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governing body FIFA's third sales phase, which ended on January 22. (29 / 33) and Australia (20 400). By comparison, public ticket

continues until April 7, and the last starts on April 15 - Sapa

visitors, mayor appeals

Janine Oelofse

EDEN District Mayor Leon Dorfling has called on tourism operators on the Garden Route not to inflate prices unnecessarily during the mid-year Fifa World Cup.

Dorfling said delegations visiting France, Denmark and Japan, whose national teams will be based in Knysna and George, found fans were concerned that the private sector was increasing prices unreasonably.

"I want to call on the local private sector to keep prices within reasonable limits. Apart from the influx of visitors to our region, the most important legacy will be the marketing that will remain for many years."

Dorfling said another concern was the perception of crime.

"The visit of our delegation to Denmark, France and Japan has con-



LEON DORFLING

firmed there is indeed a misconception about crime and violence which is detrimental to our country and region's image... The fact is that our country has set aside R1.3-billion for safety and security during the World Cup."

Between 40 000 and 45 000 police will be deployed at stadiums, Fifa offices, transport points, fan-parks and training grounds.

Dorfling said despite low ticket sales and the fact that Europe and Asia were just emerging from the recession, the Eden District remained positive about the benefit of the World Cup for the region.

"As mayor, I'm satisfied with the progress we've made, although preparations will be rolled out faster closer to the tournament."

Hitchens, manager at the 46 000-seat stadium that will host eight World Cup matches.

It is the only stadium suffering from the drought and authorities are scrambling to find solutions. Presently, the municipal team is using recycled water which is trucked to the stadium in tankers from the Fishwater Flats sewage works. But the problem is this system carried a "massive cost", Hitchens said last night.

"For this reason, we are looking at getting water from North End Lake. We want it as soon as possible, because we are in a crisis.

"I can't give the exact time when that will happen, but it's a priority. It will happen.

"We need it for the pitch, but also around the stadium where we need to get grass and trees to grow."

Barry Martin, director of the municipality's water and sanitation department, said the surge in visitors during June and July for the World Cup would send water consumption 5% higher than in the summer peak.

MAKE, we want it soon... we are in a crisis

miss the southern coastal towns that host the luxury hotels where Japan, France and Denmark will base their teams.

"Several farms have already shut down," said Stephan Gericke, chairman of the George Agricultural Association, which is seeking permission to expand reservoirs.

"The problem is to get approval to extend existing dams and build new ones," he said.

But weather officials say the only real solution for the shrinking water supply is flooding when the rainy season begins again in September.

The last big floods in the Eastern Cape were in 1981, and to a lesser extent in 2006.

Port Elizabeth weather office spokesman Garth Sampson said: "In the Eastern Cape, we don't have normal rainfall. We have too much rain or too little. The drought needs to be broken by a flood, but that will cause problems, too." - Sapa-AFP

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA): 12/12/20/944 ESKOM: PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE



AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ASSOCIATED SPECIALIST STUDIES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Eskom Nuclear Power Station and associated infrastructure, the public is hereby notified of the availability of the Draft EIA Report and associated specialist studies for public review and comment. The Draft EIA Report (hard copy and CD) will be made available during the Comment Period 6 March 2010 - 10 May 2010 at the following public venues:

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The Draft EIA Report can also be downloaded from the following websites:

- Eskom's website: www.eskom.co.za/eia under the "Nuclear 1-Generation" link
- Arcus GIBB website: <http://projects.gibb.co.za/> under the "Nuclear 1 EIA" link

Summaries of the Draft EIA Report are available from the Public Participation Office.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

All Interested and Affected Parties are invited to attend Public Meetings scheduled as follows:


PROVINCE	AREA	DAY AND DATE	VENUE	TIME
Western Cape	Hermanus	Tue, 23 March 2010	Overstrand Municipal Auditorium	18H00 - 20H00
	Pearly Beach	Wed, 24 March 2010	Pearly Beach Club	18H00 - 20H00
	Bredasdorp	Thur, 25 March 2010	Overberg Agri Hall	18H00 - 20H00
Eastern Cape	Oyster Bay	Tue, 13 April 2010	Oyster Bay Hall	18H00 - 20H00
	Humansdorp	Wed, 14 April 2010	Humansdorp Country Club	18H00 - 20H00
	St Francis Bay	Thurs, 15 April 2010	St Francis Links	18H00 - 20H00
	Sea Vista	Fri, 16 April 2010	Sea Vista Community Hall	18H00 - 20H00
Western Cape	Cape Town	Mon, 19 April 2010	Vineyard Hotel, Newlands	18H00 - 20H00
	Duynefontein	Tue, 20 April 2010	Atlantic Beach Golf Club	18H00 - 20H00
	Atlantis	Wed, 21 April 2010	Thusona Centre Community Hall	18H00 - 20H00

The purpose of Public Meetings is to provide the public with an opportunity to (a) discuss the findings as they are presented in the Draft EIA Report and (b) comment on the specialist study findings and the outcomes of the EIA. The EIA Team will be available from 17h00 to answer individual questions on the Draft EIA Report. Interested and Affected Parties are encouraged to review the Draft EIA Report, attend Public Meetings and submit written comment by 10 May 2010.

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