

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR Eskom's  
NORTHERN KWAZULU-NATAL STRENGTHENING PROJECT**

**SCOPING PHASE**

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH  
EMPANGISWENI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

**(05 OCTOBER 2016)**

## OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Empangisweni 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	Msiyane Traditional Council	Msiyane Tribal Court (Louwsberg)	04 Oct 2016
<b>18</b>	<b>Empangisweni Traditional Council</b>	<b>Empangisweni Tribal Court (Langkraans)</b>	<b>05 Oct 2016</b>
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.

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## 1. ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Attendance – Empangisweni 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 Empangisweni 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	Inkosi Zondo	I would like to express my appreciation for an informative presentation.  It is encouraging to see that Eskom is working towards addressing the issue of electricity supply in northern KZN areas. These areas are predominantly inhabited by black South Africans who were previously disadvantaged.	INKosi Zondo's remarks were noted, with thanks.
2	Mr Sihle Ngobese	Will the proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening project affect the current electrification project for the Empangisweni area?	The proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening project will not impact on the current electrification project in Empangisweni.  All existing electrification projects will continue as planned. The proposed

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			project will assist in improving the electricity supply and satisfy future electricity demands.
3	Mr Zakhele Mathenjwa	When will the construction of the proposed Iphiva substation in Mkhuze commence?	Construction will only commence once environmental authorisation has been received from the Minister of Environmental Affairs. Environmental Authorisation is anticipated in 2018. Current planning indicates that construction will commence in 2019.  All registered I&APs (including Traditional Councils) will be informed of this milestone.
4	Mr S Ngobese	Will Eskom be buying the 2km corridors for the power lines?	Eskom only requires a 55m servitude within the 2km corridor.  Therefore, Eskom will not be purchasing land within the 2km corridors, but will negotiate for a right (servitude right), i.e. to use the land with the affected land owners.

## 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 Empangisweni 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@wakiwe.co.za](mailto:lungelo@wakiwe.co.za), Tel: 079 116 5703

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
1	Ms	Doris	Zwane	Empangisweni TC	Community member		Mpofana, Swart Umfolozi	3115
2	Mrs	Elizabeth	Ngema	Empangisweni TC	Community member		Mkholokotho, Swart Umfolozi	3115
3	Mrs	Gloria	Mbatha	Empangisweni TC	Community member		Mkholokotho, Swart Umfolozi	3115
4	Mrs	Landiwe	Mhlongo	Empangisweni TC	Community member		Mandundwini, Swart Umfolozi	3115
5	Mr	ZA	Mathenjwa	Dept of Agriculture and Rural Development	Agriculture Advisor	076 667 0463	Vryheid	3100
6	Ms	Thembeni	Mtshali	Empangisweni TC	Community member	076 514 8380	Mpofana, Swart Umfolozi	3115
7	Ms	Nokulunga	Jiyane	Empangisweni TC	Community member	072 156 3682	Mabhula, Swart Umfolozi	3115
8	Ms	Nothando	Mncwango	Empangisweni TC	Community member	076 878 2561	Mpongoza, Swart Umfolozi	3115
9	Mrs	Slungile	Mncwango	Empangisweni TC	Community member	078 030 0716	Mandundwini, Swart Umfolozi	3115
10	Mrs	Simangele	Sibiya	Empangisweni TC	Community member	076 483 3860	Mpongoza, Swart Umfolozi	3115
11	Ms	Wendy	Ndebele	Empangisweni TC	Community member	071 504 4370	Mpangiso Mission, Swart Umfolozi	3115
12	Ms	Thulisile	Jiyane	Empangisweni TC	Community member	076 432 9794	Mpangiso Mission, Swart Umfolozi	3115
13	Ms	N	Dlamini	Empangisweni TC	Community member	072 864 672	Gluckstadt	2100
14	Ms	Thulisile	Sibiya	Empangisweni TC	Community member	082 642 2384	Gluckstadt	2100
15	Ms	Makhosi	Nyandeni	Empangisweni TC	Community member	076 137 3912	Mandundwini, Swart Umfolozi	3115
16	Mr	Sifiso	Mtshali	Empangisweni TC	Secretary	060 693 6552	PO Box 47, Swart Umfolozi	3115
17	Mrs	Muhle	Mtshali	Empangisweni TC	Council member	072 538 8943	Mpongoza, Swart Umfolozi	3115
18	Mr	DV	Zondo	Empangisweni TC	Inkosi	071 342 8833	PO Box 47, Swart Umfolozi	3115
19	Mr	Mbuyiseni	Zondo	Empangisweni TC	Council member	079 314 5198	PO Box 47, Swart Umfolozi	3115
20	Mr	MS	Masondo	Empangisweni TC	Council member	071 587 3492	Ngonyama, Swart Umfolozi	3115
21	Mrs	Ntombi	Khumalo	Empangisweni TC	Council member	074 839 1103	Mpangiso Mission, Swart Umfolozi	3115
22	Mr	Mfaniseni	Khumalo	Empangisweni TC	Council member		Makhithika, Swart Umfolozi	3115
23	Mr	Khwikhi	Mthethwa	Empangisweni TC	Council member	079 700 3865	Ezingweni, Swart Umfolozi	3115
24	Mr	Felokwakhe	Thango	Empangisweni TC	Council member		Ngedlameni, Swart Umfolozi	3115
25	Mr	Mboneni	Mngadi	Empangisweni TC	Council member	072 728 7858	Emacekeni, Swart Umfolozi	3115
26	Mr	Nqumela	Nyandeni	Empangisweni TC	Council member		Mandundwini, Swart Umfolozi	3115
27	Mr	Z	Masondo	Empangisweni TC	Council member		Sigubudu, Swart Umfolozi	3115
28	Mr	Bhekokwakhe	Masondo	Empangisweni TC	Council member	079 434 4784	Mabhula, Swart Umfolozi	3115
29	Mr	Bhekuyise	Khumalo	Empangisweni TC	Community member		Mandundwini, Swart Umfolozi	3115
30	Mr	Joseph	Dlamini	Empangisweni TC	Council member	076 444 2279	Kamu, Swart Umfolozi	3115
31	Mrs	L	Masondo	Empangisweni TC	Council member	072 811 2510	Ntshidane, Swart Umfolozi	3115

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
32	Mrs	Jula	Khumalo	Empangisweni TC	Community member	073 326 8821	Sigubudu, Swart Umfolozi	3115
33	Mr	Meshack	Mtshali	Empangisweni TC	Council member		Mpofana, Swart Umfolozi	3115
34	Mr	Mandla	Mtshali	Empangisweni TC	Community member	072 054 4651	Ntshidane, Swart Umfolozi	3115
35	Ms	Anele	Khumalo	Empangisweni TC	Community member	071 610 6244	Mkholokotho, Swart Umfolozi	3115
36	Ms	Nobuhle	Khumalo	Empangisweni TC	Community member	074 022 2586	Mkholokotho, Swart Umfolozi	3115
37	Ms	Londiwe	Khumalo	Empangisweni TC	Community member	076 707 1678	Mkholokotho, Swart Umfolozi	3115
38	Ms	Thulisile	Ndaba	Empangisweni TC	Community member	081 837 8665	Nsingila, Swart Umfolozi	3115
39	Ms	Khoselaphi	Khumalo	Empangisweni TC	Community member	072 128 7974	Mkholokotho, Swart Umfolozi	3115
40	Mr	Heavy	Dlamini	Empangisweni TC	Community member	076 818 0560	Mkholokotho, Swart Umfolozi	3115
41	Mr	Thabo	Zondo	Empangisweni TC	Community member	071 555 1342	Ecebekazi, Swart Umfolozi	3115
42	Mr	Siyabonga	Zulu	Empangisweni TC	Community member	082 048 3065	Egazini, Swart Umfolozi	3115
43	Mr	Sihle	Ngobese	Empangisweni TC	Community member	076 532 9215	Egazini, Swart Umfolozi	3115
44	Mr	Scelo	Madide	Empangisweni TC	Community member	079 385 6599	Mpembeni Area, Swart Umfolozi	3115