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### **General Manager – Sustainability and Innovation Eskom**

Wendy Poulton joined Eskom in 1988 before previously working for Buckman Laboratories, South Africa. She was firstly in the Research and Investigations Division in the Technology Group of Eskom. She held positions of Chemical and Microbiological Sciences Manager and Environmental Sciences Manager before being seconded for a year to the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in Palo Alto, California. On her return, she joined Eskom's Corporate Environmental Affairs office as a Corporate Consultant – Strategic Environment. Her functions include work in climate change, sustainable development and energy issues, Integrated Environmental Management, strategic planning and input into research and development.

In May 2003 she was appointed as Corporate Sustainability and Environment Manager for Eskom Holdings. Promoted to General Manager – Corporate Sustainability in March 2005 and is currently General Manager Sustainability and Innovation. Responsibilities include all corporate policy and strategy in the areas of environment, climate change, renewable energy, overall sustainable development, quality, safety, investment strategy, technology strategy and planning, research, development and demonstration and technology consulting.

Responsible for a group of approximately 400 people who advise and guide the business in key technological and policy areas in the above fields. She has presented and published over 30 external papers in the fields of microbiology, environmental management, climate change and sustainable development and energy issues.

Ms Poulton holds a Master of Science degree. Ms Poulton's professional registration and associations include:

- Registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientists in 1989.
- Elected onto the executive committee of the South African Industrial Water Association in October 1990 and served on the committee until October 1993.
- Served on the ILSI (International Life Sciences Institute) committee from July 1996 to December 1997.
- Elected onto the Committee of the Northern Branch of the National Association for Clean Air in June 1999 to 2001.
- Elected onto the Executive Committee of the Environmental Scientific Association in September 1999 to 2001.
- Member of the Fossil Fuel Foundation and Council Member.
- Elected onto the Board of the International Emissions Trading Association in November 2005.
- Chairs the International Chamber of Commerce's Energy and Environment Commission's Energy Task Force.
- Appointed as a member of the Council of the South African Bureau of Standards in 2006.
- Liaison Delegate for Eskom for the World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Associate to the Eskom Member to the International Energy Agency's Coal Industry Advisory Board.

Other general information is that Wendy:

- Participated in a study tour to Denmark in 1996, on Cleaner Production Technologies.
- Has successfully completed the Eskom Manager's Challenge programme and Chief Executive Programme.
- On the South African delegation to a United Nations Experts Meeting on Energy and Sustainable Development in 2001.
- On the South African delegation to the Renewables 2004 conference.
- On the South African delegation to the June 2004 UNFCCC intersessional meetings.
- Member of the South African delegation for the Carbon Sequestration Leadership forum.
- Member of the South Africa delegation for the COP 11 of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change

