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From: Lynette Mitchell <lynette.mitchell@acerafrica.co.za>
Sent: 01 November 2016 09:40 AM
To: 'Paul Scherzer'; 'Mareike Straeuli'
Subject: FW: PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINESAVAILABILITY OF THE DEIA REPORT AND WULA FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

From: Lorraine Hebblethwaite [mailto:lahebbs@sai.co.za]
Sent: 01 November 2016 09:37 AM
To: Dave Rigby; publicparticipation@acerafrica.co.za
Cc: 'Elaine Donaldson'
Subject: Re: PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINESAVAILABILITY OF THE DEIA REPORT AND WULA FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Dave,

Thank you for copying me in. You are absolutely correct that I have had no approach from Eskom with regard to this development.

However I must respectfully clarify that I have had communication from Paul Scherzer *ab initio* on the consent to the EIA; consent was granted for access to perform the necessary research, and I have also received, I assume, the same correspondence that was sent to everyone in the area. Nevertheless, to be frank, it is astounding to me as the registered and lawful owner of the properties directly concerned, that I have received NO communication whatsoever from Eskom as to their possible planned development on my property.

I am not sure what conclusions may be drawn from the fact that Eskom (not Acer, who have maintained communication with me) have not seen fit to inform me directly of their intentions. It is, at the very least, somewhat disconcerting, particularly is it would appear that the proposed development will destroy the farm as an economic agricultural unit.

That said, it is edifying to read in the latest report from Acer that Eskom will be saving up to R800 million in earthworks etc by not using the alternative site,

Kind regards

Lorraine

On 11/1/2016 9:03 AM, Dave Rigby wrote:

Dear Paul

I have just spoken the owner of the property and she has not had any engagement from Eskom regarding this development on her property.

How can this be so??

Please can you provide us with the authority that the owner gave you to do the EIA on this property?

I have cc'd the owner and the town planner.

Yours Sincerely

Dave Rigby

From: ACER - Public Participation [<mailto:publicparticipation@acerafrica.co.za>]
Sent: 31 October 2016 02:23 PM
To: dave@kznfarmsales.co.za
Subject: PROPOSED ISUNDU 765/400 KV SUB-STATION AND TURN-IN TRANSMISSION LINES AVAILABILITY OF THE DEIA REPORT AND WULA FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Mr. Dave Rigby,

**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 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:**

Venue	Street	Contact Person and Number
Camperdown Public Library	18 Old Main Road Camperdown 3720	Mrs. Samke Duma 031 785 9337
Cato Ridge Public Library	Cnr. Doornrug & Old George Road Cato Ridge 3680	Mr. Isaac Nxela 031 782 1632
Msunduzi Municipal / Bessie Head Library	260 Church Street Pietermaritzburg 3201	Ms. Kammy Naidoo 033 392 2634

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

Paul Scherzer or Charlene Weber
ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants

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,

ACER (Africa) Environmental Consultants

Mr. Paul Scherzer
Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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