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Client Name	Eskom Holdings Limited Transmission Services	
Project Name	Eskom Aries-Garona 400kV Transmission Power Line and Extension of the Garona Substation, Northern Cape Province	
TE Project No:	0608	Date: 27 November 2006
Purpose	Public meetings held in Kenhardt (NG Kerk Hall) to gain feedback on the Draft Environmental Impact Report	
Attendees	Ilse Aucamp (IA) Brian Whitfield (BW) Mamokete Mafumo (MM) Wimpie Henning (WH)	Ptersa Environmental Consultants Tswelopele Environmental Eskom Holdings Limited Transmission Services Eskom Holdings Limited Transmission Services See attached attendance register for Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) that attended the public meeting
Apologies	None	

1. WELCOME

- 1.1. Ilse Aucamp (IA) welcomed all parties to the meeting and proceeded to introduce herself as the public participation consultant, Brian Whitfield (BW) as the environmental consultant with Tswelopele Environmental and Mamokete Mafumo (MM) and Wimpie Henning (WH) from Eskom Transmission.
- 1.2. Attendance at the meeting was limited to one I&AP at a time and hence the presentation was not given. All parties sat around the A0 map to discuss impacts applicable to the relevant I&AP's farm.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1. Charel Strauss recommended that the line should be located as close to the railway line as possible – the service road should be shared. BW informed Mr. Strauss that this was the intended outcome of positioning the line adjacent to the railway line in the central section of the study area.
- 2.2. Mr. Strauss and Mr. Bezuidenhout noted the following points:
 - The line would run north of the house, but Ernest Connor's house is very close to the road.
 - The biggest impact will be on Mr. Connor, since he lives on the property.
 - The farmers wanted power from the railway line, but it was not possible, the loads dip too often.
 - Wimpie Henning informed Mr. Strauss that the farmers would not be able to get power from the transmission line, as the loads are too high.
 - There are some dams and drainage lines that might require that the line be moved somewhat. Wimpie Henning indicated that a servitude would be authorised by the environmental authority (the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism and the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation) and thereafter the exact line position would be determined and shifted around sensitive areas.
 - Will cell phone reception and television signals be impacted on? Wimpie Henning indicated that the line would only impact on electronic reception if the receiver were within 300 m or less from the line.
 - At the moment, the railway maintenance crews are the biggest culprits – they accidentally start fires when they weld and conduct other maintenance work.
 - There are big pans close to Mr. Connors house, if it rains the areas flood and become inaccessible.
 - The service road is the biggest issue, as it will run through very sensitive areas (particularly pans).
 - The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will specify that no roads may be build – only tracks and that the tracks must not impact negatively on the pans.
 - Another issue is the crossing of camps – he farms with breeding animals so gates must be closed. Tremendous financial impacts are caused if the animals produce offspring with the wrong partner.

- The visual impact on town would be limited if the straight route is followed – there is other infrastructure already.
- The shortest route should be followed.

2.3. Riana van Zyl queried whether the town (Kenhardt) would benefit from the construction camps? Where will the people stay – will they add to the local economy? Wimpie Henning indicated that accommodation would be required for a limited number of the construction personnel and that the construction phase would add to the local economy to some extent. The majority of the construction workers will stay in construction camps, but it is foreseen that they will utilise the facilities in town after hours and to do shopping.

3. CLOSURE

3.1. The meeting was closed and all were thanked for their time and comments.

4. THANK YOU