

# MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

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**MEETING**  
**STEERING COMMITTEE OF BIO-ENERGY PROJECT**  
**VENUE: MEC'S BOARDROOM**  
**DATE: 09 November 2010**  
**TIME: 10h00 - 13h10**

No	ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1.	Opening and Welcome	The meeting was officially declared open.		Dr NJ Phakade
2.	Apologies	Representatives from Sasol  Dr NJ Phakade requested Mr BJ Silinda to direct the programme because she had to attend the Provincial Growth Path meeting.		
3.	Present	Dr NJ Phakade, Mr BJ Silinda, Mr B Matsane, Mr T Mataka, Mrs K Tsele, Mr N Stolz (Tsb International), Mr P Angoma (Land Bank) & Mr A Makenete (SABA)		
4.	Announcements	None		
5.	Purpose	To finalize the Terms of Reference for bio-energy project		
6.	Discussions	<b>Background of the project:</b> The Chairperson highlighted the fact that Mpumalanga has abundance of natural resources, thus green energy is very key for the Province. She also pointed out that draft bio-fuel strategy is available for approval by the Provincial Cabinet, The following challenges facing bio-fuel in Mpumalanga were raised:	The Bio-energy Steering Committee will be constituted to manage the development of all planned activities. The appointed service provider will be expected to submit reports to the Steering Committee. The comprehensive	





	<p>-The Project might lead to food insecurity in the Province but the national government through the Ministry of Agriculture announced that maize will now be considered for bio-fuel.</p> <p>Members appreciated the role played by the Department in developing bio-fuel but members felt that by concentrating on bio-fuel, the Province will miss out abundance of opportunities in bio-energy. It was advisable for the Province to be broadening its mandate in order to address all economic opportunities in bio-energy rather than bio-fuel.</p> <p><b>Market opportunities presented by bio-energy in Mpumalanga:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There are ample opportunities in the production of food and fibre in the Province.</li> <li>-Meat production market remains untapped in the province.</li> <li>-Energy crop market should be exploited.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bio-energy project should achieve the following objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of the comprehensive business model on bio-energy that will cover bio-fuel, biomass, renewable energy and downstream value added.</li> </ul> <p>Members are agreed that the business model of bio-energy will be divided into three phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comprehensive bio-energy feedstock analysis,</li> <li>- Economic and Industrial (Commercial) opportunities stemming from the feedstock analysis done in Phase 1,</li> <li>- Proposed framework for Implementation (Investment and development guidelines)</li> </ul>	<p>document will then be presented to the departmental authorities.</p> <p>Reports will be made available to the DEDET on the contracted dates</p>	
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7.	Closure	The meeting was officially adjourned. (13H10) and the Chairperson thanked all present for their participation and contribution toward the development of bio-energy in the Mpumalanga Province		Mr BJ Silinda