

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

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

### **Proponent: MTN (Pty) Ltd**

Notice is hereby given in terms of the EIA Regulations (GNR. 982 of 8 Dec 2014), published under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) for the above mentioned development for public review and comment. The proposed development of the ACE Cable System triggers a number of listed activities in terms of Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 (GNR. 983, 984 and 985 of 8 Dec 2014), for which environmental authorization, following a full scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), is required. Following the statutory 30-day public comment period, the final EIA will be submitted to the national Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for review and decision-making. Additionally, an application to register the water uses triggered by the proposed development, in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998), has been submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in terms of GNR. 509 of 26 Aug 2016.

The DEIAR will be made available in hardcopy and electronic form during the statutory 30-day public commenting period (**3 April 2017 - 8 May 2017**) at the following public venues:

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Contact Person and Number</b>
Koeberg Public Library	Merchant Walk, Duynfontein, 7441	Ms. Roelda Brown 021 553 2514
Melkbosstrand Ratepayers Association	25 Jacobus Crescent, Duynfontein, 7441	Mrs. Smokie La Grange (Chairman) 073 357 6357

The complete DEIAR is also available on ACER's website: [www.acer africa.co.za](http://www.acer africa.co.za) under 'Current Projects'.

### **Invitation to Comment**

To submit your comment or obtain further information regarding the proposed project, please contact the Public Participation Office by the **8 May 2017**:



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