered with the National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), the Competent Authority for this proposed project, under Application Reference Number 12/12/20/913.

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a draft Environmental Scoping Report has been made available for review and comment by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders. Notification of the availability of this report has been provided through letters to registered parties and through advertising in local and regional newspapers. The 30-day period for review ends on 14 September 2007.

An archaeological and heritage scoping assessment forms part of the Scoping Report (and the full report is appended to the Scoping Report). This study was undertaken by the Archaeology Contracts Office (ACO), Department of Archaeology: University of Cape Town (contact person Tim Hart). As per our discussions, it is noted that Heritage Western Cape requires a copy of the Final Scoping Report for review, and that comment will be provided on the final report only.

Please note that a detailed archaeological and heritage impact assessment will be undertaken as part of the EIA phase for this project.

You are hereby requested to confirm that you are the correct contact person from Heritage Western Cape for this project. In addition, please confirm that any comments on the final report will be submitted to both DEAT (competent authority for this application) as well as Savannah Environmental (for our records).

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,

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Attached: Background Information Document for the Wind Energy Facility EIA