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**Attention: Landowner**

**Extension of ash disposal facilities at Camden Power Station**

**NOTIFICATION OF**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAMME**

(in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998), and a

**WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENSE APPLICATION**

(in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, At 59 of 2008)

An Integrated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Waste Management License Application (WMLA) are being undertaken for the proposed extension of ash disposal facilities and associated infrastructure at the Camden Power Station near Ermelo in Mpumalanga.

The Camden Power Station is a coal fired power station which is part of Eskom's power generation fleet. At this station, coal is the fuel burnt to generate electricity, which is fed into the national grid, but produces fine and coarse ash which has to be disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. Ash disposal includes a process called 'wet ashing' which involves disposal of ash by pumping the ash as slurry through a pipeline to the ash facility. Some of the dry ash is also transported to the ash facility with a conveyor belt.

Recent studies have revealed that the current ash disposal facilities will not be able to accommodate all the ash to be generated during the remaining operational life of the Camden power station, which is predicted to end in 2033. It was determined that the station would require an additional ash disposal facility by 2014. It is anticipated that approximately 28.3 million m<sup>3</sup> of ash will be generated by the Camden power station until 2033.

The proposed ash disposal facilities will have a ground foot print of approximately 120 hectares. However, a radius of 10 km around the Camden Power Station will be investigated during this EIA to identify potential sites, assess the sites and make a recommendation on the most favourable site, and all landowners within this radius are being informed of these processes.

The EIA will identify, propose and assess potential sites. An EIA and Environmental Management Programme (EMProg) are required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998) and the NEMA EIA regulations (Government Notice Regulation [GNR]) 543 to 546, published in June 2010. A WMLA in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (No. 59 of 2008) must also be undertaken.

This notice is in terms of Section 15 of GNR 543, which requires that landowners and people in control of land be notified of Eskom's intention to submit an application for environmental authorisation to the Department of Environmental Affairs.

This notice and the submission of the application form is the first step in the EIA and WMLA processes.

Konrad Kruger of Zitholele Consulting will act as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner responsible for the EIA and WMLA.

A Background Information Document (BID) will be sent to you shortly. The BID will provide you with a description of the proposed project, the EIA and WMLA processes, the public participation process and the affected environment.

A full public participation process will be conducted as an integral part of the EIA and WMLA application. This process will be coordinated and executed by Zitholele Consulting. As a potential interested or affected party you are requested to participate in the environmental impact assessment process.

For your participation, you are encouraged to register as an Interested or Affected Party (I&AP), and submit any comments, questions or issues that you may have about the proposed project, in writing, to Zitholele Consulting on fax number 086 676 9950, email [alotter@zitholele.co.za](mailto:alotter@zitholele.co.za) or postal address PO Box 6002, Halfway House, 1685. You are also welcome to contact Zitholele telephonically on 011 207 2076 / 2077.

Yours sincerely



**Anelle Lötter**  
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