

Notes Public Participation Meeting 3
Eskom 2X500KV Power line between Zimbabwe (Triangle substation) and
SA (Nzhelele substation), Musina District Limpopo Province

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14 May 2014 @18:00

1. Welcome

Introducing Baagi Environmental Consultants (Sean Hutcheons; Lenie Venter) and representatives from Eskom (Henry Nawa; Phutti Makweya); Translator William Mulaudzi.

2. Introduction to and aim of the project – erection of power lines between Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Presentation by Henry Nawa, Eskom, department Group Capitol.

- Zimbabwe SA Corridors.
- Explanation of nature of bulk electricity supply.
- Part of Integrated Resource plan – Gazetted 2011.
- Power line originates in Mozambique, continues to Zimbabwe and then to South Africa, Musina.
- Nzhelele substation will be constructed at Bokmakierie farm, land has been purchased.
- Zesa build power lines from Triangle S/S (Zimbabwe) up to boarder then Eskom from boarder to Nzhelele substation.
- Required servitude width for 1 X 500Kv power line is 55m. Current 3 km buffer is just to see where the best place is to place power lines. In the end only a 110m servitude is needed.
- BAAGI Environmental consultancy appointed by Eskom as independent body to conduct environmental impact assessment and environmental management plan.

3. Sean Hutcheons (Baagi representative) explains aim of EIA and the process:

- Environmental
- Social
- Financial
- ✓ Full impact study needed for this study to give department all the information they need to make a decision.
- ✓ Gives background on Baagi Environmental Consultancy. Job is to collect all the information that in the end will be handed over to the department of Environmental affairs who makes final decision if Eskom can construct lines and where they can construct lines.

- ✓ Explains EIA process, how the public participation process work and how and when contact can be made to register complaints or obtain information. Explains the rights of the interested and affected parties, the community/public.
- ✓ Explains the context/ size of the planned power lines.
 - i. Process flow is demonstrated/ explained to the participants. Department makes decision based on the reports and feedback from the public participation process.
 - ii. The importance of the public taking part in the process is stressed. It is the public's right to take part in the process and gets insight into all the available information (scoping reports etc.).
 - iii. Show which specialists (Flora, Fauna, Wetland, VIA etc) are being used for studies.
- ✓ Study area and alignment maps:

The width of the study area and the reason for it is explained. The current alternatives is demonstrated on the maps starting at Bokmakierie substation which location is already approved. Social, environmental and financial impacts is considered. The public can suggest alternatives to the current ones. Eskom is very willing to discuss alternatives.
- ✓ Time line:

Scoping report available in about six weeks, report be send to people at the meeting and made available at public places such as library. Meeting is held to explain report, rework after meeting send out. Process repeats until all problems addressed. Impact studies start there after, Impact report will be available near end of year. Specialist will be brought into meeting if required by public. Process of review and appeal.

4. Question time

Attendees satisfied with explanation. Mr Muofhe Johannah Phiri has social concerns. Sean will give his details to the Social Specialist, Chanel, so that she can understand his concerns. Henry stress that Eskom has fixed processes and request him to keep on taking part in the process. They also want to know about job opportunities that may come available as a result of this project.

Special Note: Mr William Mulaudzi suggested that before the next public participation meeting flyers should be distributed in the community to remind them of the meeting.

Meeting ends at 18:34

Attendance: Six persons attended and four persons signed the register.