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Subject: EIA Final Meeting
Attachments: Eskom Objections.pdf; N3 Regional Airport Layout.pdf
Categories: Isundu

Dear Paul

I hope you are well.

I am not going to make it to Wednesday's meeting as I am going in for an op and will only be out on Thursday.

Attached are my objections to the proposed development.

I am not objecting for the sake of objecting – our development application started 10 years ago and only got approved last year. The municipality prescribed that we develop in terms of their strategic development plan which we did at great cost. If Eskom were to fund and facilitate a new EIA for a Light industrial / Warehousing application and guarantee the approval then we may look at withdrawing our objections.

The proposed substation will completely change the aesthetics and “sense of place” of the entire area and we will have to restart our application from the beginning. This is why we have a major objection to ESKOM putting the substation here.

The other major reason for our objection is that Pietermaritzburg is going to require a proper airport and the **ONLY** site suitable for an airport is on Hennie Heynes land and the 2nd runway traverses the piece of ground you want to put the substation. There are no other sites within a 50km radius of Pmb. Together with all the transmission lines coming in and out of the substation this development will completely obliterate any chance of Pietermaritzburg having a proper airport. (Attached herewith the Master plan) – This will create many thousands of jobs and enhance the economy of KZN.

This substation may create jobs in the construction phase but once finished no permanent jobs are created. This is unacceptable. If this goes ahead, the 150-200 permanent jobs that would have been created on our development will be lost.

The same goes for the Aloe Wildlife Estate development and the Game Reserve development.

Please could you send us the report quantifying the details regarding the extra costs that were to be incurred at the site that was approved near Wartburg.

Yours Sincerely

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