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Cc: 'Martina Nailana'; 'Lerato Mokgwathheng'; 'Bernadette Solomon'; 'Rebecca Thomas'
Subject: EIA: TTLIP - Urgent Request for Information/Confirmation from the NMBM
Importance: High

Dear NMBM Officials

With reference to the e-mail received below from the Director of the Hopewell Conservancy, SiVEST (as instructed by Eskom) request information from the NMBM regarding the various community activities that are taking place within the NMBM's 100m registered servitude that was made available / known to the Thyspunt Transmission Lines Integration Project team members as a feasible option for the proposed 2 x 400kV Transmission power lines.

Mr Corrigan and the Uitenhage Dispatch Development Initiative (UDDI) informed the TTLIP team that there are a number of community activities taking place within or close to the NMBM's 100m registered servitude (see attached document which includes *snap shots* as per the cadastral maps on SiVEST's website).

As these community activities have been assessed as potential fatal flaws by the Social Specialists, SiVEST, as we need to assess the northern alternative and the southern alternative within the Southern Corridor in this specific area, kindly but urgently, would like to request a formal response from the NMBM as to how this matter will be addressed by the NMBM should the southern alternative of the Southern Corridor be identified as the EIA recommended alternative. The team needs to be made aware as to whether this matter could become an issue during the negotiation and construction phase, should an Environmental Authorisation be granted.

As the NMBM is aware, the comment period on the Revised DEIR ends on Wednesday 31 October 2012 and it is envisaged that the Final EIR will be submitted to the DEA by end November 2012, this matter requires the NMBM's urgent attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact the project team should you need any further information or clarification.

Kind regards

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From: Brian Corrigan [<mailto:brian@hopewellconservation.co.za>]
Sent: 10 October 2012 13:58
To: Nicolene Venter
Cc: 'Rebecca Thomas'; Lerato Mokgwathheng
Subject: RE: TTLIP: Follow-up on e-mail dated 27 September 2012

Dear Nicolene,

As I stated on the phone, the current Hopewell fence does not correspond with its cadastral boundary, which is another 200m closer to Kwanobuhle than the fence line. The area outside the fence (but owned by Hopewell) is reserved for community conservation projects (including initiation and other cultural practices) and is subject to the protected area agreement entered into with Eastern Cape Parks & Tourism.

Given the length of time that has elapsed over this project since inception and the number of variations to the proposed alignments, I can't recall exactly when it was communicated to me that running the alignment in the space between Hopewell's cadastral boundary and the houses at Kwanobuhle would be fatally flawed.

However, given the small available space on this strip of Municipal land, the proximity to existing houses, the existing land uses in this area (for example, the water reservoir and the sports field), the proposed land uses (initiation school, cultural centre, medicinal plant nursery etc), the technical challenges posed by the requirement for an acute dog-leg at the SE corner of Kwanobuhle, the environmental impact (proximity to a conservation area) and the visual and socio-economic impact on an existing tourism business (Hopewell), to my mind, viewing this alignment as fatally flawed is reasonable.

I also have a written record of a conversation in which it was stated that Sivest would find it difficult to motivate for a change to their (then) preferred alignment, which was the one running through Kwanobuhle. I am at a loss therefore to understand why the alignment along Kwanobuhle southern boundary has re-appeared.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Brian

From: Nicolene Venter [<mailto:iafrica@icon.co.za>]
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To: Brian Corrigan
Cc: 'Rebecca Thomas'; 'Lerato Mokgwatlheng'
Subject: TTLIP: Follow-up on e-mail dated 27 September 2012

Dear Brian

As per my telephone call this afternoon, please be informed that the project team will respond to your queries next week after a team meeting to be held on Monday, 15 October 2012.

Brian, I would also like to confirm the information that needs to be relayed to the team regarding your concern that the proposed Southern Corridor (southern alternative) include the northern border of Hopewell Conservancy's property i.e:

- The fence of Hopewell Conservancy extend another 200m from Hopewell Conservancy's fence (northern fence);
- The distance from Hope Conservancy's to the 1st house in KwaNobuhle (southern side) is 330m and it is this area that are being used as a Community Cultural Facility which includes an Initiation School;
- During a telephone discussion held with Paul da Cruz last year, you've been informed that the southern alternative of the Southern Corridor is a fatal flaw and you enquired as to how a fatally flawed corridor can be re-introduced to be considered again as a corridor.

Responses will also be provided to the comments / concerns raised regarding the Revised DEIR in your e-mails dated 21 September 2012 (x 2) and 26 September 2012.

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