

TSHWANE STRENGTHENING PROJECT EIA

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT: I&APs & STAKEHOLDERS
EIA Phase: Comments received during the review period of the Draft EIA Report

No.	Issue	Raised by	Response
		Purpose of the Proposed Project	
1	Transmission lines pass over/ through sensitive environmental habitats.	Barbara Reid, Magaliesburg Association, 06 July 2009, Reply Form	Specialist studies will determine power line route alternatives that will minimise impacts on sensitive environments
2	City of Tshwane was never made aware of the extension of its Kwagga infeed station. City of Tshwane would like to get confirmation in writing that there won't be impact on CoT regarding costs, electricity shortage, interruptions etc.	Jones Rustoff, City of Tshwane Electricity Department, Comment during the Internal Stakeholder Meeting, June 2009	The meeting was held between the CoT and Eskom, hence the project is a joint venture between the two organisations The letter will be prepared and sent to the City of Tshwane in this regard.
3	Is Rooiwal substation a redundant line for when Kwagga fails?	Annelize Kruger ,Comment by e-mail, July 2009	The Kwagga substation is an existing substation and the proposal is to extend the substation.
4	How is the proposed project going to affect the Rooiwal substation in relation to locality?	Freek Tomlinson ,Focus Group Meeting with AGRIGauteng, 12 August 2009	The proposed project is a standalone project with no negative bearing on the Rooiwal substation.
5	How is Rosslyn connected in all these upgrades and power stations? How will this upgrade affect the feed to Rosslyn substation?	Annelize Kruger, Comment by e-mail, July 2009	Rosslyn and surrounding businesses get power from the City of Tshwane. To a lesser extent during construction, there might be some interruptions, but this is meant the upgrade and strengthen power supply once completed

6	<p>Maps were requested by Ms Fox.</p> <p>Ms Fox requested to know why they were not informed of the proposal by Eskom earlier.</p> <p>What is the purpose of the proposed power lines.</p>	<p>Olivia Fox, , July 2009, comments made during</p>	<p>Alicia Govender emailed these maps through to Olivia on the 14 July 2009.</p> <p>This is part of public consultation and it is ongoing once all I&As have been identified and registered.</p> <p>The purpose of the line is to supply power and strengthen power supply in the Tshwane Region</p>
7	<p>Alternative 1 traverses red data buffer zones of two species. Alternative 2 traverses a ridge as well as four red data buffer zones. Even with mitigation measures in place, disturbance to the species is expected. For this reason, please note that we object vehemently to both alternative 1 and 2.</p> <p>Please also refer to C-plan for the ridges in the area as our slope analysis indicates that the lines traverse ridges. Please also include slope analyses in the EIA document as well as Ridge studies to see the further effects on the area.</p>	<p>Olivia Fox, , email received on 18 August 2009,</p>	<p>Comment Noted</p>
8	<p>Although the alternative routes for the project cross agricultural land, it is well inside the urban edge and most, if not all of the land, already belong to developers. Furthermore, we don't see any intensive farming operations that could be affected by any one of the two routes.</p>	<p>Freek Tomlinson, AGRI Gauteng, email received on 20 August 2009</p>	<p>Comment Noted.</p>
9	<p>Are there going to be any interruptions of power supply during the construction and upgrade of the substations and the power lines.</p>	<p>Joanna Gama, Community Meeting in Itumeleng Madiba School Soshanguve</p>	<p>Comment Noted.</p>

	We would appreciate if you could invite all the ward committee members and present the project and explain clearly what the project entails in a form of an open day.	Extension, 26 July 2009	
10	<p>Firstly, we would like to thank Eskom and Savannah Environmental for the presentations and opportunity to participate in the planning process.</p> <p>I would like to raise an issue with regards to safety for the affected communities. For this reason, we would appreciate if Savannah and Eskom representatives that are here could go and talk to Eskom management and inform them that Eskom should prioritise us as the affected community in terms of opportunities.</p>	J.L Tshwane , Community Meeting, Soshanguve Extension, 26 July 2009	Comment Noted.
11	<p>We are concerned about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The manner in which the meeting was arranged; It was not clear what the purpose of the meeting is, the invitation was at short notice and it was not indicated which extensions of Soshanguve were expected to attend A loud speaker should have been used during presentations. 	Jappie Molibane , Community Meeting, Soshanguve Extension, Ward 37, 08 August 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was actually planned for 02/08/09 and had to be postponed to 08/08/09. It was also explained that during scoping issues regarding the project are elicited from communities in the receiving environment. This includes the preferred method of consultation. Comment noted
12	The consultation with the community about the proposed project in the area is appreciated. This shows that Eskom Tx has a respect for communities that are impacted by their	Themba , Community Meeting, Soshanguve Extension, Ward 37, 08 August 2009	As the process was still in the scoping phase, preferred routes are still to be decided. Relocating families is usually done as the last resort when there are no chances of diverting the line. People that are to be relocated are

	developments. The community will want to know which part is going to be affected and if there are families that are going to be relocated If some families are relocated we want to know where are they going to be accommodated		given a chance of choosing between taking financial compensation or getting Eskom to build a new house for them.
13	A concern was raised regarding the vulture group, grass owls and the black eagle that reside in the Rietfontein area. J Wessel further reiterated that there is a large number of storks that live north of the Magaliesberg Protect Area, hence would recommend that Eskom follow the existing lines as much as possible.	John Wesson , Magaliesburg Focus Group Meeting, 28 July 2009	Noted
14	We are keen to understand how landowners within the Doornkloof East area are going to be affected by the proposed loop-in power lines and also the beneficiaries of the project	Herman Joubert , 12 August 2009, Public Meeting, Rietvlei	The project is meant to strengthen the provision of electricity in the Tshwane Region.
15	The area constantly experiences power supply failure. This means the source of electricity for Ward 39 is very weak. Is this new project going to benefit the community in terms of reducing the rates of power cuts.	Solly Thabang , 16 August 2009, Community Meeting, Ward 39 Soshanguve Ext XX	The project is meant to strengthen the electricity network that supply electricity for the City of Tshwane. The new Eskom Tx substation will be built adjacent to Eskom Dx Hangklip substation.
16	What is going to happen if the new power line goes through my property? Must I just accept and move out of the way?	Allie , 16 August 2009, Community Meeting, Ward 39 Soshanguve Ext XX	The EIA process will be followed by negotiation and compensation for the people that are to be relocated. The study process is looking at several route alternatives and Eskom will try not to impact on families that are already settled. The line will be deviated and relocating people is done as the last resort. The scoping process elicit issues and concerns and these are addressed.
17	Is the supply of electricity in our homes going to be interrupted during the construction of the proposed Eskom Tx power lines?	Mandla Hlatshwayo , Community Meeting, Ward 39 Soshanguve Ext XX, 16 August 2009	The supply of electricity will not be affected/interrupted during construction.
18	Who owns the land adjacent to the Hangklip substation. We are concerned that should this	David Boshof , 21 August 2009, Authority Meeting,	As far as Eskom is concerned, the land belongs to Eskom and should this not be the case, we would imagine that

	land belong to the City of Tshwane, negotiations for the use of this land should commence now and all CoT departments should be afforded an opportunity to comment.	Groenkloof Nature Reserve	negotiations are already underway between Eskom and the CoT because the project is a partnership between Eskom and the CoT.
<i>EIA Process and Servitudes</i>			
19	We are of an opinion that alternative 3 should be looked at from an urban edge perspective and the fact that there are Norite koppies in the vicinity of the project area, which is an endangered habitat, hence we suggest that the proposed lines stay clear of this area	John Wessel , Magaliesberg Focus Group Meeting, 28 July 2009	Noted
20	Why is the alternative route adjacent to the M57 following the existing power lines not included in the maps and the draft scoping report? This alternative seems a better option if one were to consider that the area along the M57 is already transformed.	David Boshof , 21 August 2009, Authority Meeting, Groenkloof Nature Reserve	The alternative along M57 has been identified and described in the draft scoping report. However, its preference will be tested and rated during the EIA phase of the project against all the other alternatives.
21	How is Eskom going to ensure that sensitive areas like Darsspoort and Magaliesberg ridges are protected during the construction of access roads	David Boshof , 21 August 2009, Authority Meeting, Groenkloof Nature Reserve	Every effort is made to use the existing access roads to towers and lines during construction in order to protect any natural areas.
22	Why is it that Eskom and Savannah Environmental were able to initiate an EIA process without any proof of consent letters from all the land owners? Does the EIA for the Tshwane Strengthening Phase 1 cover all the other associated activities such as roads.	Rudzani Mukheli , 21 August 2009, Authority Meeting, Groenkloof Nature Reserve	Eskom is exempted from obtaining land owner consents for all the linear developments. A letter requesting exemption was prepared and submitted with the EIA application forms to DEAT during the beginning of the EIA process. When the EIA applications were compiled and sent to DEAT during the beginning of the EIA process, all activities including access roads, lightning conductor poles, that are listed in the 2006 EIA Regulations, were included and are therefore covered in the EIA process currently underway.
23	We are concerned that the meeting is arranged	Phineus , Community	Comment Noted.

	at the park. In future we ask that facilities like schools must be used for such meetings.	Meeting, Soshanguve Extension XX, Ward 39, 16 August 2009	
24	We are interested in finding out the findings and conclusions of the scoping process, especially from a visual and biodiversity perspective. We are currently busy with the designs for the development of light industry in our property along one of the proposed loop-in line alternatives	Herman Joubert , 12 August 2009, Public Meeting, Rietvlei	Currently, the findings of the specialists' reports have indicated that the potential visual impacts of the proposed substation upgrade and the power lines will be localised. However, the specialist studies further recommends further investigation of impacts during the EIA phase of the project.
24	What are the sort of rights does Eskom have in terms of development once the 2km corridor is approved by the DEA. We concerned that such rights might be similar to those provided for by the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act of 1996, which gives more rights to the developer and less to the land owners.	Herman Joubert , 12 August 2009, Public Meeting, Rietvlei	In terms of servitude conditions, landowners are permitted to undertake certain activities within the power line servitude and Eskom is still expected to meet with individual landowners to negotiate the servitude.
26 a	Why is the existing line not being considered as an alternative in order to keep impacts within the already transformed areas.	Nico van Wyk , 12 August 2009, Public Meeting, Rietvlei	Some of the specialists like the avifauna, has already looked at the existing power line as an alternative and that will be included into the Plan of Study for EIA to be submitted in the DEA for approval.
27	Who owns the piece of land adjacent to the Verwoerdburg substation and the gravel road off M57 towards the substation? We would like to formalise the gravel road once we have identified and confirmed its ownership	Herman Joubert , 12 August 2009, Public Meeting, Rietvlei	The land adjacent to the substation belongs to Eskom. When Eskom develops infrastructure, Eskom normally reserve land adjacent to our infrastructure for future expansion.
28	The potential impact of the proposed development including the upgrade of the substation on the road users is very important and this should be taken into account during the design phase of the project. Are there any potential negative impacts that have been identified and described by the EIA	Nico van Wyk , 12 August 2009, Public Meeting, Rietvlei	Comment Noted The potential impacts on the ridges that are listed under the Gauteng C-Plan were described by the vegetation

	<p>team so far?</p> <p>The project team needs to ensure that all the I&APs issues and concerns are captured before the final report is submitted to the authorities. In addition, which other departments have been consulted about this project.</p>		<p>specialist.</p> <p>Comment Note. The relevant departments such as the Public Works and Road Department have been identified and consulted about the project.</p>
29	<p>The regulatory measures in terms of Section 7(1) of the Gauteng Transport Infrastructure Act (Act 8, 2001) that stipulates that any application for authorization contemplated in the ECA and NEMA in respect of a 200m area on either side of a published route determination for a provincial road must be accompanied by a report that addresses the issues listed in that section of the Act. The proposed power line crosses this 200m wide area in respect of route K105.</p> <p>This particular section of the route of K105 will probably have to be relocated as a result of its impact on the Smuts House area and the finalization of the power line route will certainly be delayed by the finalization of an alternative route for K105. It is therefore recommended that no route should be planned within 200m from the determined route of K105.</p>	<p>Herman Joubert, Letter dated 17 August 2009</p>	<p>Comment Noted.</p>
30	<p>I also wish to confirm that our existing access road runs through the property that houses the existing substation and that this road should be taken into consideration in any planned expansion of the substation.</p> <p>We would strongly advise that Eskom improves</p>	<p>Herman Joubert, Letter dated 17 August 2009</p>	<p>Comment Noted.</p> <p>When the EIA application was made to DEA, all other associated listed activities like access roads and lightning</p>

	this road on its property and that the upgrading or diversion of the road be included in your Environmental Impact Assessment.		conductor poles were included into the application. For this reason, the EIA covers all pertinent listed activities.
31	How are you going to ensure that disabled and the blind are able to benefit from your presentation of pictures and slides showing the project details.	Lucas Majila , 26 July 2009, Community Meeting	At the moment, the EIA team and the applicant have not yet decided on the communication strategy to cater for the blind I&APs
32	<p>1. Why is it that Eskom and the EIA team not focussing on assessing the potential of following the existing 275kV Apollo-Pluto lines into Verwoerdburg substation. That might help in reducing any potential impact on any farms along the proposed routes.</p> <p>2. Were there any poultry or piggeries identified during the scoping phase along the proposed power line routes?</p>	Freek Tomlinson ,Focus Group Meeting with AgriGauteng, 12 August 2009	<p>The EIA team is still looking at a variety of alternative corridors and the existing route is one of the corridors being considered by some of the specialists. See Response 26a.</p> <p>At the moment, they are no farms identified along the proposed power line routes.</p>
33	From the presentation by both Savannah and Eskom, it appears that the servitudes require that affected community structures be moved to make way for power line servitude of 55m. From the experience with Eskom projects, we know that when the construction begins, there is no time from Eskom to care about people that are being moved and their livelihoods like crops etc. What sort of assurance can we get that this project is going to be different.	Mr Zwane , Community Meeting, 26 July 2009, Soshanguve Extension	We are at a planning phase of the project and Savannah Environmental is doing EIA studies and part of that is to identify any affected communities. The information will then be sent to the Eskom Land Rights department to initiate communication with any communities that could be directly affected by the proposed power line servitudes once authorisation has been received of the power line alternative. It is only then that Eskom will discuss details of use rights and compensation if any.
34	<p>We have brothers and sisters who have the required expertise in electricity and are unemployed.</p> <p>How are we going to benefit from the project from job opportunities perspective?</p>	Mr Kgomotso Nkwane , Community Meeting, 26 July 2009	<p>At the moment the project is still at the planning phase, hence we cannot give you the correct details as to what will be the benefits from the project except that the project is aimed at Strengthening power supply to the Tshwane Region, which would benefit the community.</p> <p>We had prepared slides presentation to show the</p>

			construction of the power line and substation and details of what is required from a technical perspective when building substation, stringing power lines etc, but because of the venue that we have for this meeting, that is impossible. Construction requires certain expertise and the contractors normally use their skilled personnel as per the tender requirements from Eskom.
35	If Eskom wants this project to succeed, we would suggest that they talk to all the affected people from now onwards.	Ntate Seroke , Community Meeting, 26 July 2009	Comment Noted.
36	Eskom says that there are three divisions at Eskom (Generation, Distribution and Transmission). What I would like to know is now that you guys are here from a planning side of the project, what is going to happen when people from the other divisions come and tell us a different story from what you have presented because we have had experiences whereby when the planning team is gone, the contractor comes and do something different from what we are told from these meetings.	Sketo Mathebula , Community Meeting, 26 July 2009	
37	Is the electricity supply to the area going to be interrupted during construction?	Themba , Community Meeting, Soshanguve Extension, Ward 37, 08 August 2009	The supply of electricity to the community will not be interrupted. This project is to strengthen the electricity network in the City of Tshwane
38	We know that Eskom is helping us with this project. I would like to know why we are not buying power direct from Eskom and not from the City of Tshwane Electricity Department. We are poor and struggling and are concerned that buying power from the City of Tshwane makes our financial predicament even worse.	Lucky Masuku , Community Meeting, 26 July 2009	Eskom only owns the land where Hangklip substation is. The land adjacent to the proposed power line route is either owned by the municipality of private land owners. For that reason Eskom had to appoint Savannah Environmental to do an EIA and part of that EIA is identifying all I&APs. With regards to selling power direct to the people, that is

	In addition, Eskom representative said that the land belongs to Eskom, if that's the case why is Eskom not selling the power direct to the community?		a constitutional and legal requirement that Eskom provides power to the municipalities and they (municipalities) distribute power to the people.
39	How is Eskom going to relocate people that are in the servitude way.	Godfrey Veldmann, Community Meeting, Soshanguve Extension XX, Ward 39, 16 August 2009	People are not allowed to build houses in the servitude. After the EIA process Eskom engages in a negotiation process to acquire the servitude. People that are to be relocated are compensated after proper consultation has been conducted.
40	Is the new proposed line going parallel the big existing power lines that pass through the area?	Steve, Community Meeting, Soshanguve Extension XX, Ward 39, 16 August 2009	At the moment studies are still under way and several route alternatives are being investigated in the study area.
41	It is expected that this proposed project must benefit the local community in terms of job opportunities	Abia, Community Meeting, Soshanguve Extension XX, Ward 39, 16 August 2009	Eskom is not sure about the number of jobs that will be generated. Private construction companies are appointed to do the job and in most cases these companies come with their own skilled personnel. Small spin off jobs might be created.
42	Is the City of Tshwane allowed to make recommendations with regards to the alternative route corridors should certain departments of the CoT feel that the proposed alternatives are not acceptable from an environmental perspective	David Boshof, 21 August 2009, Authority Meeting, Groenkloof Nature Reserve	All comments and input from the I&APs and stakeholders will be recorded and included into the final reports to be submitted to authorities (DEA) for a decision.

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Noise and other impacts of the project			
43	As part of the EIA process, has the noise levels been determined for the proposed additional transformers. I am concerned that the noise levels are going to impact on the proposed light industry in the area as well as my hotel establishment How will the proposed Verwoerdburg substation	Deon Van Tonder Councillor, Ward 1 Doornkloof East, 12 August 2009	At the moment, the results of the scoping phase indicate

	and associated infrastructure upgrade affect Belvedere Hotel? Are the noise measurements going to become part of the specialists' studies?		that any potential impacts of the proposed upgrade of the Verwoerdburg substation will be localised and restricted to the substation site.
44	Is the EIA study also looking and investigating potential noise impacts of the proposed substation upgrade to the road users and neighbouring business.	Herman Joubert , Public Meeting, 12 August 2009, Rietvlei	

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EIA and Project Feasibility			
45	Unfortunately the portions 4 and 8 of the farm Strydfontein 307 JR has been approved by the City of Tshwane for Township Establishment, LG diagrams has been lodged and approved and services for the 1st Extension 63 will be installed by the early part of 2010. No provision for a Transmission Line has been requested or provided for .Please arrange for the route to be diverted	IJ Botha , email sent 26 August 2009	The route corridor alternatives identified during the scoping phase will be investigated and assessed in detail during the EIA phase of the project. Comments will be considered during the EIA phase.
45	Is this project going to be financed by the community it traverses?	Masirata , Community Meeting, Ward 37, KT Motubatse Soshanguve Extension, 08 August 2009	Eskom, in partnership with the City of Tshwane will be responsible for the financing of this project. Funds have been set aside for Tshwane Strengthening Project Phase 1.
46	Is the proposed project within the urban edge? Finding this information out will help AgriGauteng in determining if there are any areas of agricultural significance that the EIA team need to consider.	Freek Tomlinson ,FGM with AgriGauteng, 12 August 2009	The map shows that the actual length of the proposed loop-in lines and the existing Verwoerdburg substation is within the urban edge. The Agricultural Research Council has been appointed as part of the specialist team to also look at the agricultural potential of the study area and their findings and recommendation will be incorporated into the EIR. Ms Govender has forwarded the map to Mr Tomlinson.
47	When is Eskom intend to complete and commission the proposed project	Nico van Wyk , Public Meeting, 12 August 2009, Rietvlei	Around 2013depending on all the required authorisations being obtained.
Risk, Health and Safety Issues			
48	Firstly, we would like to thank Eskom and Savannah Environmental for the presentations and opportunity to participate in the planning process. I would like to raise an issue with regards to	J.L Tshwane , 26 July 2009, comments made during the community meeting in Soshanguve Extension	Comment Noted

	safety for the affected communities. For this reason, we would appreciate if Savannah and Eskom representatives that are here could go and talk to Eskom management and inform them that Eskom should prioritise us as the affected community in terms of opportunities.		
49	The existing power line through our area has pylons and anchors that are in our yards. These structures pose safety hazard and inhibit us from extending our houses	Dikeledi , Community Meeting, Ward 37, KT Motubatse Soshanguve Extension, 08 August 2009	Comment Noted. The attendee was asked to provide her address after the meeting to the ward committee member.
50	We are concerned about the potential for stock theft during the construction and operation of the proposed lines. The proposed servitudes might be used as conduits for stealing cattle from the farms.	Freek Tomlinson ,Focus Group Meeting with AgriGauteng, 12 August 2009	Comment Noted.
General Comments			
51	We would like to see Eskom supplying electricity directly to the community instead of the City of Tshwane Municipality.	Mr Tjinaane Public meeting 26 July 2009, Soshanguve Extension	Eskom does not have a Constitutional mandate to provide services directly to communities Except in cases where the municipality is does not have infrastrure and thus unable to deliver services
52	How many jobs are going to be created by this project?	Mrs Maditsi , Community Meeting, Ward 49 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	The project is still at the planning stage. Eskom is not sure about the number of jobs that will be created but the community is advised that the construction of power lines is highly technical and construction companies bring their own construction crew. Minor jobs like bush clearing and security might be generated.
53	We know that when we come to meetings, we all have issues regarding service delivery that are bottled within ourselves but I would like to urge the community of ward 39 that we should try to direct questions and comments that are relevant to a project because these people from Savannah and Eskom can only answer questions	Mr B Chauke, Ward 49 Ward Committee Member , 26 July 2009, comments made during the community meeting at Soshanguve Extension. See appendices for original documents	Comment noted.

	related to this specific Tshwane Strengthening Project Phase 1.		
54	We are not informed when electricity supply to the area is going to be interrupted. It will help if the Eskom official can tell us where to complain about the poor service the community receives in terms of electricity and water supply.	George , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	The problem of electricity supply to the community can be addressed by Eskom Dx and the municipality. Eskom Tx is responsible for evacuating electricity from the generating station and taking it closer to the end users.
55	We do not have electricity in Extension 5. It has been months that the supply of electricity was cut. People from the City of Tshwane tell us to find technicians to fix electricity in our homes.	George , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	Comment Noted.
56	It is appreciated that such a project is proposed for construction in the area and we hope jobs will be created. We want to know what is going to happen to families that are in the preferred route/servitude.		Comment Noted.
57	It seems you are taking short cuts and canvassing for someone. The cars that were hailing for the meeting had flags of political parties. The meeting does not help us because we thought the ANC officials are going to address the meeting.	Laurence , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	The consultation process is for a transmission project. If there are problems with service provision either by Eskom Dx or municipality, this cannot be made to be Eskom Tx issue.
58	We do not understand the project that is presented. You are talking about big pylons. Is this for house hold use? Is the community still going to experience power failure in our area after the proposed project has been completed? We want to know as to how the additional lines that are proposed going to help us when there is power failure?	Sipho , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	The project is to strengthen the electricity supply in the City of Tshwane. If the network is strengthened the frequent power failure will be reduced.
59	It is appreciated that such a project is proposed for construction in the area and we hope jobs will be created. We want to know what is going to happen to families that are in the preferred	Fana , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	As indicated above, Eskom negotiate directly with the affected family/landowners and people are given a choice between money and a new house. Please see response to comment No

	route/servitude.		
60	As the proposed power lines will be crossing settlements we are concerned about safety issues. We want to know what safety hazard is associated with crossing under the power lines especially during raining days or when the lightning strikes	Jonnas , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	There are no recorded incidences of injuries caused to people crossing the power lines during rainy period. Studies conducted on the impacts of EMF on living organisms and animals do not give conclusive evidence on what impact power lines have on living organisms. Eskom specify servitudes of different sizes for different strengths/sizes of transmission lines and residing in these servitudes is not allowed.
61	We would recommend that emails and uploads on Savannah and Eskom websites be used for project related documents as most of the members of AgriGauteng don't use land line telephones anymore. Please ensure that the size of the document is reasonable as well.	Freek Tomlinson ,Focus Group Meeting with AgriGauteng, 12 August 2009	Comment Noted.
62	Our biggest concern is that we produce plants for the whole of South Africa and also export to the rest of the world and that we cannot afford to have our plants malformed by exposing them to unnecessary negative effects of power lines like radiation et cetera. Plants must at all times be true to type and no threat to human. Secondly, if the proposed Kwagga-Phoebus power lines if it affects our property by crossing it, it will definitely have a negative impact on the value of our property as it falls inside the residential development area of Tshwane	Jacques Malan of Malanseuns Pleasureplants, email received on the 13 August 2009	Comment Noted
63	We are not happy that we are given half information and the attending Eskom officials refer to other department for answers. Next time all departments must be invited to such meetings	Phineus , Community Meeting, 16 August 2009, Ward 39, Soshanguve Ext XX	The meeting was about Eskom Tx and the service delivery issues cannot be discussed during this meeting because time has been set aside for discussion of service delivery issues.

64	The youth of ward 39 is asking Eskom to engage more in social responsibility and create opportunities for the unemployed youth.	Phefo Kwape , Community Meeting, 16 August 2009, Ward 39, Soshanguve Ext XX	Comment is noted. There are several programmes at Eskom that offer support to communities such as bursaries and skills training programmes.
65	Which type of towers is going to be used for the project? Can we (Nature Conservation Services) make any input into the design of the towers to be used.	David Boshof , 21 August 2009, Authority Meeting, Groenkloof Nature Reserve, Pretoria	The decision on the type of towers to be used has not yet been made as the project design has not yet been finalised. Certain relevant departments of the CoT will play a critical role during the design of the project, especially during the development and implementation of the CEMP.
66	Where are the construction camps going to be located? As the nature conservation department, we are concerned that if these are located in natural areas, they might have a negative impact on some of the sensitive natural areas.	David Boshof , 21 August 2009, Authority Meeting, Groenkloof Nature Reserve, Pretoria	The construction camps are normally located within the residential areas as per the Eskom Guidelines. These Guidelines are very clear on this issue.
Draft Scoping Report			
67	In page 22 and 19 respectively, of the two draft scoping reports, it is indicated that all vegetation within proposed tower position in an area of 20 x 20 m (self-supporting towers) and 40 x 40 m (compact cross-rope suspension towers) around the position, including de-stumping/cutting stumps to ground level, treating with a herbicide and re-compaction of soil, is cleared. We are concerned that this might have an impact if unselective to either protected or endangered species.	David Boshof , 21 August 2009, Authority Meeting, Groenkloof Nature Reserve, Pretoria	The servitude acquisitions and maintenance conditions are clearly stipulated in agreement contracts with all the land owners. Each area will have its own maintenance guidelines taking into account the baseline conditions.
68	When is the draft scoping report going to be available for the community to review?	NS Mogotsi , Community Meeting, 26 July 2009	The Draft Scoping Report is currently available at Modibeng community Library until the 19 th of August 2009. The community can visit the Library from 8 to 5pm to review and make comments on the draft report. These comments will be incorporated into the final Scoping Report to be submitted to the Department of Water and

			Environmental Affairs.
69	Why is the copy of the Draft Scoping Report only placed at Bodibeng Community Library and not KT Motubatse Library. We would like to see to it that the following reports are placed at KT Motubatse Library as well.	George , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	Comment Noted.
70	The Public Participation Consultant and Eskom Tx are requested to arrange that relevant people (Eskom Dx & City of Tshwane) to respond to questions are invited to the next meeting.	Jonas , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	Comment Noted and Recorded.
71	We do not want to see pylons in our area; Eskom Tx is requested to investigate a route somewhere other than the settled space	Jappie , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	Eskom is obliged to provide electricity. The impact assessment process always tries to identify the route with the least impact on the receiving environment. Identified impacts are mitigated. It is not acceptable that stakeholders simply reject the project without valid reasons.
72	The system of electricity supply must be resolved by the municipality. Let us ask questions that are relevant to the proposed Eskom Tx power line. The consultants have explained the different divisions of Eskom. The different problems that relate to the provision of services will be discussed at a meeting that will be convened by the council.	Japan Baloyi , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	Comment Noted and Accepted.
73	It is unfortunate that the consultants and Eskom official came to face issues that are outside their scope. Japan as a ward committee member is requested to arrange a community meeting to discuss all issues raised here today.	Jappie , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	Comment noted. It is hoped that the ward committee members will handle the issue outside the EIA process
74	Issues of concern captured at this meeting are about proposed electricity infrastructure strengthening in the area. Problems relating to service provision are under investigation and a meeting will be called soon to discuss these	Enivah Tau , Community Meeting, Ward 37 Soshanguve extension, 08 August 2009	Comment Noted

	issues with the community. It is unfortunate that Eskom Tx meeting had to come before the planned general community meeting that will involve officials from finance and council.		
75	As the members of WESSA, we are concerned that the proposed Tshwane Strengthening project might have implications for the proposed bird project in Hartebeesport Dam.	Bob Dehning of WESSA, Stakeholder Meeting, 20 January 2010	Comment noted. However, please note that that concern is directly related to the Phase 2 of the project which is undertaken by Nema Consulting.
76	The CoT Electricity Department is concerned with the proposed extension of the substation on the northern part of the substation because we already have planned the expansion on this site and our existing double circuit towers might be impacted upon.	Victor Mofela of CoT, Stakeholder Meeting, 18 March 2010	The planned site visit on the 23 March 2010 will resolve the issue and a decision was made to revise the plan in order to accommodate the CoT. This should not be a hassle because the EIA looked and assessed a bigger area around the Verwoerburg substation.
77	The proposed alternative 1 and 2 for the loop in and out lines is not supported by the CoT Electricity Department because the CoT has already started constructing the Verwoerburg-Barkfontein 132Kv power line along the same corridor.	Victor Mofela of CoT, Stakeholder Meeting, 18 March 2010	The EIA recommendations have already indicated that the corridors along alternative 1 and 2 are least preferred because of the Red Data species and the biodiversity value of these corridors.
78	The proposed extension of the substation by the CoT might require that some of the existing infrastructure like towers south of the substation be moved to make way for the additional bus bar.	Phineus of CoT, Authority site meeting, 23 March 2010	Comment noted.
79	As part of the proposed substation expansion by the CoT, we are proposing to upgrade some of the equipment within the substation to cater for the increased demand for electricity.	Phineus of CoT, Authority site meeting, 23 March 2010	Comment noted
80	As a community of Soshanguve Extension XX, we would appreciate if we are notified of the authority decision regarding the power line so that we know if we will be affected and if so, the type of compensation from Eskom.	Padi Boloshe , Soshanguve Extension YY Open day, 20 March 2010	Comment noted. The EAP has a responsibility to notify all the I&APs of the authority decision after 7 days of the decision.
81	How are we going to benefit through job creation and skills development from this entire TSP Phase 1 project?	F Baloyi , Soshanguve Extension YY Public Open Day, 20 March 2010	Eskom will issue out tender request for skilled and experienced contractors for the job. At the moment, we are not sure how many of these will come from the local communities because most of the work requires skilled or semi skilled labour.
82	When is the construction of the Phoebus substation going to start?	E Bokaba , Soshanguve Extension YY, Public Open Day, 20 March 2010	The exact time is not known yet but the authorities will need 105 days to review the final report and make a decision. Only then that Eskom will start negotiation for servitude with land owners.

83	We would appreciate if all the stakeholders and I&APs are notified as soon as the decision is made by the authority with regards to this project.	Nico van Wyk, Bundu Inn Hornsnek, Public Open Day, 20 March 2010	Noted
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