



8TH SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

14 - 17 NOVEMBER 2017



TECHNICAL TOURS

Friday, 17 November

Two technical tours have been planned each tour taking the entire day. Attendees can choose **one** of the tours listed below as an optional item during online registration. *Please note that space is limited on the tours and bookings will be on a first come basis*

TOUR OPTION 1: Palmiet Pumped Storage System and “The Invisible Tower”:

From, 08:00-18:00, departing from Lord Charles Hotel
R960.00 per person

The tour will visit the Palmiet Visitors Centre and hydro-electric power station which was a joint venture between Eskom and the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry. It is located near Grabouw – in South Africa’s first Biosphere Reserve – heart of the Fynbos Plant Kingdom and has been recognized as a forerunner in environmental engineering which demonstrates the Biosphere philosophy of conserving nature while meeting the needs of development. On route the tour will pass a number of different 400kV tower designs, including the unique “invisible tower” developed by Eskom to go over the mountain alongside the scenic Sir Lowry’s Pass without disturbing the skyline. The tour will then visit the beautiful whale watching town of Hermanus where lunch will be provided. There will be some time for roaming the local craft market and hopefully the whales will pay a visit before returning to the hotel.

TOUR OPTION 2: Sterrekus 765 kV substation and the Umoya Hopefield Wind Farm:

From, 08:00-18:00, departing from Lord Charles Hotel
R960.00 per person

The tour will first head to the new Sterrekus 765/400kV substation which has recently been completed for a short tour of the site. The substation is situated adjacent to the Koeberg nuclear power station which is surrounded by a 3000 ha private game reserve, which is owned and managed by Eskom. A viewing of the 765kV and 400kV tower designs will feature as part of the visit. The tour will then proceed to the Umoya Hopefield Wind Farm further up the West Coast. The project was the first wind farm in the country to reach Commercial Operation Date (COD) under the Department of Energy’s Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP). There will be visit to the 66MW wind farm itself as well as a trip to the community development and upliftment works associated with the project. After the visits there will be a late lunch provided at one of the many lovely wine farms along the return route.

Tours can be booked as an optional item on the online registration form.