

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

(Department of Rural Development & Land Reform and Municipalities)

25 March 2010

Attendance: The meeting was attended by representatives from –

- Rustenburg Local Municipality (Environmental Unit) – Mrs. K Mekgoe
- DRDLA – Mr. Thabiso Sebopetji
- PBAI Consultant – Ms. Ntsebo Saleshando
- Margen Industrial Services Consultant – Mr. Solly Mohlala and Mr. Moses Mahlangu

Introductions were made and the attendance register signed

Apology No apologies were rendered

Purpose: To introduce the project and further request assistance with regard to existing portions of farms in the study area.

Discussion Points:

- Ms. Saleshando used maps to explain the Ngwedi Substation Eskom Transmission project in the vicinity of Sun City.
- It was explained that for Ngwedi (Mogwase) project we initially had three alternative sites (A; B & C) but now we are looking for other potential site that will be investigated for the substation.
- Two or more sites fell in the property owned by Royal Bafokeng Nation
- Ms. Mekgoe said they don't know about the municipality's expansion programme, so is difficult to comment now. They would like to discuss or pass this information to the planning department as their the ones with the knowledge as to where will there be developments. They further alluded that with regard to farms that belongs to the municipality they don't have an idea to pin point them. The best thing is for the consultant to categorize them according to their respective municipalities. Then is easy for the planning section to confirm which farms belong to the municipality.
- Mr. Thabiso Sebopetji said he requested by his manager to attend the meeting he has no expertise in this field as he is working in a different unit of his organization the responsible people went to workshop in Mafikeng. He said he came to listen for his department but surely he will forward all requests to the relevant department.

Closure: Mr. Mohlala thanks all attendees for their time and attendance. He said another meeting will be arranged were they will discuss the draft scoping report. Mr. Van Staden from Kgetleng Rivier Local Municipality was phoned to find out why he did not attend the meeting; he said he forgot about the meeting. Mr. Mpho Molongoane from Moses Kotane Local Municipality was phoned to find out why did not attend the meeting, he said they have a community protests going on in the municipality so he did not have time to discuss it with his director as they were not at work.