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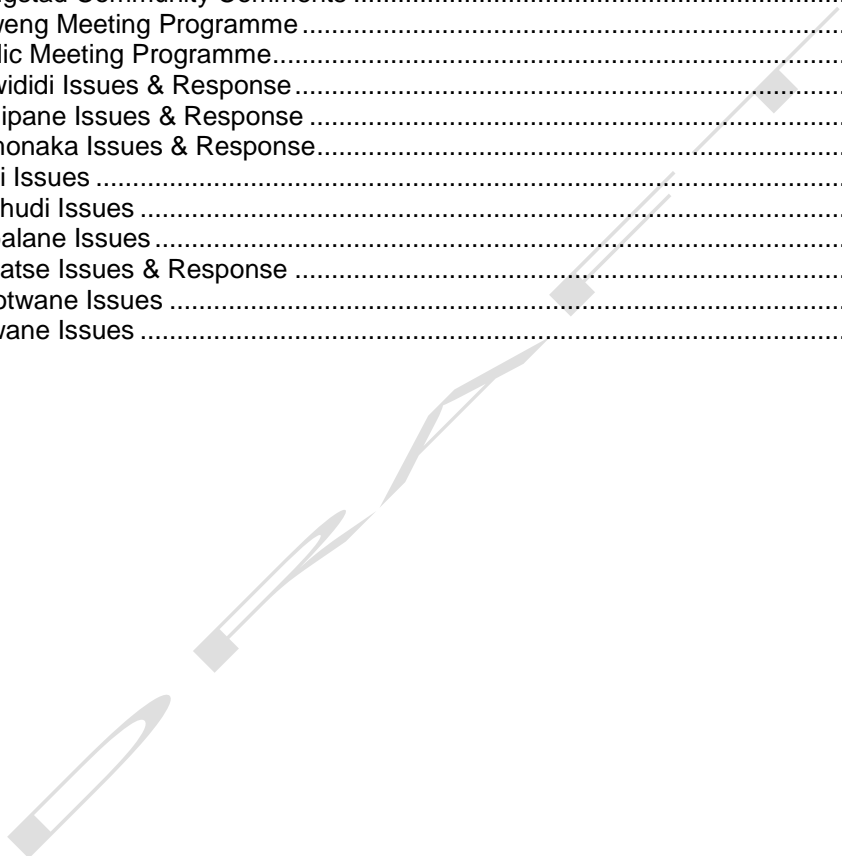
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SOUTH AFRICA AND BOTSWANA PUBLIC MEETINGS REPORT FOR PERIOD OF JUNE TO AUGUST 2017.

1 Background Information

The proposed BOSA project includes the construction of 400 kV transmission lines from the existing Isang substation near Gaborone in Botswana to the proposed Watershed B substation in South Africa. The transmission line, to be constructed by the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), is an estimated 210km in length, with 146 km located in South Africa and 64 km in Botswana.

To ensure appropriate social considerations are fully incorporated into the stakeholder engagement process, Aurecon prepared a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the BOSA project in line with applicable International Finance Corporation (IFC) and World Bank guidelines. A summary of the stakeholder engagement and correspondence from June to August 2017 was compiled by Aurecon and Digby Wells Environmental Botswana (Digby Wells Botswana) as an integrated component to the SEP and associated processes. This demonstrates commitment towards the inclusive and continuous process of communication between an organisation and those potentially impacted by the activities of the organisation.

2 Public and Focus group meetings in SOUTH AFRICA

To ensure that all stakeholders are informed about the project the following was done:

- Newspaper advertisements were placed;
- Site notices were placed at public places;
- Focus Group meetings were held;
- Public meetings were held.

The below mentioned sections contains the detail of the process followed.

2.1 Newspaper advertisements

Advertisements were placed on 30 June 2017 in the newspapers at the start of the public comment period to notify the public of the availability of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR). Site notices were placed in the following newspapers:

- An English advertisement was placed in one local newspaper namely the Mafikeng Mail; and
- One provincial newspaper was used namely the Daily Sun.

2.2 Site Notices to inform everyone about the public meetings

The following documents were left at strategic public places along the proposed site where site notices were placed:

- Background Information Document (BID),
- Project Executive Summaries on hard copies, and
- CDs with the draft scoping report

The two hard copies of the BOSA Final Scoping Reports were placed at the Supingstad Clinic and the Klippan Farmers Association for review and comments of the Interest & Affected Parties (I & APs).

The site notices, (size of 600 mm x 420 mm) which was done in English and Afrikaans, to invite and inform local affected communities and stakeholders, were placed at the below public areas:

Table 1: Site Notices Location

VENUES AND LOCATIONS WHERE NOTICES WERE PLACED	
Supingstad	Supingstad Clinic; Suping Primary School.
Serake/ Driefontein	Driefontein Clinic; Driefontein Swartfontein Post Office.
Lehurutshe	Lehurutse Police Station Lehurutshe Community Library; Lehurutshe Civic Centre. Ngotwana High School.
Miga	Supreme Poultry Ramatlabama; Ramatlabama Border Control; Klippan Farmers Association.

2.2.1 Supingstad

Figure 3 below indicates site notices placed at Supingstad Clinic. One of the Draft Scoping Reports (DSR) was placed at the Supingstad Clinic for the duration of the comment period.



Figure 3: Supingstad Clinic

Figure 4 below proves site notices placed at Suping Primary School.



Figure 4: Supingstad Primary School

2.2.2 Serake/Driefontein

Figure 5 below indicates site notices placed at Driefontein Clinic.



Figure 5: Driefontein Clinic

Figure 6 underneath confirms site notices placed at Swartfontein Post Office.



Figure 6: Swartfontein Post Office

2.2.3 Lehurutse

Figure 7 below confirms site notices placed at the **Police Station** entrance. Most of people will see the post because of busy main road. This is the frequently used road that leads to town.



Figure 7: Lehurutse Police Station

Learners going into the **community library and hall** are believed to be the good conduits to spread the word about the project. They are however not the only people who are exposed to the site notice, people walking by the library are also able to see the post as it is placed at the gate as shown in **figure 8** below.



Figure 8: Lehurutse Community Hall

Figure 9 below confirms site notice placed at the **Lehurutse Civic Centre**



Figure 9: Lehurutshe Civic Centre

Additional Site Notices were put up at other areas to ensure that people are well informed about the public meetings. Figure 8 below indicates site notice placed at **Ngotwana High School.**



Figure 10: Ngotoana High School

Figure 11 below confirms site notice placed at Ramatlaama Supreme Poultry farm.



Figure 11: Ramatlaama Supreme Poultry

One of the notices was placed just on the side fence close the Ramatlaama border control as it is not allowed to put notices at the gate. Another site notice was handed to the police at the border control (Figure 12).

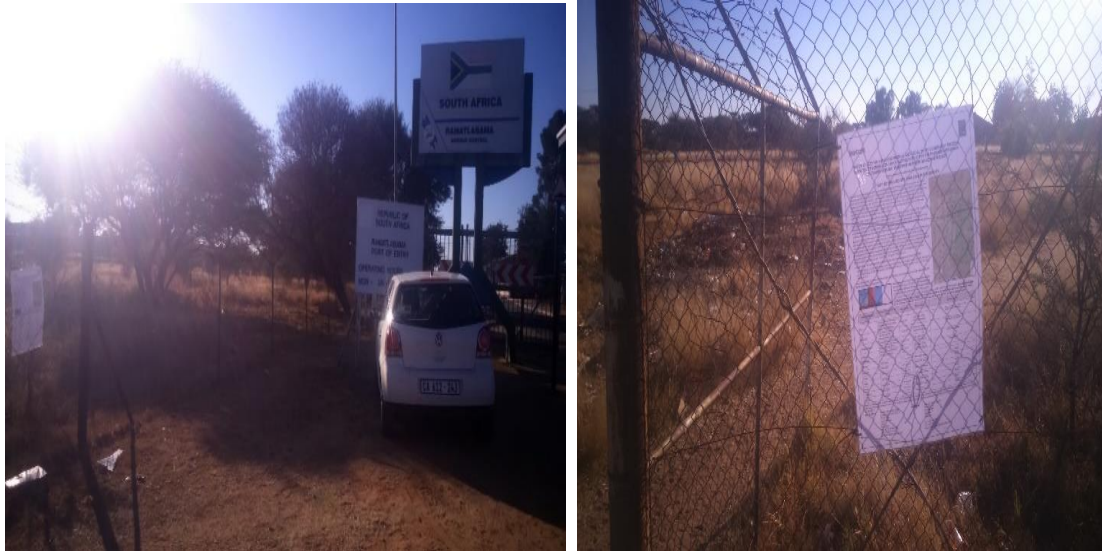


Figure 12: Ramatlaama Border Control

2.2.4 Miga

Figure 13 below indicates site notice was placed on the notice board at the **Klippan Farmers Association**. Scoping report was also placed at this venue during the public comment period.

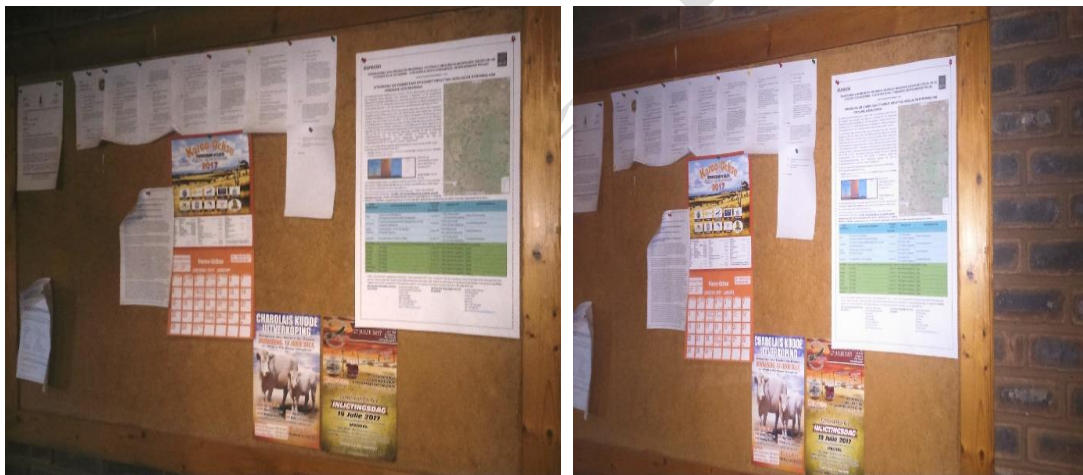


Figure 13: Klippan Farmers Association

2.3 Focus Group meeting with Moiloanyane Tribal Authority

A focus group meeting was held on the 12th of July 2017 at Driefontein Traditional Authority with the Moiloanyane Tribal Authority.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

- **Opening Prayer** – Tribal Authority representative
- **Welcome and Introductions** – Chief Moiloanyane welcomes everyone to his home, Introduce his local council and apologised to Aurecon about the unplanned community protest at the village
- **Notes taker** – Mr. Monamodi Driefontein Ward Cllr
- **Purpose & Presentation** – Aurecon presented the purpose and project background to Serake Tribal Authority Council and to the Ward Councillor

- **Documents** – Aurecon handed the English and Tswana Project Executive summary; (I&AP's) registration forms to Traditional Council and Ward Councillor
- **Discussion** – All

The following issues and response were noted / discussed:

Table 2: Moolwanyane Tribal Authority Issues & Response

Issues or questions	Name	Response from Aurecon
<p>What will happen to the family graves that will be affected by the proposed power line?</p>	<p>Mr. G.S Moremedi <i>Tribal Authority representative</i></p>	<p>It was explained to Mr. Moremedi and Tribal Authority Council that a Heritage specialist has been appointed as part of the ESIA process to investigate the potential impacts on the heritage resources along the alignment.</p> <p>In accordance with the NHRA of South Africa, the developer is not allowed to remove or destroy graves without following statutory procedures.</p> <p>A 1 km corridor is being assessed to allow the team to move towers to avoid graves should these be in the way of the currently proposed route. Although this will not be required, in the event of graves being relocated for any project, the developer may not remove or destroy the graves without a formal process being followed and permission being granted by authorities and communication with the affected families to allow for the necessary rituals.</p>
<p>According to community understanding and the requirements of the municipality, the affected communities should benefit from local projects inform of jobs opportunities and empowering local SMMEs etc.</p> <p>What sorts of benefits can they expect from this project?</p> <p>Follow-up comment:</p> <p>Companies like Vodacom and MTN built a network tower in their community and as part of their benefits these companies pay the Chief a certain amount of money per annum.</p> <p>The project is still in the feasibility stage. A decision as to</p>	<p>Mr. Monamodi <i>Driefontein Ward Cllr</i> & Chief Moiloanyane</p>	<p>The ESIA is still scoping issues and will look in detail at the benefits and mitigation of impacts from the projects in the next phase of the project. The benefits for the affected communities will still be addressed in more detail, informed by comments received from the community during the stakeholder engagement process.</p> <p>More detailed information on this aspect will be communicated to the communities during the next public meetings (ESIA Phase).</p>

Issues or questions	Name	Response from Aurecon
whether to construct the line or not has not been made.		
Will the electricity be supplied to the communities from the Mafikeng substation?	Mr. G.S Moremedi <i>Tribal Authority representative</i>	The line will link to substations and will feed electricity directly to the national grid of each country. There will be no take-off to local communities. Furthermore, there is currently no regional supply demand balance at risk. The project is aimed to facilitate trade flexibility and create an additional route to be potentially utilized. Based on the outcomes of the feasibility studies, a decision as to whether to construct the line or not will be made.

General comments:

- The tribal authority was happy that we approached them first
- They indicated that now that they have a better understanding of the project, they will be able to assist us when we engage the community and back us up.

2.4 Public Meeting: Klippan Farmers Association

The first public meeting was held at Klippan Farmers Association on the 17th of July 2017. The following issues and comments were received:

Table 3: Klippan Issues & Response

Issue / comment	Response
All communication must go through the Farmer's Union and they will disseminate the information.	Noted
Will contact Aurecon if they think of any other issue or comment.	Aurecon: Please contact Amelia Visagie Fax: +27 (0) 86 538 6115 Tel: +27(12) 427 3149 Email: PPP@aurecongroup.com
Please send an updated zoomed in map of the preferred line and affected land owners.	Aurecon: Noted and will send as soon as available.
Will the land owners be compensated?	Aurecon: Yes, the landowners will be compensated for land lost. There will be an assessment and the amount will be agreed upon.



Figure 14: Meeting with the farm workers at Klippan

2.5 Public Meeting: Lehurutshe Tribal Council

The public meeting was held at Department of Agriculture on the 17th of July 2017. After organising the venue at the Lehurutshe Civic Centre well in advance, our team has been informed that the venue has changed due to double booking. The community leaders were informed via the Traditional Authority and councillors that the venue has changed. They also organised a person at the Civic centre to inform everyone. The following comments and issues were received:

Table 4: Lehurutshe Tribal Authority Issues & Response

Issue / comment	Response
Will the area be rehabilitated after construction?	Aurecon: The pylon structures that will be used have a very small footprint and no trenching will be required as this is an overhead transmission line. All the impacted or disturbed areas will be rehabilitated after construction.
What will the social responsibility of project, and how will it benefit the affected communities?	Eskom: Eskom normally has a community support initiative for all their community-based projects. The community initiative for this particular project will be discussed and agreed upon with the relevant traditional authorities, councillors and local municipality as they have a better understanding of the community needs.
Electricity companies need the land to construct powerline but there is not always proper consultation. There is a need for proper consultation	Aurecon: These public meetings form part stakeholder engagement process for the ESIA process and stakeholders will be consulted throughout this ESIA process. Outside of the ESIA process, a stakeholder facilitator will be engaged and a Steering Committee will be formed that comprise of: traditional leaders, municipal leaders, Eskom, and other important stakeholder groupings. The steering committee will be used to disseminate information, manage concerns and to make

Issue / comment	Response
	decisions that involve the local affected communities.
What are the timeframes of the project?	Aurecon: The project length in South Africa is about 140km. The project is depended on another project (Watershed B substation) that still needs to be finalised, but it is estimated that the construction will last approximately 2 years once the approvals are in place
Will there be an information board that informs the community about the project, including construction company, date etc.	Aurecon: The construction will be a rolling process and at every section there will be a construction message board with all relevant information. Information will also be disseminated through the Community Steering Committee. The committee members will be member from the various communities. Therefore, every community will be represented in the committee.
In what manner will the labour be sourced from the local community	Aurecon: Recommendations from the social specialist include that the contractor should be required to employ local labour, where possible. The requirement for the employment of local labour should be formalised by incorporating it into the contractor's contract. Quotas for local employment should be set based on the availability of appropriate local skills as indicated in the skills databases. Opportunities should be investigated for encouraging indirect employment creation in the informal sector. Eskom: Labour will be sourced from the local communities through the Steering Committee.
What is the principle employed for appointing contractors and sub-contractors?	Eskom: The bidding process will be advertised on the Eskom tender website, and the contractor will be chosen through that formal tender process. The distribution of work by contractor will be decided by the Steering Committee.
What is the amount of money that will be spent on the project, what is the project worth?	Eskom: This amount is not yet available as we are still in a feasibility stage, but a rough estimate will be available in the ESIA phase.
As Eskom will need land for the project what long-term benefit will the community obtain from the project? Compensation vs the long-term benefit for the community.	Eskom: Eskom is governed by the Electricity Act and the community will be compensated for the land lost as well as for livelihood restoration. Eskom would also take part in Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives in the area and after consultation with the local leaders (traditional and municipal) Eskom will decide which initiatives to take forward. The owner will be compensated for the land acquired permanently by Eskom. Farmers will still

Issue / comment	Response
	be able to use most of the land for grazing and/or other farming activities.
Will current and future uses of the land be taken into consideration in the compensation?	Eskom: Eskom will compensate for the land lost and also for current land uses. The future land use potential will be looked at on a case by case basis and where there is a formal plan in place to assess this aspect.
A comment was made that all the project activities conducted within the village must adhere to the protocol in the area. This must be done in consultation with all the tribal authorities.	Aurecon: Noted.
There was limited or no input from the traditional leaders at the start of the project.	Aurecon: The project is still in the feasibility stage and the input from the traditional leaders is crucial to the success of the project. This consultation process is the first stage of consultation at the earliest possible stage of the project. Ongoing communication and engagement will continue throughout the duration of the project. Effort was made to meet some of the tribal authorities prior to this meeting.
It has been requested that there be a meeting with the traditional leaders of the area, to explain the project in detail, this will assist the leaders to deal with complaints and issues raised by community members.	Aurecon: Noted and a meeting will be scheduled.
Please provide the exact location of the project on a map also indicating the landowners.	Aurecon: Noted and will send as soon as available.
The hope was raised that the electricity challenge in the area will be addressed through this project.	Aurecon: The primary objective is to facilitate trade and ensure improved security of supply on a regional basis. The project will also improve power pool stability between strong and weak systems, system control, reliability and regional trading as well as alleviate potential congestion. It will not however, provide electricity on a local level to communities.
The traditional leaders must be informed before the specialists visit the area.	Aurecon: Noted and protocol will be followed.



Figure 15: Lehurutshe Meeting

2.6 Public Meeting: Serake / Driefontein Tribal Authority Community

The public meeting was held at the Serake Tribal Office on the 18 July 2017 and the group had the following questions that was answered accordingly:

Table 5: Serake / Driefontein Village Issues & Response

Issue / comment	Response
<p>What is the duration of the proposed project construction?</p>	<p>Eskom: The project is depended on another project (proposed Watershed B substation near Mahikeng) that still needs to be finalised, but it is estimated that the construction will last approximately 2 years after the approvals are in place.</p>
<p>Does the proposed project affect the Serake village; if so, how will the community benefit and project's social responsibility?</p>	<p>Eskom:</p> <p>a) Employment benefit Some of the labour will be sourced from the affected villages. The appointed contractor will appoint the local labourers and local SMMEs (Sub-contractors) through the established Project Steering Committee.</p> <p>b) Community benefits Eskom considers community support initiatives for all their community-based projects. The community initiative for this particular project will be discussed and agreed upon with the relevant tribal authority representatives, affected local municipality (ward committee), main contractor and other important community structures.</p>

Issue / comment	Response
	<p>Community initiatives will be in line with the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) future community projects of the affected villages.</p> <p>c) Compensation Eskom is governed by the Electricity Act; a once-off compensation is paid before construction phase based on the required land for servitude of the proposed powerline.</p> <p>d) Skills development Eskom encourages the contractors to provide training opportunities to train local semi-skilled labourers and certificates. Some trained labourers end up receiving permanent employment opportunities with the main appointed contractor after the project is complete.</p>
<p>Community requested Eskom to replace tower lights not working at the Serake village</p>	<p>Eskom: The proposed project is under the Eskom Transmission Division. Communities should report any local electrical fault to Eskom Distribution, which is the division responsible for transporting electricity to the villages. National Sharecall Number 086 00 37566</p>



Figure 16: Driefontein meeting



Figure 17: Driefontein meeting

2.7 Public Meeting: Supingstad Village – Tribal Authority

The meeting was held in Supingstad village at the Tribal Authority office on the 18th of July 2017.

Table 6: Supingstad Local Leadership Issues & Response

Issue / comment	Response
Will the project provide job opportunities to the local community?	Eskom: Yes, the project will create an opportunity for the local labour pool to participate. More semi-skilled and unskilled job opportunities will be made available to the local community.
What other benefits will the project have for the local community?	Eskom: Eskom will take part in CSI initiatives in the area and after consultation with the local leaders (traditional and municipal) Eskom will decide what initiatives to take forward.
The information given today will be taken to Chief Suping whereafter he will invite Eskom and Aurecon for a meeting.	Aurecon and Eskom: Noted and await notification.



Figure 18: Supingstad Meeting

2.8 Meeting: Lehurutshe Traditional Office

The meeting was held at Lehurutshe Traditional Office on the 23rd of August 2017 at 10H00am.

General notes:

- Some of the local Chiefs were not able to attend the meeting, however they appointed their representatives to attend on their behalf.
- The Traditional Authority was positive about the project and the community are hoping that the proposed project will materialise and bring development in the area.
- The Traditional leaders emphasised the importance of ensuring there is a good line of communication between Aurecon and the community in order for them to send relevant message to their communities.

Table 7: Lehurutshe Traditional Office Issues & Response

Issue / comment	Response
Kgosi Lentswe requested the name of all affected villages.	Aurecon: A locality map of the proposed project was circulated around the table. It was also indicated that a detailed aerial map will be presented during the ESIA phase.
Aurecon requested permission from the Traditional Authority Council to conduct project awareness, public meetings and site visits at the proposed powerline project.	Traditional Authority: Permission was granted. Aurecon should liaise with Mrs. Mogwera from the Tribal Office fourteen (14) days before any event take place at any Tribal Authority land.
It was queried whether the proposed powerline was a special line, different from the normal transmission line in the area and if it would feed into the local grid.	Eskom: The proposed powerline is a big transmission line with a capacity of 400 kV. This line be transmitting power from Watershed B in Mahikeng to Isang substation in Botswana. The Watershed B substation in turn will be receiving its power supply from a proposed 400kV powerline coming from Pluto Substation in Carltonville, Johannesburg. The power from Watershed B substation in Mafikeng will be distributed to smaller distribution substations in the area via 132kV powerlines. The distribution substations then supply households and businesses through smaller 88kV/11kV powerlines. This line would therefore not benefit the community directly but there will be services for the community from other proposed projects.
It was queried whether the project would solve the problem of load shedding in the area. The capacity of the powerline in the area is very weak and windy conditions easily cause power outages in the area. This has a negative impact on the current and potential local businesses.	Eskom: The existing Watershed substation located in Lichtenburg that supplies electricity to Lehurutshe and Zeerust is currently being upgraded with an addition of a transformer. It is anticipated that the upgrade will be completed within the next 6 months. After the upgrades, the capacity should improve and area should get a more stable power supply. The purpose of the proposed BOSA project is to improve the power supply and trade electricity with Botswana.
What are the predicted environmental impacts of the proposed project and how are they going to be managed?	Aurecon: During the scoping phase of the project, both the environmental and social impacts were identified on a desktop level. Some of the impacts identified include impacts on the heritage features (i.e. graves), vegetation, wetland or rivers and birds. During the ESIA phase, the specialists assess the significance of the anticipated impacts after they have undertaken fieldwork. All the potential impacts are identified and potential mitigation measures to minimise the impacts will be documented in an

Issue / comment	Response
	<p>Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The documents will be made available to the public for comments. This information will also be communicated during the public meeting with the affected communities.</p> <p>These documents are also submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for approval. During the construction of the project, the EMPr is used by the appointed contractor and associated sub-contractors to manage the impacts associated with construction activities on a day-to-day basis.</p>
<p>Was the local municipality consulted or informed about the project?</p>	<p>Aurecon: Aurecon Public Participation Office have notified all the potential stakeholders including the local municipalities regarding the proposed project.</p> <p>Aurecon did not receive responses from any of the affected municipalities.</p>

2.9 Meeting: Ramotshere Moiloa Mayor

The public meeting for the Ramotshere Moiloa Mayor was held on the 23rd of August 2017 at 13H30.

General Notes:

- Aurecon presented the proposed powerline project to the Mayor and provided supporting documents (BID, Executive Summary and I&AP comment sheets).
- The Mayor thanked the team for the initiative of introducing the project to the Municipality and she was positive that the project will bring development in the area.
- She indicated that she had no concerns or issues at the time. She committed to discussing the project with her Technical Committee. Should they have any issues and need additional information they will contact Aurecon.
- For any future correspondence, Aurecon must liaise with the PA of the Mayor (Botshelo Letlole).



Figure 19: Ramotshere Moiloa Municipality

2.10 Meeting: Supingstad Community

The public meeting with the Supingstad Community was held on the 24th of August 2017 at 10H00am.

General Notes:

Attendees:

- Community Leaders present at the meeting: The Great Royal Wife in the absence of Chief Supingstad, and Cllr Kenosi.

Presentation:

- Aurecon presented the proposed powerline project to Supingstad Community and handed pamphlets; English and Tswana translated (BID, Executive Summary and I&AP comment sheets).
- Aurecon introduced the project, explaining the purpose of such a project, and the parties that involved (i.e. funders, implementing agents, engineers and consultants).
 - The project is aimed at facilitating trading of electricity between Botswana and South Africa and creating an additional route.
 - The project is still in the pre-feasibility phase, which means the specialists and engineers are still investigating the feasibility of constructing such as project and the various potential impacts. Based on the outcomes of the feasibility studies, a decision as to whether to construct the line or not will be made.
 - The proposed route went through various screening processes to avoid obstacles, sensitive areas, or other constraints (i.e. houses, cemeteries, and existing infrastructure). The screening process started with 19 route options; from this process 3 best corridors/routes were identified and assessed further. (*The map of the most preferred route was circulated around for comments and feedback*).
 - This stage of the project is known as the scoping phase and the specialists will be going to the field to assess the project area on the ground. More detailed information regarding the extent of the impacts and benefits of the project from the field assessments will be communicated to the relevant communities during the next public meetings (ESIA Phase).
 - During ESIA process, Eskom will provide information about the estimated value of the project, employment opportunities and directly affected landowners.

Table 8: Supingstad Community Comments

Issue / comment	Response
No issues were raised by community members. The community were of an opinion that it will be better for them to ask questions in the next phase of public consultation when they know the value of the project and the number of job opportunities that will be created.	



Figure 20: Supingstad Public Meeting



Figure 21: Supingstad Public Meeting



Figure 22: Supingstad Public Meeting

3 Public and Focus group meetings in BOTSWANA

3.1 Summary of stakeholder engagement & correspondence from June to August 2017

3.1.1 Initial consultation meetings

Initial consultation and meetings were held with the interested and potentially affected parties since the onset of the project. This included project introductions and distribution of Background Information Documents (BIDs) to local councils, chiefs and community members to inform them about the proposed BOSA project and to provide dates for the proposed public meetings.

3.1.2 Newspaper advertisements

The first advert was compiled and published in the local Newspaper (Daily news: 11 July 2017), based on the proposed dates provided by six community authorities, which are located along the proposed transmission line route. These villages were visited to hand-deliver copies of the adverts and executive summary of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR). Most villages agreed to the proposed dates and times, which were scheduled between 31st July and 04th of August 2017.

After the first advert was placed, it came to light that the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Botswana was not satisfied with advertisements and reporting referring to SA legislation. DEA Botswana instructed that a new advertisement be placed, which subsequently delayed the process in Botswana as the advertisement needed to be placed 21 days before the meetings.

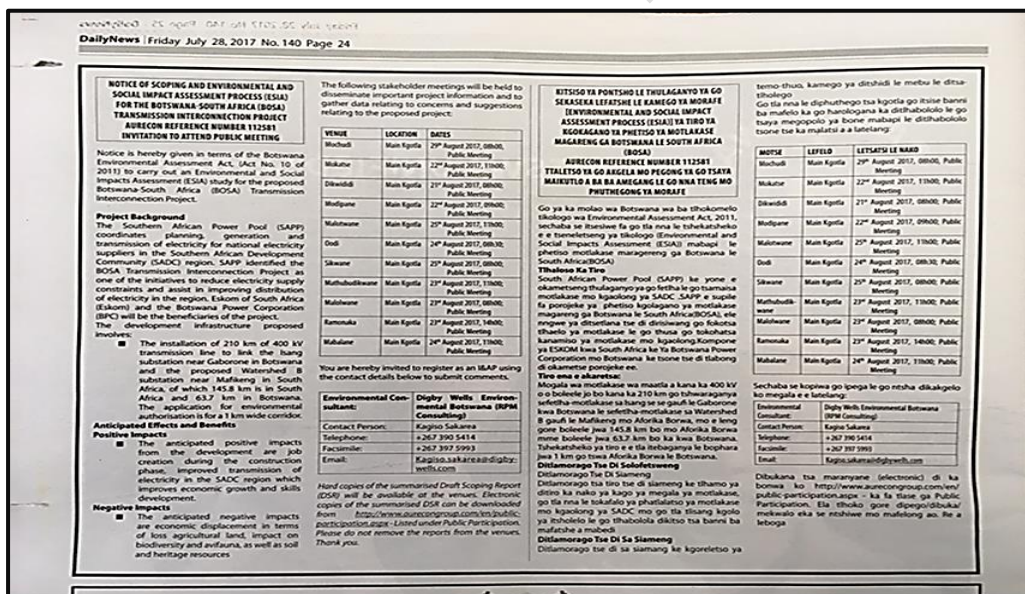


Figure 23: Advert in the Daily nes Friday, 28 July 2017

3.1.3 Focus group meeting

A meeting was held between Digby Wells Botswana and the representative of the Tlokweng community to share information and request final dates for the meetings. The secondary chief in command, Kgosi/Mr. Michael Gaborone, was satisfied with the project information provided (letter, advert and summary of the DSR) and requested additional time for consideration before confirming a date for the meeting. The Tlokweng community understood the reasons why tentative dates were placed in the advert and were happy to cooperate on the way forward. Kgosi/Mr. Michael Gaborone did mention that there are numerous community meetings being held, so they will have to incorporate the BOSA meetings into their busy schedule. Digby Wells has continued to follow up with the Tlokweng community

to confirm a date/ time; however, they are not willing to commit to any dates for the public meetings. A call log was created (below), which details the liaison with the community authority.

Table 9: Tlokweng Meeting Programme

TLOKWENG KGOTLA	CONTACT
Digby Wells went to Tlokweng on the 21 st July 2017 to request a kgotla meeting date. The community said they respond with the preferred date on Monday 24 th at 10h00	Irene (Tribal Secretary)
Digby Wells called the community on 24 th July 2017 10h00 to confirm the suggested dates and were informed that preferred dates had not been agreed	Irene (Tribal Secretary)
Another site visit was undertaken on Tuesday the 25 th July 1530 to the Tlokweng Kgotla to agree potential dates. The community informed us that Chiefs still have not agreed on a date.	Irene (Tribal Secretary)
Digby Wells followed up with the Kgotla on the 26 th July 10h00 but the <i>status quo</i> remained.	Irene (Tribal Secretary)
Digby Wells followed up with the Kgotla on the 27 th July, but they still have not set a date	
On the 31 st July 10h45 we called to follow up with the date, but they still have not agreed on the date. <i>Please note: an additional advert needs to be placed for this community; it needs to appear in the Daily Newspaper 21-days before the meeting.</i>	Irene (Tribal Secretary)

3.1.4 Letters to communities

Letters were compiled to communicate the proposed dates and venues for the public meetings, as arranged with the various communities. These letters were distributed to the members on the PPP database by Digby Wells Botswana between the 04th and 11th of July 2017. After a number of chiefs requested letters of invitations, these relevant documents were also drafted and distributed. The relevant documents were updated to reflect the agreed dates. i.e. update of Adverts (English and Setswana), Executive Summary (two-page Setswana) and DSR Summary (ten-page English);

3.1.5 Public Meetings

On the 19th and 20th of July 2017, representatives from the DEA departments (South Africa and Botswana) and selected project team members (including BEAPA accredited specialist) conducted a site visit of the transmission line route. During the site visit, DEA Botswana identified six additional communities that need to be included in the consultation process.

To address the comments and preferences from DEA, Kagiso and Boleng visited the relevant communities (21st and 24th July 2017) to explain the postponement, and initiated the consultation with newly appointed villages. The process to confirm dates and venues for public meetings had to be repeated. Digby Wells Botswana submitted additional letters to the Kgotlas to explain the change of dates. In addition, the six additional villages identified were added during this round and were consulted. These village correspondents requested additional letters, which were hand-delivered delivered on Wednesday morning 26 July 2017.

As detailed below, the new proposed dates for the public meetings were agreed after consultations with the relevant community authorities. The first meeting will be held on 21st August 2017. These dates were used to update the advertisements (English and Setswana) and sent to the Newspaper to be published. In line with the 21-day notice; the advert was placed on 28 July 2017 (Reference: Figure 24).

Table 10: Public Meeting Programme

VENUE	LOCATION	DATES
1. Dikwididi	Main Kgotla	21 st August 2017, 08h00; Public Meeting
2. Modipane	Main Kgotla	22 nd August 2017, 09h00; Public Meeting
3. Mokatse	Main Kgotla	22 nd August 2017, 11h00; Public Meeting
4. Malolwane	Main Kgotla	23 rd August 2017, 08h00; Public Meeting
5. Mathubudikwane	Main Kgotla	4 th September 2017, 08h30; Public Meeting
6. Ramonaka	Main Kgotla	31 st September 2017, 08h30; Public Meeting
7. Oodi	Main Kgotla	6 th September 2017, 08h30; Public Meeting
8. Mabalane	Main Kgotla	5 th September 2017, 08h30; Public Meeting
9. Sikwane	Main Kgotla	25 th August 2017, 08h00; Public Meeting
10. Malotwane	Main Kgotla	25 th August 2017, 11h00; Public Meeting
11. Mochudi	Main Kgotla	29 th August 2017, 08h00, Public Meeting
12. Tlokweg	Main Kgotla	15 th September, 09h00, Public Meeting

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS 10TH – 14TH JULY 2017 TO VILLAGES ALONG THE PROPOSED ROUTE



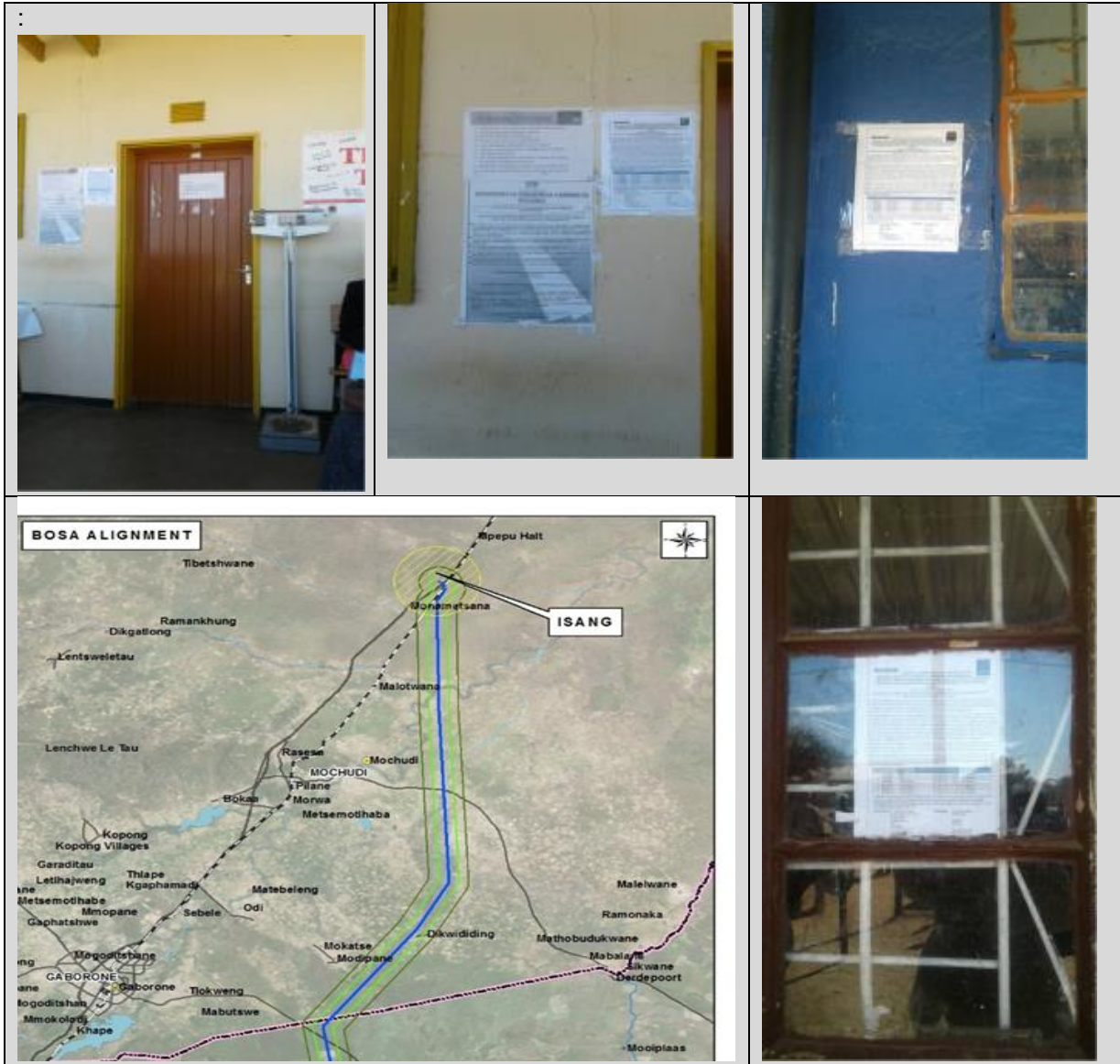


Figure 24: Botswana Site Notices & the Map

3.2 Meeting in Dikwididi Community

Table 11 below indicates the public meeting in Dikwididi took place at the Main Kgotla on the 21st August 2017 at 08h00.

Table 11: Dikwididi Issues & Response

Key Issues at Dikwididi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most people were happy that BPC saw it fit to consult with the Dikwididi residents and were happy with the upcoming developments. • They Acknowledged that the project may affect them both positively and negatively and hopes the residents of Dikwididi will benefit in terms of employment. • They wanted to know if they can carry on with farming during the construction phase.



Figure 25: Dikwididi Public meeting



Figure 26: Dikwididi Public meeting

3.3 Meeting at Modipane

Table 12 below specify key issues raised at Modipane community meeting that took place at the Main Kgotla on the 22nd August 2017, 09h00.

Table 12: Modipane Issues & Response

Key issues at Modipane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanted to know the exact line route. • Concerned that there will be no further consultation during the course of the project. • They wanted to know if they will be compensated if their fields are affected.



Figure 27: Modipane Kgotla meeting



Figure 28: Modipane Kgotla meeting

3.4 Meeting at Ramonaka

Table 13 below indicates main community issues noted at Ramonaka public meeting that was held on the 31st September 2017 at 08h30.

Table 13: Ramonaka Issues & Response

Key Issues at Ramonaka
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation arrangements (who will be compensating them when affected) • Will there be any employment opportunities for the Ramonaka residents? • Will they carry on with developing their fields (farming)? • How will the grazing areas be affected? • Will the burial sites be affected?



Figure 29: Ramonaka Kgotla meeting



Figure 30 :Ramonaka Kgotla meeting

3.5 Meeting at Mathubudukwane

The Mathubudukwane meeting was held on the 4th September 2017 at 08h30 and no issues were raised.



Figure 31: Mathubudukwane Kgotla meeting



Figure 32: Mathubukwane Kgotla meeting

3.6 Meeting at Oodi

Table 14 below shows key community issues raised at Oodi Public meeting on 6th September 2017 at 08h30.

Table 14: Oodi Issues

Key Issues at Oodi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will happen if the line crosses the river and what measures are put into place • Compensation arrangements (village locals say compensation fees are way too small and the process is not transparent) • Who will uphold the contractors to their agreements on hiring local people and the corporate social responsibility • How will land use be affected together with the agricultural lands • One of the issues raised was that the village locals do not attend kgotla meetings and if the lpelegeng program (kgotla volunteer program) was to cease operation all the kgotla meetings would fail and there is no one from the tribal administration taking minutes and they have long raised these issues since 2013. • Village locals say employment for projects and developments are never transparent and hope this project will be different



Figure 33: Oodi Kgotla meeting



Figure 34: Oodi Kgotla meeting

3.7 Meeting at Mochudi

Table 15 below indicates main community issues raised at Mochudi meeting that was held on the 29th August 2017 at 08h00.

Table 15: Mochudi Issues

Key Issues at Mochudi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be any employment opportunities for the village residents? • Will electricity supply in the village improve? • Will the project help lower the electricity installation prices? • Who will be doing the environmental auditing to make sure contractors uphold their agreements? • Requested for feedback and consultation as the project progresses?



Figure 35: Mochudi Kgotla meeting

3.8 Meeting at Mabalane

Table 16 below confirms main community issues noted at Mabalane public meeting was held on 5th of September 2017 at 08h30.

Table 16: Mabalane Issues

Key Issues at Mabalane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation arrangements (who will be compensating them when affected)? • Will there be any employment opportunities for the Mabalane residents? • Will they carry on with developing their fields (farming)? • How will the grazing areas be affected? • Will the burial sites be affected?



Figure 36: Mabalane Kgotla meeting



Figure 37: Mabalane Kgotla meeting

3.9 Meeting at Mokatse

Table 17 below indicates crucial community issues noted at Mokatse meeting was held on the 22nd August 2017 at 11h00.

Table 17: Mokatse Issues & Response

Key issues at Mokatse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquired about fields which are not fenced nor developed, and wanted to know if they will still be compensated. • They appreciated the consultation and the upcoming development. • Urged that they should be first priority in terms of employment creation.



Figure 38: Mokatse Kgotla meeting

3.10 Meeting at Molotwane

Table 18 below shows main community issues raised at Molotwane meeting was held on the 25th August 2017 at 11h00.

Table 18: Molotwane Issues

Key issues Raised at the Molotwane kgotla
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will uphold the contractors to their agreements on hiring local people and the corporate social responsibility? • The locals were happy with the consultation process? • Will they carry on with developing their fields (farming)? • Requested that hiring be done at the kgotla with knowledge of the village administrators.



Figure 39: Malotwane Kgotla meeting

3.11 Meeting at Sikwane

Table 19 below indicates main community issues raised at Sikwane meeting was held on 25th August 2017 at 08h00.

Table 19: Sikwane Issues

Key issues raised at Sikwane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The locals were happy with the consultation process. • How will land use be affected together with the agricultural lands? • Will there be any employment opportunities for the village residents? • Will electricity supply in the village improve? • Their main concern was electric cables theft that is in the rising in the village.



Figure 40: Sikwane Kgotla meeting

4 CONCLUSION

To conclude, Aurecon and Digby Wells Botswana is continuing with the consultations and trying to accommodate all communities to the best of its ability. We are committed to complete the consultation process in line with DEA requirements, as well as IFC and Work Bank guidelines.

In South Africa Lehurutshe Traditional Council will be visited again on 23 August 2017, because some of the traditional leaders and farmers were out of the area and could not attend the public sessions as advertised.

On the 29th August Tlokweng Tribal Authority phoned us today and asked to move the meeting from the 12th September to the 15th September 2017, 09h00. Change of dates confirmation Letters were submitted on the 11th September 2017

