

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

SCOPING PHASE

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH
NDLELA TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

(18 OCTOBER 2016)

OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Ndlela 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 – Ndlela 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 Ndlela 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 G Mtambo	Will the community be allowed to cultivate or farm underneath the power lines once the servitude agreement has been signed?	The landowner will have some restrictions on what he or she is allowed to do within the servitude and will be compensated for any loss resulting from these restrictions. There are height restrictions and clearance requirements that need to be adhered to underneath the power lines. The servitude agreement will be finalised with individual landowners taking into consideration their land use and/or farming practices.
2	Mr Aaron Mboni	I have noted that living under the 400 kV power lines is not permitted by Eskom. Thank you to Eskom for the initiative towards strengthening	Mr Mboni's comments were noted, with thanks.

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
		the supply of electricity in rural KZN.	
3	Mr Amos Sibeko	Thank you to the EIA team for the presentation. We as the Traditional Council are now well informed about the project. If the project is approved, the Traditional Council will ensure that the community honours the signed agreements.	Mr Sibeko's comments were noted, with thanks.
4	Ms Tholakele Mtshali	Thank you to the EIA team for a clear and informative presentation. The improved supply of power will inevitably benefit the area.	Ms Mtshali's comments were noted, with thanks.

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 Ndlela 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	Ms	Thabile	Hlophe	Ndlela TC	Secretary	083 894 8911	Luneburg, Paulpietersburg	3950
2	Mrs	Nomusa	Mntambo	Ndlela TC	Committee member		Ehloko, Paulpietersburg	3950
3	Mr	Goodboy	Mntambo	Ndlela TC	Committee member	079 815 1216	KwaLembe, Paulpietersburg	3950
4	Mrs	Cebisile	Nkosi	Ndlela TC	Committee member	071 304 2904	Luneburg, Paulpietersburg	3950
5	Ms	Shonaphi	Nkosi	Ndlela TC	Committee member	078 130 1873	Khombela, Paulpietersburg	3950
6	Ms	Bawinile	Zwane	Ndlela TC	Committee member	076 748 2342	Luthulunye, Paulpietersburg	3950
7	Mr	Thokozani	Zwane	Ndlela TC	Community member		Luneburg, Paulpietersburg	3950
8	Ms	Nokulunga	Nene	Ndlela TC	Committee member		Bazangoma, Paulpietersburg	3950
9	Ms	Zandile	Mashazi	Ndlela TC	Community member		Luneburg, Paulpietersburg	3950
10	Mr	Amosi	Sibeko	Ndlela TC	Community member	072 391 0297	Ekunqobeni, Paulpietersburg	3950
11	Mrs	Bongiwe	Mnyandu	Ndlela TC	Community member		Etolini, Paulpietersburg	3950
12	Mr	Mbongeni	Mbuli	Ndlela TC	Community member	072 233 5218	Ezingudeni, Paulpietersburg	3950
13	Mr	Henry	Nxumalo	Ndlela TC	Community member	078 944 8923	Khombela, Paulpietersburg	3950
14	Mr	Zakhele	Ngwenya	Ndlela TC	Community member	072 797 3869	Bazangoma, Paulpietersburg	3950
15	Mr	Mafikeni	Mayisela	Ndlela TC	Community member	076 891 5857	Luthulunye, Paulpietersburg	3950
16	Mr	Aron	Nzima	Ndlela TC	Community member	073 931 5596	Khombela, Paulpietersburg	3950
17	Mr	Mvumiseni	Magagula	Ndlela TC	Community member		Paulpietersburg	3950
18	Ms	Tholakela	Mtshali	Ndlela TC	Deputy Chairperson	071 357 4082	Paulpietersburg	3950