

ESKOM SOC LTD LWALA PROJECT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

GA-KGOETE COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY

27 JUNE 2019

GA-KGOETE COMMUNITY HALL,

FARM FOREST HILL 117 KT, LIMPOPO

WARD 15, FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

@ 10:00 AM



MEETING ATTENDEES

Refer to **APPENDIX 1**.

ABBREVIATIONS

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| BAR | Basic Assessment report |
| DMR | Department mineral resources |
| EIA | Environmental impact assessment |
| EMP | Environmental Management Plan |
| I & AP | Interested and affected parties |

INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING

The ward councillor, Mr. Abram Phokwane (ward councillor), opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He then allowed a community member to open the meeting in prayer. After the prayer, Mr. Phokwane discussed the agenda for this meeting and proceeded to introduce Mr. Thomas Mavunda, from Eskom, and Mr. Marius Alers, representing Acer Africa, to the community and welcomed them to the meeting. Mr. Phokwane then allowed Mr. Mavunda from Eskom to brief the community on the project background and purpose for the meeting.

Following the introduction, Mr. Mavunda briefly explained the purpose of this engagement and provided a brief overview of the proposed project, with the project purpose to, mainly, supply the Lwala mine with electricity. Mr. Mavunda explained that Eskom has a policy of compensation for the servitude and that negotiations will follow in the months to come via the resolution process. Mr. Mavunda emphasised that this public participation is separate from the resolution process that is still to follow and that its focus is on the environmental assessment process. Mr. Mavunda then handed over to Mr. Alers to discuss the environmental process and way forward. Mr. Alers presented an overview of the proposed project, inclusive of the locality of the project and the Environmental processes to be followed for the development of the powerline and Lwala substation. Mr. Alers explained that the law requires them to engage with the community before the project begins in order to allow the community to provide comments and inputs on the assessment process that is underway. He further explained that this interaction is the initial engagement to brief them on the project, to brief them about the studies that is underway and to use this opportunity to allow them to make comments. Mr. Alers indicated that all the studies, nl. an Archaeological study, a wetland and vegetation study, and an avifauna study, have been completed. Mr. Alers concluded by saying that the process going forward will be to collate all the specialist studies into a basic assessment report (BAR) and an environmental management plan (EMP). Notification will then be sent to the relevant I & AP when these reports are available, and I & APs will then be allowed to submit comments on the reports.

The community were then provided with an opportunity to present any questions or comments that they might have regarding the process.

DISCUSSION SESSION

| ISSUES RAISED, AND QUESTIONS ASKED | ANSWERS AND RESPONSES |
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| Mr. Reginald Kgwete asked what will happen if the development goes through a crop field. | Mr. Mavunda replied that if the development affects a member's crop field, that Eskom will survey and determine the extent of affected crop field and determine the appropriate compensation. This compensation will then be discussed and negotiated with the community member/s as part of the resolution process. |

CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

Mr. Alers and Mr. Phokwane agreed to stay in contact regarding the release of the draft BAR and EMP, once these are made public.

Mr. Alers and Mr. Mavunda then thanked the Community Representatives for their time as well as the opportunity to brief them on the project.

Appendix 1:
Attendance register