

2 October 2015

Dear Stakeholder

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING KOMSBERG MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS), NEAR
SUTHERLAND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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The department and/or the organisation which you represent has been identified as a commenting authority for the proposed project. **In this regard, please can you provide us with the name and contact details of the relevant contact person at your department who we would liaise with regarding this project.** By registering on the project database, you will receive all information relating to the project and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input into the Basic Assessment process.

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You and/or the organisation which you represent have been identified as a directly affected or adjacent property owner that could be impacted by the proposed project. The EIA Regulations require that written notice is given to the owner or person in control of the land as well as occupiers of the affected and adjacent properties, which could be impacted by the project, are informed of the environmental assessment process. In this regard, please could you kindly inform any other persons (tenants, employees, farm managers and workers etc.) residing on your property of this Basic Assessment process. Should you or any other occupier of your property have an interest in this project, please register yourselves as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and note your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. By registering on the project database, you will receive all information relating to the project and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input into the Basic Assessment process.

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