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**Sent:** 09 December 2016 11:47 AM  
**To:** 'Dave Rigby'  
**Cc:** 'Mareike Strauli'  
**Subject:** RE: Further objection to the proposed Eskom Substation.

Dear Dave

Email received, thanks. We will consider this response and answer it in the Final EIAR.

Regards  
Paul

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**Subject:** RE: Further objection to the proposed Eskom Substation.

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your time yesterday.

There are two issues why I am opposing the Eskom development. One is from a personal standpoint and one from a National interest standpoint.

From a personal standpoint, our company has spent a tremendous amount of time and money in getting our development approved. Eskom's proposal is diametrically opposed to the Municipality's Strategic Development Plan for the area.

Our Hotel and tourism facility is based on the natural beauty and attractions of the Bird of Prey Centre, the Natal Zoological Park (Lion Park), the proposed Game Reserve developments and local community tourism endeavours.

Our costs thus far in obtaining the necessary permissions to develop in terms of the municipal SDF have been substantial and should this project of Eskom's get approval, we reserve our rights to claim compensation, either from Eskom or the Municipality.

The proposed substation is at odds with this vision and all our efforts in developing the area into a tourism destination are now in jeopardy. I find it very hard to believe that Eskom cannot find another more suitable site for the development of this substation.

The area to the west of the Lion Park Road is a conservation area. The proposed Eskom substation will impact the natural environment visually, physically and detract from the sense of wilderness it currently enjoys.

Secondly, from a National interest standpoint, the Heyns and Hebblethwaite properties constitute the only site available for the development of an airport. In a report done by BKS Engineers, of 66 sites identified this site was the only site which met all the criteria to develop an airport which could accommodate jet aircraft. (737 – 747)

Should this site be lost due to the Eskom project, Pietermaritzburg and the Midlands lose the one and only site to develop such an airport. In addition to this loss, the Province of KZN loses the ability to provide King Shaka Airport with a diversion airport, which effectively means that King Shaka airports' potential will never be realised as an international airport.

In the light of the above, I respectfully request that Eskom prioritize their search for an alternative site to the Isundu Substation.

Yours Sincerely

Dave Rigby

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Dear Hennie

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Dear Paul

Following our meeting on site yesterday, I am following up, and summarising my objection, and concerns regarding the proposed Eskom substation.

There is no denying the fact that there will be an impact on our development of a retirement residential eco estate.

To what extent this impact would be, nobody could possibly know for certain.

However, it is certain that approximately 150 of my 350 proposed houses will be visually impacted. As well as the 100 affordable housing sites.

I would have to disclose to all of my potential buyers, the building of this substation, even before Eskom commences. This will greatly influence their confidence to buy and build.

All the actions of avoiding impact, and good intentions in the world, cannot avoid this fact.

No developer in his right mind would venture developing this section, unless and until, all the sites have been sold, and every owner is aware of Eskom's intention. Sketches and drawings of the various views would have to be presented. Undertakings would have to be given by Eskom that what is presented is in fact all the impact current, and future. The developer cannot and will not be held liable.

The scoping plan of the local Municipality has always been tourism and residential. We have spoken enough about this. I have invested a great deal of money and 12 yrs of my life to put this all together.

Any deviation or sterilisation of any part of our development would be a very unfair, and cause serious complications and financial loss.

I have suggested compensation, to either have all the impacted sites removed, or sold at a much reduced rate.

I invite Eskom to enter into negotiations for just, acceptable compensation, before commencement, and before I, as an affected party and neighbour, could support the building of the substation on the proposed site.

Kind regards

Hennie Heyns, sole director 'Samaria Safaris' ( registered owner of the adjoining properties. )

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