

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

SCOPING PHASE

**RECORD OF MEETING WITH
MYENI/NTSINDE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

(20 SEPTEMBER 2016)

OUTLINE

These minutes provide a record of meeting held with **Myeni/Ntsinde 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 – Myeni/Ntsinde 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 Myeni/Ntsinde 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	A Stakeholder Myeni/Ntsinde TC	Is the Eskom Northern KZN Strengthening project aligned to the existing substation at Candover? An Eskom Official delivered a presentation in June 2016 to the Myeni/Ntsinde Traditional Council regarding electricity transmission from Candover.	The EIA team was not in a position to confirm if the presentation formed part of the proposed project. Eskom is currently investigating a number of options to improve the reliability of supply to the northern KZN areas. It was emphasised that the laws which regulate developments in South Africa require that the developer consults with the I&APs as part of the application.
2	Mr Vreidman Myeni	He stated that the presentation that was presented to the	Mr Myeni was thanked for his contribution and providing clarity at the meeting.

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
		traditional council in June 2016 was about Eskom power lines stretching from Candover to Mbazwana and to Jozini.	
3	Mr Vreidman Myeni	Please provide clarity regarding the name "Iphiva."	<p>Iphiva is the name of the proposed substation in Mkhuze. Iphiva is an isiZulu word for Antelope.</p> <p>The Iphiva substation has three (3) proposed locations at Mkhuze. Only one (1) site will be selected during the EIA process.</p>
4	Mr Vreidman Myeni	He requested clarity on how the servitude is acquired and what does it mean in practical terms.	<p>For a power line, Eskom does not purchase the land but they purchase right to use the land for transmitting electricity. This "servitude right" enables Eskom to build the powerline and have access to it for any maintenance purposes. As a result, the servitude right could have restrictions on how the landowner uses the land. Eskom will therefore compensate for any loss resulting from these restrictions.</p> <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. This process will only commence once Environmental Authorisation has been issued.</p> <p>Once the route is confirmed, the servitude agreement will be finalised with individual landowners. Different landowners may have different requirements. Compensation payments are made when the servitude is registered at the Deeds office.</p>
5	Mr Vutha Myeni	Will there be another meeting scheduled with the Myeni/Ntsinde community? Izinduna will not have the same capacity to deliver the project information accurately to the community and to also address questions.	<p>It was explained that the purpose of the meetings was to announce the project and invite participation of all I&APs. Meetings have been arranged with all potentially affected Traditional Councils to ensure meaningful participation.</p> <p>The Traditional Council will be kept updated of the EIA process. Additional meetings will be arranged, if necessary. Additional copies of Background</p>

No	Name & Surname	Question/Comment	Response and Action
			Information Documents were also provided to all attendees for further distribution.
6	Mr Vreidman Myeni	Does this proposed project imply that households in the Myeni/Ntsinde area without electricity will only be electrified once the EIA and construction is complete?	The electrification process is separated into phases per community ward. It is possible for power supply from the source (substation) to be sufficient to supply a particular ward. As such, wards within a community can be supplied by different phases. Some areas within a community have a higher demand for electricity, thus affecting overall power supply.
7	Inkosi Myeni	Would it be possible to provide a detailed map which shows the exact properties which could be affected by the power lines?	It was explained that the corridors shown on the map are mapped at 2km. Once the EIA study has progressed and have narrowed down to the preferred corridor, specific information will be shared. It is not practical during this early phase of the EIA to specify which houses will be affected.
8	A Stakeholder Myeni/Ntsinde TC	The Myeni/Ntsinde Traditional Council would like to confirm that EIA investigations can be undertaken in the Myeni/Ntsinde area.	The permission to proceed with the EIA process was appreciated.

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 Myeni/Ntsinde 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		SF	Myeni	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Community member	072 151 7724	PO Box 278, uBombo	3970
2		B	Myeni	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Community member	076 743 9873	Private Bag X021, Jozini	3969
3		EB	Nkosi	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Community member	076 486 5398	PO Box 5, Jozini	3969
4		LM	Myeni	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Community member	079 408 3337	PO Box 8, uBombo	3970
5		AZ	Nkosi	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Community member	072 833 7485	PO Box 019, Jozini	3969
6		BA	Nyawo	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Community member	073 161 9554	PO Box 36, uBombo	3970
7		MR	Thusi	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Community member	076 294 7334	PO Box 554, Jozini	3969
8		J	Mathenjwa	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Community member	079 138 6230	PO Box 555, Jozini	3969
9		PP	Nyawo	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Council member	082 676 9953	PO Box 201, uBombo	3970
10		HI	Fakude	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Council member	076 808 4487	PO Box 3, uBombo	3970
11	Mr	V	Myeni	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Council member	083 529 4464	PO Box 280, uBombo	3970
12		NI	Nkosi	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Secretary	076 435 4538	PO Box 187, uBombo	3970
13	Inkosi	SS	Myeni	Ntsinde/Myeni TC	Inkosi	072 318 4444	PO Box 544, Jozini	3969