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ESKOM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA: 12/12/20/944) FOR A PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE: COMMENTS ON THE REVISED PLAN OF STUDY FOR EIA

Your correspondence to Ms. Bongi Shinga of ACER (Africa) entitled "COMMENTS ON AND OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED BANTAMSKLIP NUCLEAR POWER STATION" refers.

Arcus GIBB acknowledges receipt of the above-mentioned letter. We thank you for your valuable comments and your participation in the Eskom Nuclear Power Station (NPS) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process to date. Your questions concerning the Nuclear-1 EIA process have been noted.

Responses to your comments / questions are as follows:

Your comment (1)

The Suidpunt Environmental Alliance is specifically concerned that the South African government has allowed such wholesale abuse of our natural environment with their obsessive concentration on coal-based energy resources over the past decades. We feel that continual pressure from environmental groups on the wisdom of implementing renewable energy resources has been shamefully neglected by our Government and should have been heeded decades ago. We believe that they have done a massive disservice to the people of this country and especially to the natural world environment upon which the continued existence of all humankind depends. With so many coal-based power-stations presently under construction, our Government's contribution to climate is due to increase significantly in future years.

Although, in present times, nuclear energy might seem a better option to fossil-fuel-based energy, we are opposed to this solution to South Africa's energy crisis. Nuclear energy has its own potential for serious pollution of the environment and danger to all living things.

Response (1)

Your comment is noted.

Your comment (2)

We regret that we are not in a position at present to write a more comprehensive objection to the proposed nuclear facility at Bantamsklip. We have, however, read in detail the **Objection from the Farm 215 Fynbos Reserve / African Horse Company**, and the **Statement of Intent from the Strandveld Tourism and Conservation Association**, and we can assure you that the Suidpunt Environmental Alliance supports these views and comments wholeheartedly.



The Suidpunt Environmental Alliance trusts that our objection and comment will help to negotiate a better option for South Africa's energy problems than a nuclear facility at Bantamsklip.

Response (2)

Your comment is noted. The letter from Farm 215 was not addressed to ACER or Arcus GIBB. This letter was written by Maarten Groos of Farm 215 and excerpts of this letter are included in the Cape Agulhas Tourism Bureau submission (Angela Millar). Please refer to our response to the Cape Agulhas Tourism Bureau.

In conclusion, the project team would like to assure you that Interested and Affected Parties comments are important to us and that your continued involvement in this process as an I&AP is valued. Your comments/questions will be captured in the draft EIR that will be submitted to the decision-making authority in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any stage should you require any additional information regarding this proposed project.

We thank you for providing us the opportunity to respond to these questions and look forward to your ongoing involvement in the project.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd

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