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Proposed Nuclear Power Station **Draft Scoping Report – Public Review & Comment**

Your attention is drawn to the **commencement of the 45 day public review and comment period** for the draft scoping report for the proposed nuclear power station and associated infrastructure. This is an important stage within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the proposal to build a nuclear power station in one of 5 identified locations, one of which is Bantamsklip on the Overstrand coast near Pearly Beach. Comments made will be included in the final scoping report that is submitted to the national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism and that scoping report will determine the scope of the investigative work done during the EIA.

The OCF office has been supplied with a full copy of the draft scoping report (comprising of 3 volumes) and has the report on CD. Anyone who wishes to view the report can do so at the OCF office or can borrow a CD for up to 2 days (or, purchase a copy CD) between 09:00 and 15:00 on any week day.

Copies of the draft scoping report can also be viewed at the Hermanus, Gansbaai, Bredasdorp and Elim libraries and the Palmiet Pumped Storage Scheme visitors Centre outside Grabouw. You can also access the report on-line by [clicking here](#) and then going to “Scoping Phase” (or entering www.eskom.co.za/eia and selecting “Nuclear 1” if the above link fails).

The 3 volumes of the Draft Scoping Reports are as follows:

- **Volume 1** = Main Draft Report;
- **Volume 2** = Appendices including specialist reports;
- **Volume 3** = Issues & response report; minutes of key stakeholder workshops, public and focus group meetings.

Comments on the draft scoping report can be handed into the OCF office or faxed or e-mailed to the OCF or can be sent directly to ACER Africa. The OCF has agreed with ACER that any comments received by the OCF will be forwarded to them at the end of the review period.

Public open days will be held at various venues including the

- Vineyard Hotel, Newlands on 20 February 2008 from 15:00 – 19:00
- Pretorius Hall, Gansbaai on 26 February 2008 from 15:00 – 19:00
- Pearly Beach Club on 27 February from 15:00 – 19:00
- Glaskasteel Hall, Bredasdorp on 28 February from 15:00 – 19:00

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The expiry of the comment period is 16:00 on 14 March 2008.

Please note that the EIA for the proposed nuclear power station and associated infrastructure does not include consideration of the power transmission lines connecting the proposed station to the national grid. ESKOM has indicated that a separate EIA will be conducted on the transmission lines but that the EIA's for the proposed station and the transmission lines will run concurrently and that DEAT will make its final decision on the location of the proposed power station based upon the simultaneous review of the two EIA's.

Enquiries to ESKOM in December as to when the transmission line EIA process is likely to start yielded the following response on 20 December: *"It is still Eskom's intention to align the Transmission EIA and Nuclear 1 (site) EIA as closely as possible. To date the Transmission EIA has not been initiated as they were awaiting the finalization of some technical information. The Transmission line EIA will be initiated early in 2008."*

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