

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

**SCOPING PHASE**

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH  
MPUKUNYONI TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

**(21 OCTOBER 2016)**

## OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Mpukunyoni 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	<b>Mpukunyoni Traditional Council</b>	<b>Mpukunyoni Tribal Court (Paulpietersburg)</b>	<b>21 Oct 2016</b>
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 – Mpukunyoni 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 Mpukunyoni 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 A Mkhwanazi	<p>Thank you to the EIA team for the presentation.</p> <p>It is clear that people who might be affected within the corridor will be relocated and compensated accordingly.</p> <p>As such, given the phase of the project, I am unable to identify issues with the proposed Eskom project.</p>	<p>Mr Mkhwanazi's comments were noted, with thanks. It was confirmed that all potentially affected traditional councils will be kept informed throughout the EIA process.</p>
2	Mr J Mkhwanazi	<p>If the project is approved and the preferred corridor passes through the land belonging to Mpukunyoni Traditional Council, how will the Traditional Council benefit?</p>	<p>There are not so many direct benefits through the construction of a power line. However, there could be benefits associated with employment creation</p>

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
			<p>and provision of services and/or goods required by contractors.</p> <p>The community was informed that the construction of power lines is of a technical nature and requires specialised skills. The main contractor will be appointed to construct the power lines and local sub-contractors will be given opportunities to tender for general or unskilled work. Where possible, Eskom supports and encourages the use of local labour.</p> <p>The community was encouraged to be proactive and utilise their skills and knowledge to benefit from local developments. They can work as a collective in order to position themselves for potential opportunities. Community members can register their small businesses, e.g. catering, accommodation, etc.</p>
3	Mrs B Ncube	If Eskom compensates for the servitude right, will money be paid to the Traditional Council or to the Ingonyama Trust?	<p>If the piece of land falls within the Traditional Council, negotiations will be done with the relevant Traditional Council in close consultation with the Ingonyama Trust.</p> <p>The servitude negotiation process is a private matter between Eskom and the affected landowner. Compensation payments are made when the servitude is registered at the Deeds office.</p>
4	Mr M Mkhwanazi	What type of power lines will potentially affect the Mpukunyoni area? How much voltage will the power lines have?	The power lines will potentially be a combination of self-supporting and strain towers. The voltage will be 400 kV and 132 kV. The final tower type configuration will be confirmed once the final alignments have been surveyed.
5	Mr M Mkhwanazi	Land surveyors were recently in the Mpukunyoni area and they stated that the Mpukunyoni area does not have space for transmission lines. Is it possible that the surveyors were referring to the proposed Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening project?	It is possible that Eskom was investigating alignment options for another project. Eskom is continuously investigating ways of alleviating constraints on the network in various parts of KwaZulu-Natal.

## **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 Mpukunyoni 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](mailto:lungelo@wakhiwe.co.za), Tel: 079 116 5703

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1	Mr	Msizi	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member		PO Box 212, Mtubatuba	3935
2				Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	079 301 1059	PO Box 919, Mtubatuba	3935
3				Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	072 306 6620	PO Box 1081, Mtubatuba	3935
4				Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	079 053 4841	Mtubatuba	3935
5		AM	Sithole	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	073 191 0129	Mtubatuba	3935
6	Mr	Phillip	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	072 712 6098	PO Box 9080, St Lucia	3936
7		S	Msane	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	074 652 9071	KwaMsane, Mtubatuba	3935
8		SD	Dube	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	071 942 9564	PO Box 9301, St Lucia	3936
9		LM	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member		Mtubatuba	3935
10		ZS	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	072 970 1875	Mtubatuba	3935
11		T	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member		Mtubatuba	3935
12	Mrs	Bathabile	Ncube	Mpukunyoni TC	Secretary	076 405 0419	PO Box 739, Mtubatuba	3935
13		N	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Community member	073 733 6582	Emgeza, Mtubatuba	3935
14		D	Mngadi	Mpukunyoni TC	Community member	072 519 7292	Emgeza, Mtubatuba	3935
15	Mr	Junias	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Community member	076 174 8411	Emgeza, Mtubatuba	3935
16	Mr	Patrick	Nsibande	Mpukunyoni TC	Community member	073 844 2585	Emgeza, Mtubatuba	3935
17	Mr	Josias	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Community member	072 539 6363	PO Box 182, Mtubatuba	3935
18		MB	Mdletshe	Mpukunyoni TC	Community member	076 894 8365	Gunjaneni, Mtubatuba	3935
19		M	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Community member	082 349 0724	Nsolweni, Mtubatuba	3935
20		TM	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	082 959 5747	PO Box 437, Mtubatuba	3935
21			Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	079 080 6324	Mtubatuba	3935
22		M	Gumede	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	078 666 9339	Mtubatuba	3935
23		NZ	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	073 738 1558	Mtubatuba	3935
24		Enock	Gumede	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	082 346 1391	Mtubatuba	3935
25		M	Mathenjwa	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	082 710 3088	PO Box 3129, Mtubatuba	3935
26		PJ	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	082 222 3535	PO Box 3626, Mtubatuba	3935
27		MS	Mkhwanazi	Mpukunyoni TC	Committee member	071 722 728	Mtubatuba	3935