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Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

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

**Background**

Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd (Arcus GIBB) were appointed to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed Westgate Tarlton Kromdraai 132 kV Power Line, Substation and Associated Infrastructure. The study is currently being 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 (1a)(i) of Government Notice R387 of 2006.

The EIA has included an extensive public participation process, which commenced in November 2007. Through this process you were identified and registered by Arcus GIBB as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). This letter serves to update you on the status of the EIA.

**EIA Process to date**

The Draft Scoping Report (DSR) was compiled and distributed for public comment on 11 February 2008. The public commenting period for the DSR was 30 days, thus concluding on 11 March 2008.

A Public Meeting held during the Scoping Phase on 04 March 2008 highlighted objections to the proposed project alternatives and the project itself by the various interested and affected parties (I&APs). This meeting resulted in the need for Eskom to re-evaluate the proposed project alternatives. Two additional route alternatives for the proposed powerline were identified, one of which was suggested by I&APs.

Due to the fact that new route alternatives were identified, a revision of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) was required. A number of tasks in the Scoping Phase had to be undertaken once again including site visits and public participation.

Thus, an additional public commenting period was held for the Revised Draft Scoping Report (RDSR), for a period of 30 calendar days. The review period began on 27 November 2008 and ended on 02 February 2009. Comments on both reports were captured and considered in the compilation of the Final Scoping Report (FSR).

The FSR and Plan of Study for EIA (POSEIA) were submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) for their review on 23 February 2009 and were accepted on 16 April 2009.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been compiled and is now available for public review. The public commenting period shall commence from 13 July 2009 and end on 27 August 2009, after which the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will be submitted to the DEAT for their consideration and decision.

**You are invited to attend an Information Sharing Meeting that will be held as follows:**

Venue: Nelson Mandela Hall, Cecilia Street  
Date: Wednesday 12 August 2009  
Time: 18h30 – 20h00 (Registration at 18h00)

The meeting will comprise of a presentation of the findings of the EIA Phase, including specialist input and maps of the alternative corridors.

Electronic copies of the DEIR, as submitted to DEAT, may be viewed at the following web link: <http://projects.gibb.co.za>. Hard copies of the report may be viewed at the locations listed below.

Venue	Contact Person	Contact Number
The Tarlton Post Office (adjacent to the Four Seasons Supermarket)		(011) 952 2615
The Randfontein Public Library	Majorie Faber	(011) 411 0080
Arcus GIBB – Sunninghill	Mabel Sekade	(011) 519 4600

**Way forward**

The timeframes within Government Notice R.385, of 2006, indicate that within 60 days of receipt of a FEIR, DEAT will in writing inform and advise Arcus GIBB as to whether the report has either been accepted, rejected or whether particular amendments are needed. Should DEAT request amendments to the FEIR, these amendments will be communicated to you.

We are grateful for all comments received to date and we appreciate your ongoing involvement in this project.

For and on behalf of Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd



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