

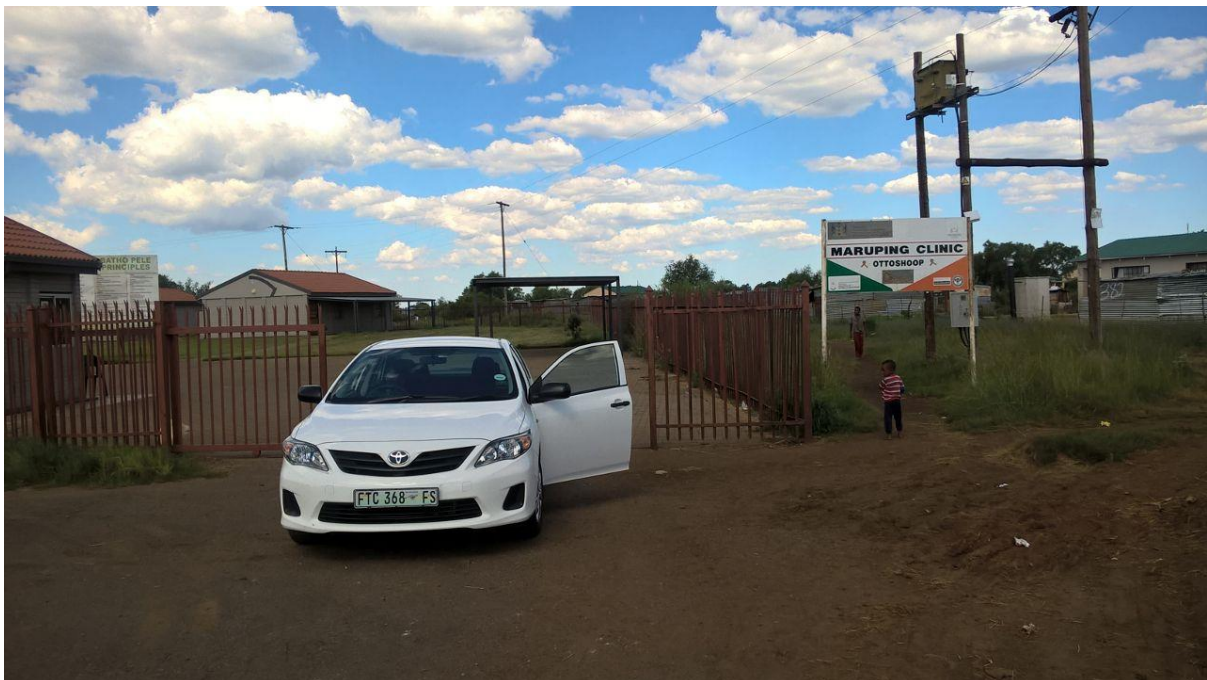
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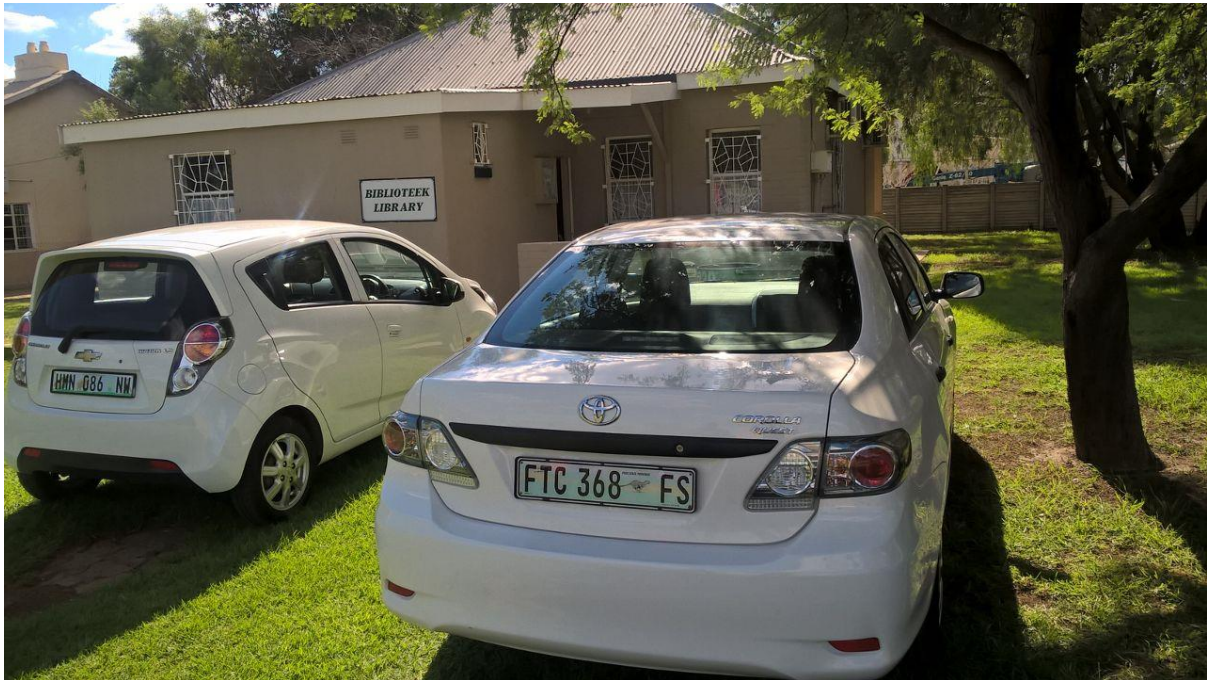


Ottoshoop Community Library



Maruping Clinic

Slurry



PPC Community Library

Mafikeng



Danville Community Library 1

Zeerust



Zeerust Post Office

Supingstad



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Driefontein Clinic

Mantsie



Ramokgethwa Primary School

Motswedi



Motswedi Clinic

Lehurutse



Lehurutse Community Library

Ntsweletsoku



Rearabilwe Community Library



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1 Introduction

The Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) has named Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd ("Aurecon") to direct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Botswana-South Africa (BOSA) Transmission Interconnection Project.

An EIA evaluates the effects of a proposed project and prescribes approaches to maintain a strategic distance from or deal with the negative effects and improve the positive ones. EIAs in South Africa are directed regarding the EIA Regulations (Government Notices R983 to 985) proclaimed as far as the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); and as far as the Environmental Impact Assessment (Act no 6 of 2005) in Botswana. It must meet the IFC Performance Standards for Environmental and Social Sustainability.

The EIA requires that all the interested and affected parties (I&APs) to be registered and made mindful about the project before it can commence. The transmission line is run from Mafikeng to Botswana and is likely to pass through Supingstad, Driefontein, Motswedi, Mantsie, Mosweu, Ntsweletsoku, Dinokana, Lehurutse, Zeerust, Ottoshoop and Slurry. The home of every one of these distinguished locations are identified as I&AP's and hence there is a need for them to be aware of the project with the goal that they can raise their worries and recommendations.

The project is to span 210 km and consist of a 400 kV transmission line from South Africa to Botswana. It will precisely be an interface between Isang substation close Gaborone and Watershed B close to Mafikeng.

The project is sponsored by the Development Bank of South Africa. The electrical line is going to pass through some villages that currently don't have electricity supply and is so this project is likely to uplift the standard of living for these villages.



2 Objectives of the engagement process

A great deal of the locations specified above are villages governed by chiefs who have title deeds of the land on which they rule. These chiefs should be drawn nearer for authorization for the venture to commence. As much as the chiefs in the villages play a significant role in the approval of the project, the community members should also be engaged in this exercise because the project will affect their lives in a way.

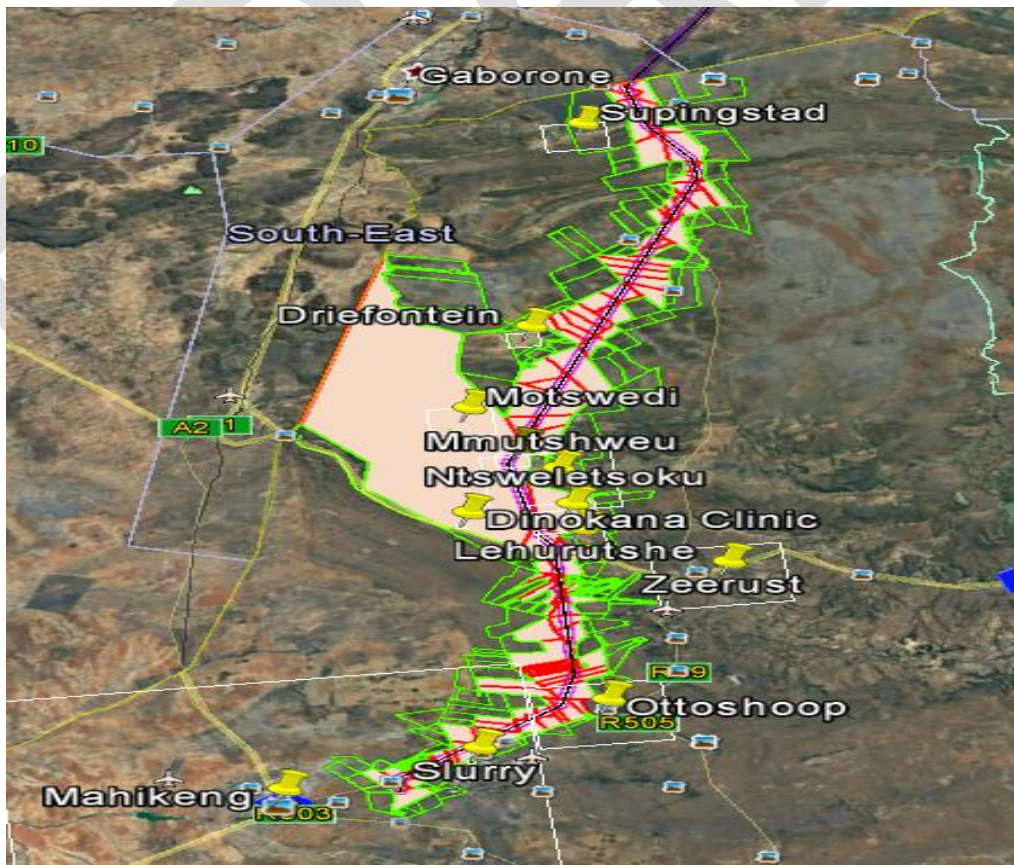
It is important to carry out community engagement exercises because of the following reasons:

- When people understand the key objectives of a project and how the community is to benefit from the project, the likelihood of the project being accepted is highly increased.
- Drawing on local knowledge from a diverse group creates solutions that are practical and effective. It is best to first understand the cultures and traditions as well as the environment of a certain region before you start implementing a project therein.
- Empower and integrate people from different backgrounds. Groups that feel ignored can gain greater control over their lives and their community. Most of the people in the villages don't feel in control of their community because they don't have title deeds to verify the land on which they reside. The chiefs that rule within the land cannot be challenged and reign supreme. To engage them in the EIA process will make them feel that they have power to shape and uplift their society.
- Working together with the community members greatly improves trust, communication and understanding.

3 Community engagement visit

The following areas were identified as local community shop/ post office / a library where we had to leave the Background Information Document (BID) during our visit on the 18th to the 20th of January 2017:

- Supingstad: Shop / spaza or clinic
- Driefontein: Swartfontein Post office or shopping complex.
- Motswedi / Borakalalo: Community Hall
- Mantsie: Shop / spaza
- Mmutshweu: Shop / spaza
- Ntswelesoku: Shop / spaza
- Dinokana: Shop / spaza
- Lehurutshe: Community Library
- Zeerust: Community Library
- Ottoshoop: Community Library
- Slurry: PPC Cement Community Library
- Mahikeng: Community Library



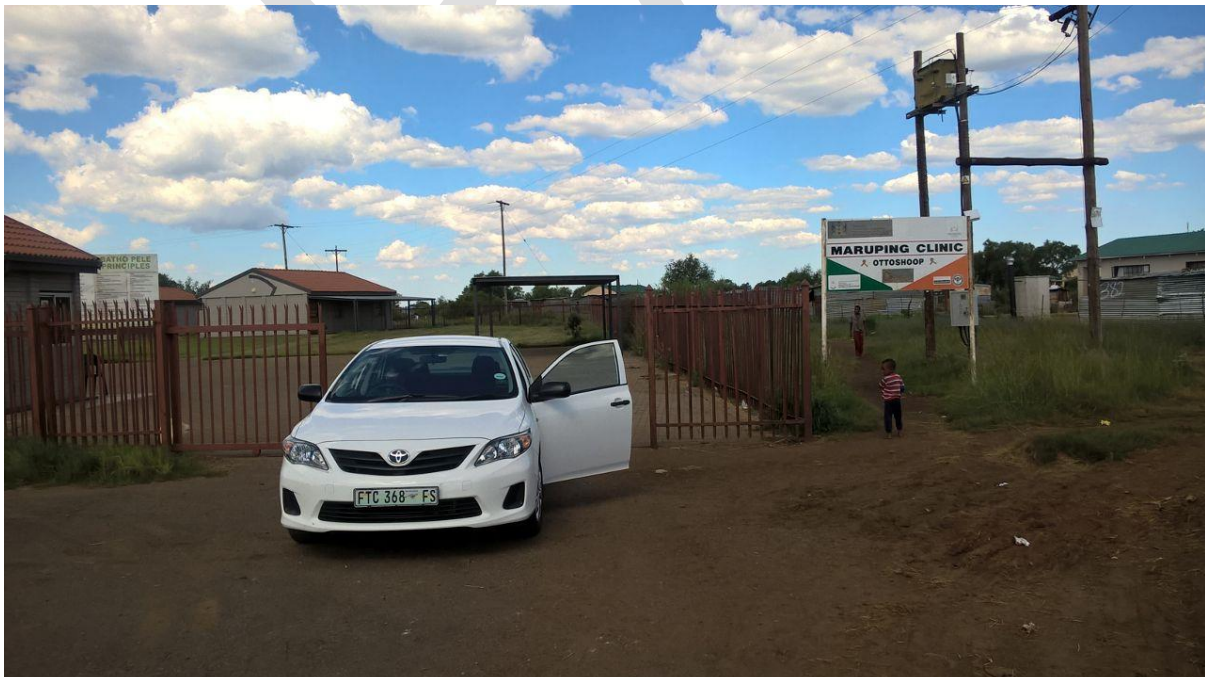
3.1 Background information for each area visited

3.1.1 Ottoshoop

The Ottoshoop Community Library and the Maruping Clinic were visited in Ottoshoop. We started at the library and we were advised to visit the clinic as well since only a small group of people visit the library most of the people in the village are close to the clinic.



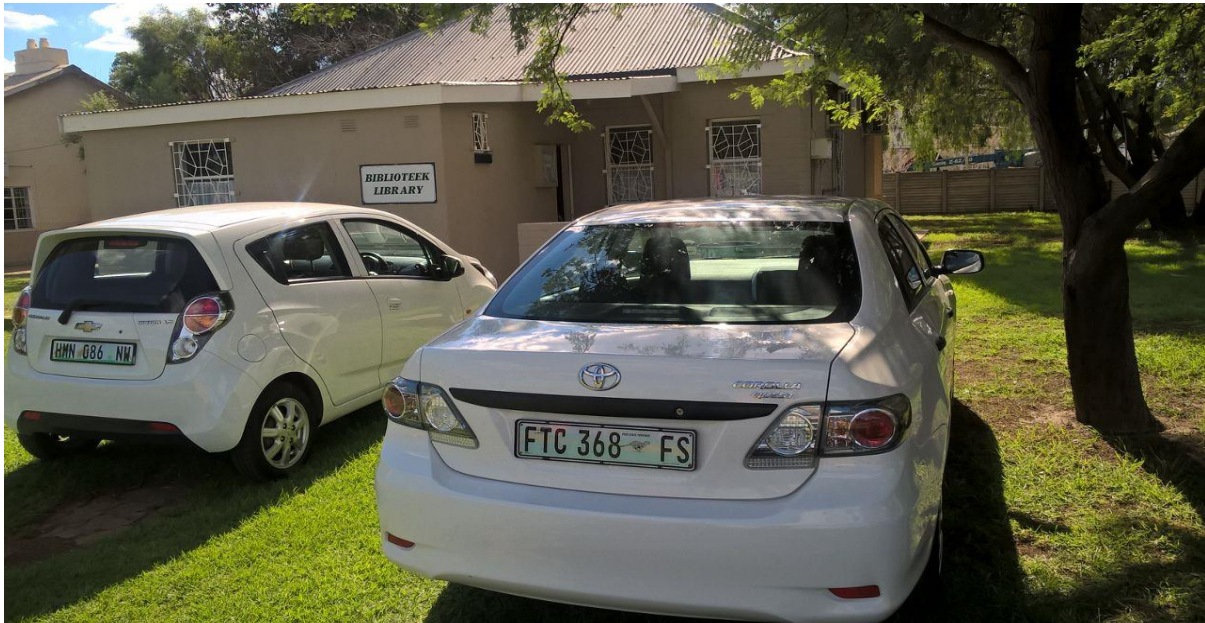
Ottoshoop Community Library



Maruping Clinic

3.1.2 Slurry

The PPC Community library was identified as a community centre that most people have access to. Slurry is a small town and therefore people are close to the library and will be made mindful of the project in a short timeframe.



PPC Community Library

3.1.3 Mafikeng

We visited the Danville Community library and a contact person's name were given to us for future reference.



Danville Community Library 1

3.1.4 Zeerust

We were searching for a community library but we found it to be an arduous task to locate it, we then saw a post office as we were driving along the road and we agreed that the Zeerust Post Office will serve the purpose of distributing the documents better than a library as a lot of people visit for certifying documents and post related activities.



Zeerust Post Office

3.1.5 Supingstad

The people at Supingstad were friendly and helpful. A lot of people have access to this clinic which is why it will be good to leave any future documentation and reports.



Supingstad Clinic

3.1.6 Driefontein

This clinic is in the community and lots of people from Driefontein visit this clinic on a daily basis.



Driefontein Clinic

3.1.7 Mantsie

We could not find a clinic in the Mantsie so we went to the local Primary school called Ramkgethwa. The principal was very helpful and will assist in future.



Ramkgethwa Primary School

3.1.8 Motswedi

The community hall were closed and the locals says it is not accessible for everyone. They suggested the Moswedi clinic where we left the BID document.



Motswedi Clinic

3.1.9 Lehurutse

The community library were identified in Lehurutse as the most accessible place to leave the BID documents as a lot of students and locals use the venue frequently.



Lehurutse Community Library

3.1.10 Ntsweletsoku

We were not able to find a clinic in this region and we identified the Rearabilwe Secondary School to be an adequate conduit for the message. The teachers can spread the word and the learners can take some of the BID documents home to give their parents.



Rearabilwe Community Library

3.1.11 Mosweu

A tuck shop in this region was viewed as a good place for the BID document distribution unfortunately we forgot to take a picture of the tuck shop. The tuck shop is run by Lerato and her contact details can be found in Appendix A.

3.1.12 Dinokana

We visited the Dinokana Clinic and they refused to distribute the BID documents as they felt that the chief needs to know first before the community.

4 Questions encountered and answers given

Question	Answer given
Is this project going to pass through our village?	The path is not finalized, however there are three paths indicated in the BID document and the preferred one is that in the dark blue colour. The path is subject to change on the grounds that all the I&AP agree to it and have no concerns that may cause the path to take a different direction. For this path to be approved, it need not cause any adverse effects to biosphere.
Is this project for ESKOM?	Eskom will claim the line in South Africa and the Botswana Power Corporation the line in Botswana
Is the village going to receive electricity as a result of this project?	We don't know yet about the plans that are in place for this project however we will ask and let you know.
Once we have filled the comments section with our concerns and suggestions, where do we send the document?	You can send the document to the Public Participation Office or contact it by telephone. The postal address and contact details are mentioned therein.
What work opportunities will be available on this project?	We can't say now – once all the studies have been done all stakeholders will be informed of job opportunities
Will the local people get to apply for work in their area first?	Yes



5 Challenges faced

A clinic in Dinokana refused to distribute the BID documents as they believe that they will be at wrong if the community knows first about this project before the chief himself and the may be penalized if they do so.

We couldn't directly go to the chief as we don't know where he stays and we would first need to make an appointment before we could see him. We suggest a meeting with the Chief in order to inform him about the project.

GPS isn't reliable in the villages and so we had to ask around for directions to these community centres.

Some of the identified regions do not have physical addresses and so it will become an arduous task for a different team to visit these places to put site notices. The leaders of some of the communities are not known by the villagers and so it becomes difficult to contact them.



6 Suggestions for future community visit

1. Some of the people were not eager to call Aurecon or to post the BID documents to the company because it is costly and these people are poor. They find it better to buy a loaf of bread than to buy an envelope and still pay to post the document or have to buy airtime so that they call the office. The BID documents should be returned back to the community centres where they were received and then these community centres can gather the documents with the raised concerns and suggestions and then call Aurecon for arrangements to collect these documents.

When sending out BID documents, it is important to consider means of procurement so that these documents can be collected and the people's comments can be taken into consideration. The people in these villages are poor and cannot afford to buy envelopes to post the documents back to Aurecon. I was asked if the phone that they should call to give comments is toll free or not, this suggests that the means of gathering feedback isn't convenient for the village people as they find it costly.

2. Contact the chiefs and arrange appointments to discuss the matter before going to the villages and ask of what is required so that the chief doesn't feel disrespected since we know little about the culture and tradition of the people in these villages. When executing an activity in the villages, it is best to approach the chief first because the villagers are not at liberty to do things without concern of the chief as they are afraid that they may be penalized as a result. It is best to inform the chief first before the villagers because this may be regarded as disrespect. Although community centres are good conduits for sending out a public message, approaching the chief is the best means as he has the power to call a community meeting and inform the people about an activity that is taking place or is to take place.



7 Closure

Approaching the chiefs in villages can be the fastest way to spread a message and to get people to register as I&AP. The means of procurement needs to be planned for as one means may not be convenient for a certain group of people and on the other hand be convenient for another.

I believe that the approached community centres can be good conduits for spreading the word and informing the people about the project however the chiefs still have to be approached first as they are the rulers of the land on which the project will potentially pass through.

The project will potentially benefit the communities in its vicinity and greatly improve the standard of living within these regions.

Appendices

Appendix A

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Appendix B

Proof of BID document receipt



Signatures of recipients.pdf

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By signing below, I certify that I have received letters that serve as notice about the BOTSWANA-SOUTH AFRICA (BOSA) TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTION PROJECT.

Place	Contact person	Contact no	date	time	Signature
Moshweng Ramokgethwa Primary School	M. Senosi	083 416 8630	19/01/2017	13:00	M. Senosi
M. Moshweng MOSWEN LERATO	LERATO	063 441 0737	19/01/2017	13:34	M. Senosi
Leitumetse (Nearehilewe Sec. School)	Leitumetse	083 533 9583	19/01/2017	14:00	
Lehurukhe Community Library	Peggy Nkom	018-3634099 0768269652	19/01/2017	14:52	

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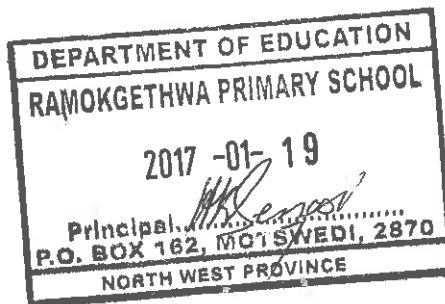
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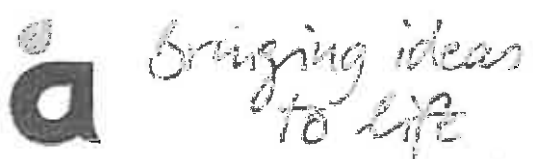


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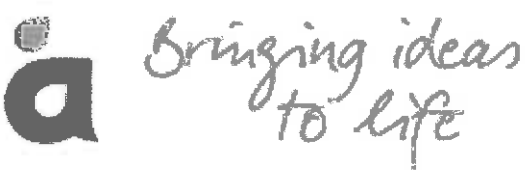
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Location	Contact per	Contact no	date	time	signature
Ottoshoop Commun library	LALA	073 3055000	18/01/17	15H09	[Signature]
Maropeng Clinic	NEO Mokoena	0820606733	18/01/17	15:26	[Signature]
PPC Lemont Community Library	Evelyn v Nickerk	0186448100	18/01/2017	16h00	[Signature]
Supingstad Clinic	Boikang	0732614874			
	MOTSHAI	0183550900	19-01-2017	06:47	[Signature]
Drepanstein clinic	Madhedi	0734370388			
	Uenelotse	0183659020	19.01.2017	11:07	[Signature]
Motswedi clinic	Saxx Meyer	0183651605	19-01-17	12:30	[Signature]

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Wendy Mlotshwa

From: Amelia Visagie
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To: Wendy Mlotshwa
Cc: Diane Erasmus
Subject: FW: NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED BOTSWANA-SOUTH AFRICA (BOSA) TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTION PROJECT
Attachments: BOSA BID_12Dec2016_rev4.pdf; BOSA Notification_OoS SA_Final_12Dec2016_rev2.pdf

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Dear Stakeholder,

You have been identified as a potential key stakeholder for the above-mentioned application for environmental authorisation of a proposed Botswana-South Africa (BOSA) Transmission Project.

The attached Background Information Document (BID) and notification letter will give you some background information about the project.

Please send the relevant contact person's information through to:

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Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd
Attention: **Ms Amelia Visagie**
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Please inform any other person that might be interested to register on the project.

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3.

I have sent the background information document and a letter to all interested and affected parties for the Botswana-South Africa (BOSA) transmission interconnection project to all relevant stakeholders of whom I had postal addresses through the Post Office. We could not get a confirmation letter from them, but with the attached proof of letter sent we confirm that letters were sent to all I&AP's on the 19th of December 2017.

Amelia Visagie

DEPONENT

Signed and sworn to before me at PRETORIA on this 26th day of June 2017 after the deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of the above declaration and that the contents of the above declaration are true and correct.

[Signature]

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