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Dear Martin Diessner

Thank you for registering with the Constantia Fibre initiative. You are one of 1,250 residents that have indicated your non-binding interest in this project, and we are excited that you are supporting us to bring high speed Internet to the Constantia Valley.

We need to ask you for one more thing. You have already registered and signed up on the website, but what about your neighbours? We appeal to you to take 1-2 minutes and make sure that your immediate neighbours do know about the initiative and sign up as well. There are various ways this can be done:

- If you know your neighbour's phone number, give them a call them and tell them about the project - simply direct them to the project website address www.constantiafibre.com
- If you know your neighbour's email address, forward this email to them with a personal note to please register on www.constantiafibre.com/register
- Alternatively, print this email and drop off a copy in your neighbours letterbox
- We also created a PDF flyer that you can download, print and distribute on your next dog walk - go to www.constantiafibre.com/home/download
- On the same page you can enter your neighbours or friends email addresses, and then we will take care of the rest

We are currently working on a RFP (request for proposal) document that is being sent out to approximately 10 fibre network operators this Friday 27th February, and expect to hear back from them by early March. Thereafter, we will evaluate with a team of experts which proposals are most favourable for the residents of the Constantia valley. Installation cost, price and speed are major criteria when deciding on one (or multiple) service providers, but there is so much more to consider such as maintenance, ownership, contention ratio, infrastructure, redundancy, open access model, and many other technical aspects. We will be publishing a report on all of our efforts including the RFP document online on www.constantiafibre.com/status in order to keep you informed.

Over the past two weeks, we had quite a number of emails from residents asking all sorts of questions - these are being responded to individually but also updated on our frequently asked question (FAQ) section on the website - you can click on www.constantiafibre.com/home/faq to read more. Please keep in mind that the

www.constantiafibre.com/home/faq to read more. Please keep in mind that the Constantia Fibre initiative is not a commercial operation; in fact it is run by a few residents with the support of the CPOA and the neighbourhood watch organisations. The objective is to demonstrate to fibre operators the huge demand for high speed internet in our area, and to work with them to assure a smooth roll out in the Constantia valley.

Again - the more residents that sign up the stronger our negotiating power with the providers. Cut off date is this Friday (27th February) when the RFP goes out to the various fibre operators. So please get on to your neighbours right now ;-)

Thanks so much for your help and support!

All the best,

Martin Diessner

on behalf of the various community organisations behind this initiative

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