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Dear Sir

ESKOM – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR A PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Your letter to stakeholders, dated 10 August 2007, has reference.
2. This Branch's interest in the possible developments relates to the impact such development would have on the proclaimed road network.
3. With respect to your request for comment regarding the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed wind energy facility and associated infrastructure, this Branch as an interested and affected party has the following comment:
 - 3.1 It appears that an accurate assessment of the significance of such impacts on the transport infrastructure and in particular the road network will only be possible once the assessment stage has been completed. Thus it is suggested that the assessment include a detailed Transport Impact Assessment (TIA) prepared by a qualified Traffic Engineer. As it is envisaged to construct the project in two phases it

is also suggested that a detailed TIA be prepared by a qualified Traffic Engineer for each phase.

- 3.2 The EIA shall incorporate a plan that details a proposed route that abnormal loads shall follow together with a management plan that will deal with the affected road network pavement and road infrastructure. The requisite improvements to the road infrastructure shall comply with the requirements of this Branch.
 - 3.3 This Branch is in agreement with the specialist Infrastructure and Transport Assessment scoping report that proposes that the local access road (DR 2225) be formalized to an asphalt surface. This suggestion is motivated in respect of the impacts that the afore mentioned report states that abnormal and construction traffic will have on the gravel pavement /surface of the local access road (DR 2225).
 - 3.4 It should be noted that applications for wayleaves and servitudes within the road reserve for the powerlines have to be submitted to this Branch for the necessary approvals.
 - 3.5 Plans for any new access points on the proclaimed road network must be submitted to this Branch for approval.
 - 3.6 Should consider the impacts the proposed Wind Energy Facility will have on the forward planning programme of the Municipalities especially in regard to the Integrated Transport Plan.
4. This Branch recommends that the above mentioned concerns be listed as issues that need to be addressed to its satisfaction before any Authorisation can be given.

Yours faithfully

EXECUTIVE MANAGER: ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

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