

FIRGROVE-MITCHELL'S PLAIN 400KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINE AND SUBSTATION EIA

INCEPTION MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (DEA)

09 MARCH 2010, 09:00, DEA OFFICE

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1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Peter Teurlings welcomed representatives of Eskom and the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) to the meeting and handed over to Bharat Gordhan.</p>																						
2.	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>An attendance register was circulated for everyone present to sign and is attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.</p> <p>Present:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Reggie Nkosi</td> <td>(RN)</td> <td>DEA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tebogo Mapinga</td> <td>(TM)</td> <td>DEA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kentridge Makhanya</td> <td>(KM)</td> <td>Eskom</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dalton Matshidza</td> <td>(DM)</td> <td>Eskom</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Teurlings</td> <td>(PT)</td> <td>BKS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bharat Gordhan</td> <td>(BG)</td> <td>BKS</td> </tr> </table> <p>Apologies:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>David de Waal</td> <td>(DdW)</td> <td>BKS</td> </tr> </table>	Reggie Nkosi	(RN)	DEA	Tebogo Mapinga	(TM)	DEA	Kentridge Makhanya	(KM)	Eskom	Dalton Matshidza	(DM)	Eskom	Peter Teurlings	(PT)	BKS	Bharat Gordhan	(BG)	BKS	David de Waal	(DdW)	BKS	
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3.	<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>KM, DM, PT and BG provided a brief description of the proposed Eskom Transmission project in Cape Town. As such, the project entailed the undertaking of environmental authorisation processes for the construction of the following infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x400kV on a double-circuit Transmission power line between Firgrove Substation and Mitchell's Plain Substation and the new Mitchell's Plain substation; and • 1x400kV single-circuit Transmission power line between Phillipi Substation and Mitchell's Plain Substation and the upgrade of the Phillipi Substation. <p>BKS proposed and the DEA accepted that in order to save on cost and time for the proposed project, the EIA process can be separated, with the public participation process (PPP) combined.</p> <p>The DEA determined that once the application forms were submitted, the assigned case officer from DEA will decide on the acceptance of either a single EIA report or separate EIA reports for the project. PT indicated this would be discussed with the relevant case officer.</p>	<p>BG</p> <p>BG</p>																					
4.	<p>LEGAL REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BG presented the listed activities in terms of the EIA Regulations (2006) applicable to the proposed development. RN indicated that, depending on the project description, listed activity 1(c) of GNR 387 of the EIA Regulations (2006) may be necessary. RN also indicated that this will be assessed upon receipt of the application forms. • BG enquired with regards to waste management activities (e.g. construction rubble) in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) being applicable to the proposed development. RN indicated that the undertaking of a Waste Licence Application process will be assessed upon the receipt of the application forms. • It was determined that the Department of Water Affairs must be consulted to determine the applicability of a Water Use Licence Application for the proposed development. 	<p>BG, RN</p> <p>BG</p> <p>BG</p>																					

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5.	<p>SPECIALIST STUDIES</p> <p>BG requested DEA's view on the undertaking of a Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) for the proposed project. TM indicated that it does not seem necessary at this stage of the project. TM did indicate that the visual impacts would have to be assessed (but without the need for a specialist VIA study).</p> <p>In addition, should I&APs request any specific study during the scoping phase, it would be mandatory (within reason) to undertake the necessary specialist studies. Therefore, it was agreed that specialist studies required would be determined once the Scoping Report had been submitted to the DEA.</p>	BG
6.	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RN concurred with notifying interested and affected parties (I&APs) about the EIA process by advertisements, site notices, background information documents and flyers. • BG stated that Public Open Days would be undertaken during the scoping phase to accurately inform I&APs of the PPP and attempt to avoid misconceptions that could arise. Some debate occurred on the need for public meetings during the Scoping Phase, but it was concluded that Public Open Days seemed more appropriate to avoid the escalation of non-Transmission power line issues. Public meetings would be held during the EIA phase to discuss the findings of the specialist studies. • Furthermore, multi-stakeholder workshops would be conducted with community leaders, relevant ward councillors as well as other relevant authorities to involve them in the PPP. • RN indicated that the DEA has not yet decided on the acceptability of the submission of environmental reports for review to the public during the 2010 Football World Cup (i.e. 11 June – 11 July 2010), and details would be communicated to environmental consultants timeously. • RN stated that the World Cup period be considered the same status as the December holidays, i.e. no public consultation or review to take place during this period. • RN confirmed that a condition could be attached to correspondence and consultation with commenting authorities to provide comment on the proposed project within 40 days. Therefore, should no comment be forthcoming from commenting authorities after 40 days, the contents of the consultation should be considered acceptable by the commenting authority. 	<p>DdW</p> <p>DdW</p> <p>DdW</p> <p>DEA</p> <p>DdW</p> <p>BG</p>
7.	<p>DEA SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RN stated that a site visit be undertaken after the Scoping Report is submitted to the DEA so that identifiable issues and possible specialist studies could be confirmed at that juncture. • BG enquired on the status of DEA's review periods, to which RN replied that the DEA had gone through a difficult year in 2009, that it is in the process of appointing 15 environmental officials and that the DEA will strive to meet the timeframes stipulations of R. 385. 	BG, KM
8.	<p>CLOSURE</p> <p>A meeting will be scheduled with the assigned case officer after the acknowledgement of receipt of the application forms and provision of the relevant case number for the proposed project.</p>	BG