

**EIA FOR THE PROPOSED THYSPUNT INTEGRATION PROJECT**

**DISCUSSION DOCUMENT: FEEDBACK MEETING – NELSON MANDELA BAY METRO MUNICIPLAITY**

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1. Biodiversity Comments		
It was request that the MOSS targets to be assessed and suggested that the project team consult with Andrew Schono.	KAMINETH, Abigail NMBMM	For a linear project, a site by site assessment cannot be done and the MOSS targets will be taken into consideration during the assessment. Mr Andrew Schono has been contacted and the team is in liaison with him. <b>Liesl Koch, SiVEST</b>
Enquired about the status of the Longmore Forest southern corridor assessment.		Informed Abigail that the manager of MTO has granted permission to proceed with the assessment. However a full economic study to assess the loss of the study area is required. <b>Nicolene Venter, SiVEST</b>
Requested that consultation take place between the project team and the local DAF branch in order to ascertain the locations of their indigenous forests and plantations. The project team was informed that their areas are seen as “no-go” and degradation is not allowed.		DAF committed at the Longmore Forest Workshop held, that they will provide SiVEST with shape files of their indigenous corridors. SiVEST followed-up on this request at several occasions, but no information was provided to date. <b>Nicolene Venter, SiVEST</b>
Enquired if the lines are going through the Kloof.		Informed Abigail that the lines do not go though the Kloof. <b>Liesl Koch, SiVEST</b>
2. Route Alignment Related Comments		
It was enquired whether the team has taken cognisance of Springs Nature Reserve.	KAMINETH, Abigail NMBMM	The team has identified the location of the Springs Nature Reserve and has been avoided by running the lines to the south of the Nature Reserve. <b>Liesl Koch, SiVEST</b>
Enquired about the status of the Longmore Forest southern firebreak assessment.		MTO has granted permission that the southern fire break can be assessed as an alternative corridor. However a detailed economic study, to assess the possible loss of income, and a social assessment in terms of possible job losses, if any, are required. <b>Nicolene Venter, SiVEST</b>
3. Route Alignment Related Comments		
The project team was complemented with their consultation process and stated that the NMBMM is kept abreast with progress and information is forthcoming.	KAMINETH, Abigail NMBMM	Comment noted.