

GENERAL NOTICES

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NOTICE 533 OF 2012

**NOTICE OF A SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
CONSTRUCTION OF THE ABERDEEN DROËRIVIER 140km 400kV POWER LINE, EASTERN CAPE AND
WESTERN CAPE PROVINCES**

INVITATION TO COMMENT

NEAS Reference: DEA/EIA/0001275/2012
DEA Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/357

Notice is given in terms of the Regulations published in Government Notices R. 544, R.545, and R. 546 in Government Gazette No. 33306 of 18 June 2010, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended, that **Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd** is proposing the following:

- To construct a new high voltage (HV) yard at Aberdeen windfarm ;
- To construct a (approximately) 140km 400kV overhead power line from Aberdeen in the Eastern Cape to Droërivier in the Western Cape; and
- To upgrade the existing substation in Droërivier.

The objective of the proposed power line is to connect the high voltage yard to the existing substation. The footprint of the proposed HV yard will be approximately 100m x 100m in size. The area where the power line will transect falls within the boundaries of Cacadu District Municipality in the Eastern Cape Province and the Central Karoo District Municipality in the Western Cape Province. The Project aims to strengthen the network capacity as well as to improve the quality of electricity supply in these areas.

A Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment is required for the proposed project in terms of Sections 24(2) and 24D of the Act, as read with the following Government Notices:

- R. 544 Listing Notice 1
Items: 22(ii), 23(ii), 24, 38 and 47
- R. 545 Listing Notice 2
Items: 3 and 8
- R. 546 Listing Notice 3
Items: 3(a)(d), 4(a)(d), 9(a) and 14(3)(a)(i)

This project has been registered with the National Department of Environmental Affairs under the following Application Reference - NEAS Reference: DEA/EIA/0001275/2012, DEA Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/357

There are Open Days planned for the proposed project which will serve as information sessions to introduce the proposed project and to discuss the project aims and objectives. Please note the following dates and venues for the planned Open Days:

VENUE	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE			
Sopkombius Community Hall	Bacon Street Lotusville Aberdeen	23 July 2012	10:00 – 12:00
Thembalesizwe Community Hall	Kenneth Maneli Avenue Thembalesizwe Aberdeen	23 July 2012	14:00 – 16:00
WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE			
Thusong Centre	Devries Street Rustdene Beaufort West	24 July 2012	10:00 – 12:00
KwaMandlenkosi Stadium Hall	Cnr Jabavu & Plaza Road KwaMandlenkosi Beaufort West	24 July 2012	14:00 – 16:00

Envirovolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as an independent environmental consultant to undertake the required environmental impact assessment and public participation for the proposed project.

Interested and affected parties who wish to participate by contributing comments, or who would like to obtain more information, should please contact the Public Participation Office, Envirovolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd, Tel: 0861 444 499 Fax: 0861 626 222 E-mail: tebogo@envirovolution.co.za on or before Friday, 10 August 2012.

This project is conducted by Envirovolution Consulting on behalf of Eskom Transmission.