

Goodbye to uThungulu's water fundi

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INSTRUMENTAL in laying the foundation for the district's bulk water infrastructure, uThungulu's outgoing Executive Director: Technical Services Zwe Msomi was given a final farewell by political leaders and administration officials on Monday.

Dubbed uThungulu's 'water man', Msomi served the District for the past 13 years, starting as Deputy Director: Water Services in 1988 before heading up the

Technical Department over the past five years.

The farewell lunch held at the Protea Hotel The Waterfront in Richards Bay was attended by Mayors of the District's local municipalities, Speakers, Municipal Managers, Councillors, Directors and managers, among others.

Leaving a legacy for the Technical Department, uThungulu District Mayor, Stan Larkan said Msomi could 'tell anyone the status of every little water scheme in the district on any given day'.

'Zwe has always been a source of great pride to the organisation, for his integrity, devotion to duty, keen intellect and quiet way of handling the most stressful situation with dignity and decisiveness,' said Larkan.

'He was never afraid to get his hands dirty and would accompany his staff to even the most insignificant meetings in the deepest rural areas to ensure that service delivery was never compromised.'

'Never one to sit behind a desk

when there was a need out in the community, he has earned the respect of my fellow Mayors in the local municipalities, the Amakhosi and also the provincial government departments,' added Larkan.

Appreciation

The Mayor also handed a Scroll of Appreciation to Msomi acknowledging his distinguished service in local government and commitment to upholding the principles of co-operative governance and inter-governmental relations.

'The scarcity of experienced engineers is a well-known reality which the entire country is facing, and I am hopeful that we will be able to fill the position you are exiting with someone who is as knowledgeable and dedicated

about service delivery as you were,' said Larkan.

Msomi will now be joining the private sector.

'I wish to thank the leadership of uThungulu for giving me a platform to expand my career,' said Msomi.

'I was a road engineer and had never worked with a borehole before.'

'But I had to study water systems and boreholes to become a jack of all trades.'

'This municipality allowed us to be productive through the cohesive manner in which the team works.'

'My 13 years at uThungulu has been a journey and there was never a sad moment,' said Msomi.



Councillors and officials within the uThungulu District bid farewell to Executive Director: Technical Services - Zwe Msomi in Richards Bay on Monday



uThungulu District Mayor - Stan Larkan honours uThungulu's outgoing Executive Director: Technical Services - Zwe Msomi with a scroll of appreciation

ISAZISO ESISHA SAKWA ESKOM NGOMGUDO WOCWANINGO LOKUNGENZKA EMVELWENI NESU LOKUNAKEKELWA KWEMVELO YE ESKOM ISUNDU - MBEWU OLAYINI BAGESI ABANAMANDLA ANGU 400KV DEA Ref No: 12/12/2011/76

Kunokwazi isaziso ngokombetho 54 Wocwaningo Lokungenzeka Emvelweni eshicelwe kuZiziso zikaHulumeni Nombolo GH R 543 kuGazetho laseHulumeni uLombelo, 33306 langoMhaka 10 June 2010, ngaphandle kwesigaba 24(5) ngokombetho kaZweleleke waZokuphatwa kwelwelo, ka 1990 (Umthetho ngokombetho 107 ka 1990), ngokugqoka kwawo, uEskom ulungoza okulandelayo:

Ukwakha elayini bagesi ababini abanamandla angu 400KV abangeni alingamakhilomitha angu 150 kusukela esitholweni sikagesi esihlanganisiweyo iMbewu esabeduze kwaseMgungundlovu kuya esitholweni sikagesi esihlanganisiweyo laseMbewu kwaseMpangeni.

Ngokombetho kwesigaba 24 nesigaba 24D ngobuzimlano zolwetho kaZweleleke waZokuphatwa - kweMvelo (Umbetho 107 ka 1990), okufundeka neZiziso zikaHulumeni Nombolo GH R 543 (uMthetho 26 no 35) kanye noNombolo GH R 545 ngokugqoka kwawo, kudingeka ukwenzwa uCwaningo Lokungenzeka Emvelweni kwemisebenzi elandelayo ebaluleke:

- Ukwakha i-Aviation refuelling nama ingqalazimela yekholo nokuhambisa ugesi onamandla angu-275KV noma ngaphantsi, ngaphandle kwendawo yezodokotsheni noma inxaxaxhele yezolwetho zezindaba.

Leprojekthi izathinta oMsipala abalandelayo:

iMgungundlovu	Ethekwini
uThungulu	Ilembe
uMshwathi	uMhlabuzi
Namabanana	uMalazi
Mandeni	KwaDukuza
Ndodvo	Maquthuza

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NOTICE OF A NEW ESKOM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ESKOM ISUNDU - MBEWU 2x400KV POWER LINE DEA Ref No: 12/12/2011/76

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 54 of the Environmental Impact Regulations published in Government Notice R543 in Government Gazette No. 33506 of 10 June 2010, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, Eskom proposes the following:

Construction of 2x400KV transmission lines and associated infrastructure for approximately 150 km from the proposed Mbewu substation near Pietermaritzburg to the proposed Isundu substation near Empangeni.

In terms of sections 24 and section 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notices R543 (Regulations 26 to 35) and R545 as amended an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required in terms of the following listed activity:

- The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity with a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more, outside an urban area or industrial complex.

This project stretches over the following Municipalities:

uMgungundlovu	Ethekwini
uThungulu	Ilembe
uMshwathi	uMhlabuzi
Namabanana	uMalazi
Mandeni	KwaDukuza
Ndodvo	Maquthuza

Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Eskom Holdings Limited as the Independent Environmental Consultants to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study required by the competent authority. The process will investigate if there are any potential significant positive and negative impacts, and make recommendations to mitigate negative impacts associated with the construction of 2x400KV transmission lines. The study will include the investigation of three potential corridors for the transmission line.

If you would like to raise any issues or concerns, or to register as an interested and affected party, please submit your name, contact information and comments to Dineo Kwilli at Aurecon PO Box 505 Pretoria 0001 South Africa. Tel +27-12-427 2972; Fax +27-36-665-3273 or email dineo.kwilli@aurecongroup.com on or before 30 March 2011. The Background Information Document can be downloaded from the Aurecon website: <http://www.aurecon.co.za/16> And on Eskom's website: www.eskom.co.za/16