



AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE ASH DUMP FACILITY AT KENDAL POWER STATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: & TIME: 19 November 2019 at 14h00- 15:30

VENUE: Combined Accommodation, Kendal

1. ATTENDANCE

Present

NAME	COMPANY	ROLE
Thabile Mzobe	Kendal Power Station	Client
Emedah Madike	Kendal Power Station	Client
Kenneth Mpanza	Kendal Resident	Participant
Lungelo Mntungwa	Kendal Resident	Participant
Vusi Mavuso	Kendal Community Forum	Kendal Community Representative
Stuart Dixon	Kuhlangeni Services	Participant
Robert Van Bulderen	Transnet Pipelines	Servitude Supervisor
Patrick V Ngwenya	Transnet Pipelines	Servitude Supervisor
Lerato Mautjawa	Eskom	Client
Lebohang Moiloa	Green Gold Group	EAP
Calvin Netshaulu	Green Gold Group	EAP
Marinda Fourie	Gwanzi Plot 5 Accommodation	Participant and accommodation co-ordinator
Klaas Mahlangu	Eskom Environmental	Client
Malcolm Pambo	Eskom: EIA	Client
Marike Landman	Eskom: GCD, Kendal	Client
Sipho Mfuzi	Kendal Resident	Participant

Derick Ndlovu	Kendal Resident	Participant
Nelson Mathenjwa	Kendal Resident	Participant
Thabo Ngwenya	Kendal Resident	Participant

Apologies

NAME	COMPANY	ROLE
Basetsana Motha	Green Gold Group	PPP Coordination
NL Mofokeng	Emalahleni Municipality	Councillor: Ward 30
Ezikel Sekhukhuni	Victor Khanye Municipality	Councillor: Ward 4
Delisiwe Nkosi	Eskom	Kendal Environmental Officer
Tebogo Lekalakala	Eskom	

Remarks: All attendees were requested to sign the register circulated during the meeting.

2. Proposed Agenda

- Introductions
- Background
- Amendment Proposal
 - Amendment Proposal
 - Public participation Process
 - Report
- Recommendations
- Way Forward
- Q&A

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Purpose of the meeting

- Inform the public about the amendment of exemption authorisation proposed by Eskom as part of public participation process.
- Discuss the project and answer questions and issues raised by members of the attendees regarding the project.

4. Opening & Welcome remarks

Ms Lebohang Moiloa from Green Gold Group opened the meeting by introducing the team from Green Gold Group and asked all representatives from Eskom to introduce themselves.

She welcomed all the attendees to the meeting. She further appreciated the Combined Accommodation staff for providing the venue and equipment for the meeting.

5. Presentation

Ms Lebohang Moiloa (**LM**) began the presentation by giving the background of the project as follow:

- KPS was designed to have operating life of 40 years.
- Ash Disposal Facility (ADF) was designed to accommodate ash for 40 years plus eight years contingency period.
- KPS operating life was extended to 60 years plus five (5) years contingency period up until 2058.
- ADF lifespan had to be extended according; 60 years operating life plus five (5) years contingency period.
- One of the conditions of IEA was that the new ADF should have Class C lining.
- Eskom applied for a transition period exemption to dispose on a portion of the approved area without lining, while the construction of the lined ADF is under way.
- The exemption application was approved in May 2016, granting Eskom permission to dispose without lining until 05 May 2020.
- Construction of the lined ADF hasn't commenced, and hence Eskom is applying for extension of the exemption.

LM explained that there are two permits granted Eskom by DEFF at the moment, integrated Environmental Authorisation granted on 28th July 2015 and Exemption authorisation granted on 5th May 2016. **LM** further indicated that proposed amended will follow Part 2 amendment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014. **LM** also explained that Regulation 32 of the EAI Regulations states that application should be accompanied by Amendment Report that has been subjected to PPP.

LM further explained all PPP activities that has been conducted up to date as follows:

- I&AP database compiled (previous EIA process was utilised, engagements with community leaders, site visits, calls and internet research).
- Invitation emails sent to stakeholders on the 23rd of August 2019.
- BID was distributed to I&APs on the 23rd of August 2019 (electronically).
- Hand-delivery of BID on the 23rd of August 2019
- Newspaper advert published on the 23rd of August 2019 in Witbank News.
- Site Adverts placed on the 22nd of August 2019, at the Kendal Power Station and three other locations.

She further indicated that comments received from Victor Khanye Ward Councillor were about job opportunities and skills development. She stated that Emalahleni Local Municipality requested a Focus Group Meeting but they are yet to confirm meeting date.

Discussion Session:		
<i>Please note: These minutes are not a verbatim recording of what was said by the commentator. This is a summary of our understanding of what the speaker was highlighting. However, it must be noted that this is a true reflection of the issues in a sense that questions were verified with the person asking the question.</i>		
Question/Comment	Commentator	Response
Can you give us an assurance that Eskom will start with construction of ADF, because it seems like you will keep on applying for exemption?	Marinda Fourie from Plot 5 Gwanzi.	Ms Emmy Molepo: The construction was supposed to be completed by 2020 but due to some hiccups it was delayed. The construction of ADF may start in the first quarter of 2020. Also note that the communication will be on-going until the DEFF grants the authorisation.
The area that you are using currently for ash disposal is not lined. I am concerned about the impacts of historic disposal on unlined ADFs.	Marinda Fourie from Plot 5 Gwanzi..	Lebohang Moiloa: There is little we can do about the impacts of historic disposal, especially concerning groundwater. Emmy Molepo: Trenches have been dug around the ADF to contain runoff and prevent water from being released into the environment.
I have a concern that they might not line and keep on Ashing	Marie Fourie from Plot 5 Gwanzi.	Emmy Molepo: The construction will definitely start next year, 2020. Marikie Landman: Procurement for Contractor is at the final stages.
What is the time frame for the commencement of the construction of the facility?	Marie Fourie from Plot 5 Gwanzi.	Emmy Molepo: The construction is scheduled to start next year, 2020.
Where is the location of the proposed extension?	Malcom Pambo from Kuhle House	Emmy Molepo & Lerato Mautjawa: It is towards the Kendal coal site but it does get there. Locality map forms part of the draft report out for public review.
What are you doing to mitigate the old ash disposal site contaminating the ground water, because the old one will go and contaminate the lined one?	Robert Van Bulderen from Transnet Pipelines	Emmy Molepo & Klaas Mahlangu: We rehabilitated the area by applying top soil and re-vegetating the area. There is storm drainage constructed that take the runoff into the control dam. Eskom does

		groundwater monitoring to monitor the levels of pollutants.
What is the timeframe for lining the whole area?	Robert Van Bulderen from Transnet Pipelines	Klaas Mahlangu: We have two years to line the whole area and please note that the line will be developed in phases.
Even after rehabilitation by applying the top soil and re-vegetation, there is still dust coming from the ADF. How are you doing to mitigate that?	Nelson Mathenjwa	Klaas Mahlangu: We have noticed that there is still a lot of dust coming out of the rehabilitated area, we are going to add more sprinklers to suppress the dust.
Are there any health impacts that are associated with the inhalation of ash, he suggested that Kendal should provide those who are residing next of the facility with mobile clinic?	Vusi Mavuso from Community Forum	We can't tell exactly what health impacts associated with the inhalation of ash are, but we can take this to the forum for discussion and way forward.
The people working on the facility are provided with PPE, then what are you doing to protect the community who reside close to the facility.	Vusi Mavuso from Community Forum	Emmy Molepo: We cannot commit and say that we will bring the clinic at this meeting we will take this and present it to the senior management. In future the right platform to raise this question is at the forum, we understand that you are a community representative there.
When are you anticipating to commence with the project, is it going to be first quarter or second quarter?	Malcom Pambo from Kuhle House	Marike Landman: The first quarter of 2020, but we cannot commit because there might be unforeseen circumstances.
<p>The way forward was explained as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes of the meeting will be circulated to all attendees before including them in the final Amendment Report ▪ The draft Amendment Report will be made available for public review for thirty days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any comments received during the comment period will be used to update the draft that will be submitted to the authority as final Amendment Report. ▪ The authority is expected to give a decision on the application for amendment within of 107 days ▪ All registered stakeholders will be informed about the authority's decision and they will be given 20 days to appeal. 		

1. Closure

- Emmy Molepo thanks everyone who attended the meeting.
- Lebohang Moiloa closed the meeting at 15:30

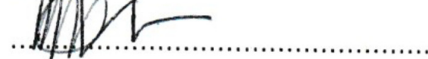
Chairperson:



Ms Lebohang Moiloa

Date: 19 November 2019

Scriber:



Mr Calvin Netshaulu

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