



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 2X500KV LINES FROM NZHELELE
SUBSTATION TO CONNECT WITH
POWER LINES COMING FROM TRIANGLE SUBSTATION, ZIMBABWE, IN
THE MUSINA DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

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Introduction

South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique entered into a strategic alliance to assist each other in ensuring continuous and uninterrupted electricity supply within each of the countries. This entails infrastructure that will allow each of the countries to send or receive electricity, as and when required, from each other. Eskom, as South Africa's leading electricity producer, is in the process of developing the required infrastructure that will allow this agreement to take effect. Eskom requires the construction of two 500kV power lines from the Nzhelele Substation to the Limpopo River. Only one of the two power lines will link to Zimbabwe.

The study area for this proposed activity is within the Vhembe District Municipality region, within the Musina Local Municipality. The power lines will start at the Nzhelele Substation (under construction), south east of the corner N1 and the R525, Tshipise road (refer to figure 1 below). The power lines will then need to move north towards the Limpopo River, where they will connect with the Beitbridge power lines. The power lines will then continue to the Triangle Substation in the Masvingo province of Zimbabwe.

Eskom has appointed Baagi Environmental Consultancy cc as an independent consultant to undertake the required EIA process for the proposed project.

The purpose of the Public Participation Plan is to help think through the project to design activities that will meet the projects public participation goals which are receiving feedback on the DRAFT EIA REPORT and which discusses any issues or concerns the public have regarding the project or the report. This will enable and inform the technical team to do their various studies. It also helps with a well-planned approach to run things smoothly.

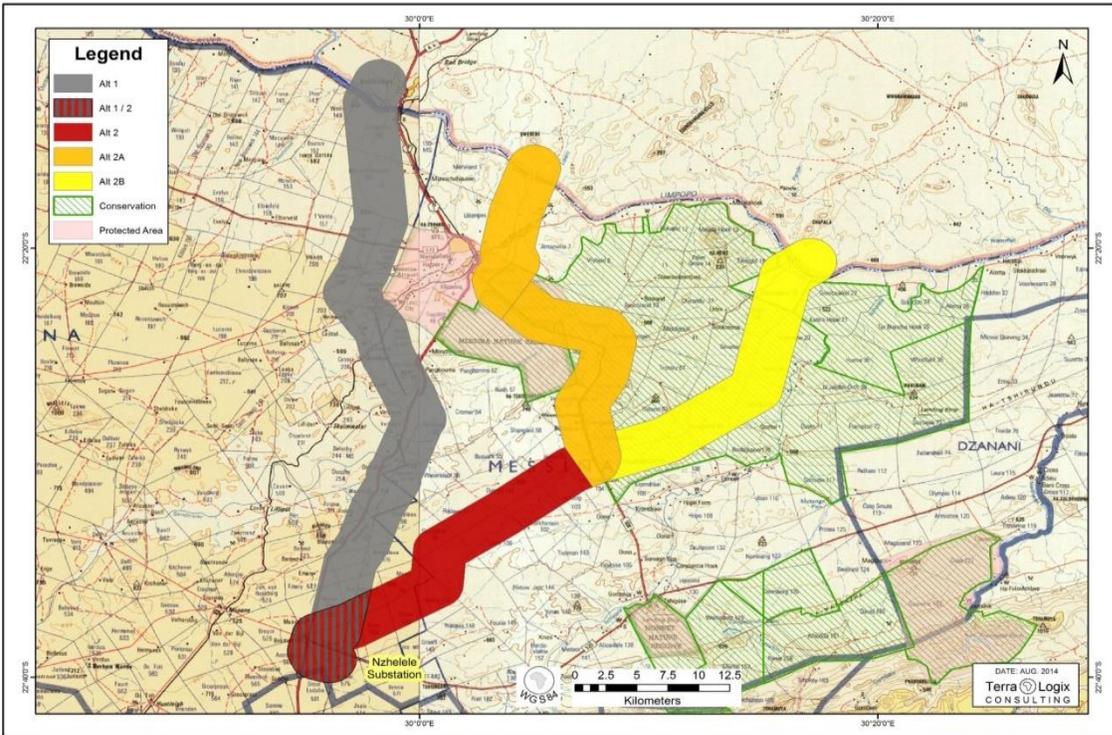


Figure 1: Locality Map

AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The Final EIR was rejected by the Department of Environmental Affairs, with the request to address certain aspects of FEIR and the Public Participation process that was conducted in 2014 (Scoping Phase). As such, another PP phase was initiated for the Amended EIR. As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and public participation process, stakeholders and I&AP's will be invited to review the Amended EIR. The report will be available for review from 10 February 2017 to 28 March 2017 at the following locations:

Place	Address
Nancefield Library	Nancefield Community Centre
Musina Municipality	21 Irwin Street, Musina
Sand river resort	Sasol Garage N1 high way
Beitbridge Shell Garage	N1 just before the Beitbridge Border Post
Musina Nature Reserve Office	Off the N1 high way just south of Musina Town
Musina Police Station	Flax Avenue Musina

Newspaper Advertisements

Newspaper advertisements will be placed in the following Newspapers on the 17th of February 2017:

1. Limpopo Mirror Newspaper (SePedi, TshiVenda)
2. Zoutpansberger Newspaper (English, Afrikaans)

Site Notices

The site notice and other supporting documents will be translated into Afrikaans, SePedi and Venda and put up at locations identical to where the Scoping and EIR site notices were placed.

Radio Station Announcement

Radio announcements in SePedi, Tshivenda, English and Afrikaans will be made from the 17th of February to the 28th of March 2017.

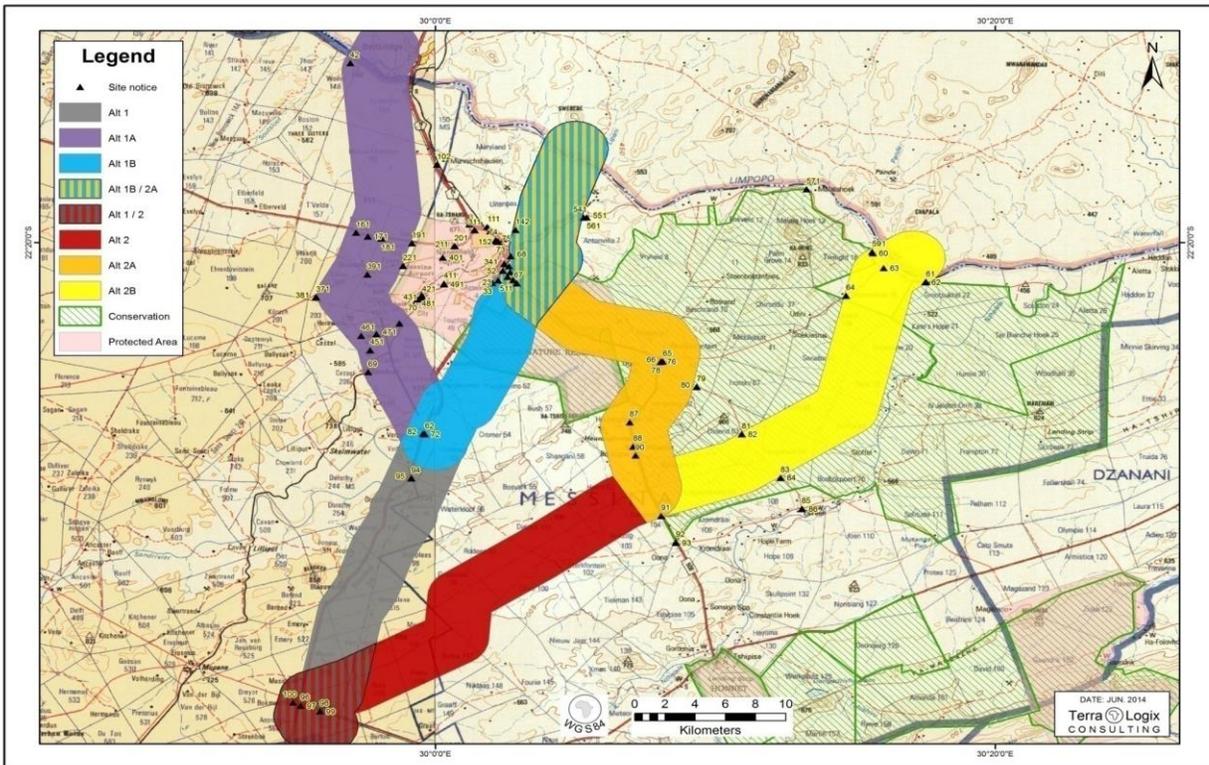


Figure 2: Location of Site Notices relevant to the proposed site

Conclusion

Public Participation Plans are there to guide ongoing public involvement endeavors to ensure the most effective means of providing information and receiving public input on issues triggered by proposed projects, traditionally involving all types of affected groups with the aim of taking their views into consideration.