

## MINUTES

**PROJECT** : Proposed General Landfill Site and a Hazardous Waste Storage Facility in Lephalale, Limpopo Province

**PURPOSE** : Focus Group Meeting

**PLACE** : Machauka Lodge, Lephalale

**DATE** : 10 March 2009 at 11h00

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Mr Bruce Stroud (BS)	Eskom: Integration Project Manager	
Ms Ilse Aucamp (IA)	Social Scientist	
Ms Nkhensani Khandhela (NK)	Envirolution Consulting: Project Manager & Scientist	
Ms Emma Maphathe (EM)	Envirolution Consulting: Public Participation	
Ms Netisha Chetty (NC)	Envirolution Consulting: Public Participation	

  

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1.	<b>PRESENTATION</b> NK presented the project. The presentation included the project description, site selection process, applicable legislative framework, scoping process (incl. specialist that will be involved during the EIA, project alternatives, summary of specialist recommendations and the way forward.	
2.	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> <u>The Department of Health expressed the following concerns:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Richard Tredway questioned whether the district municipality was informed; whether the development will be on one site; and what type of hazardous waste will be stored.</li> <li>• Mr Ramayai T.P enquired about night soil for people working on site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NK would verify from the database if the district municipality was informed of the project and invited to the meeting. KN confirmed that the development will occur on one site. KN also indicated that a waste specialist was appointed for the project and will categorize the types of hazardous waste in the EIR phase. However, the primary hazardous waste anticipated at this stage is hydrocarbons. However the EIA process will provide definite answers as to what can be place in the facility</li> <li>• KN stated that there will be abluion facilities on site. The Lephalale Municipality also confirmed that the waste from these abluion</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Waldo Last questioned Eskom's commitment to rehabilitating the proposed site as the old existing site was not rehabilitated.</li> <li>• He also 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.</li> <li>• He added that 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 Medupi Power Station</li> <li>• Mr Richard Tredway stated that cholera is a major concern in Limpopo; and highlighted his frustrations with regard to gaining access to the Medupi and Matimba Power Stations during a recent site visit. The purpose of the site visit was to also see how the Department can assist. He questioned whether Eskom can assist in the matter.</li> </ul>	<p>facilities is disposed of at the Lephalale municipality sewage treatment works. The Environmental Management Plan will also include information in this regard; and the EIR will deal with sewage in more detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KN assured Mr Waldo that 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.</li> <li>• Ms M Manthata (Lephalale Municipality) explained that Exxaro needs to obtain licenses and permits accordingly.</li> </ul> <p>KN stated that 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 can. Currently, Eskom is in partnership with the Lephalale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS provided his contract details to Mr. Richard Tredway stated that he can assist with access to Medupi Power Site.</li> </ul>
	<p><u>The Lephalale Municipality expressed the following concerns:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms M Manthata 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. . She added that LEDET officials based in Lephalale are not aware of this project.</li> <li>• Ms Manthata further stated that 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. Contact must be made with the relevant planning people in the municipality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KN advised that the temporary hazardous waste would be stored on site for a period of 90 days and that exposure of the waste will be considered in the study. NK stated that the provincial LEDET based in Polokwane were informed of the project and correspondences including the draft scoping report have been sent to for their comments.</li> </ul> <p>Comment is noted</p> <p>Comment noted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She indicated that 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.</li> </ul>	
	<p><u>The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) made the following comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Wilna Moolman (DWAF) stated that EIAs are integrated and includes issues on the distribution of land.</li> <li>• Ms Wilna Moolman 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.</li> <li>• Ms A Malima questioned whether other general waste will be allowed to be disposed on site.</li> <li>• Ms PP Mosoane questioned where the proposed development will get water supply from.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment noted</li> <li>• Comment Noted KN stated that he is unsure of what was disposed on the old existing site. However, DWAF has provided the necessary steps for rehabilitation.</li> <li>• NK advised that the proposed landfill site is for Eskom use only.</li> <li>• KN advised that water supply will be gained from the Matimba Power Station and the EIA will explain the extent of water needed for the proposed development.</li> </ul>
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	NK thanked everybody for contributing and ensured that the issues that were raised during the meeting will be investigated in detail during the Impact Assessment phase.	

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	<p><u>The Department of Agriculture commented as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Victor Mbodi 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.</li> <li>• Ms Mulalo Munjai stated that the EIR should investigate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Impacts of leachate into groundwater;</li> <li>- Distance of the water table from ground level;</li> <li>- Land suitability for the dumping of waste;</li> <li>- Health and safety issues; and</li> <li>- Rehabilitation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>She added that she supports Site 5 as the proposed site as it is already disturbed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Johanna Matlou stated that she does not object</li> </ul>	<p>These comments have been noted and will be included and responded to in the Final Scoping Report.</p>

	to the project as Site 5 has low agricultural potential.	
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