

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

SCOPING PHASE

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH
MANDLAKAZI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

(13 & 28 OCTOBER 2016)

OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Mandlakazi 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
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.

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1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Attendance – Mandlakazi 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 Mandlakazi 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.

Please note: In some instances, the PPP team did not capture the name of the person raising the issue. This however does not diminish the value of the question or issue raised. The person raising the issue has therefore been referred to as “A Stakeholder”.

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
1	Mr T Zulu	Why are power lines prohibited from passing over game reserves but they are allowed to pass over homesteads?	<p>Nature Reserves are tourist destinations and they derive their income from the aesthetic value and sense of place. As such, they have to keep the environment pristine and prevent any intrusive infrastructure such as power lines.</p> <p>The Protected Areas Act also provides protection of conservation of areas such as Nature Reserves as they</p>

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
			represent ecological diversity in South Africa.
2	Mr Mabaso	I live in the Makhalaneni area and would appreciate assistance from Eskom. Electricity connection at my house tripped during a thunderstorm and immediately stopped working. As such, we have no electricity supply. I have requested assistance but there has been no progress to date.	Mr Mabaso was advised that the proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening project is dealing with high voltage power lines. Issues relating to household connections should be reported to the Eskom Customer Service Centre. The team will forward his concern to the Eskom office in Pongola for their attention.
3	Mr Zulu	Members of the community have paid large sums of money to Eskom officials for electricity connections to their homes. I have personally paid R10 000, 00 but my house is still not connected. Some families have paid R7000,00 and remain without electricity. I suspect that we were caught up in a fraudulent scam and we now require immediate assistance from Eskom.	The team acknowledged that they have been advised of similar scams in other areas within the study area. There should not be monetary value attached to the electrification process. Mandlakazi community was urged to be mindful of fraudulent activities and report them to Eskom. They were also encouraged to also report Eskom officials who are requesting payments from communities for electricity connections.
4	A Stakeholder (Induna)	Eskom should be aware that a cow should be brought to the iNkosi of Mandlakazi Traditional Council prior to commencing with servitude negotiations.	The requirement was noted by the team for passing onto Eskom officials.
5	Mr Ndwandwe	In the eventuality that livestock is injured during construction, will Eskom take responsibility and compensate the owner?	Eskom will only compensate if the livestock incident is directly linked to the construction of the powerline.

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 Mandlakazi 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, Tel: 079 116 5703

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
1		WM	Nxumalo	Mandlakazi TC	Headman		PO Box 1364, Nongoma	3950
2		MM	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Community member		Nongoma	3950
3	Mr	Simon	Khumalo	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	076 963 3952	PO Box 16, Nongoma	3950
4		MO	Mtambo	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	071 181 7081	Nongoma	3950
5		SB	Nxumalo	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	073 120 4032	Nongoma	3950
6		Bhekenkosini	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	079 396 3593	Nongoma	3950
7		TE	Mpanza	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	079 279 4717	Nongoma	3950
8		BS	Msimango	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	079 363 3972	Nongoma	3950
9		W	Nxumalo	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	076 377 3305	Nongoma	3950
10		ZG	Shiba	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	079 971 3682	Nongoma	3950
11		J	Mathe	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	072 296 9257	Nongoma	3950
12	Mr	Amos	Mahlambi	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	076 851 4756	Nongoma	3950
13		SJ	Mthethwa	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	076 615 7265	Nongoma	3950
14		MV	Mncube	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	072 838 5776	Nongoma	3950
15	Mr	Mbuso	Mathabela	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	083 470 4634	Nongoma	3950
16		PA	Mthethwa	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	083 434 6188	Nongoma	3950
17		TS	Mdletshe	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	082 730 9367	Nongoma	3950
18		BS	Siyaya	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	060 732 1125	Nongoma	3950
19		FT	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	071 951 3866	Nongoma	3950
20		DK	Ndwandwe	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	082 710 3184	Dengeni, Nongoma	3950
21	Mr	Thembinkosi R	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Community member	082 432 8465	PO Box 858, Nongoma	3950
22	Ms	Phumzile	Masango	Mandlakazi TC	Community member	074 207 5113	Nongoma	3950
23	Mr	Jimmy	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Community member	081 832 4511	Nongoma	3950
24		BP	Madondo	Mandlakazi TC	Community member	071 220 4073	Nongoma	3950
25	Mr	Bernard D	Khumalo	Mandlakazi TC	Community member	079 210 1129	PO Box 6041, Nongoma	3950
26		P	Shongwe	Mandlakazi TC	Community member	076 346 0006	Nongoma	3950
27		D	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Community member	071 150 7422	Nongoma	3950
28		NM	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Community member	072 231 5782	Nongoma	3950
29		BM	Mabaso	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	082 220 3372	PO Box 2283, Nongoma	3950
30		SE	Nxumalo	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	073 276 0838	Namhlane, Nongoma	3950
31		TE	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	079 900 90	Mqhakanyeki, Nongoma	3950
32		M	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	079 245 8266	Buxedene, Nongoma	3950
33		BD	Zulu	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	082 799 5879	Bazini, Nongoma	3950
34		KJ	Mpanza	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	076 448 3732	Sgodi, Nongoma	3950
35		SR	Mthembu	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	071 879 2167	Ophaphasi, Nongoma	3950

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
36		E	Qwabe	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	079 944 1654	Maye, Nongoma	3950
37		ST	Myeni	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	072 281 6750	Nkukhwa, Nongoma	3950
38		BM	Mncwango	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	073 461 0442	Fakude, Nongoma	3950
39		PL	Nxumalo	Mandlakazi TC	Council member	072 629 7091	Buxedene, Nongoma	3950