

Dwaalboom 132kV Switching Station Public Meeting – Scoping Phase

DATE: 12 June 2008
TIME: 17:30 – 19:00
VENUE: Nonceba Community Hall
FACILITATOR: Ms Elani Brits

1. Attendance

Name	Telephone Number	Home Area
S. Vilakazi	011 800 4902	Johannesburg
Mfundi	082 428 5965	Johannesburg
P. Makweya		Johannesburg
E. Brits	014 592 3448	Rustenburg
S. Bush	011 781 1730	Johannesburg
Cllr H.Ramokopelwe	082 307 9667	Nonceba
B. Ncube	078 140 9681	Good Hope
M. Matlapeng	082 086 6579	Good Hope
S. Tisobeka	073 046 5097	Welverdiend
L. Tlowe		Welverdiend
S. Phage		Dwarsberg
M. Keabetswe	079 987 8697	Dwarsberg
D. Setphend		Good Hope
T. Maneli	072 142 5966	Welverdiend
N. Mathunda	072 302 1969	Welverdiend
E. Makhaluza		Welverdiend
S. Lesie		Welverdiend
E. Mbipha	072 732 2569	Welverdiend
G. Ytobeka		Welverdiend
M. Thunzi		Welverdiend
E. Monye		Welverdiend
M. Mfaha		Welverdiend
M. Lesie		Welverdiend
L. More		Welverdiend
F. Danilyi		Welverdiend
M.W. Moxua		Dwarsberg
T. Dlamini	072 254 9861	Welverdiend

H. Zikalala		Wilverdiend
P. Thambe		Wilverdiend
B. Tiki		Wilverdiend
E. Humano		Wilverdiend
C. Khumalo		Wilverdiend
D. Khumalo		Wilverdiend
C. Mameli		Wilverdiend
J. Mpe		Wilverdiend
M.S. Loane	072 292 0885	Wilverdiend
D. Ramotshabi		Wilverdiend
D. Danki		Wilverdiend
J. Erins		Wilverdiend
L. Mguye		Wilverdiend
K. Maflapeng	079 555 9279	Good Hope
M. Matshego	072 223 609	Wilverdiend
K. Maetla	072 642 4481	Velgeval
M. Tyobeka	079 868 3320	Wilverdiend
M. Mastwe	079 781 1920	Good Hope
Kefiloe Dube	071 311 3667	Wilverdiend
A. Mafe		Wilverdiend
S. Nosilela	072 782 9102	Wilverdiend
Moses	076 526 0661	E10 Good Hope
F. Kuate	072 367 8931	Velgeval
A. Motlotle	072 446 7609	Velgeval
T. Khaula		Velgeval
M. Rapolai		Velgeval
M. Constans		
M. Martha	072 355 3679	
M. Tljowe		Wilverdiend
G. Tyobeka		Wilverdiend
F. Thambe		Wilverdiend
S. Mawela		Wilverdiend
C. Skrich		Wilverdiend
S. Nxamangela		Wilverdiend
M. Mcuku		Wilverdiend
R. Geela		Wilverdiend
Mityobeka		Wilverdiend

Lesejane		Good Hope
K. Kgetse		Good Hope
M. Modise		Good Hope
S. Maise		Welverdiend
L. Munisi		Welverdiend
T. Solly	082 256 6089	Welverdiend
D. Gaven		Welverdiend
L. Mafe		Welverdiend
N. Mfana		Welverdiend
Maxwell		Mbipna
Cyril		Welverdiend
Matikane		Good Hope
A. Matlapeng		Good Hope
J. Modise		Good Hope
A. Modise		Good Hope
A. Mazokini		E13 Welverdiend
N. Mawelo	079 415 0454	E142 Welverdiend
E. Magdeni	076 347 3558	E53 Welverdiend
W. Xauka	072 170 6785	E88 Welgevaal
Morrison		E24 Pete
D. Stepheph		E33 Mtshatsha
V. Gomen	071 218 2600	E41 Good Hope
A. Tyobeka		Welwerdiend
W. Dlamini		Welverdiend
E. Makhaluza		Welverdiend
B. Lolmane		Welverdiend
W. Thambe		Welverdiend
S. Boswana		Welverdiend
P. Lesie		Welverdiend
P. Molate		Welverdiend
M. Modise		Welgeval
M. Tunki		Welverdiend
D. Thwasha		Welverdiend
P. Mthimela		Welverdiend
P. Nosilela		Welverdiend
Mandla		Khosa
B. Mosimanyana		Obakeng

2. Apologies

Ms P. Ntwape from the Department of Land Affairs.

3. Details of the Meeting

Below is a summary of the public meeting

Item Number	Item	Action
3.1	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	
3.1.1	The translator Mr J. Mathunda introduced the project team to the community and the meeting was opened with a prayer.	Noted
3.1.2	The presentations were translated into both Xhosa and Tshwana.	Noted
3.1.3	Ms E. Brits, the facilitator, welcomed all present and described the aims of the meeting, which were: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide a project description to the community;2. Describe the environmental process;3. Provide a platform for project-related discussions;4. Adhere to legal requirements.	Noted
3.2	BACKGROUND, MOTIVATION AND DESCRIPTION	
3.2.1	Mr Mfundi from Eskom provided the background, motivation and description of the project. This included: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The purpose of the project;2. Who the project would supply electricity for;3. Where the project is;4. What a switching station looks like;	Noted

	<p>5. The size of a switching station; and</p> <p>6. What the various components of the switching station are.</p>	
3.3	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS	
3.3.1	<p>Ms S. Bush from Nemaï Consulting described what an environmental assessment is, the environmental process that has been followed to date and the next stages of the environmental process.</p>	Noted
3.4	DISCUSSION	
3.4.1	<p>A community member asked where the switching station would be located.</p> <p>Mr Mfundi from Eskom responded that the best place for a switching station is near to the road for good site access, as well as near to both transmission lines. For this project there are three alternative sites; A, B and C and all three sites are located on the farm De Paarl 246.</p>	Noted
3.4.2	<p>A community member asked how the project would benefit the local community?</p> <p>Mr Mfundi from Eskom explained that a negotiator from Eskom would negotiate compensation with the relevant parties.</p>	Noted
3.4.3	<p>A community member asked what the size of the switching station would be.</p>	

	Mr Mfundi from Eskom responded that the size of the switching station itself would be 50m x 50m, however a total area of 100m x 300m would be needed for all the secondary infrastructure.	Noted
3.4.4	A community member asked which alternative Eskom prefers.	
	Mr Mfundi from Eskom replied that Eskom prefers Site A.	Noted
3.4.5	A community member commented that the community accepts the project as they believe it will benefit them.	Noted
3.4.6	A community member commented that advertising the project by radio would be a good way to raise awareness.	Noted
3.4.7	A community member said that the community would have preferred the project documents to be in Tshwana and Xhosa as well as English.	
	Ms E. Brits from Nemai replied that Nemai will translate the Background Information Documents if requested, however the Scoping Report would become very large if it was translated into another language. Sections of the report can however be translated over the phone if required.	Noted
	The community indicated that this was acceptable.	Noted

<p>3.4.8</p>	<p>A community member said that when Eskom had last done maintenance they had cut the fences of the grazing camps.</p> <p>Mr Mfundi from Eskom explained that this was against the Eskom standard practises and should not have happened.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3.4.9</p>	<p>A community member raised the concern that there are people within the community who do not like development and who would speak to Eskom behind the scenes and sabotage the project.</p> <p>Mr Makweya from Eskom informed the community that the relevant parties would be compensated for the development and such people would not influence Eskom.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3.4.10</p>	<p>A community member asked whether they would be kept informed of any disadvantages of the project, for example electricity cut-offs during construction.</p> <p>Mr Mfundi from Eskom informed the community that they would be informed of all disadvantages and developments to the project.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3.4.11</p>	<p>A community member who is a tenant on De Paarl 246 enquired if Eskom would compensate the cattle farmers and if Eskom would secure drinking water for the cattle.</p>	

	<p>Mr Mfundi from Eskom replied that the Eskom negotiator would determine who would be compensated.</p>	Noted
<p>3.4.12</p>	<p>A community member requested that more information documents be left with the Ward Councillor.</p>	
	<p>Ms S. Bush from Nemaï replied that extra documents had been brought to the meeting and these documents would be left in the care of the Councillor.</p>	Nemaï
<p>3.4.13</p>	<p>Ms S. Bush from Nemaï asked the community where the best place to leave copies of the Scoping Report would be?</p>	
	<p>The community replied that the copies could be left in the care of the Ward Councillor.</p>	Nemaï
<p>3.4.14</p>	<p>The Ward Councillor commented that the community would benefit from the project.</p>	Noted

4. Close

Ms E. Brits thanked everyone for attending and their valuable input. The meeting was concluded, with a prayer, at 19H00.