



ATTENTION: INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

By: Registered Mail

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SiVEST reference: 11032

Dear Sir/Madam

Date: 29 October 2012

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED Eskom OUTENIQUA-OUTDSHOORN 132 KV POWERLINE INSTALLATION OUTDSHOORN, WESTERN CAPE

We write to inform you about the Basic Assessment Process for the above-mentioned proposed project. SiVEST Environmental has been appointed by Eskom Holdings SOC. Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment Process for the proposed Eskom OUTENIQUA-OUTDSHOORN 132 kV Powerline installation in Oudtshoorn, Western Cape.

The existing 132kV Powerline running from the existing Dysseisdorp Substation to the existing Oudtshoorn Substation requires refurbishment. Unfortunately, it is not possible to rebuild the Dysseisdorp - Oudtshoorn 132kV Powerline as it runs partly through built-up environment. As part of an overall network solution and for practical reasons, Eskom is proposing a new 132kV corridor between the existing Outeniqua and Oudtshoorn Substations. In addition, the existing 132kV Powerline from Outeniqua to Dysseisdorp will also require refurbishment in the future. The existing Dysseisdorp-Oudtshoorn Powerline can then be refurbished but the Outeniqua to Dysseisdorp 132kV line refurbishment can be further delayed.

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK:

The proposed development requires compliance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2010, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998, as amended. The proposed activity requires a Basic Assessment as listed Activities 10, 11, 18 and 22 under Government Notice No R. 544 as well as listed Activities 12, 13 and 16 of Government Notice No R. 546 of the EIA 2010 Regulations are triggered.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Notice is hereby given of the Public Participation Process in terms of the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010.

- A copy of the Background Information Document (BID), Draft Basic Assessment Report and Environmental Management Programme, which includes full details of the development, as well as locality maps and site layout plans, is available for public review at the **De Rust Public Library, 14 Burger Street, De Rust, 6650, Tel: 044 241 2105** (operating hours: Monday - Friday 10:00-17:00 (closed between 13:00-14:00) and the **CJ Langenhoven Memorial Library, Voortrekker Road, Oudtshoorn, 6620, Tel: 044 272 2221** (operating hours: Monday – Wednesday 09:30-18:00, Thursday 13:00-18:00, Friday 09:30-18:00, Saturday 09:30-12:00).
- The reports are also available for viewing and downloading from SiVEST's website located at www.sivest.co.za under the download tab (select 11032 Eskom OUTENIQUA-OUTDSHOORN BA).
- If you would like to register as an interested and affected party, please do so in writing, giving your name and contact details as well as an indication of your interest in this matter and of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that you may have in relation to this license application to the contact person below. Please quote the SiVEST and DEA reference number (provided above) in all correspondence. The BID provides a response page to facilitate your correspondence.

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- Registering as an I&AP will entitle you to further project information, to be kept informed of project progress and provide you with an opportunity to comment on the Draft and Final Basic Assessment Reports and Environmental Management Programme and supporting documentation.
- Responses (by fax, post or email) from any interested party should be received by SiVEST within **40 calendar days** of publication of this notification (**i.e. by no later than 14 December 2012**).
- Please advise us of any other relevant party that you believe should be notified, or forward this information to them.
- A Final BAR will be compiled which will incorporate all the comments received before its submission to the DEA.

**** NOTE: THIS LETTER IS AVAIBLE IN AFRIKAANS UPON REQUEST****

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stofberg", written over a light grey rectangular background.

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