

OPEN CYCLE GAS TURBINE (OCGT) PROJECT

Environmental Liaison Committee Meeting
12 October 2006, 11h00

Mossel Bay Library Hall

PRESENT:

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Item	Activity	Resp.	Date
1.	<i>Election of New Chairperson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outgoing chairman welcomed all present. A special welcome was extended to Ninham Shand. The chairman opened the floor for nominations for a new chairperson. Tonia Schonken was unanimously elected to be the new chairperson of the ELC. Beryl thanked the outgoing chairman for the work that he has done and congratulated Tonia with her election. 		
2	<i>Attendance Register</i> The chairperson requested that all present should sign the attendance register.		
3	<i>Minutes of Meeting held on 10 August 2006</i>		
3.1	<i>Approval of minutes:</i> Joe's proposal that the previous minutes be approved was seconded by Beryl.		
3.2	<i>Matters arising</i>		

	<p>Borehole water quality According to the test results the sodium chloride concentrations were very high. Eskom is using PetroSA's licensed waste disposal site. The ECO (Joe) was requested to get background information from Mike Keet on how the movement of sodium & chlorides in the groundwater is managed.</p>	JvW	07/11/06
	<p>Auditing and Monitoring: Ongoing by Eskom's ECO.</p>	JvW	ongoing
4.	Community Matters		
4.1	<p>Community "hotline" Beryl reported that Eskom was still waiting for Telkom to provide a new line but that all calls to the old number will be recorded and followed up.</p>		
4.2	<p>Eskom assistance to flood victims Donation boxes for flood victims have been handed over to the Chief of the Fire Station for distribution amongst the flood victims.</p>		
5.	Implementation of OCGT CEMP		
5.1	<p>Project progress report Beryl Blaeser reported that the excessive rainfall caused a delay of approximately two months wrt civils. Eskom is behind schedule with the OCGT project. There a problem country wide with the acquisition of skilled personnel. Eskom will be meeting with Siemens to determine a new completion date.</p>		
5.2	<p>Environmental management monthly report. A written report was send electronically to ELC members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sewerage leak at Eskom has been sorted out. - Eating areas have been established. - Indigenous plants have been planted on the berm surrounding the OCGT site. - A digital weather station will be installed on the OCGT site. - Diesel spill has been spotted by ECO - he will follow up. 	JVW	ongoing
		JVW	07/11/06
5.3	<p>Report on OCGT project impact on Blinde River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The status quo has been maintained regarding the water quality in the Blinde River. - The river is monitored and tested once a week by PetroSA. - Beryl requested the ELC to approve an amendment to the CEMP clause PSEM 4-2 on contaminated water to reflect that Eskom should comply with PetroSA's water usage license conditions wrt total suspended 	MK	ongoing

	<p>solids of 20mg/l.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A letter to request the amendment will be drafted and handed to the chairperson of the ELC for approval before being forwarded to the authorities. 	JVW	12/10/06
5.4	<p>ELC comments</p> <p>ELC members recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public be advised well in advance of the transportation of heavy Eskom equipment causing road closures and traffic delays. • The EIA for the proposed OCGT upgrade project reassess the negative impact on Dana Bay residents caused by increased traffic flows generated by the site construction activities. • The revised EIA include for a study on the impacts caused to the Blinde River during the OCGT construction and operational phases. 		
6.	<p>Transmission Lines & Sub-Station CEMP</p> <p>A written report was sent electronically to ELC members.</p>	JVW	Ongoing
6.1	<p>Project progress report</p> <p>Transmission is 4 weeks behind schedule.</p>		
6.2	<p>Environmental management monthly report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work areas have been fenced off, and no unauthorised access has been reported. - A net-covered skip bin is provided for wastes dumped at a licence refuse site. - Fire extinguishers have been distributed. - Only eucalyptus and acacia Cyclops have been removed, during site establishment. - ECO discover a grave, and fence off the area. 		
6.3	<p>Approved CEMP</p> <p>Joe has handed over a copy of the letter of approval of the EMP for the transmission lines and sub-station to the Chairlady.</p>	JVW	07/11/06
6.4	<p>Endangered Red Data vegetation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The endangered Red Data Species are, as far as is possible, being protected and monitored by the ECO. - Tonia to give feedback on the letter to the municipality regarding their role (and the absence of an EIA) in the matter. 	JVW TS	ongoing 07/11/06
6.5	<p>ELC Comments</p> <p>ELC members commented that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EIA for the extention project include for a detail study of the flora on the OCGT and transmission line (including all ancillary areas being utilised) areas and that a 		

	<p>management plan to protect the endangered Red Data species be compiled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They believe that the previous EIA, and especially the OCGT site selection process that was done in-house by Eskom, failed the system in that the Red Data species is being endangered by the project. 		
7	General		
7.1	Presentation on the proposed new project by Ninham Shand.		
7.2	A week before the next meeting, the agenda and the monthly environmental management reports will be electronically transmitted to ELC committee members.	AC	ongoing

Next meeting: Thursday 07th November 2006 at 11h00 at the Mossel Bay Library Hall