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**POWER LINE BETWEEN THE TSITSIKAMMA COMMUNITY WIND  
ENERGY FACILITY AND THE DIEP RIVER SUBSTATION**

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**NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

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Dear Stakeholder,

The Tsitsikamma Community Wind Farm (TCWF) was awarded preferred bidder status in May 2012. Eskom Holdings SOC Limited obtained an authorisation for the construction of a power line linking the Tsitsikamma Community Wind Farm and the extension of the existing Diep River Substation in the Eastern Cape Province (DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/699) in March 2013 (amended in August 2013).

Eskom is in the process of securing all the power line servitudes for the implementation of the project. During the servitude negotiation process some difficulties were experienced in securing the necessary rights along the authorised power line route. In order to address landowner concerns which have been raised, Eskom require a deviation of a portion of the authorised power line alignment (refer to maps contained in Appendix A)

In terms of Condition 6 of the Environmental Authorisation and Regulation 39 (1) of the EIA Regulations, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for a change or deviation from the project description to be approved. In this regard, application for amendment is proposed to be made to the DEA for the proposed power line deviation. As this is considered to be a substantive amendment which may affect additional interested and affected parties, Savannah Environmental has prepared this motivation in support of this request/application on behalf of the applicant, and provides some detail pertaining to the significance and impacts of the proposed change to the project description in order for the competent authority to be able to reach a decision. This motivation document is being made available to registered interested and affected parties for review and comment for a 30-day period, **i.e. from 06 January – 06 February 2014**. This document is attached hereto and is available for download from [www.savannahsa.com/projects](http://www.savannahsa.com/projects). **Please submit comments in writing (via fax, e-mail or post) to the contact person below by 06 February 2014.**

Sincerely,  
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