

**DATE:** 11 September 2009

**VENUE:** Zwaarverdiend

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Moses Mahlangu (GMM)  
Ms Jean Beater (JLB)  
Mr. Sebenzile Vilakazi  
Mr. Mamatsha Legodi

Margen Industrial Service  
PBA International (SA) – (PBAI)  
Eskom Transmission  
Margen Industrial Services

Landowners in the area around Zwaarverdiend 234JP  
(Attendance Register was signed).

Item	Recorded Notes on the Meeting Proceedings
1	<p><b>Introduction</b> Eskom Transmission is currently conducting several EIAs for transmission powerlines to integrate the new power stations in the Waterberg area into the national grid. The proposed 6 x 765kV Transmission powerlines between Delta Substation near Lephalale and Epsilon Substation near Potchefstroom form part of the integration projects. The EIA for this project is at the review stage for DEIR. There is also a new project proposed near Ledig/Phatsima area. This substation is Mogwase (Ngwedi) Substation and has 400kV Turn-ins powerlines connecting to it. The turn-ins will impact on the area in and around Zwaarverdiend 234JP.</p>
2	<p><b>Purpose of Meeting:</b> The purpose of the meeting held was to discuss the findings of the DEIR for Delta-Epsilon project and to solicit comments about the potential impact of the recommended routes through the area. The other project that is linked to Delta-Epsilon, the Mogwase (Ngwedi) Substation and 3 X 400kV Turn-ins was also explained.</p> <p><b><i>Introduction and opening remarks was given by GMM</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Points Discussed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The landowners requested that it be recorded that<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) They are unhappy that consultation with them is done at such a late stage when the DEIR is already mentioning the recommended corridors</li><li>2) Questions submitted during the specialist meeting in Swartruggens have not been responded to.</li><li>3) Copies of questions needing clarification were again submitted and responses are still expected.</li></ol></li><li>○ <b><i>The questions referred to above are under consideration and responses will be sent out early next week and in the FEIR that will be made available to the public.</i></b></li><li>• It is strange that specialists work on a project of which they do not know the farms.</li><li>• Landowners cannot be expected to give farm portions to consultants because this will mean landowners are doing the job of the appointed specialists.</li><li>○ <b><i>All stakeholders that are potentially affected by the proposed project have responsibility and role to play in the consultation process. Landowners also have responsibility to share any information they have that might help in the planning process e.g. to give the details of their properties; to inform their neighbors about the proposed project; to demand for proper consultation etc.</i></b></li></ul>

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- Eskom is requested to give guarantee in writing that there will not be extra power lines constructed through the area if the proposed powerlines are allowed through the south of Pilanesberg.
  - ***The proposed 6x 765kV transmission power lines are Eskom Transmission's 20 year plan for power supply in the area and no additional power lines are expected in this plan however Eskom Transmission cannot speak on behalf of Eskom Generation nor Eskom Distribution***
- Our area consists of small farm portions; what impact are the lines going to have on small farm portions? We would like to see the studies conducted in this respect. I own a small farm and have feedlots. If the power line project forces me to close business, my neighbors are also going to be affected because I buy calves from my neighbors and raise them.
  - ***Due to the length of the corridors the power lines cross both small and large properties and this is unavoidable especially where the new power lines follow existing power lines. The impact on smaller properties is higher as there is less space for land uses on such properties to move or adjust to the impact of the new power lines. This is something that has to be dealt with during the negotiation process where adequate and sufficient compensation is paid for such impacts.***
- Landowners in the area are of the opinion that the land that belongs to the Royal Bafokeng is being avoided and yet they do not use it.
  - ***This is not true. The consultants had a meeting with the Royal Bafokeng who have asked the lines be moved to the west as they have too many power lines crossing their area and are planning tourism developments that will be impacted on by the proposed power lines.***
- The line crosses a sensitive game farming land on or near the farm Boshhoek. It is suggested that the line is shifted to the other side of the koppies. The electricity is needed by the mines and therefore the power lines must be taken to the farms that are owned by the mines. Mines need far more electricity than it is needed by farmers. Is the line through the mountain neck final or there are alternatives that are still being investigated?
  - ***The corridor as presented in the DEIR is recommended by EAP but it must still be approved by the authority once it is presented in the FEIR.***