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Dear all,

Thank you for attending the public meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

We would like to draw your attention that these minutes were drawn from notes taken from the Public Meeting; please provide corrections / additions if applicable.

We would like to advise that while utmost care was taken to record your comments accurately and faithfully, there may be some discrepancies between what has been written in the minutes that follow and what was actually said. We apologise for this and request that you correct the minutes and e-mail back to us for final amendments.

Many thanks for your participation at the meeting, as well as for your understanding regarding the minutes.

Regards

Judith Fasheun

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## Proposed “Aggeneis-Paulputs” 400kV Transmission Powerline & Substations Upgrade, Northern Cape Province

**Meeting with I&APs held at 16h00 on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Pofadder Hotel**

### **Attendees:**

Judith	Fasheun	JF	Mokgope Consulting
Victoria	Somo	VS	Mokgope Consulting
Mpilo	Masondo	MM	Eskom
Rene	Naidoo	RN	Eskom
Lungile	Lohlanga	LL	Eskom
Pumza	Jizala	PJ	Eskom
Fick	Booyesen	FB	Eskom
Tebogo	Bhulose	TB	Eskom
Mxolisi	Mabindisa	MXM	Eskom
Pieter	Van den Heever	PV	Landowner
Luise Niemoller	Coertze	LC	Landowner
Paul	Van den Heever	PVH	Landowner

Item No	Item Description	Response / Comment
1.	JF: Welcome and Introduction	
2.	MXM: Presentation 1	
3.	JF: Presentation 2	
4.	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
	<b>PVH:</b> Eskom personnel dodge the task of opening gates throughout the existing Aggeneis–Paulputs 220kV servitude and make use of the landowner’s private roads. Gates are sometimes left open during maintenance..	<b>Eskom:</b> We apologise for this as this should not be the case. Eskom maintenance personnel should use the roads as agreed upon with the affected landowners.

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	<p><b>PVH:</b> There is no communication from Eskom to the landowners prior to accessing landowner's properties within the servitude. Landowners just see car tracks on their properties without the knowledge of who gained access of the property.</p>	<p><b>Eskom:</b> Again, this should not be the case and we apologise. The Grid, which is in charge of maintenance, needs to ensure they get permission prior to gaining access to the property.</p>
	<p><b>PV:</b> As landowners we would like a courtesy call about prospective access. This is for the safety of Eskom personnel (should they be mistaken for intruders) and the security of the landowners.</p>	<p><b>Eskom:</b> We understand your concern and agree that for safety and security, the landowner must be communicated with.</p>
	<p><b>PV:</b> I suggest that at entry points to a farm there should be names and phone numbers made available on the gate, the nearest tower or a proper sign. It should be: the name of the farm, the owner, his phone number and a name and number of someone from Eskom who the farmer/owner can contact in case of an incident.</p>	<p><b>Eskom:</b> We acknowledge your suggestion.</p>
	<p>I feel this is really important. Mutual respect between farm owner and Eskom in order to try and keep crime and stock theft under control.</p>	
	<p><b>PVH:</b> If the 400kV line must really be built alongside the existing 220kV line, can Eskom not make use of the same existing road to access both servitudes?</p>	<p><b>Eskom:</b> If the proposed line is built next to the existing line that would be the most ideal case because that would allow for the same access roads to be used in order to avoid the impacts you have mentioned.</p>
	<p>Another road means new tracks behind that lead to soil erosion and destruction of vegetation.</p>	
	<p><b>PVH:</b> Eskom is not doing much if, anything at all, to return to the existing line (that is approximately 15 years in operation now) to find out if all is okay and to figure out any measures that must be put in place to reduce negative impact from the existing powerline to the environment.</p>	<p><b>Eskom:</b> This will be brought to the attention of the Grid Manager.</p>
	<p>Bird diverters are either not in place where they are needed or they are not properly installed because the devices are blown by the wind and found by the landowners on the ground.</p>	

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	<p><b>PVH:</b> Furthermore, this is quite disturbing because as a landowner, with the line crossing my farm, I constantly see dead birds due to collision with the line. I pick up at least one dead bird (eagle) every week. Eskom does not seem to be concerned.</p> <p><b>PV:</b> Corridor 2 will run almost over my house. But it seems that everybody agreed anyway that Corridor 1 be the chosen one.</p>	<p><b>Eskom:</b> Again, this is extremely disturbing and should be investigated. If bird diverters need to be replaced, then they should be for the safety of the birds. This will be brought to the attention of the Environment Advisor of the grid as well as the Grid Manager as it should be rectified.</p> <p><b>JF:</b> Yes, Corridor 1 is the preferred route.</p>
5.	Meeting was declared closed.	