



MINUTES OF THE MEETING: 04 December 2008

CLIENT : Eskom Generation
PROJECT : Eskom Medupi Landfill Scoping & EIA
PURPOSE : Pre Application Meeting
PLACE : DEAT Offices , Pretoria
DATE : 04 December 2008, TIME: 09h00

ATTENDEES		
Name	Company	
Nkhensani Khandihela (NK)	Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd	
Gesan Govender (GG)	Envirolution Consulting (Pty) Ltd	
Kubentheran Nair (KN)	Eskom Generation	
Nico Gewers (NG)	Eskom Generation	
Reggy Nkosi (RN)	DEAT	
ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBLE
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	
	<p>NK welcomed, thanked and introduced all attendees to the meeting. NK circulated the agenda and attendance register.</p> <p>RN indicated that Mr Tshitangoni was unavailable to attend the meeting, but has passed all the relevant information for the Section 20 Landfill Permit Application and is electronically available for Eskom/Envirolution to copy for information purposes.</p>	
2.	BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF MEETING	
	<p>NK indicated the purpose of the meeting. NK indicated that the main purpose of the meeting is to introduce the project to DEAT and further seek advice from DEAT.</p> <p>KN provided the background of the project and the rationale behind the whole project.</p>	
3.	SCOPING AND EIA TIME FRAMES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEAT Reference Number <p>NK enquired on the likely dates for receiving a Reference Number should the application be submitted before the 10th of December 2008.</p> <p>RN indicated that January and February are DEAT busy</p>	

	<p>times, if Eskom/Envirolution is to submit the application by week starting on 08/09th, a Reference number can be issued before year end. However, should the application be submitted after the stipulated dates, a Ref Number can be issued between the 05th and 15th January 2009.</p> <p>DEAT cannot confirm who the Assessing Officer will be for the project, however, once the project is registered, the relevant officers name will be indicated on the acceptance letter</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authority Site Visit <p>Eskom/ Envirolution enquired on best time to invite DEAT to attend the site visit.</p> <p>RN advised that it is more viable to invite authorities to attend the site visit during the EIR phase. Should Envirolution require authorities to undertake visits during the early phases of the project, the Consultant should take note that project are sometimes transferred between Assessing Officers and should a new Assessing Officer be allocated the project, another site visit may be required.</p> <p>In further familiarizing DEAT with the project, RN has also advised that Envirolution circulate the Draft Scoping Report for comments by various departments (Biodiversity & Waste) within DEAT. Circulating the Draft Scoping Report to DEAT may also reduce the timeframes in terms of internal review by DEAT officials. RN also stressed the importance of regularly keeping in touch with the Assessing Officer to follow up on changes to the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End and Commencement of Public Participation <p>Envirolution enquired on the official time frames for the commencement of Public Participation (Advertisements & Distribution of BID's) in 2009.</p> <p>RN indicated that DEAT has decided that all Public Participation activities must end as of 05 December 08 and must commence as of 15 January 2009.</p> <p>RN further advised that Envirolution must take note of forums within Eskom Water Division and DWAF during the EIA.</p>	
4	SECTION 20 PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected Timeframes, Required Information <p>RN indicated that issues related to the above can be responded to by an official from Waste Departments Mr. Mpho Tshitangoni who can be contacted at 012 310 3380.</p> <p>RN further provided electronic copies of the relevant information pertaining to Section 20 Landfill permitting requirements and advised the team to review the information and revert back to DEAT Waste division for further information and clarity.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment of Section 20 Permit Application <p>Envirovolution enquired on the possibilities of aligning the Scoping and EIA for the proposed landfill with the permit application for the proposed landfill. RN indicated that the issuing of permit to all landfill site is now DEAT's function. He advised that Envirovolution can await Authorisation, and once the project is authorized, send three application forms to DWAF and DEAT. He further suggested that Envirovolution can hold a pre application meeting or give a formal presentation to DWAF on the EIA and other processes. RN also highlighted to the team that the processing of the permit application may be subject to Authorisation Appeal and other conditions within the Authorisation.</p>	
5.	GENERAL	
	No issues were raised under general.	
6.	CLOSURE	
	NK thanked the team and in particular Mr. Reggy Nkosi for his time	