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Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY
ON A SITE NORTH OF OYSTER BAY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/1585)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS:
NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT EIA REPORT &
PUBLIC MEETING**

Renewable-Energy Systems (RES) Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd is proposing to establish a commercial wind energy facility and associated infrastructure on a site located approximately 6 km north of Oyster Bay in the Eastern Cape Province. An area which falls within the Kouga Local Municipality has been identified for consideration within an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). It is proposed for a cluster of up to 80 wind turbines to be constructed over an area of approximately 23 km² in extent. The nature and extent of this facility is explored in more detail in this document.

The proposed turbines would be appropriately located on the identified site, which covers an area of ~23 km². The broader site is proposed to accommodate both the wind turbines as well as the associated infrastructure which is required for such a facility including:

- » **Wind turbines** (between 80 – 120m hub height) and **concrete foundations** to support them.
- » **Cabling** between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical.
- » **Internal access roads** to each turbine.
- » **Workshop area** for control, maintenance and storage.
- » An on-site **substation** to facilitate the connection between the wind energy facility and the grid.
- » New overhead **power line** to connect to Eskom's existing Melkhout (132/66kV) substation, which is located approximately 20km from the site.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a Draft EIA Report is being compiled and will be available for public review and comment by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders. You are invited to review and comment on the draft report at the following locations:

- » Oyster Bay Library
- » Humansdorp Public Library
- » St Francis Bay LibrarY
- » www.res-sa.com (follow the link to Our Projects)
- » www.savannahSA.com/projects

The period for public review is from **14 September 2011 to 14 October 2011**. Please submit written comment to Savannah Environmental no later than 14 October 2011. All comments received will be included in the Final Scoping Report, which will be submitted to DEA for their consideration and decision.

Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail to Shawn Johnston.

PUBLIC MEETING

In order to facilitate comments on the draft EIA Report, a public meeting will be held during the public review period. All interested and affected parties are invited to attend a public meeting:

DATE: 20 September 2011
TIME: 18:00
VENUE: Oyster Bay Community Hall

The aim of the public meeting is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project (including technical details, project process and timeframes etc.), to provide a summary of the findings of the EIA undertaken, to invite

comment on the proposed project, and to further discuss possible issues of specific concern to you which may need to be investigated and managed through the EIA process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,

Shawn Johnston

Process Facilitator for the EIA Phase of the Oyster Bay Wind Energy Facility Environmental Impact Assessment Process