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FW: SOUTH AFRICA: World Bank Eskom Investment Support Project (EISP) and Flue-Ga Desulfurization (FGD)

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To: "ffg-sa@googlegroups.com" <ffg-sa@googlegroups.com>

Hi all

As mentioned in our discussion earlier on the Medupi letters, please see attached the response we received from the World Bank at the end of last year. Also attaching the letters we sent to the 3 banks.

Best,

Zahra

From: Nokuthula Pearlygate Mathobela [mailto:nmathobela@worldbank.org]**Sent:** Monday, 07 November 2022 16:36**To:** Marianne Buenaventura <marianne.buenaventura@oxfam.org.za>; amy@trees.org.za; Leanne Govindsamy <lgovindsamy@cer.org.za>**Cc:** Ismail Momoniat <ismail.momoniat@treasury.gov.za>; Jacky Molisane <jacky.molisane@dpe.gov.za>; Nolundi Dikweni <Nolundi.Dikweni@treasury.gov.za>; dRuyteAM@eskom.co.za; Marlon Geswint <marlon.geswint@treasury.gov.za>; Nandi.Mkunqwana@treasury.gov.za; Ayanda Dlodlo <adlodlo@worldbank.org>; Lindokuhle Phumla Matla <imatla@worldbank.org>**Subject:** SOUTH AFRICA: World Bank Eskom Investment Support Project (EISP) and Flue-Ga Desulfurization (FGD)**To the office of:**

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Dear Mmes. Goldman, Thorp, and Govindsamy:

Kindly receive the attached correspondence for your attention, sent on behalf of the Country Director, Ms. Marie Françoise Marie-Nelly.

Kind Regards

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Subject: RE: Letter for input and sign-off: loans to Eskom for Medupi

Dear all

Please find attached the final Medupi letters as sent to the World Bank, New Development Bank and African Development Bank. We will keep you posted on any responses.

Kind regards

Zahra

From: Zahra Omar
Sent: Monday, 10 October 2022 09:32
To: lifaftercoal@googlegroups.com; ffg-sa@googlegroups.com; ndb-cso-working-group@googlegroups.com
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Subject: RE: Letter for input and sign-off: loans to Eskom for Medupi

Dear FFCSA, CSO Forum on the NDB, and LAC

Earlier this year we circulated draft letters to the 3 banks (NDB, AfDB and World Bank) that have provided loans to Eskom for the Medupi power plant. Thank you to all those who sent feedback! We have incorporated your input and have since made revisions to the letters in light of new information, reports and meetings with Eskom. **Please find attached the final drafts of the letters.** If you have any comments on the revised versions, please could you send them through by end of Tuesday.

As part of the FFCSA's ongoing work on Medupi, it is undertaking an impacts case study in Lephalale, Limpopo, to assess the socio-economic and environmental impacts of Medupi on the surrounding communities. The case study has already completed Phase I which entailed a mass community meeting and focus groups to determine the particular impacts that the communities themselves are experiencing, and will soon undertake Phase II, which will comprise of in-depth interviews with community members to better understand these particular impacts. The case study hopes to conclude towards the end of 2023 with a research report identifying these impacts and which will be made available to the affected communities to enable them to better lobby for their consultation, protection and development.

Kind regards

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From: Zahra Omar
Sent: Tuesday, 26 July 2022 11:45
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Subject: Letter for input and sign-off: loans to Eskom for Medupi

Dear LAC and Fair Finance Southern Africa

From 2009 through to 2019, the New Development Bank, African Development Bank and World Bank have granted loans now totalling 89.76 billion ZAR to Eskom for its Medupi coal-fired power station. These loans are for the construction of equipment at the power station, including for flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) technology, which has still not been installed. Although these loans are described as being for the purposes of the FGD technology, Eskom has said that, at least in relation to the World Bank loan, the installation of FGD technology was simply a *condition* of the loan as opposed to being specifically financed. Eskom's JET is also of the view that it doesn't make sense for them to comply with this condition, and that they would rather build new RE. The question is then, what happens to these loans?

With this in mind, we have drafted letters to the 3 banks questioning its loans for Medupi, especially in light of Eskom's continuous non-compliance with SA's pollution standards, and requesting information with regard to the implementation of each of these loans. We would like to send these letters on behalf of the CSO NDB Forum, African Climate Reality Project and Fair Finance Southern Africa, preferably with sign-off by the LAC campaign. **Please see attached the draft letters for your consideration.** The background content of the 3 letters are the same, with different questions posed to each bank in the second last section of the letters.

Kindly let us have any input on the letters by end of tomorrow, 27 July.

Thank you
Zahra

Zahra Omar

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