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Venue	Lalini	Date	27-11-2014	Time	10:00
Facilitator	Terry Calmeyer		Minutes prepared by	Kim Dalhuijsen	

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4.	Discussion	
4.1	Councillor Dawedi stated that there is a rumour in other towns that people have come and made other promises and are not part of the Department of Water and Sanitation. Mr Mugumo thanked the councillor for this information. He explained that there are other projects from other organisations like the DMs in the study area. The Department of Water and Sanitation will follow up on this rumour.	DWS
4.2	Chief Madolo enquired about the rumour about people already working in the Ntabelanga area. Mrs Calmeyer stated that these people may be from the Mzimvubu Catchment Rehabilitation and Management Plan, which is a Department of Environmental Affairs project and is not part of the dam project. These projects are interlinked but the people working on the Mzimvubu Catchment Rehabilitation and Management Plan are not hired as part of the	

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	Department of Water and Sanitation's project. No people have been appointed to work on the dams as a Contractor has not yet been appointed. Mr Mugumo added that the Mzimvubu Catchment Rehabilitation and Management Plan is assisting with the soil erosion problems within the catchment that the dams will be built, but this is being managed by Department of Environmental Affairs not the Department of Water and Sanitation. This will, however, assist in preventing the dams from becoming silted up. Mrs Calmeyer stated that these people are working further up in the catchment, above where the dams will be as this is where the siltation will originate from.	
4.3	Councillor Dawedi stated that members of the Premiers office and the Department of Environmental Affairs attended the first round of public meeting. He recommended that the other departments should also have attended these meetings to report back on other projects. Mrs Calmeyer stated that these departments were invited to all the public meetings but this request will be carried forward to them.	
4.4	It was requested that the new bridge be built and is functional before the old bridge is inundated. Additionally, job priority should be given to the wards that the project is taking place in. Mrs Calmeyer stated that she agrees and that both of these requests have been stated in the Environmental Impact Report.	
4.5	When will the actual construction would start, because during the meeting in May 2014 they were told that construction would start this year? What had changed that had caused construction not to start this year? Mr Mugumo explained that this project has been classified as a strategic project and it is being driven from the presidential infrastructure co-ordinating commision. Because this is a strategic project a very tight program was given in order to put pressure on the Department of Water and Sanitation, unfortunately the tight program could not fit within the requirements of the South African law. Funding from National Treasury can only be released once this Environmental Authorisation has been received. This is why we have not been able to live up to the promises made in May 2014. Implementation will commence as soon as the environmental authorisation has been received.	
4.6	The team were thanked for the benefits that the community will receive through this project, including improvements to homes and job creation.	
5.	Closure	
5.1	Mrs Calmeyer reminded the community that they can submit any comments or concerns after this meeting, until 12 January 2015, by telephone, fax, email or by speaking to Vuyisa Nomanqina, the local facilitator for the area.	
5.2	Mr Mugumo thanked the community on the behalf of the Department of Water and Sanitation for attending the meeting and participating. He stated that these meetings are valued as it enriches the work that the team does and assists in preventing mistakes. He stated that it is the Department of Water and Sanitation hope that this project proceeds successfully.	
5.3	The Councillor thanked the team for the communication in the area. The meeting ended at 11h45.	





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	A new team will come and survey the valley and mark off the area that will be affected by the dam, only then will the people know if they will be affected by the water. If anyone's house is affected then these
	people will be relocated within their current village and the Department of Water and Sanitation will pay
	for building the new house. A meeting will be held at a later stage with the municipalities, ward
	councillors, chiefs and representatives of the community to come up with a process for relocation and
	affected individuals will get a choice over what the house looks like. A meeting will also be held to discuss the rituals done for graves and the relocation process to be followed will also be discussed.
	This will only happen, earliest, during the second half of 2015, and this could be further delayed.
4.2	When this construction would commence? Mr Mugumo stated that the technical feasibility study has

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	just been completed and the Environmental Impact Assessment is currently underway. The law requires the Department of Water and Sanitation obtain Environmental Authorisation before construction can commence. The public will have an opportunity to appeal the decision made by the Department of Environmental Affairs, after which the Department of Water and Sanitation will commence with the implementation. It is anticipated that construction will commence towards the end of 2015.
4.3	Will people be allowed to sell food and have stalls during construction? Mrs Calmeyer stated that this would be allowed.
4.4	It was asked who would recruit the people. Mrs Calmeyer stated that the Department of Water and Sanitation will appoint engineers to do the detailed design and will appoint a Contractor. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to hire people to work on the project. The Department of Water and Sanitation will have requirements for the Contractor that they need to give preference to people from the local areas.
5.	Closure
5.1	Councillor Dawedi provided clarity to the community about the project and explained that this is still in the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Phase and that the politics on the implementation of the project are still to come. The community thanked the ILISO Consulting and the Department of Water and Sanitation for giving them the information "straight from the horse's mouth".
	The meeting ended at 15h20.





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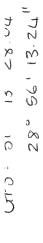
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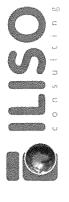
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1.	Welcome
	Chief Veco and a member of the ward committee attended the meeting.
2.	Discussion
	An informal discussion was held with the Chief and the Ward committee member showing them where the dam will be located and background to the project. An A1 locality map was left with Chief Veco to assist him in answering any questions the community may have.
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	Mrs Lea Muruven explained that the purpose of the meeting is to inform the people of the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment and to get feedback from the community.						
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3.1	Mrs Muruven showed the location of the study area, with aid of a map showing the District and Local Municipalities. She presented the following:						
	There will be two dams constructed – Ntabelanga and Lalini Dams;						
	The dams will provide drinking water and supply water for irrigation (farming);						
	<ul> <li>Lalini Dam will be used for hydropower generation that will be fed into the Eskom grid;</li> </ul>						
	<ul> <li>The water from the dams will be piped to reservoirs. The Municipalities will be responsible to supply the water to the communities;</li> </ul>						
	<ul> <li>New roads will be built to replace those that will be inundated and other existing roads will be upgraded;</li> </ul>						
	<ul> <li>In order to build the dam wall, rock, cement, sand and water will be needed. This will be taken from quarries within the dam basin;</li> </ul>						
	Construction will take approximately three years;						
	Flow gauging weirs to be constructed to measure the river flow rate;						
	As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment, specialist studies that were done;						
	The processes and stages of the Environmental Impact Assessment;  The processes and stages of the Environmental Impact Assessment;  The processes and stages of the Environmental Impact Assessment;						
	The public participation process;     The Local facilitators are available if anyone wants information on the project:						
	<ul> <li>The Local facilitators are available if anyone wants information on the project;</li> <li>The Environmental Management Programme;</li> </ul>						
	The Relocation Policy Framework;						
	<ul> <li>Encouraging Employment in the communities has been recommended in the report;</li> </ul>						
	Various mitigation measures; and						
	Offsets were considered.						
3.2	The main impacts identified during the Environmental Impact Assessment are as follows:						
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	Impacts on Plants and Animals;								
	Impacts on Rivers and wetlands;								
	Social impacts - health, access to services, structures and resources;								
	Economic impacts:								
	- Job creation.								
	Heritage and culture:								
	- Archaeology and graves.								
	Socio-economic impacts:								
	- Ntabelanga Dam: 62 structures and 20 km² of cultivated land will be lost;								
	- Lalini Dam: 12 structures and 7 km² of cultivated land will be lost;								
	<ul> <li>124 structures potentially affected by the water pipelines;</li> </ul>								
	- Construction workers moving into the area may disrupt local communities; and								
	- Employment will be a positive impact (approximately 815 jobs will be created by the Lalini Dam and a further 1300 jobs on farms in Tsolo).								
3.3	Going forward:								
0.0	The Draft Environmental Impact Report is available for public comment from 24 November 2014 to 12 January 2015;								
	<ul> <li>Public meetings are being held around the study area for the week of 24 – 28 November 2014;</li> </ul>								
	<ul> <li>All comments can be sent to the local facilitators or to ILISO Consulting (Pty) Ltd by 12 January 2014; and</li> </ul>								
	The Final Environmental Impact Report will be submitted to the DEA early 2015.								
3.4	Conclusions:								
	The benefits on the communities are expected to be high;								
	<ul> <li>Government parties and municipalities will need to come together to make this project a success;</li> </ul>								
	<ul> <li>The District Municipalities and not the Department of Water and Sanitation will be responsible for distributing potable water to the communities; and</li> </ul>								
	<ul> <li>It is recommended that the project be authorised and that water be subsidized to allow the basic water needs.</li> </ul>								
4.	Discussion								
4.1									
4.2	The community is struggling to get water and they requested that more water be brought to the village. Mrs Calmeyer stated that the Department of Water and Sanitation will bring the water to large reservoirs and then it will be up to the District Municipality to bring the water	T05REV00							

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	to the villages.	
4.3	It was asked if the hydropower would provide electricity to the village. Mrs Calmeyer stated that the power will be fed into Eskom's National grid. The electricity will first go into the National grid and from there it will be transmitted and distributed to local households. The more power generated in South Africa, the more stable electricity will be around the country. This will therefore result in an indirect benefit. Mr Mugumo added that there will be a direct benefit on the project because the power generated by the hydropower plant will be used to pump the water to the reservoirs, thus making the water more affordable.	
4.4	It was requested that a road be created to connect Siqikini with Lotana and Lalini. Mrs Calmeyer stated that the new road that is proposed does not connect the village to Lotana. This will be taken up with the Engineers and see what can be done. She added that this was why the team have come to meet with the community, to find out what the needs of the community are.	ILISO
4.5	It was stated that they cross a river to get across to Lotana. It was requested that a new bridge be built to make it easier for them. Mr Mugumo stated that this will be taken into consideration as part of the mitigation downstream of the hydropower plant. If more water is released than the existing flow then flooding may result.	DWS
5.	Closure	
5.1	Mrs Calmeyer showed where her details were in the Summary Report and stated that the community are welcome to contact ILISO Consulting (Pty) Ltd directly, or through the local facilitators, to submit any comments. All comments should be submitted by 12 January 2015.	
5.2	The meeting ended at 15h00.	





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