

ISSUES AND RESPONSE REPORT:



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ESKOM HECTOR 2 x 500 MVA 400/132 kV SUBSTATION, APPROXIMATELY 40KM HECTOR - SHONGWENI 400KV POWERLINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ETHEKWINI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY IN THE KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

Date Receipt of Comment	Name and contact details	Organization	Issues and comments	Response by Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)	Date of Response by EAP
November 2016	Cheryl admin@millgroup.co.za Keith Archibald keith@millgroup.co.za	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Em Mill Group Zululand Planters' Association (ZPA) 	Upon receipt of the notice of the proposed project and invitation to comment and register as an I&AP, Mr. Archibald sent Nsovo an email indicating that: - The Shongweni project apparently falls wholly within the Ethekwini municipal area and does not apparently affect ZPA members directly. - ZPA's area of interest, broadly speaking, is the coastal strip that begins from the -Tugela River in the south and extends to the Umlalazi River (Mtunzini) in the	The EAP acknowledged the comments and further indicated that Mr. Archibald would be registered in the Interested and Affected Parties database for the Shongweni project and kept informed as the project progresses.	13 December 2016

			<p>north and is bound by the Ndulinde range of hills in the west.</p> <p>He further requested that if the ZPA is mistaken about the Shongweni project not affecting its members, Nsovo should register ZPA for that project and advise accordingly.</p>		
05 December 2016	<p>Greg Veerasamy Tel: 031 560 1931 Cell: 83 272 0709 Fax: 086 681 9503 Email: Greg.Veerasamy@tongaat.com</p>	Tongaat Hulett	<p>Mr. Veerasamy inquired regarding the timing of commencement of the EIA process for the Eskom infrastructure for the greater Shongweni area.</p>	<p>The EAP responded indicating that Shongweni EIA is underway and that she has sent the project information (Background Information Document (BID)) to Mr. Veerasamy. It was further reaffirmed that the Tongaat Hulett team will be kept informed as the project progresses.</p>	06 December 2016
24 March 2017	<p>Cheryl admin@millgroup.co.za Keith Archibald keith@millgroup.co.za</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Em Mill Group Zululand Planters' Association 	<p>Mr Keith Archibald sent an email to Nsovo stating that the Zululand Planters' Association environmental committee has asked him to contact Nsovo to enquire about the state of progress with regard to the Hector - Shongweni project.</p>	<p>The EAP responded indicating that there have been updates on the project which are currently being addressed and these would be communicated with him and the rest of the I&APs in due time.</p>	27 March 2017
8 January 2018	<p>Humayrah Bassa Tel: 087 350 6660/ 087 350 6760 Cell: 083 642 7077</p>	Royal HaskoningDHV (Pty) Ltd trading	<p>Ms. Bassa requested to be registered as an I&AP. She further inquired about the status of the project, reference number for the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Bassa was registered as an I&AP - She was sent the BID and also informed that there has been updates on the project 	15 January 2018

	Email: Humayrah.Bassa@rhdhv.com taylorlaw@mweb.co.za	as Royal HaskoningDHV	project and also where she can access the most recent documentation (BID, Scoping Report, EIA Report, etc.)	<p>site since the first BID was created / distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She was informed that the project is underway and she will be notified once the Scoping Report is released for public review, further, she was informed that the reports will be placed at/near the project site as well as on the Nsovo website for review. - She was informed that the DEA Reference Number for the project is not yet available. 	
16 January 2018	Humayrah Bassa Tel: 087 350 6660/ 087 350 6760 Cell: 083 642 7077 Email: Humayrah.Bassa@rhdhv.com	Royal HaskoningDHV (Pty) Ltd trading as Royal HaskoningDHV	Ms. Bassa indicated that she had not received maps that she has requested.	Sending Ms. Bassa the project map via “Big File Transfer” was a challenge, therefore, Ms. Bassa was sent KML files for the project and she confirmed receipt on the same day.	25 January 2018.
30 January 2018	Greg Veerasamy Tel: 031 560 1931 Cell: 83 272 0709 Fax: 086 681 9503 Email: Greg.Veerasamy@tongaat.com	Tongaat Hulett	Mr. Veerasamy indicated that Tongaat Hulett will wait for the Draft Scoping Report to be released to the public. He further indicated that Tongaat Hulett have always indicated that they would want to	The EAP forwarded Mr. Veerasamy’s comments to Eskom. On 26 March 2018, Eskom responded to Tongaat Hulett representative as follows: :	30 January 2018

			<p>work collaboratively with Eskom (and Ethekeeni Municipality) towards the optimal siting of the intake (and major) substation/s. Tongaat Hulett believes that a win-win-win solution can be achieved and will continue to avail itself to engage with Eskom in this regard.</p> <p>Tongaat Hulett acknowledges that their appeal/objections to the Draft Scoping Report don't really assist any party hence they need to collaborate outside the EIA process. Mr. Veerasamy requested the EAP to communicate this message again to Eskom.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tongaat Hulett will be treated as an I&AP. • Eskom will consider Tongaat Hulett's input as part of the PPP and take it from there. • Eskom further indicated that Tongaat Hulett needs this project for their development to go ahead. 	
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