

**ESKOM – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA: 12/12/20/944)  
FOR A PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

**EIA PROCESS UPDATE**

During August 2008 you were notified about the availability of the Final Scoping Report. Since that time there have been various press and television releases that might have caused some confusion to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) participating in the nuclear 1 EIA. In order to clarify the status of the Nuclear 1 project, the information is being sent to all registered I&APs in order to keep everyone informed and to provide an official update on the EIA process.

**Continuation of Nuclear Siting and EIA processes**

On 5 December 2008 the Board of Eskom Holdings Limited announced its decision not to proceed with the proposed investment in the Nuclear 1 project due to the magnitude of the investment. As a consequence, Eskom terminated the commercial procurement process to select a preferred bidder for the construction of the Nuclear 1 project. Additional Information is available at <http://www.eskom.co.za/live/content.php?Item ID=8800>).

On the same day, the Department of Public Enterprises issued a statement that Government supported the decision of the Board of Eskom Holdings Limited, and that Government, in accordance with the South African Nuclear Energy Policy, is committed to exploring the use of nuclear energy as part of base-load energy generation and to build an associated industrial capability to support such generation. The statement also indicated that, in order to continue the introduction of nuclear generating capacity in South Africa, Government will establish a task team, led by the Department of Minerals and Energy, that will work with Eskom, to develop and implement industrialisation process (Ref. <http://www.dpe.gov.za/home.asp?id=1055>).

Taking these two announcements into account, and the EIA process activities that are required to enable the use of nuclear energy as part of the base-load energy generation for future requirements, Eskom has confirmed that the EIA process activities that are currently in progress to establish sites for nuclear generating capacity will continue. Such activities include, amongst others, the EIA investigating the sites for a proposed nuclear power station.

Therefore, although this latest development might cause potential delays to the EIA process, the process will continue and you will be informed during the course of the next few months about the next steps to be undertaken,

On behalf of the EIA Team, I should like to thank you for your participation in this EIA and look forward to its finalisation during the year.

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Project documentation can be obtained on Eskom's Website: [www.eskom.co.za/eia](http://www.eskom.co.za/eia) under the 'Nuclear 1' link.

Yours sincerely,

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