

MINUTES TO THE MEETING HELD WITH KOTULO TSATSI AT ESKOM MEGAWATT PARK

EIA FOR THE PROPOSED ARIES-HELIOS 765KV
POWER LINE PROJECT
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MEETING BETWEEN KOTULO TSATSI, ESKOM & MOKGOPE, HELD AT 10H00 ON
20 APRIL 2016 AT ESKOM MEGAWATT PARK

1. PRESENT

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| i. Lerato Mokgwathheng: LM | Eskom Project Manager |
| ii. Wimpie Henning: WH | Eskom Negotiator |
| ii. Judith Fasheun: JF | Mokgope Environmental Consultant |
| iii. Karen Jodas: KJ | Savannah Environmental Consultant |
| iv. Attie Botha: AB | CEO of Kotulo Tsatsi Energy |

**Attendance Register is provided in Appendix A.*

2. OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting was opened by JF and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. This was followed by attendees introducing themselves.

3. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ways on how to deviate Corridor 3 without clashing with Kotulo Tsatsi. It was very important to meet with the affected parties to give us their input and verification of the new deviation. The meeting agenda started off with a presentation that included the following: Brief background of the project; findings of each corridor; and preferred corridors from the various specialists. This was followed by a discussion on the route deviation.

4. DISCUSSION ON ROUTE DEVIATION TO AVOID KOTULO TSATSI AND SKA BUFFER

KJ explained that the proposed Kotulo Tsatsi Concentrated Solar Power (CSP3) had been granted an Environmental Authorisation (EA). The initial proposed CSPs that were overlaid on the proposed powerline maps require an update because the authorised CSP3 had been changed. KJ further explained that the reason why the areas were changed were due to sensitive area findings in the initial proposed CSP sites. Furthermore the Ecological Support Areas (ESA) had been further assessed and was recommended by the authorities to be a conservation area. Hence KJ brought to our attention that the proposed power line corridors would also impact on the ESA and the “proposed” offset conservation area.

KJ and AB suggested a small portion of their property that could be crossed as they were willing to accommodate Eskom where possible. In addition, KJ mentioned that from

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an environmental perspective, the deviation would be feasible if aligned adjacent to the railway line where the area was already disturbed.

Eskom considered the suggested deviation, which would further be realigned by the technical team once the updated shapefiles from Kotulo Tsatsi have been overlaid on their maps.

5. WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

In conclusion, a proposed new deviation for Corridor 3 was agreed upon by Eskom and Kotulo Tsatsi. Eskom is to further create the deviation corridor at a more localised scale with the aim of:

- Avoiding clashes with the CSP sites;
- Aligning the corridor with to the railway line;
- Moving further away from SKA buffer, and
- Try to align the corridor close to farm boundaries.

The main concern with this project is that the Final EIR was supposed to be submitted to DEA by the 29 April 2016. However, from these new developments, it will be impossible to meet the deadline. It was suggested that extension should be requested from DEA for the project to stay open until end May 2016, to consult and obtain the information that will support the decisions to be taken regarding this project.. The and committed dates thereof are as follows:

- Eskom is to be provided with shapefiles from Savannah Environment by 25 April;
- Eskom to finalise the deviation route by 29 April 2016;
- Eskom Negotiator is to organise and undertaken a site visit to a Leopont farm to request for realignment of the deviation close to the farm boundary. This must be done by end 13 May 2016; and
- Finalised and submit the Final EIR to the DEA by end of May 2016 (with DEA's approval).

The meeting was declared closed.

APPENDIX A: ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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EIR PHASE: KOTULO TSATSI- ESKOM MEETING, AT 10H00 ON 20 APRIL 2016 AT ESKOM MEGAWATT PARK, SUNNINGHILL

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