

BAPHALANE - CONSULTATIVE MEETING MINUTES

**ESKOM TRANSMISSION
MEDUPI INTEGRATION PROJECT
400kV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES
CONSULTATION MEETING
21 AUGUST 2007 AT 10:30 TO 12:00
HELD AT BAPHALANE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL
IN RAMOKOKASTAD**

Item No.	Discussion
1.	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Ms. SN Ndhlovu (Chair lady) welcomed all the attendees. She introduced members of the traditional council to the project team (see attendance register). She requested Mr. Mahlangu to introduce the project team and give the presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Mahlangu introduced the study team members and Eskom representatives (see attendance register).</p>
3.	<p>PURPOSE OF THE MEETING</p> <p>Mr. Mahlangu explained the purpose of the meeting and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Briefly referred to the discussion of the previous meeting held with the Bakwena Ba Phalane TA on 19 October 2006.o Highlighted that the TA accepted the development of Eskom power lines through the areao Eskom was requested to investigate the status of compensation for the existing lines.
4.	<p>MAP WORK</p> <p>Mr. Jacques Boonzaaier used a map to explain the preferred route. Members of the council were asked to identify farms that belong to the Bakwena ba Phalane TA.</p>
5.	<p>NEGOTIATION PROCESS</p> <p>Mr. David Tunnicliff explained the negotiation and relocation process. He emphasized that Eskom will prefer to limit the number of houses to be relocate. If necessary lines will be diverted to avoid relocating too many houses. Mr. Tunnicliff also mentioned that Eskom accept responsibility for the damage done during construction and will help to rehabilitate the damaged land or pay for</p>

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	damages caused.
6	<p>JOB OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>The council wanted to know if the project will create job opportunities. Ms Mamokete Mafumo responded by saying Eskom leave the issue of employment to the construction companies because in most cases high tech machines that requires trained operators are used. She mentioned that in some cases casual short term jobs are created. Spin off business opportunities like catering at the construction camps are generated.</p> <p>The establishment and location of construction camps will be done in consultation with the traditional authority. The traditional authority will be entitled to charge rent for the camp.</p>
8.	<p>CLOSURE</p> <p>Ms. S N Ndhlovu thanked everyone present for their input and the study team for their consultation.</p>