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Sent: 19 July 2018 10:05 PM

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Greetings

Thank you for informing us in time, it should be noted that we have four areas that forms Dipaleseng Siyathemba which has Ward 1,2,&4, Balfour/Greylingstad Ward3, Grootvlei Ward5 and Nthoroane 6

Therefore our Consultation meeting should at least cover 3 areas which will be Balfour/Siyathemba, Grootvlei and Nthoroane.

Dates:

21 August 2018, Grootvlei (Thabakgoadi Community Hall)

22 August 2018 Siyathemba Community Hall

23 August 2018 Nthoroane Community Hall

I will contact all Ward Cllrs regarding these dates and also get suitable time to convene these meetings. I will also request my Office to provide you with their contact numbers and email addresses by Monday 23 July 2018.

Regards
Cllr Nkosi
Speaker

On 19 Jul 2018 2:44 PM, "Marissa Botha" <botham@naledzi.co.za> wrote:

Dear Kent (Ward Councillor = Ward 5 Grootvlei)

As per our discussion, this afternoon.

We are still in consultation with the Speaker of Dipaseng regarding this matter but we wanted to also involve you in the discussions.

ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC Ltd intends applying for postponement of the Minimum Emission Standards set by the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 for Grootvlei Power Station located at Grootvlei in the Balfour area, jurisdiction of Dipaleseng Local Municipality. We, Naledzi Environmental Consultants CC have been appointed by Eskom to facilitate the public participation process for the Grootvlei Power Station MES Postponement application process and will be responsible for all notifications and consultations relevant to the application.

As part of the public participation process we will conduct 2 rounds of public meetings, at two meetings per round. For now we are planning the two public meetings as part of the 1st Round of consultation.

- (1) Balfour**
- (2) Grootvlei Mine Town**

You have suggested that we consider having the meeting for Grootvlei Mine Town as follows:

- **Grootvlei Community Hall**
- **Date: Tuesday 21 August 2018**
- **Time: 15:00 - 17:00**

Thank you for the inputs the speaker is copied in this conversation so as to be notified of your inputs in this regard.

We would, once confirmed, notify the public of the meeting through circulation of a Background Information Document (BID) via email, placing the BID at public libraries, Site notices in the area, newspaper advertisements in the national, regional and local newspapers. We will wait confirmation from the Speaker on these proposed scheduling of the public meetings.

Regards

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Good day Speaker (Dipaleseng Local Municipality)

ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC Ltd intends applying for postponement of the Minimum Emission Standards set by the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004 for Grootvlei Power Station located at Grootvlei in the Balfour area, jurisdiction of Dipaleseng Local Municipality.

We, Naledzi Environmental Consultants CC have been appointed by Eskom to facilitate the public participation process for the Grootvlei Power Station MES Postponement application process and will be responsible for all notifications and consultations relevant to the application.

As part of the public participation process we will conduct 2 rounds of public meetings, at two meetings per round. For now we are planning the two public meetings as part of the 1st Round of consultation.

We would herewith like to humbly request your assistance in finding suitable venues and times to conduct these meetings with the public/communities in area. Are target date for both meetings is 21 August 2018. Grootvlei Power Station is according to our records located in Ward 5.

The public meeting would be open for anyone to attend from public, organs of state, local government, ward councillors, organisations (everyone), residents affected. Any interested and or affected parties.

We are proposing two public meeting for the project as follows:

(1) Grootvlei Mine Town

- Potential Venue: **Please suggest a venue that would be suitable?**
- Date: **Tuesday 21 August 2018**
- Time: **18:00 - 20:00 - Evening (Please also suggest a time usually suitable for the area/members of the public at Grootvlei?)**

(2) Balfour

- Potential Venue: **Please suggest a venue that would be suitable?**
- Date: **Tuesday 21 August 2018**
- Time: **14:00 - 16:30 - Afternoon (Please also suggest a time if the given is not suitable?)**

We would herewith like to humbly request your assistance. Please also confirm which venue would be suitable for these purposes and what time is the optimum time to conduct such a meeting in the area. We

are open to suggestions.

We would, once confirmed, notify the public of the meeting through circulation of a Background Information Document (BID) via email, placing the BID at public libraries, Site notices in the area, newspaper advertisements in the national, regional and local newspapers.

We believe its more appropriate to work directly through the Speaker's Office as appose to communicating with individual councilors. We would therefore like to also request your assistance in notifying the ward councilors of the project. Please also provide us with a list of the relevant ward councillors and their email addresses so we may also send them the mentioned BID document when the time comes (6 August 2018).

Your swift feedback in this regard would be appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

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Application for suspension of MES new plant limits for Eskom's Grootvlei Power Station, Mpumalanga Highveld

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Tue 3/31/2020 6:06 PM

To: willem@likkewaan.com <willem@likkewaan.com>

Good day,

Our telephonic conversation today refers;

Eskom has applied for once-off suspension of the Minimum Emission Standard (MES) compliance timeframe for the new plant limit for Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) and Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) for Grootvlei power station.

The application is subject to an Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR) and public participation. Naledzi has been appointed to prepare the AIR and conduct the second round of public participation. You may recall, we did the first round of public participation in August 2018 to announce the project and will thus just pick it up from there.

For the second round of public participation we intend to:

- Notify the public of the resume of the application,
- Make the AIR findings available for a 30 day public review and comment period
- Solicit and record comments from the public on the application and study outcome.

We need to plan the second round of public participation for the application and will be informing the Dipaleseng Municipal Manager, Speaker, other PR Councillors and the Ward Councillors of the application in the next few days. We will send joint email to everyone. In this email will request inputs to strategise on how to conduct the public participation given the recent pronouncement by the President on Covid 19.

WE may not publish newspaper notices etc during the lockdown period. No public meetings can be conducted even if the lockdown is lifted. However we can implement alternative measures (electronic notifications, teleconferences, virtual meetings/any other). It is thus on the alternative measures that we would need to agree on before implementation.

Further to get geared for the process we are busy gather contact details and updating the 2018 I&AP Database.

You indicated that we also need to include the TLU Balfour, TLU Grootvlei and TLU Bloekomspruit in the engagement process. Can you provide us with the relevant names and contact details for these unions?

Regards

Marissa Botha

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Notice: Grootvlei Power Station's Postponement Application from the MES Compliance timeframes is resuming & Public Participation Required

Marissa Botha

Wed 4/1/2020 1:23 PM

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Importance: High

Good day,

My telephonic conversation in the last three days with MM Busi Khanye, Speaker Khethiwe and all the relevant PR Councillors and Ward Councillors for Dipaleseng copied in this email refers. (Some I have not been able to reach😊)

Let me reintroduce myself, Marissa Botha from Naledzi Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd. I am a Professional Natural Scientist at Naledzi.

Eskom has applied to the National Air Quality Officer for once-off suspension of the Minimum Emission Standard (MES) compliance timeframe for the new plant limit for Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) and Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) for Grootvlei power station (see more details in last paragraph below email signature provided in blue font). Naledzi Environmental Consultants have been appointed to prepare the Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR) and conduct a round of public participation for the application.

The Speaker and some of the councillors copied in this email may recall, this application process was first initiated in August 2018 and we conducted the first round of public participation for this application in August 2018, to announce the project. Eskom however decided to pause the process in September 2018. We will now resume with the application process and will thus pick up where we left. That being preparing the AIR and conducting the second round of public participation.

The aim with the second round of public participation will be to:

- Notify the public that Eskom is resuming with the application for Grootvlei and make the AIR findings available to the public for a 30 day public review and comment period
- Solicit and record comments from the public on the AIR findings and application.

We intend to conduct the public participation after 16 April (after lockdown period) to mid May 2020.

In light of the above, we need to plan and strategise together with the Dipaleseng EM, MM, Speaker, PR Councillors and the Ward Councillors on how we are going to execute the public participation process for the

application.

The recent pronouncements by the President on Covid 19 stating no public engagements including the national lockdown bring forth several limitations to the public participation process. No public meetings can be conducted even if the lockdown is lifted (we can't take the risk). BUT we can implement alternative measures (electronic notifications such as email, teleconferences, virtual meetings/any other).

We would want your inputs on the alternative measures that we can implement (any existing structures in place at municipal level etc) that has proven to be effective.

We understand from several of the councillors that the municipality already has a good electronic platform/structure (whatsapp groups) in place which it communicates with the communities etc. We would want to capitalise on that instead of creating our own structure to avoid confusion.

We herewith request each and everyone of your inputs on how we can conduct the public participation process within Dipaleseng (Balfour, Siyathemba, Grootvlei, Greylingstad, agricultural farm owners) without having to conduct public meetings/engagements.

Your inputs would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Regulatory mechanism requiring this application and how it applies to Eskom's Grootvlei power station:

South Africa has a set of Minimum Emission Standards (MES) published under the National Air Quality Act which is a regulatory mechanism aimed at addressing emissions that impact on human health. All Eskom power stations must comply with the MES since three pollutants that are emitted from the power stations' stacks i.e. Particulate Matter (PM), Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) and Sulphur Dioxide (SO2) are regulated under the MES.

The MES specifies that existing power stations (plants) must comply with the MES for 'existing plant limits' effective 1 April 2015 and must comply with the more stringent 'new plant limits' by April 2020. However an existing plant can apply for postponement (max 5 years) and now also for once-off suspension of compliance with the 'new plant limits' for stations to be decommissioned by 31 March 2030.

Grootvlei power station already achieves the new plant limit for PM and existing plant limit for SO2 and NOx but cannot meet with the new plant limit for NOx and SO2 within the defined compliance timeframe. Postponement was granted to Grootvlei in 2015 and has until April 2025 to comply with the new plant NOx and SO2 limits. However since Grootvlei is scheduled for decommissioning by no later than 31 March 2030 (by 2028) there are no plans to install additional pollution reduction equipment at the station to operate only 5 years until the station is decommissioned. Therefore Eskom has submitted an application for suspension of the new plant limits until the station is decommissioned (2028).

This application is subject to an Atmospheric Impact Report (AIR) which will determine the impact the station's current emissions will have on the ambient air quality. The ambient air quality is the air breathed by people where they live and work. The findings of this AIR must be available to the public through a public participation process before its submitted to the National Air Quality Officer for decision making.