

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR Eskom's  
NORTHERN KWAZULU-NATAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT**

**SCOPING PHASE**

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH  
KHAMBI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

**(06 OCTOBER 2016)**

## OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Khambi Traditional Council**.

For the benefit of all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), a list of all community meetings held is provided hereunder. For ease of reference, a separate record for each meeting has been prepared.

These meetings were conducted as part of the Public Participation Process, which was designed to provide sufficient and accessible information to all I&APs during the Scoping Phase.

NO	MEETING WITH	VENUE	DATE
1	Makhasa Traditional Council	Makhasa Tribal Court (Hluhluwe)	12 Sept 2016
2	Nibela Traditional Council	Nibela Tribal Court (Hluhluwe)	13 Sept 2016
3	AbakwaHlabisa Traditional Council	AbakwaHlabisa Tribal Court (Hlabisa)	14 Sept 2016
4	Mdletshe Traditional Council	Mdletshe Tribal Court (Hlabisa)	14 Sept 2016
5	Mpembeni Traditional Council	Mpembeni Tribal Court (Hlabisa)	15 Sept 2016
6	Myeni/Ntsinde Traditional Council	Myeni Tribal Court (Obonjeni)	20 Sept 2016
7	Ngwenya/Ntsinde Traditional Council	Ngwenya Tribal Court (Mkuze)	20 Sept 2016
8	Ndlangamandla Traditional Council	Ndlangamandla Tribal Court (Pongola)	21 Sept 2016
9	Sibiya Traditional Council	Sibiya Tribal Court (Pongola)	22 Sept 2016
10	Msibi Traditional Council	Msibi Tribal Court (Emgulatshani)	23 Sept 2016
11	Simelane Traditional Council	Simelane Tribal Court (Pongola)	26 Sept 2016
12	Gumbi Traditional Council	Gumbi Tribal Court (Pongola)	27 Sept 2016
13	Emgazini Traditional Council	Emgazini Tribal Court (Pongola)	28 Sept 2016
14	Ntshangase Traditional Council	Ntshangase Tribal Court (Pongola)	29 Sept 2016
15	Mavuso Traditional Council	Mavuso Tribal Court (Pongola)	03 Oct 2016
16	Klwana Traditional Council	Klwana Tribal Court (Piet Retief)	03 Oct 2016
17	Msiyane Traditional Council	Msiyane Tribal Court (Louwsberg)	04 Oct 2016
18	Empangisweni Traditional Council	Empangisweni Tribal Court (Langkraans)	05 Oct 2016
19	<b>Khambi Traditional Council</b>	<b>Khambi Tribal Court (Gluckstadt)</b>	<b>06 Oct 2016</b>
20	Emathongeni Traditional Council	Emathongeni Tribal Court (Vryheid)	07 Oct 2016
21	Hlahlindlela Traditional Council	Hlahlindlela Tribal Court (Swart Umfolozi)	12 Oct 2016
22	Othaka Traditional Council	Othaka Tribal Court (Nqutu)	12 Oct 2016
23	Mandlakazi Traditional Council	Mandlakazi Tribal Court (Emondlo)	13 Oct 2016
24	Usuthu Traditional Council	Usuthu Tribal Court (Nongoma)	13 Oct 2016
25	Dlamini Traditional Council	Dlamini Tribal Court (Nongoma)	18 Oct 2016
26	Ndlela Traditional Council	Ndlela Tribal Court (Paulpietersberg)	18 Oct 2016
27	Bhovungane Traditional Council	Bhovungane Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)	19 Oct 2016
28	Mthethwa Traditional Council	Mthethwa Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)	20 Oct 2016
29	Mpukunyoni Traditional Council	Mpukunyoni Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)	21 Oct 2016
30	Usuthu Traditional Council	Usuthu Tribal Court (Mtubatuba)	25 Oct 2016
31	Gumbi Traditional Council	Gumbi Tribal Court (Nongoma)	26 Oct 2016
32	Mandlakazi Traditional Council	Mandlakazi Tribal Court (Pongola)	28 Oct 2016

Table 1: List of traditional council and community meetings held during Scoping Phase

**Please note the following:**

- In some instances, and where possible, two sessions of community meetings were held in one day. First session held at 10h00 and the second session held at 14h00.
- Two sessions were held with Gumbi Traditional Council. The first and second session were held on 27 September 2016 and 26 October 2016 respectively.
- The first meeting with Usuthu Traditional Council scheduled for 13 October 2016 was cancelled due to inaccessibility to the area and bad weather. A repeat meeting was successfully held on 25 October 2016.
- The first meeting with Mandlakazi Traditional Council scheduled for 13 October 2016 was cancelled due to bad weather and lack of representation. The second meeting was successfully held on 28 October 2016.

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## 1. ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Attendance – Khambi Traditional Council

Annexure A provides a list of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) who attended the meeting.

### 1.2 Attendance – Eskom Holdings SOC Limited

The following representative was in attendance:

Name	Position/Role
Mr Gugu Mvelase	Eskom Network Planning

### 1.3 Attendance – Public Participation Team

The following representatives were in attendance:

Name	Organisation	Position/Role
Ms Bongji Shinga	Wakhiwe SES	Public Participation Team Leader
Ms Lungelo Chamane	Wakhiwe SES	Public Participation Officer
Mr Sibusiso Khaba	Wakhiwe SES	Community Liaison Officer

## 2. FORMAT OF THE MEETING

All protocols at the Khambi Traditional Council were observed. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

All information was presented in isiZulu and all proceedings were conducted in isiZulu.

## 3. INFORMATION CIRCULATED

Information and handouts distributed at the meeting included the following:

- Attendance Register.
- Background Information Document (isiZulu version).
- Comment Sheet (isiZulu version).
- Map showing the project study area and proposed corridors.

## 4. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETINGS

The primary objectives of the meeting were as follows:

- Introduce the proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening Project to the community and initiate discussions as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.
- Outline the environmental authorisation process that will be followed in undertaking the EIA process.
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to provide input in the EIA process; and

- Advise on the ongoing public consultation process, identification of issues and next phases in the process.

## 5. CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION

The following information was presented at the meeting:

- Background and description of the project.
- The need and motivation of the project.
- The description of the EIA process.
- The description of the Public Participation Process.
- The study area and proposed alternative corridors and substation.
- The locality of the communities in relation to the proposed corridors.
- Submission of comments, project timeframes and future phases of the EIA.

## 6. SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

All comments raised and discussed were recorded at the meeting including responses provided. In instances where responses were not readily available, comments were noted for passing on to the relevant officials.

Due to the remoteness of most rural areas, an alternative method for submission of comments was provided to the community. Community members were advised to submit any additional comments to the Secretary of the Traditional Council, who will thereafter liaise with the Public Participation Office for collection.

## 7. COMMENTS RAISED AND DISCUSSED

This section presents a summary of comments raised and discussed at the meeting.

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
1	Mr Buthelezi	Thank you to the EIA team for informing the community about the proposed Eskom project. Development is much appreciated in the KwaKhambi area.	Mr Buthelezi's comments were noted, with thanks.
2	Mr Mthethwa	Has Eskom taken into consideration the environmental impacts that the project may have including climate change?	The EIA will assess the impacts of the project on the natural environment. This is a mandatory requirement in terms of National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the associated EIA Regulations.  The proposed substation does not have emissions. It will only be used to transmit electricity. The proposed

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			<p>substation is different from the power stations which generate electricity. Therefore, it will not have any effect on climate change.</p>
3	Mr B Mkhwanazi	<p>Can you fast-track the EIA process so that construction can commence?</p>	<p>Since the EIA process is a legal requirement for a development of this nature, due process has to be followed. As such, all the necessary steps which are required for environmental authorisation have to be complied with.</p> <p>Based on current planning, construction is expected to commence in 2019.</p>
4	Mr E Nkosi	<p>Some houses within the KwaKhambi area were left out during the electrification process. When will Eskom connect the remaining houses?</p>	<p>It was indicated that Eskom Distribution would be in a better position to indicate the estimated timeframes for completing the electrification process in KwaKhambi area.</p> <p>Eskom will liaise with the Traditional Council at the time of connecting the remaining houses.</p>
5	Mr ME Zungu	<p>Please explain the term "servitude right" and how it will be applied practically.</p>	<p>Transmission lines are constructed and operated within a servitude (55m wide for 400 kV lines) that is established along the entire length of the line. Within this servitude, Eskom has certain rights and controls which support the safe and effective operation of the line.</p> <p>The servitude right therefore refers to "the right to use someone else's land for a specified purpose". In the case of an overhead power line this right includes the erection, operation and maintenance of the power line, and the right of access to carry out these activities.</p> <p>The servitude also allows Eskom the right to prevent or limit activities that may affect the operation of the line (e.</p>

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			g. no buildings or tall trees within the servitude).

## 8. NEXT STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS

The following information was outlined as part of the way forward:

- All members of the public will be advised of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review.
- Communication with Khambi Traditional Council will continue for the duration of the EIA.
- All traditional councils will be informed whether they are or not affected by the preferred corridor when environmental authorisation has been issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs.

## 9. CLOSURE

The Public Participation Team thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Refreshments were served afterwards.



## ANNEXURE A: ATTENDANCE LIST AND REGISTERS

Copies of attendance registers are provided as Appendix E of the Draft Scoping Report and can be requested from Ms Lungelo Chamane, Email: [lungelo@wakiwe.co.za](mailto:lungelo@wakiwe.co.za), Tel: 079 116 5703

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
1	Mr	JB	Mncwango	Khambi TC	SAPS	034 967 9106	Vryheid	3100
2	Mr	SS	Mzimela	Khambi TC	SAPS	034 967 1863	Vryheid	3100
3	Mr	B	Nxongo	Khambi TC	Community member	072 783 4081	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
4	Mr	S	Masuku	Khambi TC	Community member	079 476 4049	PO Box 162, Louwsburg	3150
5	Mr	S	Kunene	Khambi TC	Community member		PO Box 13, Coronation	3100
6	Mr	BN	Sibiya	Khambi TC	Council member	079 028 5086	PO Box 1249, Vryheid	3100
7	Mr	CX	Nxele	Khambi TC	Community member	076 472 5759	PO Box 1249, Vryheid	3100
8	Mr	MA	Nkosi	Khambi TC	Council member	078 525 3464	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
9	Mr	MM	Mthethwa	Khambi TC	Council member	078 495 4747	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
10	Mr	PE	Shamase	Khambi TC	Council member	083 977 8456	PO Box 1837, Vryheid	3100
11	Mr	Z	Mbokazi	Khambi TC	Council member	076 591 9175	PO Box 11909, Vryheid	3100
12	Mr	MM	Msezane	Khambi TC	Council member	076 315 9125	PO Box 119, Louwsburg	3150
13	Mr	M	Khumalo	Khambi TC	Council member	072 598 3395	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
14	Mr	JS	Khumalo	Khambi TC	Council member		PO Box 1584, Vryheid	3100
15	Mr	O	Buthelezi	Khambi TC	Council member	073 940 0545	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
16	Mr	MB	Nkosi	Khambi TC	Community member		PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
17	Mr	BP	Bophela	Khambi TC	Community member	071 619 4567	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
18	Mrs	S	Zulu	Khambi TC	Community member	082 766 2228	PO Box 10681, Vryheid	3100
19	Mrs	N	Shabalala	Khambi TC	Community member	071 383 5099	PO Box 10681, Vryheid	3100
20	Ms	NB	Zulu	Khambi TC	Community member	074 277 7724	PO Box 128, Hlobane	3145
21	Ms	SR	Zulu	Khambi TC	Community member	078 518 0575	PO Box 125, Hlobane	3145
22	Mr	R	Zulu	Khambi TC	Community member		PO Box 128, Hlobane	3145
23	Mr	Z	Mavundla	Khambi TC	Community member	076 522 3141	PO Box 336, Hlobane	3145
24	Mr	LM	Zulu	Khambi TC	Community member	078 841 4082	PO Box 12005, Vryheid	3100
25	Mr	Ndukenhle	Sikhosana	Khambi TC	Secretary	072 301 0425	PO Box 336, Hlobane	3145
26	Mr	ME	Zungu	Khambi TC	Council member	073 203 4950	P/Bag X1366, Vryheid	3100
27	Mr	J	Zulu	Khambi TC	Council member	082 838 9843	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
28	Mr	V	Maphisa	Khambi TC	Council member	073 270 2669	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
29	Mr	MM	Nkosi	Khambi TC	Council member		Ezingobhe Area, Louwsburg	3150
30	Mr	M	Mkhwanazi	Khambi TC	Council member		PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
31	Mr	Celuthando	Mwelase	Khambi TC	Secretary	072 913 3155	Ngenetsheni, Vryheid	3100
32	Mr	MG	Shezi	Khambi TC	Community member	082 691 3330	Kholwani Home, Vryheid	3100
33	Mr	MB	Nkosi	Khambi TC	Community member	082 677 7264	Kholwani Home, Vryheid	3100
34	Ms	TR	Phenyane	Khambi TC	Secretary	073 150 2942	PO Box 11935, Vryheid	3100
35	Mr	MR	Ntuli	Khambi TC	Council member	073 237 630	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100

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36	Mr	A	Mtshali	Khambi TC	Council member	078 555 8619	Cibilili, Vryheid	3100
37	Mr	BH	Sibiya	Khambi TC	Community member	078 218 3936	Emahalakaqa, Vryheid	3100
38	Mr	SZ	Masondo	Khambi TC	Community member	072 445 5041	Magweshe, Vryheid	3100
39	Mr	ZZ	Shabangu	Khambi TC	Community member		PO Box 1023, Vryheid	3100
40	Mr	J	Nkosi	Khambi TC	Community member	079 825 7405	Vryheid	3100
41	Mr		Msezane	Khambi TC	Community member	082 541 9333	PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
42	Mr	B	Mthembu	Khambi TC	Community member		PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
43	Mr	M	Khulu	Khambi TC	Community member		Vryheid	3100
44	Mr	M	Msezane	Khambi TC	Community member		Vryheid	3100
45	Mr	D	Buthelezi	Khambi TC	Community member		Vryheid	3100
46	Mr	D	Ngwenya	Khambi TC	Community member		PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
47	Mr	E	Nkosi	Khambi TC	Community member		Vryheid	3100
48	Mr	H	Mlhongo	Khambi TC	Community member	078 018 6688	Vryheid	3100
49	Mr	M	Nhlazi	Khambi TC	Community member		PO Box 11954, Vryheid	3100
50	Mr	J	Kunene	Khambi TC	Community member		Vryheid	3100
51	Mr	F	Nkosi	Khambi TC	Community member		Vryheid	3100
52	Mr	Z	Sithole	Khambi TC	Community member	083 335 5618	Vryheid	3100