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From: Moodley,Kasantha
Sent: 07 February 2008 03:50 PM
Subject: Proposed Westgate Tarlton Kromdraai 132kV Powerline and new Kromdraai Substation: Availability of Draft Scoping Report

Attachments: J26219 Draft Scoping Report 04022008 Final.pdf

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party,

Please be advised that the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Westgate Tarlton Kromdraai 132kV distribution power line and new Kromdraai Substation, in western Gauteng is available for public review.

Review Period

11 February 2008 to 11 March 2008

Locations at which the Report may be reviewed

Randfontein Public Library which is situated at: Stubbs/Sutherland Street (Contact Marjorie Faber on 011 411 0080)

ARCUS GIBB Office which is situated at: 359 Rivonia Boulevard, Rivonia (Contact Kasantha Moodley on 011 519 4701)

Comments

All comments on the report should be forwarded to:

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Comments should be submitted on or before **11 March 2008**.

An electronic copy of the report (without the appendices thereto) is attached to this e-mail for ease of reference.

Please contact us should you have any queries or difficulties in accessing the report.

Regards

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED WESTGATE
TARLTON KROMDRAAI 132 kV (KILOVOLTS) POWERLINE, KROMDRAAI
SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, DEAT Ref: 12/12/20/1016:
PROJECT NOTIFICATION**

This letter serves to inform you of the above project.

Background

ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd (ARCUS GIBB) has been appointed to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed Westgate Tarlton Kromdraai 132 kV Power Line, Substation and Associated Infrastructure. The study will be undertaken in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The activities associated with this project fall under Schedule 2 (1)(i) of GN R387 of 2006.

The proposed development comprises of the construction of a 132 kV power line, which is proposed to start at the existing Westgate Substation and continue through either of two proposed alignments to the existing Tarlton Substation. From the Tarlton Substation there are three proposed alignments leading to the proposed Kromdraai Substation.

A Public Meeting held on 04 March 2008 indicated the significant objection by the various interested and affected parties (I&APs) to the proposed project alternatives and the project itself. This meeting has thus resulted in the need for Eskom to re-evaluate the proposed project alternatives. Thus far, project team meetings with Eskom have been held to discuss the additional and possible alternatives. Two additional route alternatives for the proposed powerline have been identified during these meetings. One of the two new route alternatives follows an alignment close to the boundary and through a section of the Krugersdorp Game Reserve and the other runs through the Agricultural Holdings on the western side of the existing alternatives.

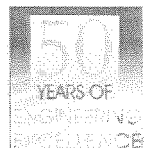
As a result of the investigation of the additional route alternatives, you have been identified as a landowner who may potentially be affected by this proposed project. Thus, we would



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like to inform you about the development and to update you on the progress of the project. Please find attached hereto a Background Information Document (BID) concerning the project.

Status of the EIA

The Draft Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA was compiled and distributed for public comment on 11 February 2008. The public commenting period for the Scoping Report was 30 days, thus ending on 11 March 2008

A revision of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) is required due to the new route alternatives, the following tasks are being undertaken to complete this phase of the project:

- Undertake a site visit to the study area to scope the new alternatives (Task completed);
- Undertake specialist studies for the new route and site alternatives(Task underway);
- Conduct an additional Public Meeting, to obtain I&AP input on the new alternatives;
- Incorporating specialist and I&AP input into the DSR;
- Submission to key stakeholders and I&APs for comments (30 day commenting period);
- Updating of Issues and Response Report and I&AP Database; and
- Finalise DSR resulting in FSR.

ARCUS GIBB would much appreciate your patience while the tasks outlined above are undertaken for the proposed project. Once complete, the Draft and Final Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA will be placed at suitable public venues for review. ARCUS GIBB will advise you in writing of the availability of the report. In this regard, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send us your telephonic; fax and e-mail contact information so that we can communicate with you as effectively as possible. Please contact Ms. Kasantha Moodley on (011) 519 4600 or kmoodley@gibb.co.za in order to assist us in this regard.

We would appreciate your involvement in this project.

Yours Sincerely,
For ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd

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Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

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This letter serves to inform and update you on the progress of the above-mentioned project.

A Public Meeting held on 04 March 2008 highlighted a significant objection by the various interested and affected parties (I&APs) to the proposed project alternatives and the project itself. This meeting has thus resulted in the need for Eskom to re-evaluate the proposed project alternatives. Thus far, project team meetings with Eskom have been held to discuss the additional and possible alternatives. Two additional route alternatives for the proposed powerline have been identified during these meetings. One of the two new route alternatives follows an alignment close to the boundary and through a section of the Krugersdorp Game Reserve and the other runs through the Agricultural Holdings on the western side of the existing alternatives.

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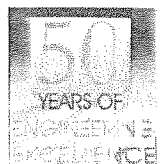
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- Updating of the Issues and Response Report and I&AP Database; and
- Finalise DSR resulting in a Final Scoping Report.



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ARCUS GIBB would much appreciate your patience while the tasks outlined above are undertaken for the proposed project. Once complete, the Revised Draft Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA will be placed at suitable public venues for review. ARCUS GIBB will advise you in writing of the availability of the report.

You are welcome to contact us should there be any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely
for ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ASHLEA STRONG', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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