Our Ref: J31275_ Basic Assessment for Eskom Kentani-Seagulls



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice of Basic Assessment Process: Eskom Kentani-Seagulls 11kV Power Line

Arcus GIBB (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by the Eskom Distribution Division (the applicant) to conduct a Basic Assessment in support of an application for environmental authorisation. The National Environmental Management Act EIA Regulations, 2010, requires that for any development activity proposed to be undertaken on land owned by another person, the applicant must inform the landowner/s of the intended activity in writing. In addition, regulation 54 stipulates that the Landowners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is, or is to be undertaken, or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken, must be informed of the public participation process, which forms part of the application procedure.

Project Description:

• Construction of an 11kV Power Line in the Kentani-Seagulls area.

Project Location:

See the map on the Background Information Document (BID).

The planned 11kV Kentani-Seagulls power line is approximately 621m long and will extend from the MV T-off at the existing LNNJ0012-2 structure near Kentani and extend to the existing LNNJ012-10 structure near Seagulls.

The project is likely to trigger a listed activity in terms of Government Notice No. 33306, Listing Notice No. 3, which requires an application for a Basic Assessment. The application stipulates the following (This will be verified upon on-site inspection):

Activity No. 12 "The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of vegetative wher 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes indigenous vegetation

- (a) Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004,
- (b) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.
- (c) Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on erven in urban areas."







GIBB therefore wishes to notify all interested and affected parties of the commencement of this EIA process.

We hereby invite neighbours of the preferred and alternative site to participate in the public participation process and to submit your comments and concerns by e-mail to jjegels@gibb.co.za, by fax to +27 86 546 5466 or by post to the address given above.

Yours faithfully

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