

ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT (PUBLIC AND FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS: 10 MAR 09)

Name	Comment	Response	Date of Comments	Means of Comments
Focus group meeting				
Mr Richard Tredway (Department of Health)	Questioned whether the district municipality was informed; whether the development will be on one site; and what type of hazardous waste will be stored.	Yes, the district municipality was informed; the development will occur on one site; and the primary hazardous waste anticipated at this stage is hydrocarbons. Chapter 3 of this Draft EIR outlines the scope of work including the anticipated waste type that will be stored on site.	10/03/2009	Meeting
Mr Ramayai T.P (Department of Health)	Enquired about night soil for people working on site.	There will be ablation facilities on site. The Lephalale Municipality confirmed that the waste from these ablation facilities is disposed of at the Lephalale municipality sewage treatment works. The Environmental Management Plan (Appendix E) include information in this regard.	10/03/2009	Meeting
Mr Waldo Last (Department of Health)	Questioned Eskom's commitment to rehabilitating the proposed site as the old existing site was not rehabilitated.	Eskom is committed to rehabilitating. Eskom has been communicating with DWAF on the issue, and is in the process of closing the old waste site which would include rehabilitation of this site.	10/03/2009	Meeting
	Questioned whether Exxaro has a licensed waste disposal site; and raised a concern that if all industries in Lephalale continue to develop individual landfill sites there would be an excess of them in the Waterberg area and they wouldn't be managed properly.	The Lephalale Municipality confirmed that Exxaro is in a partnership with them to license a new landfill site for the municipality. They will need to obtain licenses and permits accordingly.		
	Eskom should also consider giving back to the community by for example tarring and maintaining roads in the area as the road from Modimolle is deteriorating from the activities associated with the construction of	Eskom main function is to provide electricity. However reference to the Annual Report will indicate that Eskom does spend significant amounts of money with respect to improvement of infrastructure where it		

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	Medupi Power Station.	can. Currently, Eskom is in partnership with the Lephalale on improving infrastructure such as the sewerage treatment works.		
Ms M Manthata (Lephalale Municipality)	Questioned how long the temporary hazardous waste would be stored on site; and stated that the exposure of waste on site should be investigated in the EIR.	The temporary hazardous waste would be stored on site for a period of 90 days. Section 5.5.2 (a) of the EIR highlights the potential risks that may occur as a result of exposure to hazardous waste.	10/03/2009	Meeting
	Lephalale LEDET offices are not aware of this project.	The provincial LEDET based in Polokwane were informed of the project and correspondences including the draft scoping report and this Draft EIR have been sent to for their comments.		
	Four sites were proposed for a new landfill development by the municipality. Based on some of the challenges with respect to planning Eskom should make sure that their proposed site is available for use, that is it does not encounter problems with the planning department at a later stage. Contact must be made with the relevant planning people in the municipality. Ideally landfill sites should be consolidated, however due to the lack of a current landfill site; facilities owned and operated will be considered by DEAT and not rejected outright.	Comment noted.		
Ms Wilna Moolman (DWAF)	Stated that EIAs are integrated and includes issues on the distribution of land.	Comment noted.	10/03/2009	Meeting
	Stated that information on the size of the proposed site and volumes of waste respectively should be included in the EIR. She also enquired on details of the type of waste that what was disposed on the old existing site.	Eskom is unsure of what was disposed of on the decommissioned existing site. However DWAF has communicated with the power station on the steps that needed to be undertaken for remediation before a closure certificate can be issued.		
Ms A Malima (DWAF)	Questioned whether other general waste will be allowed to be disposed on site.	The proposed landfill site is for Eskom use only.	10/03/2009	Meeting

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Ms PP Mosoane (DWAF)	Questioned where the proposed development will get water supply from.	Water supply will be gained from the Matimba Power Station.	10/03/2009	Meeting
Public meeting				
Mr Victor Mbodi (Department of Agriculture)	Supports Site 5 as the proposed site as it is owned by Eskom and is recommended by specialists (as per the presentation) as the most suitable site for a landfill development.	Comment noted.	10/03/2009	Meeting
Ms Mulalo Munjai (Department of Agriculture)	<p>Stated that the EIR should investigate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Impacts of leachate into groundwater; ➤ Distance of the water table from ground level; ➤ Land suitability for the dumping of waste; ➤ Health and safety issues; and ➤ Rehabilitation. <p>She added that she supports Site 5 as the proposed site as it is already disturbed.</p>	A detailed geohydrological assessment report addressing all potential issues pertaining to ground water contamination is attached in this EIR. The EIR report will also address health and safety issues during the construction and operational phases of the project.	10/03/2009	Meeting
Ms Johanna Matlou (Department of Agriculture)	Stated that she does not object to the project as Site 5 has low agricultural potential.	Comment noted.	10/03/2009	Meeting