

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED 400/132kV  
HOUHOEK ESKOM TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION,  
INCLUDING THE BACCHUS–PALMIET 400kV LOOP-IN AND LOOP-OUT  
TRANSMISSION POWER LINES, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

**FOCUS GROUP MEETING:  
THEEWATERSKLOOF LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (TLM)  
NOTES OF THE MEETING**

**06 December 2012**

**Time: 10:00-11:00**

**Venue: TLM Municipal Offices, 6 Plein Street, Caledon**

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## 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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### 1.1 WELCOME

Ms B Griffiths opened the meeting at 09:30. She welcomed all and thanked them for attending. All attendees introduced themselves. The following members of the project team were present at the meeting. Please refer to Error! Reference source not found. for a list of the project team members and **Table 2** for the Municipal officials present at the meeting.

### 1.2 ATTENDANCE

Two (2) officials from the Theewaterskloof Local Municipality (TLM) attended the focus group meeting.

**Please refer to Appendix A for the formal attendance register. The attendees are summarised in Tables 1 and 2 below.**

**Table 1: Members of Environmental Impact Assessment Project Team**

TITLE	INITIAL	SURNAME	ORGANISATION
Ms	B (Bronwen)	Griffiths	BKS (Pty) Ltd
Ms	M (Mamokete)	Maimane	BKS (Pty) Ltd
Ms	M (Martina)	Nailana	Eskom
Mrs	R (Rudzani)	Ranwedzi	Eskom
Ms	B (Boitumelo)	Mosiane	Eskom
Mrs	L (Lindi)	Haarhoff	Eskom

**Table 2: Theewaterskloof Municipal Officials**

TITLE	INITIAL	SURNAME	ORGANISATION
Mr	J (Johan)	Viljoen	Theewaterskloof Local Municipality
Ms	J (Judy)	van Rhyen	Theewaterskloof Local Municipality

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

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The meeting did not have an agenda to be followed; the meeting rather followed the discussion forum structure.

### 3 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

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The purpose of the meeting is to have a discussion with the TLM Municipal officials regarding the proposed project. As such Ms Griffiths gave an overview of the project using the map to indicate the potential site alternatives and to discuss known issues to date that have arisen from the preliminary specialist studies carried out as part of the Scoping process.

The overall aim of the meeting was thus to provide the officials with an opportunity to raise comments or issues with regard to the proposed project from the viewpoint of the TLM Municipality. And thus to ensure that all comments regarding the proposed project are taken into account and addressed properly in the final Scoping Report (fSR).

### 4 DISCUSSION

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	COMMENT	RESPONSE
1	Noted that the valley within which Botrivier falls, especially the area to the west and south-west of the town, falls in a high risk area with respect to veld fires on a yearly basis. This was noted to be due to the funnelling of wind down from the Houwhoek Pass. It was recommended that Eskom put in place a disaster management plan specific to the proposed site so as to manage all veldfires near the final chosen site.	It was noted that with the existing Botrivier Distribution Sub-station adjacent to the R43, that the issue of fires is known and that the existing emergency response plan would be updated to cover both sites and the areas below the loop-in and loop-out lines. Ms Haarhoff noted that the issue of fire would be linked into the final design of the electrical infrastructure so as to minimise the potential for a fire being caused by this
2	The Municipality will forward the IDP to the consultant for their information.	Accepted and appreciated.
3	The presence of an industrial node, in the triangle formed by the N2 and the two arms of the R43, was noted south of the town of Botrivier. It was further indicated that a potential link across the N2 will be built in time to link the area to the town. The land-usage was seen as compatible with the sub-station.	Accepted and appreciated. Additional information from the TWK officials would be appreciated so as to allow the project to be contextualised during the EIA Report phase.
4	The potential widening of the R43 as highlighted by the Western Cape Transport Department was brought to the TWK officials.	TWK will follow up on this issue as it has implications on their IDP and other planning processes.
5	Potential water pipeline that may impact on sites was indicated to the BKS team by Western Cape Settlements Department.	Copy of email with layout plans to be forwarded to Ms van Rhyn (Note: sent immediately after meeting).
6	Detailed consideration of the 3 alternatives by those present at the meeting.	The site most likely to be feasible was given as Site Alternative 3 (either layout), set in close proximity to the existing Eskom sub-station. This was considered by the TWK officials as viable as

COMMENT		RESPONSE
		it fitted best with their municipal planning initiatives.
7	Noted that a town/regional planning process i.t.o. LUPO may be required to be carried out. For Site Alternative 3 this may not be required as much of the area is in the process of being rezoned for Industrial rights.	Accepted and will be considered in the process forward.
8	Request from TWK officials that they continue to be involved in the process as key stakeholders.	Accepted and indicated to be critical.

## 5 CLOSURE

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The meeting was closed at 11:00.

## **APPENDIX A: ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

## **APPENDIX B: PRESENTATION**