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Dear all,

Thank you for attending the public meeting on 28th July 2014

We would like to draw your attention that these minutes were drawn from notes taken from the Public Meeting; please provide corrections / additions if applicable.

We would like to advise that while utmost care was taken to record your comments accurately and faithfully, there may be some discrepancies between what has been written in the minutes that follow and what was actually said. We apologise for this and request that you contact us should you wish to have something changed.

Many thanks for your participation at the meeting, as well as for your understanding regarding the minutes.

Regards

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**Proposed “Aries-Kronos” 765kV Transmission Power line & Substations Upgrade,
Northern Cape Province,
DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/440**

Meeting with I&APs held at 14h00 on 28th July 2014 at Kenhardt Hotel

Attendees:

Judith	Alford	JA	Mokgope Consulting
Victoria	Somo	VS	Mokgope Consulting
Bruce	Sebolai	BS	Mokgope Consulting
Lerato	Mokgwathheng	LM	Eskom
Wimpie	Henning	WH	Eskom
Linda	Haarhoff	LH	Eskom
Adam	Kayen	AK	Community member
Gert	van Wyk	GV	Community member
Rossie	van Wyk	RV	Community member
Hendrik	Kruger	HK	Community member
Marshall	Matthys.	MM	Community member
Peter	Present	PP	Nebula Construction
Patrick	Demorway	PD	Community member
Natano	Van Eeden	NV	Community member
Walter	Van Eeden	WV	CBH Solar PTY LTD
Johan	Makey	JM	CBH Spear Trading (Security Services)
Franklin	Euman	FE	Community member
Ashwell	Coetzee	AC	Community member
Naveen	Challa	NC	Marcyrox NPC
Cristopher	Jordaan	CJ	Marcyrox NPC
James	Styles	JS	Community member
Micheal	Afrika	MA	Kai Garib
Bizandra	Wmanse	BW	Community member
Benita	Skei	BS	Community member
Rene	Afrka	RA	Community member
A J	Wienaar	AW	Community member
Shandre	Isaacs	SI	Community member
Zen	Moolman	ZM	Community member

Carin	Nel	CN	Community member
Jasper	Snydens	JS	Community member
Donna	Joubert	DJ	Community member
Audrey	Olivier	AO	Admin Clerk KaiGaib Municipality
Alisha	Pholman	AP	Student

Item No	Item Description	Response / Comment
1.	JA: Welcome and Introduction	
2.	JA: Presentation	
3.	DISCUSSION	
	CN: When will the project kick off? How will the Kenhardt community benefit from this project?	LH: Die projek is in eskom se beplanning en dat sal vir die volgende tien jaar die nom alle administrasie in orde te kry. Op die oomblik is daar geen tyd wanneer die projek sal begin. <i>(This project is in Eskom's long term plan and it can take up to ten years before all can be finalise for construction approval).</i>
	CN: Is daar enige werksgeleenthede vir ons gemeenskap met die projek? <i>(Is there any work opportunities for the community on this project?)</i>	LH: Vir die gemeenskap sal daar geleenthede wees soos onder andere vir akkomadasie en voorsiening van etes ens. Die konstruksie vereis baie hoe vaardighede. <i>(There will be opportunities that the community could benefit from such as: providing cleaning services; accommodation; catering; amongst others. Otherwise the project requires high technical skills, which cannot be provided by the community).</i>
	NC: When will the project start and end?	LH: To give you an idea, Eskom plans to start with the 400kV power line within the next 6 months from Aries substation to a new substation called Neuwehoop, which is about 30km down the traction line. The line is approximately 70-80km in length and construction duration plan is about 2 to 3 years. For this proposed 765kV line which is about 1000km in length, it is estimated to take 8 or more years for construction period eight years from now.
	NC: We are an NGO based in Kenhardt called Marcyrox NPC. We are currently providing training on small business financial management. I heard your response to CN that the construction work required for this proposed line is highly specialized. Would you be able to identify skills that we would be able to train the youth of Kenhardt so that by the time Eskom starts construction in 8 to 10 years from now, Eskom would be able to access the required skills from this	LH: Yes, we would be able to get the available skills if the project starts within the next 10 years. This is a 1000km linear construction. Hence the community will be able to get opportunities when the building of the line is near this area. The project may take 3 months in this section. Otherwise the employees from this community would need to travel as the construction gets further away from this area.

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	<p>community?</p> <p>As long as there are some skills that Eskom needs in the community such as maintenance purposes or getting involved in the solar projects, then the people can use their skills for other projects.</p>	<p>LM: Post meeting note This is a high voltage electrical construction work. People working on these projects are engineers and artisans in electrical field and construction work. The youth needs to study this in colleges and be trained in that specific field of work. This kind of work is not awarded to individuals, but to the company which proofs to have the capability (i.e. skilled human resource and proven record of having done this kind of work successfully) to do the work.</p> <p>There are definitely some solar projects that connect to these types of power lines. Eskom's future plan is to build a whole new switching station at Aries and collect all the solar farm generated energy in the area on the 132kV network or 33kV, which we would then need to step up for a 400kV and further step it up for the 765kV. The generated energy would be transmitted and supplied to places like Gauteng where there is high demand for electricity usage.</p> <p>From a maintenance point of view, helicopters are used. Usually the maintenance team would fly the whole line and if they identify problems, the team would do life line maintenance on the line. Hence this is a very highly skilled job and not everyone can be trained for it.</p> <p>If your training institution wants students to get involved in Eskom construction projects, rather train them for skills like safety, site management administration skills, amongst others. These types of skills may also be required in other types of construction projects such as the solar farm developments.</p>
4	Meeting closed with a prayer	