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# PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINES DEA EIA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/745

## AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND WATER USE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

#### **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

The Impact Assessment phase of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the above project is nearing completion. A Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) has been prepared in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010, published in Government Notice R543 of 18 June 2010, under Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) is available for review and comment by members of the public for a 40 calendar day period from **31 October 2016 to 15 December 2016.** 

### **Water Use License Application**

Eskom is required to obtain a Water Use License for the proposed Isundu Sub-station (in terms of section 40(4) of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998)). A Water Use License Application (WULA) was been prepared for water uses that will occur on the proposed Isundu Sub-Station site. The public is invited to review the WULA and provide comments. The public review period is 60 working days (from 31 October 2016 to 15 February 2017).

### **Location of Reports**

Please find herewith an Executive Summary of the DEIAR and a Comment Sheet. The full version of the DEIAR and WULA (hard copy and CD) will be available at the following public libraries:

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Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Water Use License Application

For Public Comment

Venue	Street	Contact Person and Number
Camperdown Public Library	18 Old Main Road	Mrs. Samke Duma
	Camperdown	031 785 9337
	3720	
Cato Ridge Public Library	Cnr. Doornrug & Old George Road	Mr. Isaac Nxela
	Cato Ridge	031 782 1632
	3680	
Msunduzi Municipal Library	260 Church Street	Ms. Kammy Naidoo
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Please submit your comments in writing to the Public Participation Office:

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A public meeting has been scheduled for 16 November 2016 at Vans Hotel, Cato Ridge, from 17:30 to 19:30.

#### **Please Note:**

- 1. The DEIAR is also available on ACER's website: www.acerafrica.co.za under 'Current Projects' under the link Eskom: Isundu 765/400 kV Sub-Station and Turn-In Transmission Lines.
- 2. The public comment period for the DEIAR is 40 calendar days, commencing on 31 October 2016 and ending on 15 December 2016.
- 3. The public comment period for the WULA is 60 working days, commencing on 31 October 2016 and ending on 15 February 2017.
- 4. Organs of state such as municipalities and government departments have received full versions of the DEIAR.
- 5. Comments received on the DEIAR will be used to produce the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report, which will be available for public comment for a period of 21 calendar days prior to submission to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for consideration. A letter will be sent to all Registered Interested and Affected Parties informing them of the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report as well as DEA's decision on the Application for Environmental Authorisation.

On behalf of the Project Team, I should like to thank everyone who has already participated during this EIA process.

Yours sincerely,

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