

**APPENDIX 3**

**ADDENDUM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT & APPENDICES**



## ADDENDUM TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

### Introduction:

The meeting of 08 August 2007 resolved that stakeholders would be given an opportunity to review the Extended Study report before it is submitted to the Minister for consideration when deciding on the appeals for the section of the 765kV power line route near the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site. After this meeting, the public consultation was continued as follows:

- More landowners were identified
- Farm visits were conducted to take panoramic photographs of various view sheds
- The Extended Study report was made available for comment
- A public meeting was held to explain the report and receive additional inputs from the stakeholders
- Minutes of the meeting were posted for confirmation

### Summary of Continued PIP Activities:

DATE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRODUCTS
02 November 2007	Advertised the availability of the draft report and the details of the public meeting.	Study team and general public	Newspaper advertisements. [Appendix 3-1]
12 November 2007	Posted the executive summary of the report to stakeholders	Registered stakeholders	Copies of the executive summary, details of the meeting, response sheet and the study area map showing different routes. [Appendix 3-2]
05 November 2007 and 15 November 2007	Went on site to identify more landowners, inform them about the project and encourage them to attend the meeting	PIP Consultant and landowners	Received contact detail of additional landowners
15 November 2007	Appointed a local Public Involvement Officer who was tasked to distribute flyers about the project and the public meeting	PIP Consultants and Ms Eksteen	House-to-house delivery of flyers at western section of study area characterised by smallholdings (plots). Appendix 3-3]
10; 19 & 20 November 2007	Telephone communication with stakeholders on the database to confirm if the invitation was received and later to remind them about the meeting	PIP consultant and the registered stakeholders	Stakeholders confirmed receipt of the invitation and their intention to attend. Those that had not received the invitation were then invited telephonically. See notes on the database (Appendix 3-4)

November 2007	Updated the stakeholder consultation map with information up until 21 November 2007	PIP Consultant & GIS specialist	Stakeholder consultation map showing the extent of landowner consultation in the study area (Appendix 3-5).
23 November 2007	Public meeting held in Potchefstroom Golf Club	Invited I&APs, Eskom representatives, Consultants and lawyers representing some landowners.	Presentation by consultants, questions, comments and responses. Minutes were also recorded. Minutes included under Appendix 3-6
30 November 2007	Minutes posted to all who attended the public meeting for confirmation	PIP Consultant and all stakeholders that attended the meeting	Posted, faxed and emailed minutes. Responses from stakeholders received. (Appendix 3-7).

### **Minutes and Comments and Response Report**

The minutes of the meeting contained the responses that were given for the issues raised. There is no *Comment and Response Report* generated for this study as most of issues were addressed at the public meeting. Responses received from stakeholders were in the form of corrections or comments on the content of the minutes and these have been included in the minutes. **Copies of responses received are attached for information. (Appendix 3-7)**

### **Concluding Remarks**

The appeals against the original RoD were mainly based on the extent of consultation done, especially for the western alignment choice in the area. The consultants consulted extensively with the stakeholders for the extended study that was initiated to address the appeals. The two public meetings held were well attended by the local landowners. Farm to farm visits were made over and above the normal method of informing stakeholders about the project. Though there are still different opinions about the recommended route, it is our belief that sufficient consultation has been done and stakeholders were afforded fair opportunity to express their views on the project. Unfortunately it has not been possible to satisfy every body in terms of the recommended route.

Margen Industrial Services as the lead consultant that was directly responsible for the Public Consultation Process strongly believe that the consultation done is sufficient to assist the minister to make a decision on the route recommended.