

NCWABENI: OFF-CHANNEL STORAGE DAM

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE MEETING: CELE K TRIBAL AUTHORITY

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

MEETING TYPE: Tribal Authority Meeting (Cele K Tribe)
DATE: 22 November 2012
TIME: 10H00 – 12h00
VENUE: Tribal Court, Ncane

Attendance:

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Notes:

- The meeting was held in both Zulu and English, and Sizwe Malinga acted as the translator;
- The names of the meeting participants from the Tribal Authority have not been included in the discussion to follow; and
- These minutes are not intended as a verbatim transcript of comments at the meeting, but a summary of the discussion which took place.

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting commenced at approximately 10H00. The project representatives were introduced.

2 PURPOSE OUTLINE

DH explained that the aims of the meeting were as follows:

1. To provide an overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process;
2. To present key findings from the EIA Phase; and
3. To provide a platform for project-related discussions.

3 PROJECT OVERVIEW

KB provided an overview of the project. The salient points discussed under this item follow.

No.	Question / Statement	Response	Action
3.1	What will be the source of water for the Dam? Will groundwater be utilised to fill the dam?	KB: Water will be pumped from the Mzimkhulu River during high flow periods.	-
3.2	Suggested that a site visit be undertaken in order for the representatives of the tribal authority to view to proposed locations of the project infrastructure.	DH: Site visit will be scheduled in January 2013.	DH
3.3	There is not enough water in the tributaries of the Mzimkhulu River to fill the proposed dam.	KB: The reservoir will be filled from its incremental catchment, supplemented by pumping from the Mzimkhulu River during times of high river flows. During times of low flows, water can be released back into the Mzimkhulu River for abstraction downstream at the existing St. Helen's Rock abstraction works.	-

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

DH presented an overview of the EIA process and key outcomes of the environmental assessment.

The salient points discussed under this item follow.

No.	Question / Statement	Response	Action
4.1	How will graves be dealt with?	DH: Explained that a Heritage Impact Assessment was conducted as part of the EIA to identify all grave sites. Additional graves may be identified during the construction phase as chance finds. As graves are protected, the appropriate legal protocols would need to be followed prior to any relocation. Relocation can only occur with approval from Amafa/Heritage KZN and after negotiations with the family members of the deceased.	-
4.2	Will the project assist the community in obtaining electricity from Eskom?	KB: Electricity will be required for the operation of the pump station. The project team has engaged with Eskom in this regard.	-
4.3	Will the local community benefit in terms of job creation?	KB: Noted that the construction of a dam required specialised skills. However, unskilled labour would be sourced from the local	-

No.	Question / Statement	Response	Action
		community as far as possible. Skills transfer would also be promoted.	
4.4	Indicated that river sand could be sourced from local suppliers rather than from Port Shepstone.	DH: Use of local SMMEs to be promoted, as far as possible.	-
4.5	Expressed gratitude to the project team for coming and updating the locals on the project. As a community they hope they can benefit from the project.	Noted.	-

5 VOTE OF THANKS & CLOSURE

DH thanked all parties present for their attendance and participation. The meeting was concluded at approximately 12h15.