

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING: 16 AUGUST 2008

PURPOSE : Public Meeting

PLACE : The View Guest House, Thembisa, Gauteng

DATE : 16 August 2008

ATTENDEES	
Ms Inba Pillay	Envirolution Consulting
Ms Netisha Chetty	Envirolution Consulting
Mr Neo Mongangane	Envirolution Consulting
Mr Henry Nawa	Eskom
Mr Pevlin x	Eskom
Interested and Affected Parties as noted on the attendance register.	
INTRODUCTION	
The welcome, introduction and presentation on the project were conducted by Ms Inba Pillay in English; and the presentation was conducted by Mr Henry Nawa in Sotho. The floor was then opened for discussion.	
DISCUSSION	
ITEM	RESPONSE
QUESTIONS / ISSUES OF CONCERN	
1.	Is Eskom forced to use the 2 proposed routes, referring to route 2 and route 2a, because they are passing through a dense area in Thembisa or do they have other alternatives?
2.	Which route does Eskom prefer?
3.	Will the proposed power lines pass over the community's houses?
4.	How long is the process going to take?
5.	As you have said you are going to use experts to conduct specialist studies, how sure are you that they will be thorough and not make mistakes or oppress individuals?

6.	Under which proposed route are we affected?	All these routes do not exist as yet because they are still proposed.
7.	Why did you not conduct the specialist studies before you approached us because you are now giving us information in bits and pieces and some of us had to miss work to come here for insufficient information?	The process for the project is very long and it will take some time before it reaches the phase in which specialist studies are to be undertaken.
8.	Why do the municipal offices not know anything about the project?	Envirolution had its first meeting with the relevant local municipalities, the local authority should therefore know about the project.
9.	What is Eskom's' intention with this project as a whole?	We want a reliable source of electricity supply for this community because it is growing and the demand is increasing.
10.	Which division of Eskom do Henry and Pevlin come from?	Eskom Transmission Megawatt park.
COMMENTS / COMPLAINTS		
1.	The presentation should be done in either Sotho or Zulu as not a lot of people that are present understand English; and there should also be an interpreter who will be able to explain discussions in either Zulu or Sotho.	The presentation was presented in Sotho.
2.	We know that Eskom is going to have their way regardless of whether we agree or oppose this project.	Comment noted.
3.	If we are affected by the process and have to relocate, Eskom must not give the money to our ward councillors because we do not trust them.	Comment noted.
4.	We have a problem with Envirolution because not everyone in the affected area received knock and drops.	Comment noted.
5.	The wrong information was given to the affected people as they were told to sign a register because their houses were going to be demolished.	Comment noted.
6.	We want to know whether Envirolution has a database so that we can be updated on the progress of the project.	All on Envirolution's database will receive feedback on project progress. The attendance registers need to be completed by all present and they will be added to the database.
7.	How are we going to receive feedback?	Feedback will be in the form of a letter, an e-mail or a fax depending on the information provided.
CLOSURE		
Ms Inba Pillay thanked everyone for attending and contributing their comments / issues of concern.		