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Your reference: Our reference: 10758 Hendrina EIA Date: 21 February 2013

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENSE APPLICATION: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ASH DISPOSAL FACILITIES AT HENDRINA POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (DEA Ref No: 12/12/20/2175, NEAS Reference Number: DEA/EIA/0000390/2011)

- NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIA REPORT
- INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETING

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT (DEIR) FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

In accordance to the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), the Draft Environmental Assessment Impact Report (DEIR) is available for public comment and review from **Thursday 21 February 2013** to **Wednesday 24 April 2013** (end of business day). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DEIR (CD) please forward your request in writing to us. Hard copies of the DEIR can be reviewed at any of the following public places:

Area	Venue	Street Address	Contact No
Middelburg	Gerard Sekoto Public Library	Wanderers Avenue, Middelburg	013 249 7271
Hendrina	Hendrina Public Library	c/o Church and Mouton Streets, Hendrina	013 293 0000
Pullenshope	Pullenshope Public Library	Kiaat Street, Pullenshope	013 296 1300
	Reception, Hendrina Power Station	Hendrina Power Station, Pullenshope	013 296 3400

## Important Note:

It is important to note that the Geotechnical Report and Final Concept Design Report are not included in the DEIR as the geotechnical studies can only be done after harvesting of the preferred Site (Site E) has been completed. You will be provided the opportunity comment on both these Reports when the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (FEIR) is being made available for public review. It is envisaged that the FEIR would be available for review in May 2013. The availability of the FEIR for review will be communicated to all registered interested and affected parties.

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and the public participation process for the above-mentioned proposed project, SiVEST Environmental would like to cordially invite you to attend the Public Meeting to be held as follows:

## **Public Meeting**

DATE: Tuesday 12 March 2013
TIME: 18h00 (registration from 17:30)
VENUE: Cynthia Murphy Hall Corner of Maculata and Oak Streets, PULLENSHOPE

 
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This Public Meeting is part of the EIA process being undertaken by Lidwala Environmental for the above mentioned project. The main objective of the proposed project is for the extension of Eskom's Hendrina Power Station ash disposal facilities.

As a stakeholder we would value your attendance at the Public Meeting, whichever is the most convenient to you for attending. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to:

- Provide findings of the EIA studies as per the DEIR.
- Provide information regarding the EIA process to date.
- Provide the opportunity to raise any issue and/or concern that you may have on the environmental findings as per the DEIR.
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- Record the comments, issues and/or concerns raised during discussions.

To ensure that we provide sufficient space and seating, you are kindly requested to complete the attached registration form and return it to the Public Participation Office (contact details provided on the registration form) on or before <u>Tuesday, 5 March 2013</u>.

We are looking forward to your attendance at the Public Meeting and your meaningful contributions in the EIA process.

Kind regards

NICOLENE VENTER Snr Public Participation Practitioner

Documents included:

Public Meeting Registration Form DEIR Comment Form