

LEVEL OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

Project: SAPPI Ngodwana Dam Remediation (EA Ref: 1/3/1/16/1E – 268)

Questions	Yes	No	Action
Scale of anticipated impacts			
1) Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
2) Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
3) Is the project a greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
4) Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) or environmental problems (e.g. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
5) Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socio-economic and ecological)?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
Public and environmental sensitivity of the project			
6) Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
7) Is there a high degree of conflict among registered I&AP's?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
8) Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
9) Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
Potentially affected parties			
10) Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
11) Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
12) Are there existing organizational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&AP's?	X		Organizational structures, such as the Ngodwana Irrigation Board have been included in the list of Interested & Affected Parties.
13) Is the area characterized by high social diversity (i.t.o socio-economic status, language or culture)?	X		1. Translating the BID/Notification into isiZulu which was distributed by hand to residents of the informal settlement opposite the Ngodwana Mill, and 2. Scheduling an online virtual public meeting with the SAPPI ELC via Zoom as an alternative to the normal Public Meeting.

14) Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
15) Is there a high level of unemployment in the area?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.
16) Do the I&AP's have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etcetera)?		X	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations will be met.

Conclusion:

During the PPP access to all information that reasonably has or may have the potential to influence any decision with regard to an EA unless access to that information is protected by law is made available to RI&APs. PP is an important aspect in the BA process as it gives RI&APs a platform to be informed about potential EA that may have an effect on them and to be afforded an opportunity to engage and provide input on matters that they interested in or affected by.

Effective PP also facilitates informed decision-making by the CA and may result in better decisions as the views of all parties are considered.

Based on the information provided in the table above, there is no reason to elaborate on the minimum requirements of the public participation process as described in the EIA Regulations, 2010.