

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

SCOPING PHASE

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH
BHOVUNGANE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

(19 OCTOBER 2016)

OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Bhovungane 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 – Bhovungane 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 Bhovungane 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 Zondo	The electrification process has commenced in the Bhovungane area. Does it have anything to do with the proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening project?	It was confirmed that the proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening project will not impact on the current electrification project in Bhovungane area. All existing electrification projects will continue as planned. The proposed project will assist in improving the electricity supply and satisfy future electricity demands.
2	Mr Sipho Nkosi	I have noted that the 2018 timeframe referred to in the documents is for obtaining Environmental Authorisation for the proposed project, and not a timeline for electrification in the Bhovungane area.	Mr Nkosi's comment was noted, with thanks.

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
3	Mr Siphon Dlongolo	<p>I would like to request that the EIA team advises the community on how we can increase the chances of influencing the corridor selection.</p> <p>We are keen in having the power line corridor passing through our area as we wish to take advantage of potential employment opportunities during construction.</p>	<p>The corridor which will be selected should have positive impacts and avoid or reduce negative impacts on the environment.</p> <p>Impacts on the economic, biophysical, social, heritage and social environments will be assessed. The Environmental Assessment Practitioner will recommend a corridor with positive benefits for environmental authorisation.</p>

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 Bhovungane 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	Mr	BD	Dlamini	Bhovungane TC	Secretary	072 380 1368	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
2		BM	Sibisi	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
3	Ms	Khombisile	Mbatha	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Paulpietersburg	3180
4	Ms	Nokuthula	Xaba	Bhovungane TC	Community member	076 159 5149	Obivanyana, Paulpietersburg	3180
5	Ms	Zanele	Buthelezi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	078 771 4409	Paulpietersburg	3180
6	Mr	Johannes	Sibisi	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
7		LJ	Sibisi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	073 522 5266	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
8	Mr	Enock	Zwane	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 275 3671	Penivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
9	Ms	Nokukhanya	Zulu	Bhovungane TC	Community member	083 737 2711	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
10	Ms	Landy	Nkosi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 321 8259	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
11	Ms	Nokubonga	Nkosi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 506 9273	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
12	Mr	Siphilele	Masuku	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Bivane Mission, Paulpietersburg	3180
13	Mr	Herbet	Mhlanga	Bhovungane TC	Community member	063 102 4774	Bivane Mission, Paulpietersburg	3180
14	Mr	Afred	Xaba	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Bivane Mission, Paulpietersburg	3180
15		MM	Xulu	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Bivane Mission, Paulpietersburg	3180
16		ZM	Sibisi	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
17		VS	Sibisi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 807 6809	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
18		M	Nyathi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	082 861 2791	Nkonkotho, Paulpietersburg	3180
19		SI	Zisongo	Bhovungane TC	Community member	071 883 3906	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
20	Mr	Bongani	Sibisi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	076 129 8198	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
21	Mr	Khulekani	Sibisi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	076 129 8198	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
22	Mr	Ben	Mthembu	Bhovungane TC	Community member	076 259 6281	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
23	Mr	Siyanda	Mdlalose	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 126 4525	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
24			Shongwe	Bhovungane TC	Community member	079 069 8791	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
25	Mr	Sfiso	Dlongolo	Bhovungane TC	Community member	076 449 6956	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
26	Mr	M	Xaba	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 340 752	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
27	Mr	Mzamo	Mbatha	Bhovungane TC	Community member	073 896 1642	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
28	Mr	Sibusiso	Shongwe	Bhovungane TC	Community member	078 458 5072	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
29	Ms	Celumusa	Mbatha	Bhovungane TC	Community member	076 335 8798	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
30	Mr	Phumlani	Mpungose	Bhovungane TC	Community member	073 369 0309	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
31		N	Makhomboti	Bhovungane TC	Community member	079 047 5490	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
32	Mr	Skhumbuzo	Ngwenya	Bhovungane TC	Community member	073 447 1564	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
33	Ms	Samkelisiwe	Zisongo	Bhovungane TC	Community member	073 965 0325	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
34		P	Sibiya	Bhovungane TC	Community member	082 502 5647	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
35		RH	Mbatha	Bhovungane TC	Community member	079 046 8971	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
36		S	Zisongo	Bhovungane TC	Community member	079 085 3183	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180

No	Title	Name	Surname	Organisation	Position	Contact Number	Address	Code
37	Ms	Buyisile	Nkosi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 999 3933	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
38		E	Zondo	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
39		H	Zondo	Bhovungane TC	Community member		Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
40		N	Dhlahla	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 964 0051	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
41		DT	Sibisi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	071 385 0798	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
42		Jabu	Nkosi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	073 908 2759	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
43		N	Thungo	Bhovungane TC	Community member	082 846 8401	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
44	Ms	Khanyisile	Nkosi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	081 094 6423	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
45		ZG	Shabalala	Bhovungane TC	Community member	078 477 6177	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180
46		SW	Nkosi	Bhovungane TC	Community member	072 506 5989	Bivane, Paulpietersburg	3180