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Dear Mrs. Smokie La Grange

**PROPOSED MARINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (ACE CABLE SYSTEM) TO BE LANDED AT
VAN RIEBEECKSTRAND ON THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Scoping and assessment of impacts, as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the above project, has been underway since July 2016. A Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) has been prepared in terms of the current Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, published in Government Notices R 982, 983, 984 and 985 of 4 December 2014 under Section 24(5) read with Sections 24, 24D and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended).

Based on the current regulations, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) must complete Scoping and the Impact Assessment within 300 days of acceptance of the Application for Authorisation by the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). It is also envisaged that a Water Use Licence will be required from the Department of Water and Sanitation in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998), in particular, Section 40(4). The DEIAR is now available for review and comment by members of the public and commenting authorities.

The full version of the DEIAR (hard copy and CD) will be available at the following public venues/offices:

Venue	Street	Contact Person and Number
Koeberg Public Library	Merchant Walk, Duynefontein, 7441	Ms. Roelda Brown 021 553 2514
Melkbosstrand Ratepayers Association	25 Jacobus Crescent, Duynefontein, 7441	Mrs. Smokie La Grange 073 357 6359

Please submit your comments in writing to the Public Participation Office:

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Please Note:

1. The DEIAR is also available on ACER's website: www.acerafrica.co.za under 'Current Projects'.
2. **The public comment period is 30 calendar days (excluding public holidays), commencing on 3 April 2017 and ending on 8 May 2017.**
3. Organs of state such as municipalities and government departments have received full versions of the DEIAR.
4. Comments received on the DEIAR will be used to produce the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for consideration. A letter will be sent to all Registered Interested and Affected Parties informing them of DEA's decision on the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

On behalf of the Project Team, I should like to thank everyone who has already participated during the Scoping and Impact Assessment Phase of this study.

Yours sincerely,



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Mr. G Churchill

Environmental Assessment Practitioner