

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Purpose of Meeting:	Tutuka Continuous Ashing EIA – Landowners’ Focus Group Meeting
Venue:	Tutuka Power Station, Standerton
Date:	22 November 2012

Attendance Register			
Attendees:			
Name	Company	Name	Company
Ashlea Strong (AS)	Lidwala SA	Bongi Mhlanga (BM)	Lidwala SA
Nicolene Venter (NV)	Imaginative Africa	Tobile Bokwe (TB)	Eskom – EIA Centre of Excellence
Belinda Roos (BR)	Eskom – EIA Centre of Excellence	Bianca Wernecke (BW)	Eskom – EIA Centre of Excellence
William Mogwase (WM)	Eskom – Tutuka Power Station	Nondwe Nonganza (NN)	Eskom – Tutuka Power Station
Egard van Rensburg (EvR)	Eskom – Tutuka Power Station	Claude Naicker (CN)	Eskom – Tutuka Power Station
S.L Riekert (SR)	Landowner	P.J van Heerden (PvH)	Landowner
S.L van der Merwe (SvdM)	Landowner		
Apologies			
Name	Company	Name	Company
Ben Steyn	Landowner	Paul Venter	Landowner
Michiel Odendaal	Landowner		

Item No	Discussions	Action by whom	Action by when
1.	INTRODUCTION / WELCOME		
	NV welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting. WM explained the evacuation procedure in case of an emergency.		
	The team members introduced themselves, and briefly described their roles and responsibilities associated with this proposed project.		
2.	PRESENTATIONS (Due to size of the Presentation Document (5MB), it is not attached. Should you be able to receive a 5MB file by e-mail, please request your copy from the Public Participation Consultants)		
2.1	NV presented the draft Agenda, the conduct of the meeting and the purposed of the meeting		

2.2	AS presented the need for the proposed project, and a brief summary of the environmental findings as per the draft Scoping Report.		
2.3	EvR presented the technical information associated with this proposed project.		
2.4	NV presented the Public Participation Process and opened the floor for discussions.		
3.	DISCUSSIONS		
3.1	<p>PvH wanted to know whether there is existing data available that shows the current water quality on his farm.</p> <p>WM stated that they have boreholes around the area and data is collected and this data will be made available to the specialists working on the project, to inform the team.</p> <p>AS informed the attendees that the surface and groundwater specialist would make use of Tutuka Power Station's existing data during his detailed assessment in the Impact Phase, as well as ground-truthing the site/s.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>AS</p>	<p>February 2013</p> <p>Impact Phase</p>
3.2	<p>PvH informed the project team that Tutuka Power Station current ash suppression is not effective as surrounding landowners experience serious problems due to ash settling on their crops and grazing land. During the dusty seasons, ash is often blown to the surrounding atmosphere and it impairs visibility. The situation is so bad that the farm workers do not want to live on the farms anymore due to this health issue. Tutuka Power Station is urged to address the current problems before continuing with more ashing.</p> <p>WM said it should be noted that Tutuka Power Station is doing dust suppression on top of the ash disposal facility using two mechanisms that is dust suppression by moveable sprinklers and a water tanker driving on top of the ash disposal facility. The dust suppression sprinklers are running 24 hours a day and a tanker is driving around at frequent interval. Tutuka has just started with a project of looking at different dust suppression methods, one of the methods being looked at is dust suppression on the sides/slope of the ash disposal facility as both the sprinklers and the tankers cannot reach those areas.</p>	<p>WM</p>	<p>Continuous</p>
3.3	<p>SvdM informed the project team that landowners are being approached for prospecting on their farms and wanted to know if they should allow those companies to prospect.</p> <p>TB replied that Eskom cannot tell the landowners to allow prospecting or not, that decision will have to be made by the landowner on his/her discretion.</p> <p>He further explained that if Eskom wants to make use of</p>		

	<p>land for ashing and if there is a mineral right has been registered with DMR then discussions will take place between Eskom and the mineral right owner.</p> <p>AS requested that the details of the companies that are doing the prospecting on the properties to be forwarded to the public participation team.</p>	Landowners	A.S.A.P
3.4	<p>SR commented that the stockpile yards at Tutuka Power Station seem like they are not being managed properly.</p> <p>Post-meeting note:</p> <p>WM responded that coal dust at Tutuka Power Station's Coal Stockyard is managed by doing dust suppression. The dust suppression is done by the use of water tankers driving around at frequent intervals. It is unfortunate that water sprinklers cannot be utilised at the stock yard due to the effect of water on coal, it is a huge problem to transport wet coal via conveyers as they trip due to excess weight, it is also a problem to burn wet coal as it takes a while to burn. It should also be noted that Eskom took the contacts details of SR so that he can elaborate more on his comment, so that it will give Eskom a better chance to respond to the comment.</p>		
3.5	<p>SR informed the project team that Tutuka Power Station monitoring is not done properly because buckets have been placed at their house, but not collected.</p> <p>WM informed the attendee that the matter will be addressed.</p> <p>Eskom is in the process of placing a new contract to handling fugitive dust management on site inclusive of the ash disposal facility and inclusive of maintaining dust buckets, target date is 02/2013.</p>	WM	February 2013
3.6	<p>PvH wanted to know if the current ash disposal facility has a buffer zone.</p> <p>EvR responded by saying there is no buffer zone. The EIA study would determine if a buffer zone is required. The ash disposal facility expansion design has no buffer zone. If buffer zone is required, then additional land should be purchased.</p> <p>PvH commented that generally that buffer zone is inside property boundaries of an adjoining landowner's property and that limits the usage of that portion of land and also any expansions. Roshcon is currently in the process to cover the standby ash disposal facility top surface with a top soil to reduce the open ash surface. Roshcon also investigate to use a binding agent in the water to spray this water on the side slopes of the ash disposal facility.</p>		
3.7	<p>PvH suggested that the environmental team visit the adjoining farms to familiarise themselves with the</p>		

	<p>environmental impacts experienced by the landowners in the area.</p> <p>AS asked, for clarification, if the one-on-one visits requested whether it refers to the specialists only and if so which specialists.</p> <p>PvH replied that the two specialists that he suggests are Air Pollution, and Agriculture and Soil.</p> <p>TB commented that Tutuka Power Station has an ISO certification. He further said that the farmers should make use of the farmer's quarterly meetings to discuss such matters because it is disheartening when one attends meetings to discuss future developments and then be made aware that challenges due to current operations are not being discussed or addressed by the power station.</p>	AS	Start of Impact Phase
3.8	<p>WM informed the attendees that Tutuka Power Station will conduct a few site visits with the landowners and requested the public participation team to forward the attendees' contact details to him.</p>	WM	
4.	Way Forward & Closure		
	<p>NV presented the way forward and thanked everyone for their valuable comments raised and closed the meeting.</p>		

Minuted by: Nicolene Venter and Bongsi Mhlanga