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# **Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting Details				
Project	Ngwedi (Mogwase) Substation and Turn – Ins Transmission project.			
Meeting         Focus Group Meeting         Date         01 Ju			01 July 2010	
Venue     Wesizwe Site Field     Time     13H30				
Consultants	onsultants Margen Industrial Services and PBA International (Pty) Ltd.			

Purpose of Discussion:

To discuss the findings of the draft scoping report. To gather concerns and issues regarding the finding of the draft scoping report.

Present	Representing	Capacity
Mr. E Blignaut	Wesizwe Mining	General Manager: Operations
Mrs. C Theron	Wesizwe Mining	Environmental Manager
Mr. S Mohlala	Margen Industrial Services	PIP Project Officer
Mr. C Le Roux	Margen Industrial Services	PIP Assistant Project Manager
Mr. M Mahlangu	Margen Industrial Services	PIP Project Manager
Ms. N Saleshando	PBA International	EIA Project Manager
Mr. S Vilakazi	Eskom Transmission	EIA Project Manager

Topics of Discussion - Agenda				
Item	Discussion	Presented By		
1	Welcome & Introduction	Mr Solly Mohlala		
2	Apologies	No apology		
3	Purpose of this meeting	Mr Solly Mohlala		
4	Presentation	Mrs. Ntšebo Saleshando		
5	Discussion	All attendees		
6	Way Forward	Mr Solly Mohlala		
7	Closure	Mr Solly Mohlala		

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Item	Agenda	Discussion		
1	Welcome &	Mr. Solly Mohlala opened the meeting by introducing the project team and asking the		
	Incoduction	attendees to introduce themselves to the study team.		
2	Apologies	No apology were rendered		
3	Purpose of this meeting	To discuss the findings of draft scoping report. To gather concerns and issues regarding the findings of the draft scoping report for the proposed project.		
4	Presentation	Ntšebo Saleshando gave background about Medupi Integration, its relationship to Ngwedi (Mogwase) Project and Project motivation thereof. (see <b>Appendix 1</b> ). Ntšebo Saleshando also presented the EIA process to be followed for this project (see <b>Appendix 2</b> ).		
5	Discussion	Various issues were discussed after the project presentation. These have been captured in table format (see <b>Appendix 3</b> ).		
6	Way Forward	Mr. Mohlala said the draft scoping report will be available for public review at the information points. Stakeholders must submit their written comments to the public participation office not later than the 13 August 2010. Stakeholders are invited to attend a public meeting scheduled for 27 July 2010.		
7	Closure	Mr. Mohlala thanked all the attendees for the opportunity to present the findings of the draft scoping report for the proposed project.		

#### Appendix 1

### Background about Medupi Integration and its relationship to Ngwedi (Mogwase) Project

The proposed project will feed from the Medupi Integration Project, which is Eskom's focal for the expansion of its' Generation, Transmission and Distribution capacity. The massive coalfields in the Waterberg area are the new Generation centres, that will power the Medupi Power Station currently under construction. The power generated from this Power Station and the surplus capacity from Mmamabula Power Station in Botswana will augment the Eskom's Generation capacity. An integration power corridor network comprising of 6x765kV Transmission power lines from Masa (Delta) to Selemo (Epsilon), supplemented by 3x400kV power lines to Rustenburg and Brits, 2x400kV power lines to Polokwane and the existing 400kV network will transmit the generated power to the various load centres spread throughout the country. The 6x765 Masa (Delta) – Selemo (Epsilon) Transmission power lines are to run in two corridors of 3 lines each. The proposed Ngwedi (Mogwase) substation will be supplied by one these two corridors.



Marana

Midas

(Rustenburg)

Dinaledi

(Brits)

Key

stations Existing substation

Existing/committed power station Proposed/new power

Existing 400kV line 400kV Loop-in Loop-out

Proposed new substation New 400kV line New 765kV line

# Epsilon Potchefstroom

Mogwase

**Figure 1: Schematic for the Medupi Integration Project** (Source EIA for Masa (Delta)- Selemo (Epsilon) 6 X 765kV Transmission Power Lines)

# **Project Motivation**

The Transmission network servicing the general study area and four Main Transmission Substations supply beyond: namely Marang, Ararat, Trident and Bighorn. In 2010, the Rustenburg load peaked at 1880MW and Ararat MTS is operating at the maximum design limit, which has placed part of the network under pressure. At the same time, Eskom's investigations have indicated that over the next 20 years to 2030, the demand for electricity is forecasted to increase by 50% in the Rustenburg area. A large portion will be taken up by the expansion of several mining operations occurring in the area. The proposed Ngwedi (Mogwase) substation and associated turn-ins project will de-load Ararat MTS and create additional power to augment the current supply load to Rustenburg and areas between Spitskop and Ararat.

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#### An explanation of the project and the EIA process to be followed for this project

#### **Project Description**

The proposed project will result in the construction of the following:

- Ngwedi (Mogwase) Mani Transmission Substation on a 600m x 600m plot.
- Looping the Matimba-Midas 400kV line in and out of Ngwedi (Mogwase) MTS by establishing 2 x 400kV turn-ins.

Appendix 2

- Looping the Matimba-Marang 400kV in and out of Ngwedi (Mogwase) MTS by establishing 2 x 400kV turn-ins.
- Operate and terminate a 400kV power line from Masa (Delta) to Ngwedi (Mogwase) MTS.
- Looping the 765kV power line from Masa (Delta) substation to Ngwedi (Mogwase) MTS and to Selemo (Epsilon) substation. This line will be operated as a 400kV.
- Install 2 x 500MVA, 400/132kV transformers in a yard terraced for 4 x 500MVA, 400/132kV units.
- Terrace the Ngwedi (Mogwase) 400kV yard for an end-state of 5x400kV feeders.
- Terrace the Ngwedi (Mogwase) 132kV yard for an end-state of 10x 132kV feeders.
- Establishing the control building, telecommunication infrastructure and oil dam.
- Establishing the access road infrastructure to and within Ngwedi (Mogwase) MTS.

The associated turn-ins from Matimba – Marang and Matimba – Midas 400kV lines are to increase the reliability of electricity supply to Rustenburg by improving the transient stability of Matimba Power Station. In addition, between four and six Distribution power lines will connect Ngwedi (Mogwase) substation to several Distribution substations in the vicinity.

# **Project Alternatives**

The study identified a total of 13 potential sites for the proposed substation and of these, 5 sites are to be assessed in detail in the EIA phase. In Scoping, Site A – C were subjected to scoping phase investigations, a desktop review for site D by the various specialists.

The remaining sites were only subjected to the site selection screening exercise. 5 corridors in total were identified and only the first three corridors were subjected to specialist.

# The EIA process to be followed for this project:

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#### **SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (Scoping and EIA)**

#### **Scoping Phase:**

- Application form submitted to DEA [19 July 2009]
- The application was acknowledged [ 24 July 2009]
- Consent from landowner at the substation [26 June 2009]
- Register of I&APs opened and maintained until EIR is submitted to authority [Ongoing]
- Advertise the project in local newspapers [ 07 August 2009]
- Put site notices at substation site [11 August 2009]
- Information disseminating documents distributed to stakeholders [Ongoing]
- Capture the issues and comments in a register that will evolve into a Comments and Response Report [Ongoing]
- Nominate preferred alternatives for detailed investigation in the EIA [EIA Phase]
- Public review of Scoping report [ 05 July 2010 to 13 August 2010]

Submit the Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA to DEA [September 2010]

#### **EIA Phase**

- Specialists conduct detailed study of potential impacts (Positive & Negative) associated with the alternatives nominated in the Scoping Phase.
- Public participation continues
- Integrate all specialist reports findings and inputs from I&APs
- Public review of the EIR
- Submit final EIR to DEA

Notify I&APs about the authorization outcome and allow 30 days appeal period

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No	Issue	Raised By	Response
1	<ul> <li>The proposed corridors for the 765kV lines are about 2km wide. Wesizwe mine has a lot of infrastructure that must be constructed in a area that is already congested with settlement infrastructures, developments by other mines and so on. What will happen then if the whole 2km corridor is already in an area that is impacted?</li> <li>Land use for Mimosa farm is indicated as agriculture. This must be changed part of this farm has been rezoned for mining</li> </ul>	Mr. E Blignaut	<ul> <li>Ms. N Saleshando: It is hoped that the consultation process will give stakeholders the opportunity to highlight no go areas within the study area are identified and changes effected early in the planning phase. Deviation of power line servitude within a corridor will be concluded during negotiation phase</li> <li>Ms. N Saleshando: Comment noted. Maps will be updated during the early stages of EIA phase.</li> </ul>
2	What is the size of the planned tailing dams?	Ms. N Saleshando	• Mr. M Blignaut: it is about 300m <sup>2</sup> . Drawings of the tailing dams can be obtained from Wesizwe. The EIA report is also available to give all other required information such as air quality.
3	<ul> <li>Are you aware that the department of Health is proposing to construct a new hospital in the study area, it will be on the western side of Ledig</li> </ul>	Mrs. C Theron	• Ms. N Saleshando: The study team is not aware of the proposal for a new hospital in the study area. We will enquire about the location of the proposed hospital.