



ESKOM TRANSMISSION
LIMPOPO EAST CORRIDORS: FOSKOR – SPENCER
400KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES AND SPENCER MTS UPGRADING
CONSULTATION MEETING
24 MAY 2017 AT CONSTANTIA FARMERS ASSOCIATION HALL
(AGRI-LETABA FARMERS ASSOCIATION)

The notes recorded hereunder reflect on the discussion held during the presentation of the above project at a meeting of Agri-Letaba farmers. This presentation formed part of the consultation process during the public review of the Draft Scoping Report for the project. The Public Participation Team and Eskom Representative were given a slot in the agenda of the meeting. Key points were recorded as part of discussions and are not necessarily verbatim recording of what was said by the participants. The discussion was based on the map that depicted the different corridors alternatives.

Attendance Register: Attendance register for meetings of the project (Diges Attendance Register) was circulated and it is included as an Appendix D-5d.

Item	Recorded Notes on the Meeting Proceedings
1	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>The chairperson of Agri-Letaba (Constantia Farmers Association), Mr Pieter Voster welcomed the team that came to give presentation on the proposed Eskom development in the area and indicated that not all landowners in the area participate in meetings of Agri-Letaba. The team was then allowed to present</p>
3	<p>Points Discussed:</p> <p>Mr Mahlangu gave the presentation on the project under the headings that are given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>The purpose of the meeting:</u> To discuss the proposed Eskom project (the upgrading of Spencer Substation and the construction of a 400kV power line between the existing Foskor Substation and the existing Spencer Substation).• <u>The whole EIA process to be followed:</u> Technical investigation and Public Participation Process. The EIA process is currently at the Scoping Phase (Comment period of the Draft Scoping Report)• <u>General Issues Associated with Transmission Power Lines:</u> In the scoping phase the approach is to identify issues that will be investigated in detail during the EIA Phase. Stakeholders are also given the opportunity to raise issues of concerns and to provide the study team with local information that will assist in determining the route that will have minimal impact on the receiving environment. <p>Mr Henry Nawa explained the project by referring to the need, the scope of the project and he indicated that negotiation for servitude and related compensation is done after the project has been authorized by the authority for construction.</p>

Item	Recorded Notes on the Meeting Proceedings
4	<p>Way Forward: In concluding, Mr Mahlangu indicated that stakeholders have up to the 15th of June 2017 to comment on the DSR. He emphasized that issues raised during the scoping phase will be investigated during the EIA Phase and another round of meetings will be held in September/October 2017. The chairperson advised that if the study team need some assistance, they must contact the secretary of the association</p>

No	Issues
1	<p>It was mentioned in the meeting that the Department of Water and Sanitation is planning to build a dam on the Letaba river close to where the two corridors meet. Some attendees advised that this dam is actually outside the study area</p> <p><i>The possibility of building a dam on the Letaba river is noted but for now it is accepted that this dam is possibly outside the study area. It was also indicated that the report has been submitted the Department of Water and Sanitation and it is hoped that a relevant comment relating to this issue will be received from the department if the dam project is going to be affected</i></p>
2	<p>The meeting agreed that the study team must try to narrow the study to focus on the properties that are going to be directly affected by the power line and Agri-Letaba will help in arranging a meeting with the property owners. In such a meeting Eskom and consultant will be expected to come and present the project and agree with directly affected landowners on modalities of working together. It was stressed that when going to farms the public participation team must follow the correct method of gaining access to farm</p> <p><i>It is appreciated that Agri-Letaba is willing to help to ensure that potentially affected landowners are consulted about the project.</i></p>



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PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
24 MAY 2017 AT BA-PHALABORWA MUNICIPALITY CIVIC CENTRE
(PHALABORWA)

Item No.	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome & introduction</u></p> <p>The facilitator, Mr Vicus Coetzee declared the meeting opened and welcomed all in attendance. He explained that Eskom Transmission is proposing to build a 400kV power line between the existing Foskop substation in Phalaborwa and the existing Spencer substation in Mohlabaneng. He also mentioned that Spencer substation will undergo some upgrading and be converted to a 400/132kV substation. He then introduced the study team as composed of:</p> <p>Ms Brenda Makanza (Diges Group – Project Manager) Mr Livhuwani Rasilingwane (Diges Group – Public Participation Officer) Mr Khazamula Chauke (Diges Group – Public Involvement Officer) Mr Douglas Mampuru (Eskom – Negotiator)</p>	
3.	<p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from the following stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lucky Swart • Mr Gert Spencer • Mr Ken Hobet 	
3.	<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <p>Ms Brenda Makanza gave a presentation on the project by referring to topics as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the meeting; • The need and scope of the project; • The study process to be followed (Technical and Public Participation); and • The corridors to be investigated were explained using a map. 	
Discussion		
<p>Question/Comment</p> <p>The participants indicated that the meaning of the rating method and the potential impacts and risk factors that are found in the routes as explained in the report were confusing. The EAP (Brenda) was then requested to explain this so that stakeholders could understand as to which route had more environmental impacts than the other?</p>		

Response:

After some discussions, it was agreed that there is indeed an error in the notes and Ms Makanza undertook to make the necessary corrections and changes in the report

Question/Comment ()

Participants who represented Selati wanted to know as to why should the line not be placed in an area that is already disturbed by such infrastructure like the road or other power line. They felt it was doing more harm to the environment if the power line is put in a virgin area such as along the R526 road

Response:

Suggestions as given by stakeholders who reside in the area are welcomed because they provide local knowledge. These proposals will be investigated during the EIA Phase. The purpose of scoping is to gather as many comments and issues of concern as possible so that these can be investigated during the EIA Phase

Question/Comment

Stakeholders raised a concern that the power line is going to affect the value of their properties and negatively impact on the tourism business they run on their farms

Response:

It was explained that once the corridor is approved and the exact position of the power line determined Eskom will then negotiate with each one of the directly affected property to agree on the position of the power line on his property, the conditions of access to the property e.g. gates and the compensation amount to be paid for servitude acquisition. It was indicated that in plotting the power line, Eskom will try to inflict as minimal impact as possible to the receiving environment.

Question/Comment

Once a decision/authorization is given and a person is not happy with the route, is it possible to lodge an appeal

Response:

Stakeholders that are registered in the database for the project will be notified about the decision and they will be given twenty days to appeal the decision if they do not agree with the decision. Appeal procedures will be communicated to stakeholders

Way Forward and Closure

In the absence of further questions the facilitator thanked all in attendance and indicated that the closing date for comment period is 15th June 2017 and indicated that the minutes of the meeting will be circulated for confirmation before they are used in the Final Scoping Report.

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CONSULTATION MEETING
24 MAY 2017 AT NYAVANA TRADITIONAL OFFICES
(NYAVANA TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY)

Item No.	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome & Introduction</u></p> <p>The chairperson of the Nyavana Traditional Council welcomed all in attendance and thanked the study team for coming to the area to present and talk to the council about the proposed project.</p> <p>The chairperson, Mr Bvuma introduced members of the Traditional Council and Mr Khazamula Chauke introduced the study team as:</p> <p>Mr Livhuwani Rasilingwane (Diges Group – Public Participation Officer) Mr Moses Mahlangu (Diges Group – Public Participation Leader) Mr Khazamula Chauke (Diges Group – Public Involvement Officer) Mr Henry Nawa (Eskom – Project Manager: Environment) Mr Douglas Mampuru (Eskom – Negotiator)</p>	
2.	<p><u>Attendance Register:</u></p> <p>Attendance register was circulated for signing and no apology was tendered</p>	
2.	<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <p>Using a map as point of reference Mr Livhuwani Rasilingwane and Mr Henry Nawa gave a presentation by referring to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the meeting; • The study process to be followed (Technical and Public Participation); • The corridors to be investigated (here the farm that belongs to the Nyavana was mentioned); and • The need and scope of the project. 	
Discussion		
Question/Comment (Mr J Bvuma)		
<p>Is this project going to create some jobs for our local people since our understanding and expectations are that when a project of this nature comes to our area the community expect to derive some benefits from such projects?</p>		
Response:		

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	<p>Construction of a project of this nature involve highly skilled personnel and Eskom put such projects on tender. The appointed contractor usually come with his own skilled construction crew but Eskom encourages the appointed contractor to employ the locals for those jobs that do not require intensive training. To avoid conflicts the local leadership structures will be asked to help with employment strategy since the power line will traverse several villages.</p> <p>Question/Comment (Mr Chris Shayi)</p> <p>Ndhuna Mashavele wanted to know if the local municipality has been consulted about this proposed project.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>The response was that a series of meetings were held with both the Mopani District Municipality and Local Municipalities in the district and they are aware of the projects and reports were delivered to them as well for their comments. It was also highlighted that earlier on in the morning on that same day a meeting was held at Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality.</p> <p>Question/Comment (attendee)</p> <p>The Royal Family member requested to know if community members affected by the power line will be compensated.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Mr Douglas Mampuru responded that Eskom always try to avoid the power line passing through the settled areas in villages but since the population is growing and the residential sites being increased, if there are families which will be affected, potentially affected families will be consulted and valuations done and thereafter the process of payments will be effected.</p> <p>Question/Comment (Mr Bvuma)</p> <p>Mr Bvuma is concerned that the powerline might cross and affect areas like dams, grazing camps, arable land (people’s ploughing fields). He wanted to know what is going to be done if this proposed power line happens to affect these areas.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>It was explained that the study team involve different specialists who will investigate the possibilities of the power line affecting/crossing such sensitive areas like water bodies (dams) and heritage site. Mitigation measures will then be recommended to minimize the impact. In case of the power line passing through the areas like grazing camps or ploughing fields Eskom will consider the extent of damage or impact and come up with adequate compensation. It is important to highlight that in some cases compensation is paid directly to the affected individual and in other cases it is paid to the traditional authority and used for community projects.</p> <p>Question/Comment (Attendee)</p>	

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	<p>A question was raised on what will happen if the property owner refuses to negotiate with Eskom and does not want a power line over his property.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>It was explained that there are certain laws and regulations that can be used to force the line through a resisting property owner but Eskom prefers to negotiate with property owners rather than to force the line through legal means</p>	
	<p>Way Forward and Closure</p> <p>Mr Rasilingwane indicated the community has thirty days to comment on the Draft Scoping Report and that after the comment period the report will then be submitted to the authority as a Final Scoping Report. Once the Final Scoping Report has been approved, the study process will proceed to the EIA Phase and the Nyavana Traditional Authority will again be consulted to inform them about the findings of the specialists</p> <p>Ndhuna Ms Moletsi thanked Diges and Eskom for consulting the Traditional Authority regarding the implementation of this project and that the community accepts the project as it will help solve electricity supply problems in the area and create jobs. She also thanked her colleagues (Headmen and Headwomen) for attending the Eskom meeting; this shows commitment for community development and good leadership.</p>	
	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting was declared officially closed and a closing prayer was led by one of the traditional authority members</p>	



ESKOM TRANSMISSION
LIMPOPO EAST CORRIDORS: FOSKOR – SPENCER
400KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES AND SPENCER MTS UPGRADING
SELATI GAME RESERVE CONSULTATION MEETING
25 MAY 2017 AT SELATI GAME RESERVE BOARDROOM

The notes recorded hereunder reflect on the discussion held during the presentation of the above project at a focus group meeting held with representatives of Selati Game Reserve. This presentation formed part of the consultation process during the public review of the Draft Scoping Report for the project. Key points were recorded as part of discussions and are not necessarily verbatim recording of what was said by the participants. The discussion was based on the map that depicted the different corridors alternatives.

Attendance Register: Attendance register was circulated for signing and all participants are reflected in the register.

Item	Recorded Notes on the Meeting Proceedings
1	<p>Introductions and Remarks:</p> <p>Mr Dusty Joubert, the manager of the reserve welcomed all in attendance and indicated that several consultations had taken place between himself and Mr Moses Mahlangu of Diges Group regarding the proposed project. He commented that Selati Game Reserve consist of several farms that are owned by different individuals that form the board of directors. The way the game reserve is run and the purpose for which it was established was explained.</p> <p>Mr Joubert also explained that as a tourist destination Selati Game Reserve will ideally not want to have a power line through the reserve as this will negatively impact on their business. He stressed that the board understand the need for the project in the region but he appealed to Eskom and the study team to seriously consider the impact the project will have on the business that is conducted by Selati Game Reserve. A comment by Mr Aling that the route/corridor 2 was totally unaccepted by the Selati Game Reserve as it is on the face of the reserve and this would give an immediate bad impression to visitor. Members of the reserve are strongly opposed to route 2 but if it there are no other options to be considered, Selati Game reserve request that Eskom and the study team investigate a deviation of route 1 at the “back” of the reserve</p>

Item	Recorded Notes on the Meeting Proceedings
2	<p>Points Discussed:</p> <p>Since some members of the Selati Game Reserve had already attended the meeting held in Phalaborwa the previous day and discussed the different options with the study team Ms Brenda Makanza gave a presentation which was a response to issues and recommendations that were suggested by Selati Game Reserve. As highlighted above, issues raised were mainly that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route 2 which passes close to the entrance of Selati along the road R526 is unacceptable; • A deviation of route 1 wherein a small portion of this deviation will pass behind a koppie/hill such that it is not visible from a distance when one is inside Selati will be considered; • Information from other neighboring landowners who are referred to as nature reserves must be confirmed by the study team [Specialists studies to be conducted during the EIA Phase will confirm this. Ms Makanza also explained that when the report says “preferred” route, it does not necessarily mean that the route is recommended. It simply indicates which route is preferred by the developer]; • The Selati Game Reserve will give the study team documents that explain the origin of the reserve and the current status of the reserve. Documents that will be given to the EAP will also explain the protected areas around and neighboring to Selati; • It is important to note that Selati is directly affected by route 2 but this route also has visual impact to neighbors of Selati on the southern side. Selati Game Reserve is not just an isolated reserve but it works with other neighboring reserves in terms of research and the protection of biodiversity in the area; • It was suggested that the EAP should re-look at the manner in which she allocate scores when rating/assessing the two corridors that are under investigation [Ms Makanza accepted that she will reconsider the rating method as it seemed to incorrect and the information in the report will be changed accordingly] • It was concluded that it should be recorded that Selati will consider accepting route 1 with some deviations
3	<p>Way Forward:</p> <p>In concluding Mr Mahlangu indicated that stakeholders have up to the 15th of June 2017 to comment on the DSR. He emphasized that issues raised during the scoping phase will be investigated during the EIA Phase and another round of meetings will be held in September/October 2017. The chairperson advised that if the study team need some assistance, they must contact the secretary of the association</p>

The minutes were circulated to attendees of the meeting (Selati Game Reserve Representatives) and further comments/corrections were received through emails as indicated below. Inputs from members of the Selati Game Reserve on the minutes were effected and are covered in the minutes as included in the report.

Comments/corrections from Mr Fanie Smit

Thanks Calvin

Can you please also reflect the following items in the minutes which I recall having been discussed:

- a) Comment was made that the preferred route selection procedure seems to require a more rigorous approach
- b) Selati Game Reserve does not feature in Table 5-5 as a protected or conservation area
- c) To this effect it is uncertain whether Selati Game Reserve was considered at all as a Weighting Factor in Table 4-1 – Corridor Selection Matrix
- d) In this regard there is an apparent contradiction in that a higher Weighting Factor seems to reflect a higher environmental risk, while a higher Ranking Score seems to reflect a lower environmental risk.
- e) Diges was requested to tabulate the contributing elements in the selection of a Ranking Score for each corridor (i.e. specify the reserves, rivers, agricultural and residential areas)

Regards

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Comments/Corrections from Mr Dusty Joubert

Morning Calvin

Please find corrected comments from the Selati meeting

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Subject: FW: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT SELATI GAME RESERVE OFFICES (FOSKOR - SPENCER ESKOM PROJECT)

Hi Dusty,

When opening the document go to review on the top panel and when in that panel then go to track changes and next to it is simple mark up. Click on this and select show all markup and you will then see the edits. You can either accept to reject them by right clicking on the changes.



Trust you come right.

Let me know.

Cheers,

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Hi Dusty and Lourette,

I have gone through and made my suggested edits which are tracked to which you can add to.

Regards,

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400KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES AND SPENCER MTS UPGRADING
CONSULTATION MEETING
25 MAY 2017
GRAVELOTTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Item No.	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome & introduction</u></p> <p>The facilitator, Mr Vicus Coetzee declared the meeting opened and welcomed all in attendance. He explained that Eskom Transmission is proposing to build a 400kV power line between the existing Foskor substation in Phalaborwa and the existing Spencer substation in Mohlabaaneng. He also mentioned that Spencer substation will undergo some upgrading and be converted to a 400/132kV substation. He then introduced the study team as composed of:</p> <p>Ms Brenda Makanza (Diges Group – Project Manager) Mr Moses Mahlangu (Diges Group – Public Participation Leader) Mr Livhuwani Rasilingwane (Diges Group – Public Participation Officer) Mr Khazamula Chauke (Diges Group – Public Involvement Officer) Mr Henry Nawa (Eskom – Environmental Manager) Mr Douglas Mampuru (Eskom – Negotiator)</p>	
3.	<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <p>Using the map Ms Brenda Makanza gave a presentation by referring to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the meeting; • The need and scope of the project (Eskom representative assisted by explaining the need and justification in detail); • The study process to be followed (Technical and Public Participation); and • The corridors to be investigated were explained using a map. 	
Discussion		
Question/Comment		
<p>Mr Faan Kruger raised a concern about the attendance and the consultation process being followed. He indicated that he accidentally heard about the project and the meeting from his neighbour and yet his farm is potentially affected.</p>		
Response:		

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	<p>The consultation process being followed and all activities that have been done to contact the property owners were explained. It was later discovered that Mr Kruger's email was incorrectly captured. This has since been rectified and it is believed that going forward Mr Kruger will receive information relating to this project.</p> <p>Question/Comment (Mr Faan Kruger)</p> <p>Where does the electricity that supply the two substations (Spencer and Foskor) come from and between the two substations which one is supplying the other?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Foskor substation receives electricity from Merensky Substation in Steelpoort and it supplies Spencer. Currently Eskom is in the process of getting authorization to construct a 400kV power line between Merensky and Foskor which then will enable Foskor to supply Spencer.</p> <p>Question/Comment</p> <p>The power line as proposed is going through citrus planting area. Are we allowed to grow orchards under the power line?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Eskom has standard heights of allowed vegetation under the power line. This question is acknowledged and response will be given in the Final Scoping Report and it will also be communicated to stakeholders.</p> <p>Question/Comment</p> <p>What impacts will the EMF emanating from the power line have on people living in the area that is traversed by the power line?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Eskom has conducted several studies in trying to ascertain the impact of a power line because of the EMF around the conductors and at this stage there is no conclusive, scientific evidence which shows that power lines have impact on living organisms as a result of the EMF. Safety precautionary measures that are in place is that no dwellings are allowed inside the servitude</p> <p>Question/Comment</p> <p>What is the minimum ground clearance allowed for power lines of the magnitude of 400kV?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Minimum ground clearance for a 400kV is 8.1m</p>	

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Question/Comment		
<p>There is a lot of game farming taking place around Gravelotte. Power lines are going to destroy the aesthetic value of our properties around</p>		
Response:		
<p>The study team is aware of the potential impacts of the power line, including the visual impact hence the study team include a visual impact specialist. It is hoped that the visual impact specialist will recommend adequate mitigation measures to address the issue of aesthetic value of the area</p>		
Question/Comment		
<p>My farm is on the market and I am concerned that the potential buyers are going to lose interest if they come to understand that there a power line coming in the area. How long is it going to take before construction begins?</p>		
Response:		
<p>Construction is expected to start at the end of 2018.</p>		
Question/Comment		
<p>Some of us have small farms and if you have power line going through our property sometimes it may divide the farm into two smaller unusable portions. This must be taken into consideration when Eskom decide on the final route of the line.</p>		
Response:		
<p>Point noted with appreciation. The study team noted the comment and it is believed that Eskom will consider this during the negotiation phase and when plotting the route.</p>		
Way Forward and Closure		
<p>In the absence of further questions, the project leader thanked all in attendance and indicated that a copy of the Draft Scoping Report will be send via dropbox and circulated for comment. The public are given thirty days to comment on the report. It was also explained that if there are any further comments or questions they can be forwarded to Mr Mahlangu and he will either send them to Eskom or to the project leader.</p>		



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400KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES AND SPENCER MTS UPGRADING
CONSULTATION MEETING
22 AUGUST 2017 AT SELATI RIVER LODGE
(PROPERTY OWNERS NEIGHBORING BVB RANCH FARM)

The notes recorded hereunder reflect on the discussion held during the presentation of the above project at a meeting held with property owner of BVB Ranch farm and some few property owners neighboring BVB Ranch farm. This presentation formed part of the consultation process to discuss the proposed 400kV Eskom Transmission powerline in the area of Selati River Lodge. The Public Participation Team and Eskom Representative visited the area mainly to discuss the project as a whole and to highlight the introduction of the new deviation along **route 1** of the proposed powerline. Key points were recorded as part of discussions and are not necessarily verbatim recording of what was said by the participants. The discussion was based on the map that depicted the different corridors alternatives.

Attendance Register: Attendance register was circulated and attendees were requested to sign.

Item	Recorded Notes on the Meeting Proceedings
1	<p>Introduction: Mr Moses Mahlangu welcomed all in attendance and thanked Mr Phill Bezuidenhout for helping to organize the meeting and volunteering his place to be used as the venue for the meeting. He apologized that the meeting could not take place earlier and accepted responsibility for miscommunication that resulted in the meeting not taking place.</p>
3	<p>Points Discussed: Ms Brenda Makanza gave the presentation on the project under the headings that are given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The purpose of the meeting:</u> To discuss the proposed Eskom project (the upgrading of Spencer Substation and the construction of a 400kV power line between the existing Foskop Substation and the existing Spencer Substation). • <u>The whole EIA process to be followed:</u> Technical investigation and Public Participation Process. The EIA process is currently at the Scoping Phase. She highlighted that the process has gone past the comment period of the Draft Scoping Report but this was going to be extended because what was meant to be the Final Scoping Report has now been submitted to DEA as a draft and the public can still comment on it. • <u>General Issues Associated with Transmission Power Lines:</u> In the scoping phase the approach is to identify issues that will be investigated in detail during the EIA Phase. Stakeholders are also given the opportunity to raise issues of concerns and to provide the study team with local information that will assist in determining the route that will have minimal impact on the receiving environment. <p>Mr Henry Nawa explained the project by referring to the need and the scope of the project and he indicated that negotiations for servitude and related compensation is done after the project has been authorized by the authority for construction. Mr Douglas Mampuru of Eskom gave a detailed explanation of the process that will be followed for servitude acquisition.</p>

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4	<p>Way Forward: In concluding Mr Mahlangu indicated that stakeholders can still submit their comments to Diges Group or directly to the DEA. He mentioned that once a reference number for the project has been received from DEA it will be communicated to all registered stakeholders for them to use when submitting their comments to DEA.</p>

No	Issues
1	<p>Representatives from the army (Mr Davel) mentioned that they already knew about the project and they attended this meeting to again come and emphasize the objection they have with the power line going through their properties where military training takes place. Mr Davel stressed that there is very limited farms that are suitable for army exercises and the Department of Defense Force will object to a power line being constructed in the vicinity of the army camps. He mentioned that should a consent for the construction of the power line in the area be requested from the defense force he does not have powers to agree or refuse. This will have to be directed to the head office. Representatives from the army also indicated that there might be lot of unexploded ordinances on farms where soldiers use to practice hence if the power line was to go through the farms that are owned by the army they will have to be scanned for security purposes.</p> <p><i>Points raised by the Defense Force Represented are noted and will be considered when making a deciding on the preferred route.</i></p>
2	<p>Mr Phil Bezuidenhout raised a concern that most of the specialists studies information was already in the Final Scoping Report and he wanted to know what will be the effect of commenting and objecting to the content of the report that is already a final report. He requested that the study team provide the stakeholders with kmz file so that they can use google map to see the position of the powerline on their properties.</p> <p><i>Ms Makanza explained that the study process is still at the initial stage (scoping phase) where the investigation focuses on identifying issues that will be studied in detail during the EIA Phase. She stressed that there is no recommended route at this stage. All routes and deviations will still be investigated during the EIA Phase.</i></p>
3	<p>Mr Dusty Joubert commented that he noticed the final scoping report did not have the rating table which caused problems in the draft scoping report. He wanted a confirmation that the scoping report contain desktop study and later on specialists would still visit their farms to assess the situation on the ground.</p> <p><i>Ms Makanza confirmed that detailed studies will be done during the EIA Phase</i></p>
4	<p>Landowners wanted to know if the substation in Phalaborwa (Spencer Substation) will be able to supply business, communities and mines and over and above give power to Spencer Substation. They also raised questions about the meaning and the impact of a 55m servitude on their properties.</p> <p><i>Mr. Nawa explained that Foskor Substation is currently being upgraded and it will receive more power from Merensky Substation in Steelpoort. He mentioned that on the question of 55m servitude that will be registered against their properties landowners can still go on with some of their agricultural activities like grazing and cultivating crops. Eskom will indicate all activities that are prohibited under the power lines but generally these are building structures, irrigation systems and tall plantation trees.</i></p>
5	<p>Some landowners again suggested some small deviations as indicated in the map below. Mr Dusty also included some notes of what will be acceptable to Selati Game Resort (<i>see map below</i>)</p>

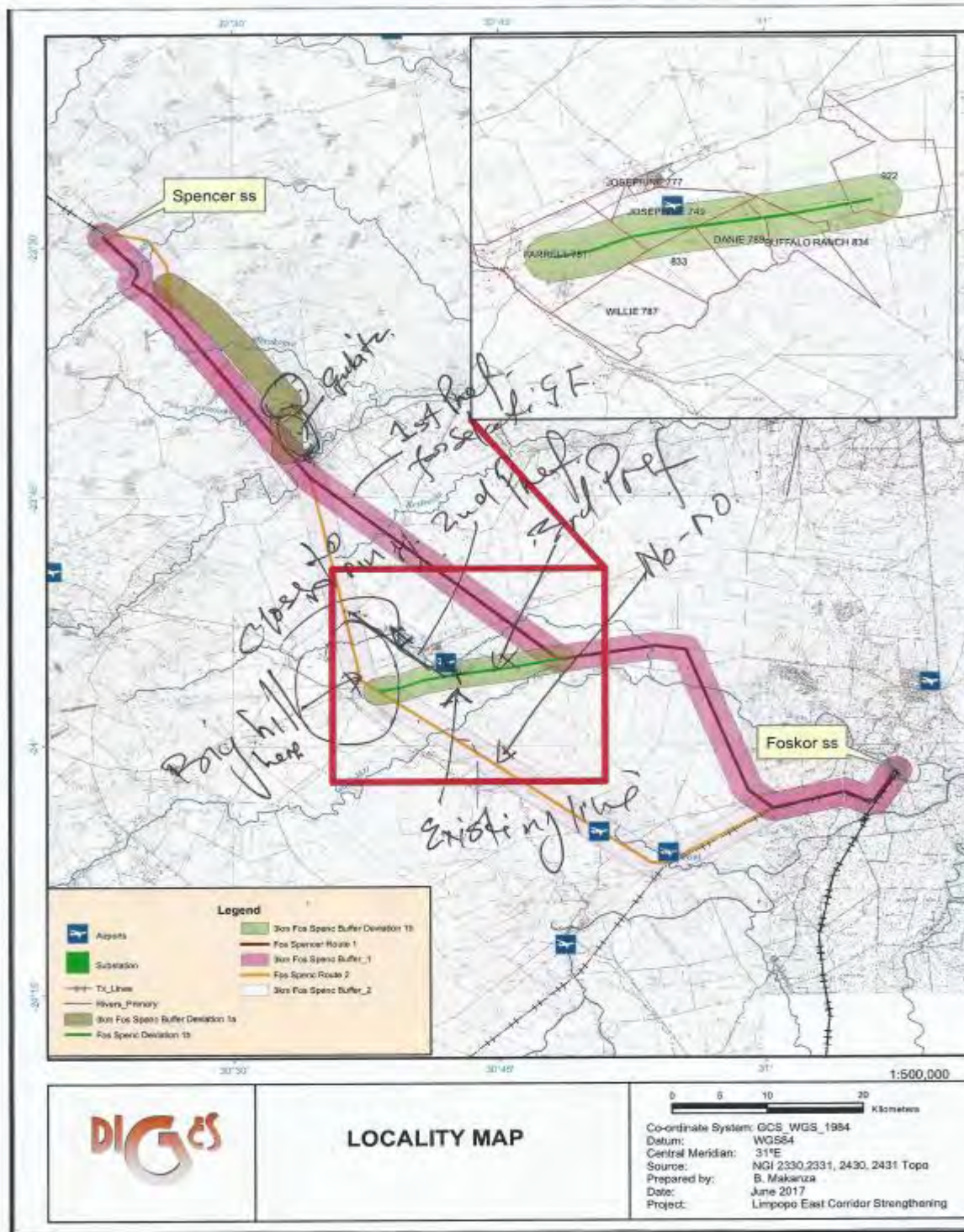


Figure 1: Selati Game Reserve highlighted their preferences as indicated below



ESKOM TRANSMISSION
LIMPOPO EAST CORRIDORS: FOSKOR – SPENCER PROJECT
400KV TRANSMISSION POWER LINES AND SPENCER MTS UPGRADING
CONSULTATION MEETING
22 AUGUST 2017 AT SELATI RIVER LODGE
(PROPERTY OWNERS IN CONSTANTIA)

The notes recorded hereunder reflect on the discussion held during the presentation of the above project at a meeting held with property owners in the Constantia area. The meeting was arranged with the help of Mr Gubitz of the farm La Parisa who indicated that the map that is in the Scoping Report was not clear and they were not sure about the exact position of the powerline on their properties. The Study Team was accompanied by Eskom Representative and the presentation was mainly done through map discussion. Key points were recorded as part of discussions and are not necessarily verbatim recording of what was said by the participants.

Attendance Register: Attendance register was circulated and attendees were requested to sign.

Item	Recorded Notes on the Meeting Proceedings
1	<p>Introduction and Remarks:</p> <p>Mr Moses Mahlangu welcomed all in attendance and thanked Mr Johan Gubitz for helping to organize the meeting and also thanked Mr Pieter Vermaak for volunteering his place to be used as the venue for the meeting. Mr Pieter Voster of Agri-Letaba expressed his concern that at the meeting held with landowners on the 24th of May 2017, it was agreed that the Study Team must communicate with property owners through Agri-Letaba and since that meeting Agri-Letaba did not receive any communication from Diges Group. Mr Voster also questioned if this is a Public Participation or Farmers Association meeting and he was concerned that notifications should have been sent to them via email address: info@agriletaba.co.za. Mr Mahlangu apologized for not following the consultation process as was agreed and committed to ensuring that the correct protocol is followed when consulting landowners.</p> <p>Mr Voster indicated that Agri-Letaba will be having a meeting in October 2017 where most landowners who belong to the association will be attending. It will be advisable for Diges Group and Eskom if they can come and give presentation about this project in that meeting. He mentioned that there are seven farmers associations under Agri-Letaba. Mr Voster advised that the Study Team contact Ms Naomi Excell for more information on this meeting.</p>

Item	Recorded Notes on the Meeting Proceedings
3	<p>Points Discussed:</p> <p>Ms Brenda Makanza gave the presentation on the project under the headings that are given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The whole EIA process to be followed:</u> The EIA process is currently at the Scoping Phase. She highlighted that the process has gone past the comment period of the Draft Scoping Report but this was going to be extended because what was meant to be the Final Scoping Report has now been submitted to DEA as a draft and the public can still comment on it. • <u>General Issues Associated with Transmission Power Lines:</u> In the scoping phase the approach is to identify issues that will be investigated in detail during the EIA Phase. Stakeholders are also given the opportunity to raise issues of concerns and to provide the study team with local information that will assist in determining the route that will have minimal impact on the receiving environment. <p>Mr Henry Nawa explained the project by referring to the need, the scope of the project and he indicated that negotiation for servitude and related compensation is done after the project has been authorized by the authority for construction. Mr Douglas Mampuru of Eskom gave a detailed explanation of the process that will be followed for servitude acquisition.</p>
4	<p>Way Forward:</p> <p>In concluding Mr Mahlangu indicated that stakeholders can still submit their comments to Diges Group or directly to the DEA. He mentioned that once a reference number for the project has been received from DEA it will be communicated to all registered stakeholders for them to use when submitting their comments to DEA. Next meeting will take place around November 2017– January 2018</p>

No	Issues
1	<p>Mr Pieter Voster wanted to know what timelines are being followed for the study process of the project. He also wanted to know what has changed on the map since the previous meeting</p> <p><i>Ms Brenda Makanza outlined the timeframes as indicated in the revised Scoping Report. Brenda responded that only one deviation has been added on the map</i></p>
2	<p>What will happen if there is a private line available?</p> <p><i>Eskom responded that it will depend on the height of those lines that are available on that area.</i></p>
3	<p>When are you going to tell us when the line is going to be?</p> <p><i>Brenda outlined that notices will be after Environmental Authorization and also after authorization appeals timeframe.</i></p>
4	<p>How high are the pylons and powerlines? Will the presence of powerlines not interfere with our activities of crop spraying?</p> <p><i>Eskom responded that the height is usually about 40 m which is too high considering that crop spray airplane fly about 12m (picked from farmers comment)</i></p>
5	<p>Regarding compensation do you have an indication of what Eskom will pay per ha?</p> <p><i>Eskom responded that it will depend on activities on that area but ensured that it will be an independent value</i></p>
6	<p>Farmers commented that they still going to sit down and discuss among themselves and objections will be made if any possible (via use of Maps and Aerial Photos)</p> <p><i>The comment was noted!</i></p>

