

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR ESKOM'S NORTHERN KZN
STRENGTHENING PROJECT
MINUTES OF THE KEY STAKEHOLDER AND AUTHORITIES MEETING**

Venue	Pongola Country Lodge	Date	06 September 2016	Time	10H00
Facilitator	Bongi Shinga		Minutes prepared by	Motlagomang Mosina	

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1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Ms Shinga welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2	<p>Introduction of the Project Team and Attendance</p> <p>Ms Shinga gave a brief introduction of the project team members. This was followed by a round of introduction.</p> <p>The attendance register was circulated and is attached as Appendix A.</p>
3	<p>Purpose of the Meeting and Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>Ms Shinga mentioned that these are the first round of Key Stakeholder Meetings for the Public Participation Announcement Phase. Additional meetings such as Focus Group (FG) and Traditional Council (TC) Meetings will be held in the future as part of the proceeding phases of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. She furthermore encouraged the attendance and participation of all meetings.</p> <p>Ms Shinga indicated that the purpose of the Key Stakeholders and Authorities meeting is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the proposed project to all stakeholders and initiate discussions as part of the EIA process; • Outline the environmental authorisation (EA) process that will be followed in undertaking the EIA; • Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to provide inputs in the EIA process; • Advise on ongoing public consultation process; and • Identification of issues and next phases in the EIA process. <p>The agenda was accepted without any changes.</p>
4	<p>Background, Description, Need, and Motivation of the Proposed Project</p> <p>Mr Burger gave a technical presentation of the project and this included the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Background and Description of the project; • The Need and Motivation of the project;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Transmission Scope; and • The Distribution Scope. <p>Ms Shinga gave a Zulu translation of the presentation. The Technical Presentation is attached as Appendix B.</p>
5	<p>Questions for Clarification</p> <p>The floor was opened for questions and clarification, the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Welken asked when the construction of the substation will commence. <p>Mr Bailey indicated the construction is anticipated to commence in 36 months that is by October 2023.</p>
6	<p>Environmental Impact Assessment Process</p> <p>Ms Calmeyer gave a presentation on the EIA Process which is currently on the Announcement Phase of the Public Participating Process. The presentation included the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and Description of an EIA Process; • The composition of the Project Team; • Public Participation Process (PPP); • The Study Area; • The Alternatives; • Key Issues; and • Programme and Way forward. <p>Ms Shinga gave a Zulu translation of the presentation. The Presentation is attached as Appendix C.</p>
7	<p>Discussion & Question Session</p> <p>The floor was opened for discussions and questions, the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nhleko mentioned that he appreciates the proposed project as the supply of electricity will positively benefit the community. He asked whether there will be compensation for the affected land owners and farmers. He also enquired of the anticipated direct benefits for the community and of business opportunities for small business owners and local skilled individuals. <p>Mr Thanyani indicated that Eskom engages in a process of negotiation and compensation. Following the completion of the EIA process, an Eskom Negotiator and an independent Eskom-appointed property valuator will negotiate for the substation site which Eskom will buy from the current landowner at the market value and also negotiate a servitude on the property that remains in the ownership of the landowner. The servitude will give Eskom the right to build the powerline and have access it for any</p>

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	<p>maintenance. The landowner will have some restrictions on what he or she is allowed to do in that servitude and will be compensated for any loss resulting from these restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Thanyani indicated that although most of the work requires technical expertise, a Main Contractor will be appointed to construct the powerlines through the appointment of Sub-contractors and as such, Local Sub-contractors and skilled individuals will be given an opportunity to tender for general work. He furthermore indicated that anyone can visit the Eskom website to find out about the Eskom’s Development Foundation Programme which is tasked with implementing Eskom's corporate social investment aligned with Eskom’s business imperatives with the primary focus on development in communities around the new build sites, through rural education in infrastructure and skills development. • Mr Mpongase asked what methods are used to notify the key stakeholders of the meetings. <p>Ms Calmeyer indicated that the EIA process is a mandatory legal requirement promulgated in the Government Gazette in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The 2014 Regulations specify the methods to be used for the notification of Key Stakeholders and NAKO ILISO used the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placing of Newspapers Adverts in two provincial newspapers namely, Isolezwe and Mercury, and Excelsior regional newspaper; • Sent Notification letters via emails; • MadeTelephone calls; • Erected Onsite Notices; and • Distribution the Background Information Document (BID). <p>She furthermore indicated that although the meetings are not a legal requirement, they are an advantage in identifying and acquiring contact details of as many Interested and Affected Parties as possible.</p>		
<p>8</p>	<p>The Way Forward</p> <p>Ms Calmeyer mentioned the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Draft Scoping Report comment period is scheduled to commence in November 2016; • The Submission of the Final Scoping Report to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is scheduled for February 2017; • The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) comment period is scheduled for October 		
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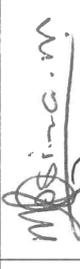
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	<p>2017; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submission of the Final EIR to DEA is scheduled for January 2018 and if all goes as anticipated, authorisation results should be is July 2018. <p>Ms Calmeyer indicated that all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register as stakeholders, forward their comments to and can obtain more information from Mr Joseph Masilela as indicated on the BID that was handed out.</p> <p>Ms Shinga mentioned that the next Key Stakeholder and Authorities Meeting will be the next day on the 7th September 2016 at Mkhuze Ghost Mountain Inn at 10:00.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the final minutes of this meeting will be distributed to all attendees via e-mail.</p>
9	Closure
	<p>Ms Shinga thanked everyone for attending and participating.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 12:15.</p>

APPENDIX A:

Attendance Register

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Project Name	EIA for the proposed Eskom's Northern KwaZulu-Natal Strengthening Project		Meeting Title	Key Stakeholders and Authorities' Meeting	
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Date	06 September 2016	Place	Pongola Country Lodge	Time	10H00 – 12H30

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