

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR ESKOM'S
NORTHERN KWAZULU-NATAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT**

SCOPING PHASE

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH
HLAHLINDLELA TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

(12 OCTOBER 2016)

OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Hlahlindlela 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	Khambi Traditional Council	Khambi Tribal Court (Gluckstadt)	06 Oct 2016
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 – Hlahlindlela 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 Hlahlindlela 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 Mdlalose	Thank you to the EIA team for the information and for making it easy for the Traditional Council to understand. Based on the proposed corridors shown on the map, the proposed power lines may not directly affect the Hlahlindlela area.	Mr Mdlalose's comments were noted, with thanks.
2	Mr Mdlalose Ndunankulu	Thank you to the EIA team for engaging with the Traditional Council. I would like to extend my well-wishes to the team and good luck with the proposed project.	Mr Mdlalose's remarks were noted, with thanks.

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 Hlahlindlela 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, Tel: 079 116 5703

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
1	Mr	Mto	Buthelezi	Hlahlindlela TC	Council member		PO Box 136, Nquthu	3135
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3	Ms	Nikeziwe	Mazibuko	Hlahlindlela TC	Council member	083 693 5822	PO Box 136, Nquthu	3135
4	Ms	Ntombi	Nxumalo	Hlahlindlela TC	Council member	078 168 1291	PO Box 136, Nquthu	3135
5	Mr	Thomas	Khumalo	Hlahlindlela TC	Council member	083 995 7997	PO Box 136, Nquthu	3135
6	Ms	Bongi	Mbuli	Hlahlindlela TC	Council member	076 413 5972	PO Box 136, Nquthu	3135
7	Mr	Moses	Masondo	Hlahlindlela TC	Council member	073 061 6576	PO Box 136, Nquthu	3135
8	Mr	Mbangomuni	Masondo	Hlahlindlela TC	Council member	078 133 5848	PO Box 136, Nquthu	3135
9	Mr	Patrick	Mdletshe	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	083 343 7788	Nquthu	3135
10	Mrs	NC	Dlize	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	079 161 0407	Abaqulusi	3100
11	Mr	T	Magubane	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	072 189 4395	Abaqulusi	3100
12	Mr	GS	Ngcobo	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	078 159 8820	Abaqulusi	3100
13	Mr	BW	Mncube	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	063 532 5092	Abaqulusi	3100
14	Mr	MA	Ndebele	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	084 426 1514	Abaqulusi	3100
15	Mr	MS	Khumalo	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	072 505 8725	Abaqulusi	3100
16	Mr	N	Mbatha	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	082 746 6302	Abaqulusi	3100
17	Mr	ES	Ndwanwe	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	073 934 8060	Abaqulusi	3100
18	Mr	ME	Zulu	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	073 620 0723	Abaqulusi	3100
19	Mr	S	Mtshali	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	081 891 6257	Abaqulusi	3100
20	Mr	J	Ntshingila	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	073 339 7763	Abaqulusi	3100
21	Mr	T	Mbatha	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	074 367 1410	Abaqulusi	3100
22	Mr	AM	Ximba	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	082 932 3389	Abaqulusi	3100
23	Mr	FP	Zikalala	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	078 861 5680	Abaqulusi	3100
24	Mr	GJ	Kunene	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	076 013 3902	Abaqulusi	3100
25	Mr	MP	Ntshangase	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member		Abaqulusi	3100
26	Mr	JJ	Biyela	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	072 458 3036	Abaqulusi	3100
27	Mr	MA	Buthelezi	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	072 843 024	Abaqulusi	3100
28	Mr	MM	Dlamini	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	078 133 5848	Abaqulusi	3100
29	Mr	TM	Masondo	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	073 061 6576	PO Box 1337, Emondlo	3105
30	Mr	BA	Mbuli	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	076 413 5972	PO Box 1569, Emondlo	3105
31	Mr	T	Khumalo	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	083 995 7997	PO Box 83, Emondlo	3105
32	Mr	M	Nxumalo	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	078 168 9291	PO Box 136, Nquthu	3135
33	Mr	L	Mdlalose	Hlahlindlela TC	Community member	082 706 7569	PO Box 803, Vryheid	3100