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Dear «Title» Surname»

**PROPOSED MARINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (EQUIANO CABLE SYSTEM) TO BE LANDED  
AT MELKBOSSTRAND ON THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scoping, as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the above project, has been underway since September 2019. A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been prepared in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, published in Government Notices R 982, 983, 984 and 985 of 4 December 2014 (as amended 2017) 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). The DSR is now available for review and comment by members of the public.

**Hard and CD copies of the DSR are available at the following public venues:**

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Duynefontein, Melkbosstrand	Koeberg Public Library	Merchant Walk, Duynefontein, Melkbosstrand, 7441	021 553 4009 <a href="mailto:roelda.brown@capetown.gov.za">roelda.brown@capetown.gov.za</a> Ms. Roelda Brown (Senior Librarian)
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**Please submit your comments in writing to the Public Participation Office:**

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**Please note that consistent with GNR 326, 42 (a), 44 (1) and 19(1)(a) (7 April 2017) all comments received will be captured in a Comments and Responses Report which will be made available to the competent authority and which will be placed in the public domain as part of the public review process of the Draft Scoping Report.**

It is possible that a Water Use Licence will be required from the Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation. Water and Sanitation in terms of Chapter 4 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No 36 of 1998), in particular, Section 40(4). Should this be the case, the public will be notified accordingly.

**Please Note:**

The DSR is also available on ACER's website: [www.acerafrica.co.za](http://www.acerafrica.co.za) under 'Projects – Current Public Review – Openserve Equiano Cable System'.

The public comment period is 30 calendar days, commencing on **12 February 2020 and ending on 16 March 2020**.

Organs of (government departments and municipalities) have received full versions of the DSR.

Comments received on the DSR will be used to produce the Final Scoping Report to be submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) for consideration. A letter will be sent to all Registered Interested and Affected Parties informing them of DEFF's decision on the Final Scoping Report.

On behalf of the Project Team, I should like to thank everyone who has participated during Scoping.

Yours sincerely,



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