B6: Issues and Responses Report



MZIMVUBU WATER PROJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

SCOPING REPORT APPENDIX B6:

ISSUES AND RESPONSES REPORT
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<u>Acronyms</u>

AFM Authorities Forum Meeting

DEA Department of Environmental Affairs

DEDEAT Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism

DM District Municipality

DPE Department of Public Enterprises

DRDLR Department of Rural Development and Land Reform

DWA Department of Water Affairs

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

I&APs Interested and Affected Parties

JSS Junior Secondary School

MWP Mzimvubu Water Project

NEMA National Environmental Management Act

PM Public Meeting

PSC Project Steering Committee

MZIMVUBU WATER PROJECT ISSUES AND RESPONSES REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

Background

The Mzimvubu Water Project is an integrated multi-purpose (domestic water supply, agriculture, power generation, transport, tourism, conservation and industry) project and provides a socio-economic development opportunity for the region. The purpose of this Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is to assess the components of the project that are listed activities by the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) for which the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) has the mandate and intention to implement. The EIA process will provide the information that the environmental authorities require to decide whether the project should be authorised or not, and if so then under what conditions.

ILISO Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner to facilitate the application for the Environmental Authorisation and to undertake a public participation process.

Purpose of this report

This report provides a formal and integrated record of all the issues raised by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) at the meetings or by letters, e-mails or telephone and the responses provided by the Department of Water Affairs and technical team during the public participation process up to 9 June 2014.

Structure of report

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Authorities Forum Meeting (AFM)

The following AFM meetings have taken place (date that minutes were distributed in brackets):

No. Date Place

1. 28 May 2014 East London Golf Club (9 June 2014)

A copy of the minutes are attached in **Annexure i.**

Stakeholder Meetings:

The following public meetings have taken place (date that minutes were distributed in brackets):

No.	Date	Place
1.	14 May 2014	Siqhungqwini Junior Secondary School (3 June 2014)
2.	15 May 2014	Tsolo Town Hall (3 June 2014)
3.	16 May 2014	Laleni Junior Secondary School (3 June 2014)

A copy of the minutes are attached in **Annexure i.**

Documents made available to stakeholders

The following documents have been distributed to registered I&APs and placed on the ILISO website during the public participation process:

No	Date	Report
1.	24 April 2014	Background Information Document (English and isiXhosa)
2.	9 May 2014	Draft Scoping Report
3.	9 May 2014	Draft Scoping Summary Report (English and isiXhosa)

Written submissions

The following written submissions has been received and incorporated into this report:

No.	Date	Origin
1.	1 June 2014	Miss Magazi (e-mail)
2.	9 June 2014	Kholosa Langabi (Faxed registration form)
3.	9 June 2014	Swuyile Mazeke (Faxed registration form)

A copy of all written submissions are attached in **Annexure ii**.

2. SUMMARY OF THE KEY ISSUES

The key issues that have been raised are summarised in **Table 1**. The detailed comments received are recorded in **Chapter 3**.

Table 1: Key issues raised during meetings as listed above until end of May 2014

No	Issue/concern/suggestion	Raised by whom	Comments
1.	Access Roads.	Mrs Lawana Mr Sigenu	
2.	Job Creation.	Miss Magazi Mr Tshitshi Kholosa Langabi Mr Nqxiti Zandisile Kanise	
3.	Potential pollution to the dam.	John Gerringh (Eskom) Swuyile Mazeke	
4.	Irrigated lands.	Mrs Kasa Puleng (DAFF) John Geeringh (Eskom)	

3. ISSUES AND RESPONSES

The comments and issues received from I&APs are recorded in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Issues and Responses

	Issue/Comment/Question	Date received	Origin	Response
1.	Design and implementation			
1.1	It was asked how the naming of the project worked and why it was named Mzimvubu.		Mr Sigenu	Three District Municipalities are impacted by this project, which does not include only one dam. The project was named after the Mzimvubu River Catchment, not after the District Municipalities. The Mzimvubu Water Project is not limited to only these two dams as this is the project initiation phase and may include future projects within the Mzimvubu Catchment area. The individual dams will be named after construction.
1.2	What is the difference was between the footprint of the project and the water supply area?		Andrew Lucas (DWA)	The footprint in terms of the EIA refers to the area that will be directly impacted by the physical infrastructure components of the project.
1.3	Has the new N2 been taken into consideration in the design of the project?	28.05.2014 AFM	Cecilia Gyan (DEDEAT)	that the new N2 will be much further south-east of the existing one, and will not be impacted by the project. The dams will also not impact on the existing N2.
1.4	What will happen to structures (houses) near or within the project footprint?	28.05.2014 AFM	Tshililo Vele (Joe Gqabi DM)	A Relocation Action Plan (RAP) will be compiled as part of the EIA that will provide an inventory of all structures and resources (such as grazing fields) that will be directly affected. There will also be Focus Group Meetings with the traditional authorities and ward councillors to discuss the findings of the RAP. The policy is that no individuals who will be affected by the project should be worse off after the

	Issue/Comment/Question	Date received	Origin	Response
				project than they are now.
1.5	An enquiry about the new or upgraded bridges was made.	28.05.2014 AFM	Andrew Lucas (DWA)	Existing bridges and access roads in the vicinity of the proposed Ntabelanga Dam site will need to be upgraded.
1.6	If infrastructure such as bridges is not included in the application, it may cause problems later as the applicant and competent authority may be different.	28.05.2014 AFM	Sindi Dlomo (DEA)	
2.	Construction			
2.1	Project Launch			
2.1.1	It was asked why the sod turning, on 11 April 2014 was not done in the area where the dam wall is being constructed.	14.05.2014 Siqhungqwini JSS PM	Community member	The condition of the existing roads make the dam site inaccessible. Once this project starts, the roads will be improved, making access easier and safer. The opening of the dam will therefore be done at the dam wall site.
2.1.2	Will working sessions still be necessary with the Local and District Municipalities after the launch of the project? This was the intention before the project was launched by the President.	28.05.2014 AFM	Andrew Lucas (DWA)	They will still need to be engaged with. DWA Regional Office has a relationship with the Local and District Municipalities and should drive engagement at this level.
2.1.3	When will construction of the dam start?	16.04.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mr Fukutwa	The Department of Water Affairs is planning to start construction before the end of 2014. This will be dependent on obtaining the environmental authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs. This authorisation is a legal requirement and needs to be obtained before construction can commence.
2.1.4	Assurance was requested that this project would start on time.	16.04.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mr Ngamlana	There is commitment from Government to start this project early. The timing, however, will be dependent on when authorisation is obtained. If there are complex appeals lodged against the project then this may delay the authorisation.

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2.1.5	Will secondary infrastructure be constructed by DWA?	28.05.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)	The intention was for DWA to construct the primary and secondary infrastructure and for the District Municipalities to construct the tertiary infrastructure. The EIA will cover the primary and secondary domestic water supply infrastructure and the raw water supply system up to field edge of irrigated agriculture. However, the ecology, economic and social studies will take into account the proposed irrigated agriculture and change in land use.
2.1.6	How will completion of the tertiary infrastructure be aligned with completion of the bulk infrastructure? Will there be a way for communities to access water while construction is taking place (through boreholes for example)?	28.05.2014 AFM	Mzandile Mbokwana (OR Tambo DM)	Construction will start at the Ntabelanga Dam site first, as the dam will take longer to build than the pipelines. It will be possible for communities to be supplied from other sources in the interim, but these sources will not be looked at by DWA as they fall outside the mandate of DWA.
2.1.7	What is the construction period?	28.05.2014 AFM	Siboniso Mbense (DEA)	A 3-year construction period is an indicative period for the Ntabelanga Dam. Other construction activities can run in parallel if there is enough capacity. This will be looked at in more detail in the detailed construction programme.
2.1.8	How much time it would take for the dam to fill up?	28.05.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)	Without releases, it will take about 1.5 seasons of average rainfall (the dam is 1.5 times the mean annual runoff from the catchment). The dam will not, however, need to be full in order to start supplying water.
2.2	Access Roads			
2.2.1	Concern was expressed about the access road to Laleni as it already has potholes. What will be done about this road?	16.04.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mrs Lawana	The road to access the dam construction site will be upgraded. Additional roads in the study area will also be upgraded.

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3.	Public Participation			
3.1	This project is a very large project and the newspapers used to advertise were not sufficient. The Daily Dispatch is recommended to be used for future advertisements. There are not many people in the area that will read the documents provided and it is therefore recommended that the project be announced via the communal radios to announce meeting dates.	Tsolo Town Hall PM	Mrs Silo (DEDEAT)	Additional isiXhosa advertisements were placed in the Daily Dispatch as well as the Mthatha Fever and an English advertisement in the EP Herald. The use of the local radio stations is being investigated.
3.2	There is a protocol through the Traditional Affairs and they should be informed to assist with informing the public.	15.05.2014 Tsolo Town Hall PM	Mrs Silo (DEDEAT)	This has been done and that the Traditional Authorities were the ones who put ILISO in contact with the local facilitators and Chiefs who have assisted with planning the meetings to date.
3.3	It was asked where hardcopies of the draft Scoping Report were available for the local people to review.	15.05.2014 Tsolo Town Hall PM	Mrs Silo (DEDEAT)	Hard copies have been left at the following venues from 9 May 2014 and are available until 9 June 2014 for comment:
3.4	The venues selected by the consultants have a tremendous limiting effect on creation of a wider and direct interactive		Zandisile Kanise	We are striving to achieve effective consultation with all interested and especially potentially directly parties. This will

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	opportunity with them. Our place is highly rural and with highly illiteracy rates and local communities to the site of development are not the only ones who are affected or stand to gain from this huge project. A decision to simple distribute documents wider in urban centres does not promote adequate consultation.			be further discussed in order to consult with all relative stakeholders.
3.5	Mzimvubu Dam stands out as a project that will not only affect the life of people where construction will take place, but it also stands to unlock the economic potential of this region as well for the entire resident population of our district. As such, a transparent consultative process that is opened to informed inputs from all interested stakeholders would assist raise pertinent strategic questions, and provide answers	09.05.2014 Email	Zandisile Kanise	The public participation process for this EIA aims to be transparent and all inputs from I&AP's are considered.
3.6	Has the Mzimvubu Catchment Forum been engaged with?	28.05.2014 AFM	Andrew Lucas (DWA)	They have been added to the stakeholder database.
3.7	Concern was expressed that no meetings have been held in the upper part of the Ntabelanga Dam catchment. That area is not part of the water supply area.	28.05.2014 AFM	D.C. Lourens (Joe Gqabi DM)	The project team requested that a proposed venue for an additional meeting be submitted to the EIA team for consideration. This has not been received to date.

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4.	Social					
4.1	Social implications					
4.1.1	It was asked if the residents of the area would benefit from this project.	14.05.2014 Siqhungqwini JSS PM	Community member	Residents will benefit as drinking water will be supplied to the community. The project will also generate jobs for the entire region, not just the community.		
4.1.2	Would the young people receive training for the construction of the dam in order for them to apply for jobs as part of this project?	14.05.2014 Siqhungqwini JSS PM	Community member	The Contractor will be in control of this but that it has be noted and would be added as a recommendation to the Di		
4.1.3	Clarity was requested about permanent and temporary job creation.	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mr Ngxiti	Jobs will be created during the construction of the dam and associated infrastructure, however, these will only be for the duration of construction. Once construction has finished then there will be other jobs related to operation of the dam and agriculture that would be permanent. The Catchment Management Plan will also create additional employment for the community.		
4.1.4	Will people within the community be allowed to rent their houses to the Contractors/construction workers during the construction of the dam.	14.05.2014 Siqhungqwini JSS PM	Community member	This issue will be considered in the Impact Assessment phase.		
4.1.5	Cold wind will come off the dam. This will affect the people living close to the dam site.	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mr Nomanqina	This issue will be considered in the Impact Assessment phase.		
4.1.6	The following questions need to be answered: • What economic opportunities will be unlocked by the dam during	09.05.2014 Email	Zandisile Kanise	This issue will be considered in the Impact Assessment phase.		

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4.1.7	implementation, and how local people will be positioned to take advantage of the opportunities? • What opportunities will be available during planning and execution of this project – here we have a lot of unemployed graduates – in all fields - who could benefit through internships, short-term employment associated with big companies that would be employed to execute the project? • How will the project affect households and communities? In previous cases, alien vegetation growth that was flooded caused a lot of unhappiness with communities, as the plants were being used by people and because people derived an income from removing the vegetation through, for example, Working for Water. He asked how this aspect was being dealt with in the EIA.	28.0.2014 AFM	Andrew Lucas (DWA)	If such plants qualified as a resource that is currently being used, and they are lost, this will be captured in the RAP.
4.2	Safety			
4.2.1	Concern was expressed about the young children that will be endangered by the dam. There will be many dangers during construction as well as once the dam is operational, as it would be a large expanse of open water, posing a threat	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mrs Nomanqina	The construction site will be fenced off during construction as a restricted area, warning notices will be strategically placed around the site and a safety officer will be appointed to manage safety matters on a daily basis according to the safety policy of the Department of Water Affairs. Visitors will be escorted around the construction site and provided with

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	for potential drowning.			safety gear to wear during a tour of the site. The area around the dam wall, and if need be the dam basin, will be fenced off after construction. If necessary, an education campaign will be conducted to teach the communities about the associated risks. A Sustainable Utilisation Plan for each dam will be developed to address these and other issues.
4.2.2	It was asked that the dam be fenced off and closed on top.	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mr Tshitshi	The safety and security policy of the Department of Water Affairs has provision for the dam wall and dam basin to be fenced in consultation with the local leadership. The normal practice internationally is not to close the top of the dam, but the dam wall and basin will be managed according to international best practices.
4.3	Positive Feedback			
4.3.1	I appreciate you letting such a good project in my community, It will help us find jobs opportunities and uplift the standard of living.	01.06.2014 via email	Miss Magazi Ntabelanga resident	Noted.
4.3.2	Appreciation for the project was expressed. This project will benefit the community, especially with the roads being upgraded. The hydropower plant may also, at a later stage, help the community get electricity. The positive benefits seem to outnumber the negatives and this pleases the community.	14.05.2014 Siqhungqwini JSS PM	Mr Sigenu	Noted.
4.3.3	The community were encouraged to submit comments on the project because if they do not the project could be	14.05.2014 Siqhungqwini JSS PM	Community member	Noted.

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	delayed whereas the community want the project to start as soon as possible.			
4.3.4	This project will have positive spin offs for the area. He looks forward to this project and that he is in favour of it.	15.05.2014 Tsolo Town Hall PM	Mr Duma	Noted.
4.3.5	The project will be beneficial to the community, in terms of job creation as there is a high number of unemployed youth in the area.	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mr Tshitshi	Noted.
4.3.6	The project will assist in relieving poverty and create job opportunities.	09.06.2014 Fax	Kholosa Langabi	Noted.
5.	Potential Pollution			
5.1	An enquiry was made about the areas close to the dam that have been earmarked for irrigated agriculture. Will the EIA consider potential pollution from those areas (e.g. from the use of fertilisers) into the river?	28.05.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)	This will be addressed in the Water Quality Specialist Study.
5.2	Concern was expressed about the chemicals that would be used during construction and how this may affect the community, including livestock and grazing land.	14.05.2014 Siqhungqwini JSS PM	Community member	Part of the EIA an Environmental Management Programme (EMP) will be compiled which will state rules and methods that the Contractor must follow with regards to storage and spillage of chemicals. This is in order to reduce the impact on the surrounding land and people. In addition, during construction, water samples will be taken for testing to make sure that there is nothing harmful in the water.
5.3	The trees that are surrounding the Tsitsa River that will be inundated may at some		Mr Swuyile Mazeke	This will be addressed in the Water Quality Specialist Study.

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	point pollute the water. Before the dam is flooded the trees need to be removed.				
6.	Relocation and Compensation				
6.1	Are there any set measurements regarding the area that would become inundated so that people who may need to be relocated can prepare themselves to be moved.	14.05.2014 Siqhungqwini JSS PM	Community member	Specialists will be coming into the area to identify potentially impacted houses, fields and fruit trees as part of the EIA, however, this study will only identify how this may be impacted and a Relocation Action Plan be compiled which include a consultation with the Traditional Authorities and	
6.2	The project will affect the communities, people's homesteads, grazing lands and agricultural fields. What are the plans to compensate for this?	15.05.2014 Tsolo Town Hall PM	Mrs Tsama DEDEAT	Municipalities regarding how best to deal with relocation. No negotiations, however, with the occupier or the Chiefs be done during the EIA. This would be undertaken just be	
6.3	The land at the site of the Laleni Dam is used as a grazing area. What compensation will be given to the people as they will lose this grazing land?	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Community member	the project is implemented and only then will the individuals affected be communicated with. The policy of Government is that the people that are affected should not be worse off than they are before the project commences.	
7.	Borrow areas and Quarries				
7.1	There are no permitted quarries or mining areas within OR Tambo Municipality. What will be done about this?	15.05.2014 Tsolo Town Hall PM	Mrs Silo DEDEAT	All the quarry areas identified will be within the dam basin. They will be new quarries and borrow areas and an Environmental Management Programme is being compiled which will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources for approval. Ff there are insufficient materials available within the dam basins then they will be bought from the local suppliers.	
7.2	A request was made for clarity on the source of construction materials. If materials need to be sourced from	28.05.2014 AFM	Sindi Dlomo (DEA)	There will always be some level of uncertainty as the geotechnical studies only predict what materials will be found underground on site. These predictions will only be verified	

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	commercial sources, the traffic impact may be significant. If that is the case, it should be included in the EIA.			once excavations start for construction. If the quarry material identified in the dam basin is not suitable, the size of the quarry may increase or other sources near the dam site would have to be considered. At this stage, it is foreseen that the only material that will be brought to site for concrete production is cement.
8.	Agriculture and irrigation			
8.1	Fencing for the agricultural fields was requested.	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mrs Jamjam	This is not part of the DWA infrastructure project, but may form part of the Catchment Management Programme for future projects.
8.2	What areas will be irrigated?	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mrs Kasa	This has not yet been determined. The studies will still be undertaken to determine what the best crops will be for irrigation and the areas will be determined from there.
8.3	Request for additional equipment such as tractors to help the people plant crops.	16.05.2014 Laleni JSS PM	Mr Ndyoki	The development of agriculture is not a part of the project that this EIA is applying for authorisation of.
8.4	It was asked whether aquiculture could be developed as part of the project.	20.05.2014 Agriculture workshop	Puleng (DAFF)	The possibility of agriculture will be assessed in the Impact Assessment Phase.
8.5	Concern was expressed about the impact of DWA's plan to reduce/remove the subsidy on water for agriculture as proposed in the Pricing Strategy.	20.05.2014 agriculture workshop	Puleng (DAFF)	This concern is not a part of the MWP EIA but will be passed on to the DWA.
8.6	Another EIA may be required to establish commercial agriculture in the area (e.g. to apply for vegetation clearance).	28.05.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)	Noted.
8.7	Are there any plantations in the area?	28.05.2014 AFM	Andrew Lucas (DWA)	Most of the land has been cultivated or previously cultivated, or is used for grazing.

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9.	Hydropower			
9.1.	Where will the power plant at Laleni be?	28.05.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)	It will be at the end of the tunnel. Three possible tunnel lengths are being investigated and the final position of the tunnel has not yet been chosen.
	There are various options in terms of connection points from the new power line to the existing grid. If a new substation is required, this will need to be discussed with Eskom.			
9.2.	An enquiry about the hydropower component at Ntabelanga Dam was made.	28.05.2014 AFM	Magazi Mhlanga (DRDLR)	In addition to the main hydropower plant at Laleni Dam, a small hydropower plant will be built to harness the hydropower potential at the Ntabelanga Dam.
9.3.	There will be local needs for the electricity generated (e.g. Water Treatment Works and Waste Water Treatment Works, operators housing, as well as communities within the immediate vicinity). Will DWA operate the power plant; if so, it will need a generating licence.	28.0.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)	Institutional arrangements are still being looked at. A decision regarding ownership and roles and responsibilities has not yet been taken. This decision will be taken at a higher level. Separate applications have been submitted to DEA (water infrastructure, roads and power generation) in order to facilitate the transfer of authorisations to the various implementing authorities (if required).
9.4.	If Eskom is invited to be the operator of the hydropower plants, the Department of Energy should be involved.		Joan Arrikum (DPE)	Noted.
9.5.	An enquiry was made about the capacity of the power lines. The activity applied for is a transmission line, but it may be	28.0.2014 AFM	Sindi Dlomo (DEA)	Further consultation with Eskom will be undertaken to confirm the requirements to link the MWP to Eskom's grid.

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	sufficient to apply for a distribution line (lower voltage).				
9.6.	The minimum servitude for one 132 kV power line is 36 metres. He recommended that the team talk to Eskom about connecting to the grid.	28.0.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)		
10.	Other				
10.1.	It was asked if the impacts on tourism have been considered, especially at the Tsitsa Falls, and what the impact of the dams will be on the flow regime.	28.0.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)	The issue of tourism will be investigated in the EIA phase, from a social and ecological perspective. The Reserve determination has been finalised and will be taken into account in the design of the scheme.	
10.2.	Will there be stilling chambers?	28.0.2014 AFM	Andrew Lucas (DWA)	Provision has been made for a stilling basin (at Ntabelanga Dam). Details of a stilling basin will be confirmed in the detailed design.	
10.3.	An enquiry was made about the catchment rehabilitation and management plan.	28.0.2014 AFM	Andrew Hope (DWA)	This is a separate project, which will be beneficial to the Mzimvubu Water Project (for the yield and life of the dams in particular) but is not included in this EIA.	
10.4.	Will the Reserve determination go all the way to the mouth of the river. The potential impacts on the estuary need to be considered and managed.	28.0.2014 AFM	John Geeringh (Eskom)	The estuarine Reserve has been done for the Mzimvestuary, and it will be taken into account in the EIA.	
10.5.	An enquiry was made about the dynamics of land ownership in the area and asked if there was any land owned privately.	28.0.2014 AFM	Magazi Mhlanga (DRDLR)	All land in the project area belongs to the State and the Traditional Authorities are the custodians of this land. DWA will only acquire land once the project has been authorised and is ready for implementation.	

Annexure i: Minutes

- 1) Public Meetings
- 2) Authorities Forum Meeting





Mzimvubu Water Project Environmental Impact Assessment Minutes of Public Meeting at Siqhungqwini Village

Venue	Siqhungqwini Junior Secondary School	Date	14-05-2014	Time	10:15
Facilitator	Martin van Veelen		Minutes prepared by	Kim Dalhuij	sen

	PRESENT	
Please see attendance register attached.		

Item	Description					
1.	Welcome					
	Dr Martin van Veelen thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting was opened with a prayer and the National Anthem. Mr Ayanda Mtshizama assisted with translation to Xhosa for the duration of the meeting. Mr Menard Mugumo introduced the project team.					
2.	Purpose of the Meeting					
	Dr van Veelen explained that the purpose of the meeting was to inform stakeholders about the Mzimvubu Water Project as well as the EIA process that is currently underway. The public meetings were to inform stakeholders of the identified key issues, to provide stakeholders the opportunity to raise additional issues or concerns that have not been identified in the Draft Scoping Report (DSR).					
3.	Presentation: Project Description					
	Mr Mugumo presented on the following:					
	Project background and description;					
	 Location (map) and statistics of the Ntabelanga and Laleni Dams; 					
	 Access roads to Ntabelanga and Laleni dam sites that will be upgraded; 					
	Ntabelanga-Laleni Conjunctive Scheme;					
	 Laleni Dam has been designed so as not to impact the existing N2; 					
	 The hydropower plant will generate up to 30 MW of base load power or 180 MW of peaking power; 					
	 Dam construction will be approximately three years; 					
	 Materials and basic methods needed for construction; 					
	Aerial view of dam and associated works;					
	Construction of Gauging Weirs;					
	 Primary and secondary bulk pipelines; and 					
	 Map of the proposed irrigation areas and relevant infrastructure. 					
4.	Questions for clarity on Project Description					
4.1	It was asked if the residents of the area would benefit from this project. Mr Mugumo stated that the residents would benefit as drinking water would be supplied to the community. He explained that the project would also generate jobs for the entire region, not just the community.					
4.2	It was asked, with regards to the extent of the dam basin, if any houses and irrigable land would be affected. It was stated that this would be discussed in the next presentation: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).					
5.	Presentation: Environmental Impact Assessment					

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Item	Description
	The main purpose of the Mzimvubu Water Project is to provide socio-economic upliftment. The project involves both positive and negative impacts. Potentially significant impacts have been identified and will be assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase.
	Mrs Terry Calmeyer presented on the following: What is an EIA; Purpose of the EIA and why it is needed; The EIA process (description of each phase); The Public Participation Process; DSR comment period is from 9 May to 9 June 2014; Documents are available from www.dwa.gov.za/mzimvubu ; Key issues identified, to date; Plants and animals; Rivers and wetlands; Socio-economic impacts; and Heritage impacts.
	Conclusions.
6.	Discussion
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6.2	Mr Mtshizama from the Department of Environmental Affairs – Natural Resource Management - Working for Water explained that they are in the process of implementing the Catchment Management Plan for the Mzimvubu River Catchment. He stated that this initiative has hired/is hiring local people to assist with the clearing of alien invasive plant species as well as restoration of degraded lands. This will add more weight to the construction of the Ntabelanga- Laleni Dam scheme.
6.3	Mr Sigenu from the community expressed his appreciation for the project. He stated that this project will benefit them, especially with the roads being upgraded. He added that the hydropower plant may also, at a later stage, help the community get electricity. He concluded that, as far as he is concerned the positive benefits seem to outnumber the negatives and this pleases the community.
6.4	A member of the community encouraged the rest of the community to submit comments on the project because if they do not the project could be delayed whereas the community want the project to start as soon as possible.
6.5	It was asked if, based on the studies done, there were any set measurements regarding the area that would become inundated so that people who may need to be relocated can prepare themselves to be moved. Mrs Calmeyer stated that the households, fields and fruit trees would be identified as part of the EIA, however, this study will only identify how this may be impacted and no negotiations with the occupier or the Chiefs would be done during the EIA. She stated that this would be undertaken just

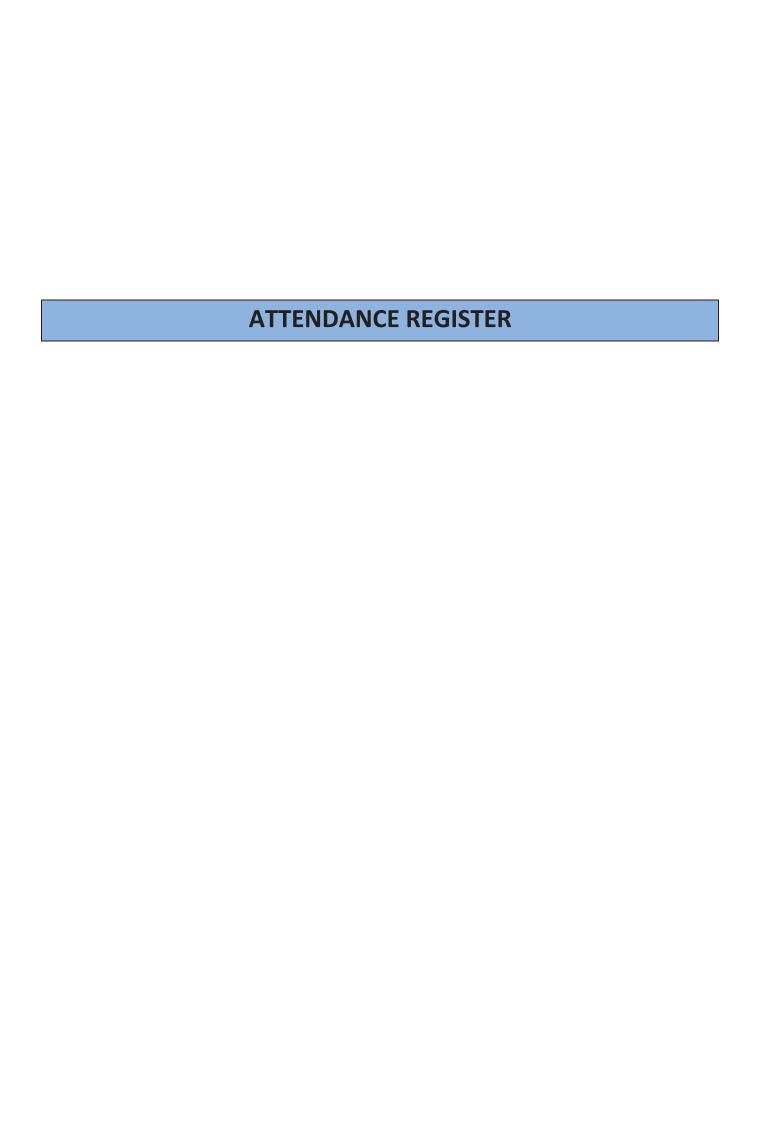
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	Mrs Calmeyer stated specialists would be coming into the area to identify potentially impacted houses
	but this would only be recorded in order to be used for the future relocation of people.
6.6	A community member expressed concern about the chemicals that would be used during construction and how this may affect the community, including livestock and grazing land. Mrs Calmeyer stated that, as part of the EIA an Environmental Management Programme (EMP) will be compiled which will state rules and methods that the Contractor must follow with regards to storage and spillage of chemicals. This is in order to reduce the impact on the surrounding land and people. In addition, during construction, water samples will be taken for testing to make sure that there is nothing harmful in the water.
6.7	A member of the community stated that they appreciate the project and he asked if the young people would receive training for the construction of the dam in order for them to apply for jobs as part of this project. Dr van Veelen stated that the Contractor would be in control of this but that it has been noted and would be added as a recommendation to the DWA. Mr Mugumo stated that recruitment would be from the surrounding community and, during construction skills would be transferred. He added that there would be two skill groups needed; for the construction phase and then for the operational phase. This would need to be addressed with the relevant authorities such as the. Department of Agriculture for all farming training.
6.8	Mr Sigenu asked how the naming of the project worked and why it was named Mzimvubu. Mr Mtshizama stated that three District Municipalities are impacted by this project, which does not include only one dam. The project was named after the Mzimvubu River Catchment, not after the District Municipalities. Mr Mugumo stated that the Mzimvubu Water Project is not limited to only these two dams. It is the project initiation phase and may include future projects within the Mzimvubu Catchment area. He explained that the individual dams would be named after construction.
6.9	A community member asked about the project launch that happened on 11 April 2014 when the Ministers and the President came to the Eastern Cape. He asked why the sod turning was not done in the area where the dam wall is being constructed. Mr Mugumo explained that the condition of the existing roads make the dam site inaccessible. He stated that once this project starts, the roads would be improved, making access easier and safer. The opening of the dam will therefore be done at the dam wall site.
6.10	It was asked if the people within the community were considered to be allowed to rent their houses to the Contractors/construction workers during the construction of the dam. Dr van Veelen stated that this has been noted as a potential housing option.
7.	Next Meeting
	Second round of meetings will be held in September 2014.
8.	Closure
	The meeting ended with a prayer at 13h10.

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Mzimvubu Water Project Environmental Impact Assessment Minutes of the Public Meeting in Tsolo Town

Venue	Tsolo Town Hall	Date	15-05-2014	Time	11:20
Facilitator	Martin van Veelen		Minutes prepared by	Kim Dalhuijs	en

	PRESENT
Please see attendance register attached.	

Item	Description	Action
1.	Welcome	
	Martin van Veelen opened the meeting and thanked all attendees. Mr Menard Mugumo introduced the project team, including the local facilitator for the area, Vuyisa Nomanqino.	
2.	Purpose of the Meeting	
	Dr van Veelen explained that the purpose of the meeting was to inform stakeholders about the Mzimvubu Water Project as well as the EIA process that is currently underway. The public meetings were to inform stakeholders of the identified key issues, to provide stakeholders the opportunity to raise additional issues or concerns that have not been identified in the Draft Scoping Report (DSR).	
3.	Presentation: Project Description	
	Mr Mugumo presented on the following:	
	 Project background and description; 	
	 Location (map) and statistics of the Ntabelanga and Laleni Dams; 	
	 Access roads to Ntabelanga and Lalanei dam sites that will be upgraded; 	
	Ntabelanga-Laleni Conjunctive Scheme;	
	 Laleni Dam has been designed so as not to impact the existing N2; 	
	 The hydropower plant will generate up to 30 MW of base load power or 180 MW of peaking power; 	
	 Dam construction will be approximately three years; 	
	 Materials and basic methods needed for construction; 	
	 Aerial view of dam and associated works; 	
	Construction of Gauging Weirs;	
	 Primary and secondary bulk pipelines; and 	
	 Map of the proposed irrigation areas and relevant infrastructure. 	
4.	Presentation: Environmental Impact Assessment	
	The main purpose of the Mzimvubu Water Project is to provide socio-economic upliftment. The project involves both positive and negative impacts. Potentially significant impacts have been identified and will be assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase.	
	Mrs Terry Calmeyer presented on the following:	
	What is an EIA;	
	 Purpose of the EIA and why it is needed; 	

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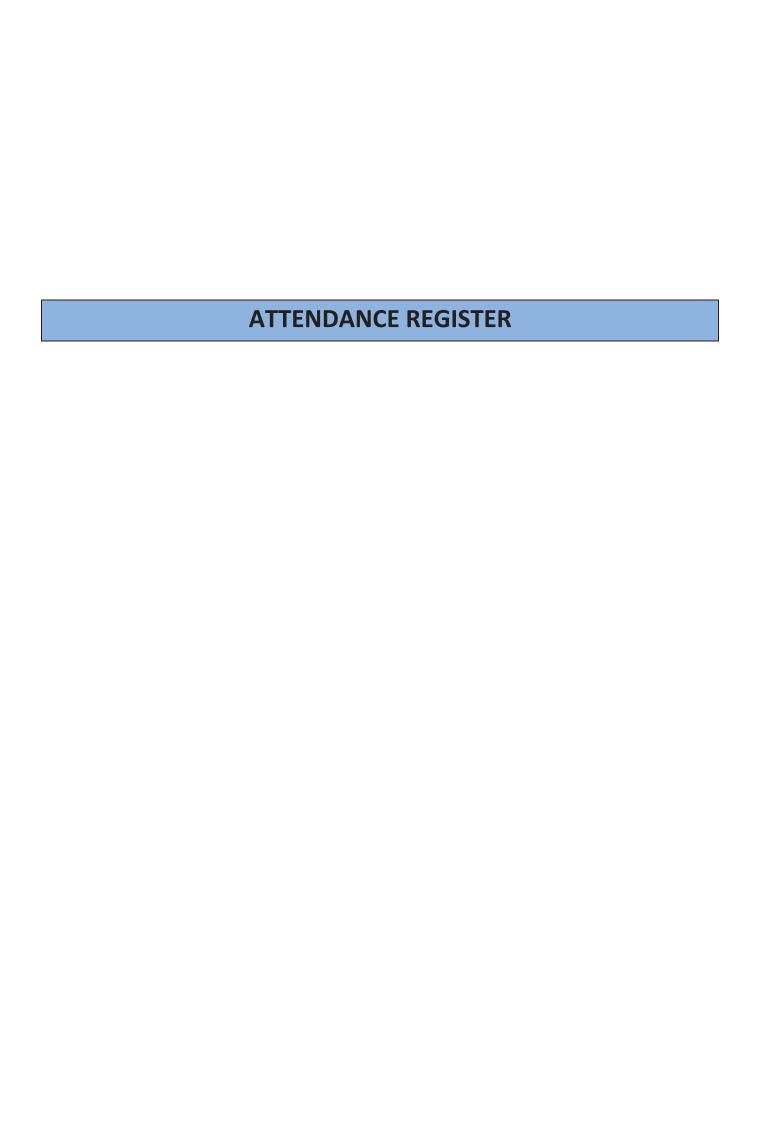
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	The EIA process (description of each phase);						
	The Public Participation Process;						
	 DSR comment period is from 9 May to 9 June 2014; 						
	 Documents are available from <u>www.dwa.gov.za/mzimvubu</u>; 						
	 Key issues identified, to date; 						
	o Plants and animals;						
	o Rivers and wetlands;						
	o Socio-economic impacts; and						
	 Heritage impacts. 						
	Way Forward, and						
	Conclusions.						
5.	Discussion						
5.1	Mrs Tsama (DEDEAT) stated that this project will affect the communities, people's homesteads, grazing lands and agricultural fields. She asked what the plan was to compensate for this. Mrs Calmeyer stated that the policy of Governement is that the people that are affected should not be worse off than they are before the project commences. Part of the EIA process will be to compile a Relocation Action Plan which include a consultation with the Traditional Authorities and Municipalities regarding how best to deal with relocation. She stated that the directly impacted people will not be communicated with during the EIA phase, but a register will be compiled in order to identify what exactly will be impacted. The draft plan will be made available to the public as part of the draft EIA public comment phase.						
5.2	Mrs Silo (DEDEAT) stated that they work with the OR Tambo Municipality and they are aware of how the people complain about the grazing lands. She stated that this project is a very large project and that the newspapers used to advertise were not sufficient. She recommended that the Daily Dispatch be used for future advertisements. She stated that there are not many people in the area that will read the documents provided. She recommended that the project be announced via the communal radios to announce meeting dates. This was noted and will be further investigated.						
5.3	Mrs Silo stated that there is a protocol through the Traditional Affairs and stated that they should be informed to assist with informing the public. Mrs Calmeyer stated that this was done and that the Traditional Authorities were the ones who put ILISO in contact with the local facilitators and Chiefs who have assisted with planning the meetings.						
5.4	Mrs Silo stated that there are no permitted quarries or mining areas within OR Tambo Municipality. She asked what would be done about this. Mrs Calmeyer stated that all the quarry areas identified would be within the dam basin. She explained that they will be new quarries and borrow areas and an Environmental Management Programme is being compiled which will be submitted to the Department of Mineral Resources for approval. Mr Mugumo added that if there are insufficient materials availablein the dam basins they would be bought from the local suppliers.						
5.5	Mr Duma stated that he resides in Tsolo and can see that this project will have positive spin offs for the area. He stated that he looks forward to this project and that he is in favour of it. ### Project/Public Participation/Meetings/Minutes/Public Meetings May 2014/Tsolo/Mizimvubu dam 15.05.2014 (Tsolo) Final Draft.doc. ####################################	T05REV00					

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5.6	Mrs Silo asked where hardcopies of the documents were available for the local people to review. Mrs Calmeyer stated that hard copies have been left at the following venues from 9 May 2014 and are available until 9 June 2014 for comment: • Siqhungqwini Junior Secondary School; • Tsolo (Mhlontlo Local Municipality offices); • Qumbu (Mhlontlo Local Municipality offices); • Mthatha (Walter Sisulu University); and • East London Central Library. An additional hardcopy was left with Chief Mabantla who is the Chief for the ward where the Ntabelanga Dam will be constructed.						
6.	Next Meeting						
	The second round of meetings will be held in September 2014.						
7.	Closure						
	Mr Mugumo expressed his thanks to the people who attended the meeting. He explained that the public participation process is a crucial part of the EIA process. The meeting ended at 12h35.						



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VENUE: TSOLO TOWN HALL

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Mzimvubu Water Project Environmental Impact Assessment Minutes of the Public Meeting at Laleni Village

Venue	Laleni Junior Secondary School	Date	16-05-2014	Time	10:15
Facilitator	Martin van Veelen		Minutes prepared by	Kim Dalhuij	sen

	PRESENT	
Please see attendance register attached.		

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1.	Welcome							
	Dr Martin van Veelen opened the meeting. The Ward Councillor welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated his approval of the project and welcomed the project team. He introduced the Headman and previous Headman.							
	Mr Menard Mugumo introduced the project team, including the local facilitator for the area, Vuyisa Nomanqino who translated the discussions to isiXhosa.							
2.	Purpose of the Meeting							
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5.2	Mr Tshitshi stated that he is happy for this opportunity and that the project will be beneficial to the community, in terms of job creation as there is a high number of unemployed youth in the area. He requested that the dam be fenced off and closed on top. He thanked the community for attending the meeting.
5.3	Mrs Lawana expressed concern about the access road to Laleni as it already has potholes. She asked what would be done about this road. Dr van Veelen stated that the road would be improved and the bridge would be made bigger.
5.4	A community member stated that he is concerned about the site of the dam as this is used as a grazing area. He asked what compensation would be given to the people as they will lose this grazing land. Mrs Calmeyer responded that a Relocation Action Plan is being prepared as part of the EIA. All homesteads, crops and grazing land will be identified. This will then be discussed with the Headman and the Ward Councillor for negotiation so that no one is worse off after the project than they are now.
5.5	Mr Fukutwa asked when the construction of the dam would start. Mr Mugumo responded that the Department of Water Affairs is planning to start construction before the end of 2014. This will be dependent on obtaining the environmental authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs. This authorisation is a legal requirement and needs to be obtained before construction can commence.
5.6	Mr Ngxiti asked for clarity between permanent and temporary job creation. Mrs Calmeyer responded that jobs will be created during the construction of the dam and associated infrastructure, however, these will only be for the duration of construction. Once construction has finished then there will be other jobs related to operation of the dam and agriculture that would be permanent. Mr Mugumo stated

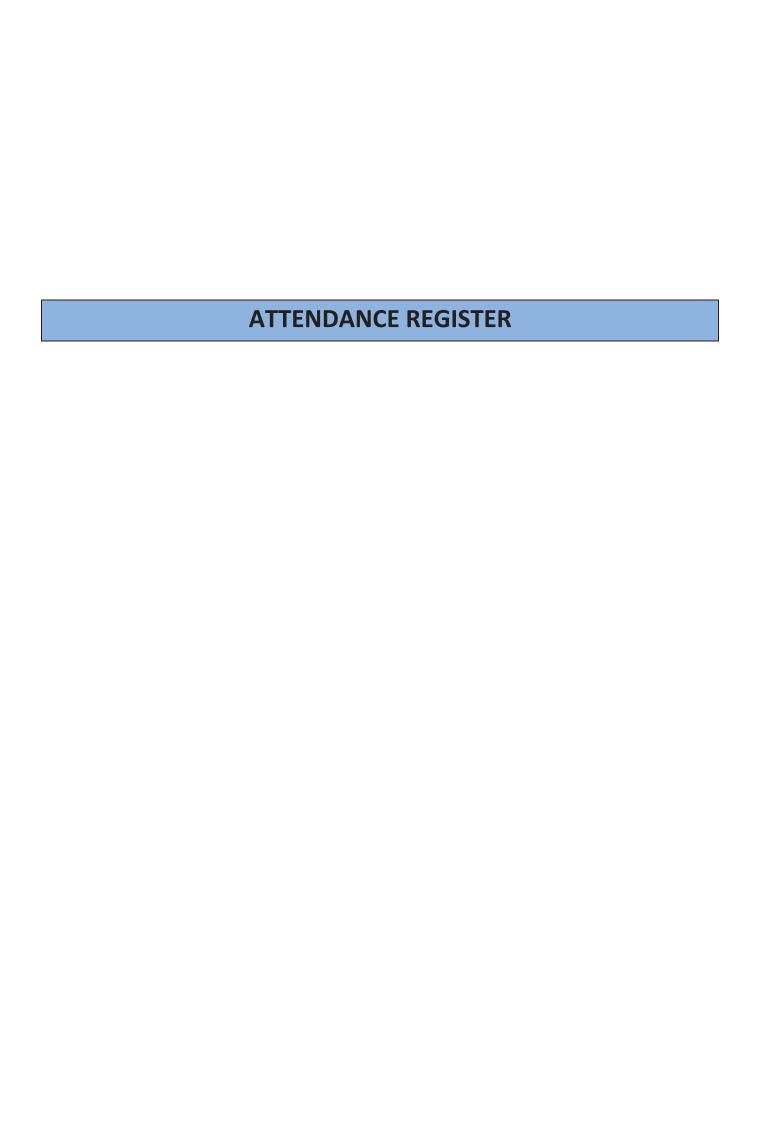
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	that the Catchment Management Plan will also create additional employment for the community. Chris Motsilili added that there are meant to be community initiatives to provide training for agriculture to enable the community to become sustainable.
5.7	Mrs Jamjam stated she is interested in agriculture and asked that they get fencing for the agricultural fields.
5.8	Mrs Kasa asked for clarity on what areas would be irrigated. Dr van Veelen stated that this has not yet been determined. The studies will still be undertaken to determine what the best crops will be for irrigation and the areas will be determined from there. Councillor Dawedi stated that there are numerous departments that are role players in this project. He explained that there is an existing project in the ward that will assist with fencing ploughed land within Laleni.
5.9	Mr Ngamlana requested assurance that this project would start on time. Mr Mugumo stated that there is commitment from Government to start this project early. The timing, however, will be dependent on when authorisation is obtained. He explained that if there are complex appeals lodged against the project then this may delay the authorisation. Mr Ngamlana appealed that Government should not disappoint the community by not fulfilling the commitment for this dam.
5.10	Mr Ndyoki requested additional equipment such as tractors to help the people plant crops.
5.11	Mrs Nomanqina stated she appreciates the information provided to them today and expressed her concern about the young children that will be endangered by the dam. There will be many dangers during construction as well as once the dam is operational, as it would be a large expanse of open water, posing a threat for potential drowning.
5.12	Mr Nomanqina stated he is worried about the cold wind that will come off the dam. This will affect the people living close to the dam site.
6.	Next Meeting
	Second round of meetings will be held in September 2014.
7.	Closure
	Dr van Veelen thanked the community for their attendance. He explained that all comments received today would be taken into consideration during the upcoming investigations. The meeting ended at 12h15.

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MZIMVUBU WATER PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITIES FORUM MEETING

Venue	East London Golf Club	Date	28 May 2014	Time	10:00
Chairperson	Menard Mugumo		Minutes prepared by	Lea Muruv	/en

Description	Action
Welcome	
Mr Mugumo welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Attendance	
See attendance register in Appendix A.	
Mr Lucas pointed out that the Department of Agriculture was a key stakeholder and was not represented in the meeting.	
Ms Calmeyer indicated that representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), as well as the Eastern Cape Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR) had been invited to attend the meeting. She mentioned that a workshop to discuss the irrigated agriculture component of the project had taken place, in which DAFF participated. Both departments are also involved in the PSC meetings; they are therefore involved in other forums.	
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Purpose of the meeting	
The purpose of the meeting was to present the project to the relevant organs of state, report on the findings of the Draft Scoping Report and provide an opportunity to raise questions and submit comments on the Draft Scoping Report.	
The Draft Scoping Report and the EIA process as a whole cover the components for which authorisation is requested, as well as requirements for the Water Use Licence Application (WULA), the borrow areas and quarries and heritage approvals.	
Mr Lucas said that he had a longer term view for the forum, which could be held throughout the implementation of the project.	
Ms Dlomo agreed that this view had merit, as authorities need to look at the long term, and need to consider the project within its context, including other projects that are proposed in the area.	
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	Ir Mugumo indicated that PSC meetings for the project were held regularly and						
	forded stakeholders and role players an opportunity to raise those kinds of oncerns.						
4.	Project description						
4.1	Mr Mugumo provided an overview of the project. Key points included:						
	The project is a Strategic Integrated Project (SIP3);						
	Project location: Eastern Cape Province, over three district municipalities;						
	The main objective for this project is to stimulate social and economic development in the region;						
	 Multipurpose reservoirs: water supply for agriculture, domestic, industrial (urban use, expected to be very small amount) and hydropower generation; 						
	Project supply area (domestic water supply);						
	Roads to be upgraded;						
	Functioning of the Ntabelanga-Laleni Conjunctive scheme;						
	Laleni scheme layout;						
	Dam statistics;						
	 Construction period for the Ntabelanga Dam (which will be constructed first), estimated at 3 years; 						
	 Site layout at the Ntabelanga Dam site (including access roads, dam wall, outlet works and hydropower plant, water treatment works and pumping station, operator housing, visitors' centre, new bridge across the Tsitsa River); 						
	Primary pipelines and command reservoirs;						
	Secondary distribution system;						
	Gauging weirs;						
	Irrigation water bulk infrastructure.						
4.2	Mr Lucas asked what the difference was between the footprint of the project and the water supply area.						
	Ms Calmeyer responded that the footprint in terms of the EIA refers to the area that will be directly impacted by the physical infrastructure components of the project. She indicated that activities related to the catchment management were not part of the project description for the EIA.						

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4.3	Ms Gyan asked whether the new N2 had been taken into consideration in the design of the project.	
	Ms Calmeyer responded that the new N2 will be much further south-east of the existing one, and will not be impacted by the project. The dams will also not impact on the existing N2.	
4.4	Ms Gyan asked whether the Authorities Forum was the main channel through which to provide comment on the Draft Scoping Report.	
	Mr Mbense responded that comments could be raised in this Forum as well as through the normal channels that have been created as part of the public participation process.	
4.5	Mr Geeringh asked where the power plant at Laleni would be.	
	Mr Mugumo responded that it would be at the end of the tunnel. Three possible tunnel lengths are being investigated and the final position of the tunnel has not yet been chosen.	
4.6	Mr Geeringh indicated that there were various options in terms of connection points from the new power line to the existing grid. If a new sub-station is required, this will need to be discussed with Eskom.	Menard Mugumo
4.7	Mr Geeringh asked whether the impacts on tourism had been considered, especially at the Tsitsa Falls, and what the impact of the dams would be on the flow regime.	
	Ms Calmeyer responded that the issue of tourism would be investigated in the EIA phase, from a social and ecological perspective.	
	Mr Mugumo explained that the Reserve determination had been finalised and would be taken into account in the design of the scheme.	
4.8	Mr Lucas asked whether there would be stilling chambers.	
	Mr Moore responded that provision had been made for a stilling basin (at Ntabelanga Dam). Mr Mugumo indicated that details of a stilling basin would be confirmed in the detailed design.	
4.9	Mr Vele asked what would happen to structures (houses) near or within the project	

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	footprint.	
	Ms Calmeyer responded that a Relocation Action Plan (RAP) would be compiled as part of the EIA that would provide an inventory of all structures and resources (such as grazing fields) that will be directly affected. There will also be Focus Group Meetings with the traditional authorities and ward councillors to discuss the findings of the RAP.	
	The policy is that no individuals, who will be affected by the project should be worse off after the project than they are now.	
4.10	Mr Mhlanga enquired about the hydropower component at Ntabelanga Dam.	
	Mr Mugumo responded that in addition to the main hydropower plant at Laleni Dam, a small hydropower plant would be built to harness the hydropower potential at the Ntabelanga Dam.	
	Mr Geeringh said that there would be local needs for the electricity generated there (e.g. Water Treatment Works and Waste Water Treatment Works, operators housing, as well as communities within the immediate vicinity). He asked whether DWA would operate the power plant; if so, it will need a generating licence.	
	Mr Mugumo responded that institutional arrangements were still being looked at. A decision regarding ownership and roles and responsibilities has not yet been taken. This decision will be taken at a higher level.	
	Ms Calmeyer indicated that separate applications had been submitted to DEA (water infrastructure, roads and power generation) in order to facilitate the transfer of authorisations to the various implementing authorities (if required).	
	Ms Arrikum said that if Eskom is invited to be the operator of the hydropower plants, the Department of Energy should be involved.	
4.11	Mr Lucas enquired about the new or upgraded bridges.	
	Mr Mugumo responded that existing bridges and access roads in the vicinity of the proposed Ntabelanga Dam site would probably need to be upgraded.	
	Ms Dlomo added that if infrastructure such as bridges is not included in the application, it may cause problems later as the applicant and competent authority may be different.	
4.12 H:\Projects\1300	Mr Geeringh enquired about the areas close to the dam that have been earmarked	T05REV00

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	for irrigated agriculture. He asked whether the EIA would consider potential pollution from those areas (e.g. from the use of fertilisers) into the river.	
	Ms Calmeyer responded that this issue would be noted and considered in the EIA phase.	ILISO
4.13	Mr Geeringh asked whether the secondary infrastructure would be constructed by DWA.	
	Mr Mugumo responded that the intention was for DWA to construct the primary and secondary infrastructure and for the District Municipalities to construct the tertiary infrastructure.	
	Ms Calmeyer clarified that the EIA covered the primary and secondary domestic water supply infrastructure and the raw water supply system up to field edge of irrigated agriculture. However, the ecology, economic and social studies will take into account the proposed irrigated agriculture and change in land use.	
	Mr Geeringh said that another EIA may be required to establish commercial agriculture in the area (e.g. to apply for vegetation clearance).	
4.14	Ms Dlomo requested clarity on the source of construction materials. If materials need to be sourced from commercial sources, the traffic impact may be significant. If that is the case, it should be included in the EIA.	
	Mr Mugumo responded that there would always be some level of uncertainty as the geotechnical studies only predict what materials will be found underground on site. These predictions will only be verified once excavations start for construction.	
	Mr Moore added that if the quarry material identified in the dam basin was not suitable, the size of the quarry may increase or other sources near the dam site would have to be considered. At this stage, it is foreseen that the only material that will be brought to site for concrete production is cement.	
4.15	Mr Mbokwana asked how completion of the tertiary infrastructure would be aligned with completion of the bulk infrastructure.	
	He asked whether there would be a way for communities to access water while construction is taking place (through boreholes for example).	
	Mr Mugumo responded that construction would start at the Ntabelanga Dam site first, as the dam will take longer to build than the pipelines. It would be possible for communities to be supplied from other sources in the interim, but these sources will	

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	not be looked at by DWA as they fall outside the mandate of DWA.								
4.16	Mr Mbense asked about the construction period.								
	Mr Mugumo clarified that the 3-year construction period was an indicative period for the Ntabelanga Dam. Other construction activities can run in parallel if there is enough capacity. This will be looked at in more detail in the detailed construction programme.								
4.17	Mr Geeringh asked how much time it would take for the dam to fill up.								
	Mr Moore responded that without releases, it would take about 1.5 seasons of average rainfall (the dam is 1.5 times the mean annual runoff from the catchment).								
	Mr Mugumo indicated that the dam would not need to be full in order to start supplying water.								
5.	Overview of the Draft Scoping Report and key issues identified								
5.1	Ms Calmeyer presented the EIA process for the project.								
	Key points included:								
	Objectives of the project;								
	EIA process followed;								
	 Public participation process conducted to date; 								
	Alternatives identified;								
	 Other authorisations required (i.e. heritage permits, WUL and approval of EMPs for borrow areas and quarries); 								
	Way forward to finalise the Scoping Report:								
	 Submit Final Scoping Report: 11 June 2014 								
	 Approval of Final Scoping Report by DEA: 9 July 								
	 Complete first draft of specialist studies: end July 2014; 								
	 Draft EIR comment period: 16 September to 15 October 2014; 								
	 Submit Final EIR to DEA: 5 November 2014; 								
	 Receive Environmental Authorisation: end November 2014. 								
	Key issues identified include:								
	Impacts on fauna and flora, particularly loss of habitat due to inundation;								
	 Impacts on radia and nora, particularly loss of habitat due to indidation, Impacts on wetlands and aquatic ecology: change in characteristics of the river and impact on sensitive species and migratory species, inundation of wetlands; 								
	Socio economic benefits and negative impacts;								
	Impacts on heritage resources.								

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	The following specialist studies will be conducted:	
	Social impact assessment;	
	Economic: macro-economic impact assessment and cost-benefit analysis;	
	Terrestrial and aquatic ecology;	
	Heritage impact assessment;	
	Visual impact assessment; Weter quality study:	
	Water quality study;	
	Wetland delineation;	
	Register of asset and Relocation Action Plan policy and implementation plan;	
	Reserve determination.	
6.	Discussion	
6.1	Mr Lucas asked if the Mzimvubu Catchment Forum had been engaged. Nicky McLeod should be contacted.	
	Ms Calmeyer undertook to add them to the stakeholder database.	ILISO
6.2	Mr Lourens expressed concern that no meetings had been held in the upper part of the Ntabelanga Dam catchment. That area is not part of the water supply area. He undertook to provide the names of villages in which meetings could be held in future.	D.C. Lourens
6.3	Mr Hope enquired about the catchment rehabilitation and management plan.	
	Ms Calmeyer responded that this was a separate project, which would be beneficial to the Mzimvubu Water Project (for the yield and life of the dams in particular) but was not included in this EIA.	
6.4	Mr Geeringh asked whether the Reserve determination would go all the way to the mouth of the river. The potential impacts on the estuary need to be considered and managed.	
	Ms Calmeyer responded that the estuarine Reserve had been done for the Mzimvubu estuary, and that it will be taken into account in the EIA.	
6.5	Ms Dlomo enquired about the capacity of the power lines. The activity applied for is a transmission line, but it may be sufficient to apply for a distribution line (lower voltage).	
	She advised the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to re-submit an amended application form once the final project description is known (e.g. at Draft EIR stage).	ILISO

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	Mr Geeringh indicated that the minimum servitude for one 132 kV power line is 36 metres. He recommended that the team talk to Eskom about connecting to the grid.	
6.6	Mr Lucas said that in previous cases, alien vegetation growth that was flooded caused a lot of unhappiness with communities, as the plants were being used by people and because people derived an income from removing the vegetation through, for example, <i>Working for Water</i> . He asked how this aspect was being dealt with in the EIA.	
	Ms Calmeyer responded that if such plants qualified as a resource that is currently being used, and they are lost, this will be captured in the RAP.	
6.7	Mr Mhlanga enquired about the dynamics of land ownership in the area and asked if there was any land owned privately.	
	Nkosi Tyali responded that all land in the project area belonged to the State and the Traditional Authorities are the custodians of that land.	
	Mr Mugumo indicated that DWA would only acquire land once the project had been authorised and was ready for implementation.	
6.8	Mr Lucas asked whether there were any plantations in the area.	
	Ms Calmeyer responded that most of the land was cultivated or previously cultivated, or used for grazing.	
6.9	Nkosi Tyali suggested that the next meeting take place closer to the project site.	
	Ms Calmeyer said that the venue for the Authorities Forum meeting was chosen to be as close as possible to the majority of the forum members. The venue can be changed if forum members deem it necessary.	
6.10	Mr Lucas asked whether working sessions were still necessary with the Local and District Municipalities after the launch of the project. This was the intention before the project was launched by the President.	
	Ms Gyan said that the need would still be there to engage.	
	Mr Kawa said that the DWA Regional Office has a relationship with the Local and District Municipalities and should drive engagement at that level.	

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	Mr Lucas undertook to do so.	Andrew
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7.	Way Forward	
	Comments on the Draft Scoping Report should be submitted by 9 June 2014. The next Authorities Forum Meeting will take place during the comment period for the Draft EIR (around September 2014).	
8.	Closure	
	Ms Calmeyer thanked everyone for their attendance and inputs. The meeting ended at 12:50.	

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Attendance Register

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