



Authority Briefing Meeting Minutes



Present:	Werner Eiselen (WE), Basani Mkhomo (BM)	
Date:	5 May 2006	
Time:	14:00	
Venue:	SEF Offices	
Objective of meeting:	Brief the new case officer on the project Present the findings of the EIA process	
Next meeting:	1 August 2006	
Minutes	Responsible	By when
1. Agenda		
1.1. Opening and welcome	WE	
1.2. Attendance and apologies All invitees attended the meeting	WE	
1.3. Purpose of the meeting The purpose of the meeting was to brief the new case officer of the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation, Basani Mkhomo, on the project and to present the findings of the EIA process	WE	
1.4. Confirmation of the agenda No additions to the agenda were required		
1.5. Background to the project The project need and description were presented to BM, as well as the stage of the project	WE	
1.6. Feedback on the public participation process The primary findings of the public participation process can be divided into findings of the public open days and meetings, and the key stakeholder workshops. Major issues raised are as follows: Public Open Days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job creation • Power supply to Namakwaland residents 	WE	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitivity of the vegetation <p>Key stakeholder workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of alternative routes • Avoid very sensitive areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hardeveld section of the Knersvlakte ○ Kamiesberge 		
<p>1.7. Feedback on the findings of the scoping report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issues 1: Physical & biological environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visual impacts ○ Floral impacts ○ Impacts on Arable land ○ Impacts on Fauna ○ Impacts on Heritage resources • Key issue 2: Social environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tourism <p>BM wanted to know whether these issues are “stock” issues, used for every Eskom project of this nature.</p> <p>WE responded that the findings of this scoping process are the result of the public participation process – most notably key stakeholder meetings – specialist involvement and SEF’s past experience with similar projects.</p> <p>Regarding the physical and biological impact, BM wanted to know what health issues have been identified.</p> <p>WE responded that the impact of sexually transmitted diseases due to the movement of construction workers in the area was mentioned during a public meeting, and that this impact would be quantified in the social and tourism specialist report. There was, however, due to the low population density in the area, no major health impacts associated with the operation of the line.</p>	WE	
<p>1.8 Way forward</p> <p>WE explained that the final scoping report would be submitted on 16 May 2006, along with the Plan of Study for EIA, following the public comment period which ends on 11 May 2006. Approval of the Scoping Report and the Plan of Study for EIA is expected by 31 May 2006.</p>	<p>Submit: WE</p> <p>Review: Scoping: BM PoSEIA: BM</p>	<p>16/5/06</p> <p>31/5/06</p> <p>31/5/06</p>
<p>1.9 General</p> <p>No further items were discussed.</p>		
<p>1.10 Closure</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 14:45.</p>	WE	