

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

SCOPING PHASE

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH
MDLETSHE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

(14 SEPTEMBER 2016)

OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Mdletshe 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 – Mdletshe 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 Mdletshe 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.

Please note: In some instances, the PPP team did not capture the name of the person raising the issue. This however does not diminish the value of the question or issue raised. The person raising the issue has therefore been referred to as “A Stakeholder”.

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
1	Inkosi Mdletshe	How will people who have been relocated be compensated?	<p>The servitude negotiation process is a private matter between Eskom and the affected landowner. This process will only commence once Environmental Authorisation has been issued. Eskom will compensate for any loss resulting from these restrictions.</p> <p>Once the route is confirmed (i.e. options are signed with the landowners), the servitude agreement will be finalised with the individual landowners. Different</p>

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			<p>landowners may have different requirements. Compensation payments are made when the servitude is registered at the Deeds office.</p> <p>In instances of relocation of houses, Eskom appoints a contractor to build houses for the affected families.</p>
2	A Stakeholder Mdletshe TC	The community believes that illegal connections are a burden to those households who pay for electricity as they end up paying more.	The issue of illegal electricity connections within households has been noted and will be passed on to Eskom Distribution for a response.
3	A Stakeholder Mdletshe TC	Electricity supply in the area is very weak. How does the community get information on load shedding times and duration thereof?	Eskom Distribution usually communicates and/or issue notices to the areas which will be affected or experience power supply interruptions. The Eskom Customer service centre can also be contacted to get more information on load shedding.
4	A Stakeholder Mdletshe TC	Before the Local Government elections, August 2016, people were requested to register for electrical installations in their houses but nothing has materialised.	The proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening project deals with bulk electricity transmission. Issues relating to the electrification programme should be followed up with the local supplier and/or municipality.
5	A Stakeholder Mdletshe TC	Will the new substation and new power lines have an effect on the price of electricity in the area?	<p>Electricity tariffs are regulated by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA). They regulate the price increases for customers supplied directly by Eskom and those supplied by municipalities.</p> <p>Upgrading the infrastructure in the northern KZN does not necessarily mean that consumers in northern KZN will be paying more. NERSA regulates all tariff increases in line with their mandate as a regulatory body.</p>

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 Mdletshe 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	Bongani	Biyela	Mdletshe TC	Ward Councillor	073 056 0270	Ekuphindisweni, Hluhluwe	3960
2	Ms	Hlengiwe	Cebekhulu	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 353 3303	PO Box 134, Hluhluwe	3960
3		M	Dlomo	Mdletshe TC	Community member		eGula, Hluhluwe	3960
4		MM	Dube	Mdletshe TC	Community member	079 857 1686	PO Box 261, Hluhluwe	3960
5	Ms	Bongiwe	Fakude	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 689 3583	Private Bag X6004, Hluhluwe	3960
6		NL	Gumbi	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 982 8098	PO Box 391, Hluhluwe	3960
7	Mr	Iphraim	Biyase	Mdletshe TC	Community member		eTsheni, Hluhluwe	3960
8	Mr	Sibusiso	Khoza	Mdletshe TC	Community member	079 535 5494	Mansiya, Hluhluwe	3960
9		SS	Khoza	Mdletshe TC	Community member	078 573 0234	eGula, Hluhluwe	3960
10	Ms	Thoko	Khumalo	Mdletshe TC	Community member	073 646 1851	Mansiya, Hluhluwe	3960
11	Mr	Bafana	Khumalo	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 105 4976	Hluhluwe	3960
12		TM	Khumalo	Mdletshe TC	Community member	082 755 2076	Ncwabakazi, Hluhluwe	3960
13		MS	Mahlaba	Mdletshe TC	Forum Chair	079 403 5516	Hluhluwe	3960
14		PM	Maphanga	Mdletshe TC	Community Member	083 298 4845	PO Box 284, Hluhluwe	3960
15	Ms	Thandeka	Mathunjwa	Mdletshe TC	Community member	073 646 1851	Mansiya, Hluhluwe	3960
16		M	Mathunjwa	Mdletshe TC	Community member	078 705 8271	Sbonda, Hluhluwe	3960
17		J	Mbatha	Mdletshe TC	Community member	083 942 9608	Hluhluwe	3960
18		Z	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 716 5673	Dukumbane, Hluhluwe	3960
19		SW	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 327 5988	Dukumbane, Hluhluwe	3960
20		ME	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	079 036 2891	Mfanela, Hluhluwe	3960
21		B	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	082 737 9063	Ophaphasi, Hluhluwe	3960
22		M	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	082 218 5336	Nyakanu, Hluhluwe	3960
23		J	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	076 034 4259	Mashamhle, Hluhluwe	3960
24		SS	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	076 155 5314	PO Box 490, Hluhluwe	3960
25	Mr	Thenjiwe	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 162 1427	eTsheni, Hluhluwe	3960
26	Mr	Njabulo	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	079 134 8770	Mansiya, Hluhluwe	3960
27	Mr	Sibusiso	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	076 064 1127	Mthwadlana, Hluhluwe	3960
28		TK	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	076 618 5228	Ezibayeni, Hluhluwe	3960
29		MC	Mdletshe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	071 452 4184	Ezibayeni, Hluhluwe	3960
30		FT	Mgwadi	Mdletshe TC	Ezibayeni SAPS	082 417 8200	PO Box 475, Hlabisa	3937
31		NZ	Mhlongo	Mdletshe TC	Community member	082 791 5859	Magengebulo, Hluhluwe	3960
32		WM	Mkhize	Mdletshe TC	Community member	082 812 5413	PO Box 489, Hluhluwe	3960
33	Mr	Mandla	Mkhize	Mdletshe TC	Hluhluwe Taxi Owner	072 601 2195	PO Box 125, Hluhluwe	3960
34		HT	Mkhwanazi	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 460 7509	PO Box 415, Hluhluwe	3960
35	Rev	SA	Mnguni	Mdletshe TC	Community member	083 985 5499	PO Box 264, Hlabisa	3937
36		JP	Msezane	Mdletshe TC	Community member	082 732 8577	PO Box 631, Hluhluwe	3960
37	Mr	Bongumusa	Msezane	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 880 2056	Ophaphasi Reserve, Hluhluwe	3960
38		NN	Msimango	Mdletshe TC	Community member	079 907 2717	Nkonjane, Hluhluwe	3960
39		M	Mthenjwa	Mdletshe TC	Community member		eGula, Hluhluwe	3960
40		SA	Mthethwa	Mdletshe TC	Community member	071 388 8159	Hluhluwe	3960
41		M	Mthimkhulu	Mdletshe TC	Community member		eGula, Hluhluwe	3960

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
42	Mr	Siyabonga	Mvubu	Mdletshe TC	Ward Councillor	076 071 3686	Hluhluwe	3960
43		CB	Ndaba	Mdletshe TC	Community member	076 378 7014	Hluhluwe	3960
44		BT	Ndlovu	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 295 4653	eTsheni, Hluhluwe	3960
45		M	Ndwandwe	Mdletshe TC	Community member		Ekuphindisweni, Hluhluwe	3960
46	Ms	Nokwanda	Nene	Mdletshe TC	Community member	071 296 0302	Gabadela, Hluhluwe	3960
47		DT	Nene	Mdletshe TC	Community member	079 541 1475	Nwabakazi, Hluhluwe	3960
48	Mr	Nkosinathi	Ngcamphalala	Mdletshe TC	Community member		Mawuza, Hluhluwe	3960
49		SN	Ngobese	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 380 2955	PO Box 370, Hlabisa	3937
50		FJ	Nhleko	Mdletshe TC	Community member	078 621 7377	eGula, Hluhluwe	3960
51		HN	Nkwanyana	Mdletshe TC	Ward Councillor	072 237 0186	Hluhluwe	3960
52		HB	Nsibande	Mdletshe TC	Community member	076 285 6042	Nwabakazi, Hluhluwe	3960
53		GS	Ntombela	Mdletshe TC	Community member	073 652 2307	Ngodini, Hluhluwe	3960
54		SD	Ntshangase	Mdletshe TC	Community member	079 537 2781	Private Bag X6010, Nongoma	3950
55	Ms	Nomthandazo	Ntshangase	Mdletshe TC	Community member	071 366 5137	Hluhluwe	3960
56	Mr	Nhlalohle	Ntuli	Mdletshe TC	Community member	082 535 3410	KwaMafahla, Hluhluwe	3960
57		SN	Ntuli	Mdletshe TC	Community member	076 803 2658	KwaMafahla, Hluhluwe	3960
58	Mr	Mavela	Ntuli	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 028 2645	Mzinene, Hluhluwe	3960
59		AP	Shabangu	Mdletshe TC	Community member	073 500 8325	Hluhluwe	3960
60	Mr	Hezekia	Shange	Mdletshe TC	Community member		Ezibayeni, Hluhluwe	3960
61		VZ	Sibiya	Mdletshe TC	Community member	071 732 1235	eGula, Hluhluwe	3960
62		M	Sikhosana	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 403 9119	eGula, Hluhluwe	3960
63		NA	Simelane	Mdletshe TC	Ward Councillor	076 989 7809	Mansiya, Hluhluwe	3960
64		MZ	Thabethe	Mdletshe TC	Community member	071 170 0980	PO Box 587, Hluhluwe	3960
65		SZ	Ziqubu	Mdletshe TC	Community member	078 359 1777	eGula, Hluhluwe	3960
66		E	Zulu	Mdletshe TC	Community member	079 672 2560	PO Box 6010, Hluhluwe	3960
67		MZ	Zungu	Mdletshe TC	Community member	076 911 3618	Ngodini, Hluhluwe	3960
68		NZ	Zwane	Mdletshe TC	Community member	072 653 1540	Ekuphindisweni, Hluhluwe	3960