

FOCUS GROUP MEETING MINUTES

FOR THE PROPOSED 88KV STRAATSDRIFT-SILWERKRAANS DISTRIBUTION POWER LINE AND 88KV PETRUSDAM SWITCHING STATION PROJECT

VENUE: RAMOTSHERE MOILOA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ZEERUST, NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

DATE & TIME: 27 JULY 2017, 14H30PM

ATTENDANTS		
Olebogeng Gasealahwe (OG)	Moloko Makhura (MM)	
Tinashe Maramba (TM)	Tebogo Morobetsi (TMi)	
Pertunia Mathekga (PM)		

1. Opening and Welcome:

• TMi welcomed all in attendance

2. Introductions:

• TM asked all attendants to introduce themselves

3. Apologies:

• TMi made mention that Mr D. Modibetsane had an emergency therefore he could not join the meeting.

4. Purpose of the Meeting and Projects' Background as presented by TM

- TM highlighted that the main objectives of the meeting were to ensure that the local municipality was aware of the two proposed projects affecting their area of municipal jurisdiction.
- TM raised concerns that a representative from the municipality who dealt with environmental issues should have also been made aware of the projects. TMi agreed that he would send Baagi the contact details of the Community Services Department within the municipality.

Proposed construction of Petrusdam Switch Station project

• TM gave a brief presentation of the proposed Petrusdam Switch Station. He highlighted that the farm owner (Pieter Venter) had been engaged and had agreed to the proposed construction of



the Petrusdam Switch Station on his farm, provided that the proposed Petrusdam Switch Station was constructed along the farm's boundary along the R49 road.

• TM summarised the findings of the Fauna and Avifauna studies that were conducted, he also went on to explain the times frames of the proposed Petrusdam Switch Station project.

5. Questions for Clarity

Name and Surname	Question for Clarity	Response
Tebogo Morobetsi	Inquired if the proposed Petrusdam Switch Station was an upgrading or construction of a new switch station.	TM clarified that the proposed project was for a new switch station.
Olebogeng Gasealahwe	Expressed that every municipality has its own by-laws therefore ESKOM should have to obtain a letter of consent from the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality. OG committed to inspect the necessity of a land development application for the proposed Petrusdam Switch Station.	The concern was acknowledged and documented.

6. Way Forward

• PM was tasked with emailing OG and TMi soft copies of the Draft Basic Assessment Report of the Proposed Petrusdam Switch Station.

Proposed 88kV Straatsdrift-Silwerkraans distribution power line project

- TM gave a brief presentation of the proposed 88kV Straatsdrift-Silwerkraans distribution power line.
- TM gave a geographic overview of the proposed project; he further gave a summary of the findings of the specialist studies (Ecological, Socio-economic, Heritage and Watercourse) and explained the time frames of the proposed project.

7. Questions and clarity

Name and Surname	Questions for Clarity	Response
Olebogeng Gasealahwe	Expressed preference of Alternative	The statement was acknowledged and
	Route 1 of the proposed project	documented



8. Way forward

• PM committed to emailing OG and TMi the soft copy of the Draft Basic Assessment Report of the proposed 88kV Straatsdrift-Silwerkraans distribution power line.

9. Closure by TMi

• TMi thanked everyone for coming

10. End of meeting: 15H05pm