

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

SCOPING PHASE

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH
DLAMINI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

(18 OCTOBER 2016)

OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Dlamini 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 – Dlamini 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 Dlamini 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	Mr Albert Dlamini	The land that belongs to KwaDlamini Traditional Council is vast and stretches from Pongola all the way to Paulpietersburg. Based on the map depicting the potential corridors, the KwaDlamini Traditional Council will be affected irrespective of which corridor is chosen for the transmission lines from Normandie substation to Mkhuze. The Simdlangentsha area incorporates areas past the Pongola river up to the Swaziland boarder.	The detailed description of the potentially affected area within Dlamini Traditional Council was noted, with thanks.
2	Mr Sipho Hlomuka	Electricity supply in the area is weak and the unreliable supply is	Mr Hlomuka's comments supporting the need for strengthening the supply

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
		<p>mostly experienced during the summer months.</p> <p>I appreciate and recognise the importance of the proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening Project with the hope that it will be implemented.</p>	to the northern KZN areas were noted, with thanks.
3	Mr Phethula Ndludlu	Thank you to the EIA team for the presentation and engaging the Traditional Council. We are very excited about the proposed project.	Mr Ndlundlu's remarks were noted, with thanks.
4	INkosi Dlamini	<p>Thank you to the EIA team for the presentation and opportunity to comment on the proposed project. It is quite clear from the map that the KwaDlamini area is definitely affected by all the proposed corridors.</p> <p>The KwaDlamini community is looking forward to working together with Eskom and to ultimately benefit from improved and stable power supply in the area.</p>	Inkosi Dlamini's positive comments and support for the project was well received by the team.
5	Mr Albert Dlamini	I would like to request that the Dlamini Traditional Council be engaged prior to commencing with construction. There are two important graves, i.e. the grave of former iNkosi Magubulunda Dlamini in the Badaza area and the grave of iNkosi Ndida Dlamini in the Engweni area.	The presence of graves within Dlamini Traditional Council was noted and it was confirmed that this information will be forwarded to the Heritage Specialist.

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 Dlamini 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, Tel: 079 116 5703

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
1	Mr	L	Dlamini	Dlamini TC	INKosi	076 651 4358	PO Box 280, Paulpietersburg	3180
2	Mr	AB	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Chairperson	072 912 8897	Emphundu, Paulpietersburg	3180
3	Mr	JE	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member	076 801 3970	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
4	Mr	TP	Dludlu	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
5	Mrs	ND	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member	072 706 1151	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
6	Mr	SP	Hlomuka	Dlamini TC	Committee member	079 978 2889	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
7	Mr	GJ	Ngwenya	Dlamini TC	Committee member	079 488 6407	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
8	Mr	J	Vilakazi	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
9	Ms	Z	Xulu	Dlamini TC	Secretary	072 714 7828	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
10	Mr	MM	Masondo	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
11	Mr	O	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
12	Mrs	DC	Nyandeni	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
13	Mrs	LG	Hlomuka	Dlamini TC	Committee member	082 504 3867	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
14	Mrs	NC	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member	082 348 4123	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
15	Mrs	BJ	Sigubudu	Dlamini TC	Committee member	082 682 5856	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
16	Mrs	BJ	Nxumalo	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
17	Mrs	KG	Khalishwayo	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
18	Ms	TG	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
19	Mrs	AG	Mbatha	Dlamini TC	Committee member	079 124 1850	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
20	Mrs	LL	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member	072 415 6282	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
21	Mrs	PS	Khumalo	Dlamini TC	Committee member	081 830 9552	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
22	Mrs	SE	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member	072 791 0164	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
23	Mrs	F	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member	076 723 0623	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
24	Mr	MM	Sukazi	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
25	Mr	JS	Mkhabela	Dlamini TC	Committee member	082 506 1513	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
26	Mr	BC	Mavuso	Dlamini TC	Committee member	079 147 0112	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
27	Mr	TE	Maseko	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
28	Mr	L	Nkosi	Dlamini TC	Committee member	071 554 8543	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
29	Mr	ME	Manana	Dlamini TC	Committee member	078 617 2538	Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
30	Mr	T	Khumalo	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180
31	Mr	J	Mavuso	Dlamini TC	Committee member		Tholakele, Paulpietersburg	3180