

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR ESKOM'S  
NORTHERN KWAZULU-NATAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT**

**SCOPING PHASE**

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH  
MSIYANE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

**(04 OCTOBER 2016)**

## OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Msiyane Traditional Council**.

For the benefit of all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), a list of all community meetings held is provided hereunder. For ease of reference, a separate record for each meeting has been prepared.

These meetings were conducted as part of the Public Participation Process, which was designed to provide sufficient and accessible information to all I&APs during the Scoping Phase.

NO	MEETING WITH	VENUE	DATE
1	Makhasa Traditional Council	Makhasa Tribal Court (Hluhluwe)	12 Sept 2016
2	Nibela Traditional Council	Nibela Tribal Court (Hluhluwe)	13 Sept 2016
3	AbakwaHlabisa Traditional Council	AbakwaHlabisa Tribal Court (Hlabisa)	14 Sept 2016
4	Mdletshe Traditional Council	Mdletshe Tribal Court (Hlabisa)	14 Sept 2016
5	Mpembeni Traditional Council	Mpembeni Tribal Court (Hlabisa)	15 Sept 2016
6	Myeni/Ntsinde Traditional Council	Myeni Tribal Court (Obonjeni)	20 Sept 2016
7	Ngwenya/Ntsinde Traditional Council	Ngwenya Tribal Court (Mkuze)	20 Sept 2016
8	Ndlangamandla Traditional Council	Ndlangamandla Tribal Court (Pongola)	21 Sept 2016
9	Sibiya Traditional Council	Sibiya Tribal Court (Pongola)	22 Sept 2016
10	Msibi Traditional Council	Msibi Tribal Court (Emgulatshani)	23 Sept 2016
11	Simelane Traditional Council	Simelane Tribal Court (Pongola)	26 Sept 2016
12	Gumbi Traditional Council	Gumbi Tribal Court (Pongola)	27 Sept 2016
13	Emgazini Traditional Council	Emgazini Tribal Court (Pongola)	28 Sept 2016
14	Ntshangase Traditional Council	Ntshangase Tribal Court (Pongola)	29 Sept 2016
15	Mavuso Traditional Council	Mavuso Tribal Court (Pongola)	03 Oct 2016
16	Klwana Traditional Council	Klwana Tribal Court (Piet Retief)	03 Oct 2016
17	<b>Msiyane Traditional Council</b>	<b>Msiyane Tribal Court (Louwsberg)</b>	<b>04 Oct 2016</b>
18	Empangisweni Traditional Council	Empangisweni Tribal Court (Langkraans)	05 Oct 2016
19	Khambi Traditional Council	Khambi Tribal Court (Gluckstadt)	06 Oct 2016
20	Emathongeni Traditional Council	Emathongeni Tribal Court (Vryheid)	07 Oct 2016
21	Hlahlindlela Traditional Council	Hlahlindlela Tribal Court (Swart Umfolozi)	12 Oct 2016
22	Othaka Traditional Council	Othaka Tribal Court (Nqutu)	12 Oct 2016
23	Mandlakazi Traditional Council	Mandlakazi Tribal Court (Emondlo)	13 Oct 2016
24	Usuthu Traditional Council	Usuthu Tribal Court (Nongoma)	13 Oct 2016
25	Dlamini Traditional Council	Dlamini Tribal Court (Nongoma)	18 Oct 2016
26	Ndlela Traditional Council	Ndlela Tribal Court (Paulpietersberg)	18 Oct 2016
27	Bhovungane Traditional Council	Bhovungane Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)	19 Oct 2016
28	Mthethwa Traditional Council	Mthethwa Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)	20 Oct 2016
29	Mpukunyoni Traditional Council	Mpukunyoni Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)	21 Oct 2016
30	Usuthu Traditional Council	Usuthu Tribal Court (Mtubatuba)	25 Oct 2016
31	Gumbi Traditional Council	Gumbi Tribal Court (Nongoma)	26 Oct 2016
32	Mandlakazi Traditional Council	Mandlakazi Tribal Court (Pongola)	28 Oct 2016

Table 1: List of traditional council and community meetings held during Scoping Phase

**Please note the following:**

- In some instances, and where possible, two sessions of community meetings were held in one day. First session held at 10h00 and the second session held at 14h00.
- Two sessions were held with Gumbi Traditional Council. The first and second session were held on 27 September 2016 and 26 October 2016 respectively.
- The first meeting with Usuthu Traditional Council scheduled for 13 October 2016 was cancelled due to inaccessibility to the area and bad weather. A repeat meeting was successfully held on 25 October 2016.
- The first meeting with Mandlakazi Traditional Council scheduled for 13 October 2016 was cancelled due to bad weather and lack of representation. The second meeting was successfully held on 28 October 2016.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

OUTLINE.....	2
1. ATTENDANCE.....	5
1.1 ATTENDANCE – MSIYANE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL.....	5
1.2 ATTENDANCE – ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED .....	5
1.3 ATTENDANCE – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TEAM .....	5
2. FORMAT OF THE MEETING .....	5
3. INFORMATION CIRCULATED.....	5
4. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETINGS .....	5
5. CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION .....	6
6. SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS .....	6
7. COMMENTS RAISED AND DISCUSSED.....	6
8. NEXT STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS .....	8
9. CLOSURE.....	8
ANNEXURE A: ATTENDANCE LIST AND REGISTERS .....	9

## 1. ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Attendance – Msiyane Traditional Council

Annexure A provides a list of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) who attended the meeting.

### 1.2 Attendance – Eskom Holdings SOC Limited

The following representative was in attendance:

Name	Position/Role
Mr Gugu Mvelase	Eskom Network Planning

### 1.3 Attendance – Public Participation Team

The following representatives were in attendance:

Name	Organisation	Position/Role
Ms Bongji Shinga	Wakhiwe SES	Public Participation Team Leader
Ms Lungelo Chamane	Wakhiwe SES	Public Participation Officer
Mr Sibusiso Khaba	Wakhiwe SES	Community Liaison Officer

## 2. FORMAT OF THE MEETING

All protocols at the Msiyane Traditional Council were observed. The meeting was opened with a prayer.

All information was presented in isiZulu and all proceedings were conducted in isiZulu.

## 3. INFORMATION CIRCULATED

Information and handouts distributed at the meeting included the following:

- Attendance Register.
- Background Information Document (isiZulu version).
- Comment Sheet (isiZulu version).
- Map showing the project study area and proposed corridors.

## 4. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETINGS

The primary objectives of the meeting were as follows:

- Introduce the proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening Project to the community and initiate discussions as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.
- Outline the environmental authorisation process that will be followed in undertaking the EIA process.
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to provide input in the EIA process; and

- Advise on the ongoing public consultation process, identification of issues and next phases in the process.

## 5. CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION

The following information was presented at the meeting:

- Background and description of the project.
- The need and motivation of the project.
- The description of the EIA process.
- The description of the Public Participation Process.
- The study area and proposed alternative corridors and substation.
- The locality of the communities in relation to the proposed corridors.
- Submission of comments, project timeframes and future phases of the EIA.

## 6. SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

All comments raised and discussed were recorded at the meeting including responses provided. In instances where responses were not readily available, comments were noted for passing on to the relevant officials.

Due to the remoteness of most rural areas, an alternative method for submission of comments was provided to the community. Community members were advised to submit any additional comments to the Secretary of the Traditional Council, who will thereafter liaise with the Public Participation Office for collection.

## 7. COMMENTS RAISED AND DISCUSSED

This section presents a summary of comments raised and discussed at the meeting.

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
1	Ms Nelly Mchunu	What would happen if the selected corridor for the proposed power lines has dwellings?	<p>It was explained that a socio-economic study which assess the impacts of the proposed project will be undertaken. The study will ascertain the extent of potential impacts of the proposed powerline and mitigation thereof. The relocation of households will be dealt with as part of this study.</p> <p>In the eventuality that dwellings cannot be avoided, negotiations will be done with the relevant household and in close consultation with the relevant Traditional Council.</p> <p>Eskom will appoint a contractor to build houses for the affected families. All</p>

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
			costs associated with relocation will become Eskom's responsibility.
2	Mr Mncube	To expect environmental authorisation in 2018 appears too far. Is it possible to expedite the EIA process?	<p>Since the EIA process is a legal requirement for a development of this nature, due process has to be followed. As such, all the necessary steps which are required for environmental authorisation have to be complied with.</p> <p>Based on current planning, construction is expected to commence in 2019.</p>
3	Mr Nyandeni	It is my wish that the final corridor passes through the KwaMsiyane community so that we can benefit from potential employment opportunities.	<p>The community was informed that the construction of power lines is of a technical nature and requires specialised skills. The main contractor will be appointed to construct the power lines and local sub-contractors will be given opportunities to tender for general and/unskilled work. Where possible, Eskom supports and encourages the use of local labour.</p> <p>Should there be employment opportunities, the relevant local structures, e.g. municipality and traditional council will be informed.</p>
4	Ms Mchunu	<p>Are there any internship opportunities and bursaries offered by Eskom?</p> <p>How can application forms be made more accessible to rural communities?</p>	<p>Ms Mchunu was informed that in general recruitments for internships are competitive as all companies seek out the best candidates. It is therefore important for the community leaders and schools to encourage their children to excel academically because bursaries and internships are all performance-based.</p> <p>Eskom bursaries are available for everyone but are focused in the fields which also benefit Eskom, e.g. engineering, accounting, Information Technology, etc. All bursaries are performance based and are awarded to those applicants who meet the criteria. Prospective students can apply online or enquire directly at nearest Eskom offices. Application forms can be downloaded and/or submitted online using a cell phone.</p>
5	Mr Nyandeni	Thank you to the EIA team for recognising and respecting the importance of consulting with the Traditional Council. Communities are	Mr Nyandeni's remarks regarding consultation of traditional councils was noted, with thanks.

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
		often not informed about developments within their areas.	

## 8. NEXT STEPS IN THE EIA PROCESS

The following information was outlined as part of the way forward:

- All members of the public will be advised of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public review.
- Communication with Msiyane Traditional Council will continue for the duration of the EIA.
- All traditional councils will be informed whether they are or not affected by the preferred corridor when environmental authorisation has been issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs.

## 9. CLOSURE

The Public Participation Team thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Refreshments were served afterwards.

## ANNEXURE A: ATTENDANCE LIST AND REGISTERS

Copies of attendance registers are provided as Appendix E of the Draft Scoping Report and can be requested from Ms Lungelo Chamane, Email: [lungelo@wakhiwe.co.za](mailto:lungelo@wakhiwe.co.za), Tel: 079 116 5703

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
1	Ms	Zanele	Zulu	Msiyane TC	Secretary	078 413 0189	Vumani, Langkraans	3114
2	Ms	Samukelisiwe	Thango	Msiyane TC	Council member	073 567 8888	Vumani, Langkraans	3114
3	Mr	BW	Xulu	Msiyane TC	Council member	073 650 2172	Vumani, Langkraans	3114
4	Mr	Fuyezakhe	Xulu	Msiyane TC	Council member		Vumani, Langkraans	3114
5	Mr	Amon	Nyandeni	Msiyane TC	Council member	078 270 4631	Vumani, Langkraans	3114
6	Mr	Makhathini	Ntuli	Msiyane TC	Council member	078 135 9243	Vumani, Langkraans	3114
7	Mrs	Masesi	Mtshali	Msiyane TC	Council member	078 468 9124	Vumani, Langkraans	3114
8	Ms	Nelisiwe	Mchunu	Msiyane TC	Council member	076 032 9392	KwaMzimba, Langkraans	3114
9	Ms	Phumelele	Makhundla	Msiyane TC	Community member	076 694 3213	Nhlambamasoka, Langkraans	3114
10	Mr	Mzungezeni	Xulu	Msiyane TC	Community member	073 702 2338	KwaMuzimuni, Langkraans	3114
11	Mr	KM	Xulu	Msiyane TC	Inkosi	076 465 7334	PO Box 52, Langkraans	3114
12	Mr	TM	Ncube	Msiyane TC	Community member	078 197 5276	Eskhaleni, Langkraans	3114
13	Ms	Tholakele	Buthelezi	Msiyane TC	Community member	083 955 7982	Bhokwe, Langkraans	3114
14	Mr	Enock	Nyandeni	Msiyane TC	Council member	078 209 2436	KwaMaqhuzu, Langkraans	3114