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Dear «Title» Surname»

PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINES (DEA EIA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/745, 12/12/20/1397/AM2) - PROGRESS UPDATE LETTER

The purpose of this letter is to update stakeholders on the progress of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for the proposed Isundu Sub-station. ACER originally envisaged that the draft EIA report would be made available for comment in the last quarter of 2015.

However, during the impact assessment phase, a number of issues were identified that have required additional specialist input, particularly with regard to impacts related to civil earthworks.

The draft EIA report will now be made available for public comment in the first quarter of 2016. At the same time, the reports for the two parallel investigations will also be made available, viz. the Amendment Application (12/12/20/1397AM2) for the change of the authorised 2 x 400 kV transmission lines to a single 765 kV transmission line within the previously authorised VSHA corridor and the Water Use Licence Application for the Isundu Sub-station made in terms of section 40(4) of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998).

Project information is available on ACER's website: www.acerafrica.co.za under 'Current Projects'.

On behalf of the Project Team, we should like to thank everyone who has participated to date in the Scoping and Impact Assessment processes, and wish you a happy and relaxing festive season.

Yours sincerely,

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