

MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Building No. 4
No. 7 Government Boulevard
Riverside Park Extension 2
Nelspruit
1200
South Africa



Private Bag X 11215
Nelspruit, 1200
Tel: 013 766 4004
Fax: 013 766 4614
Int: +27 13 766 4004
Int: +27 13 766 4614

Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism

Litiko Letekutfufukiswa
Kwetemnotfo, Simondzwo netekuVakasha

Umngango WezokuThuthukiswa
KoMnotho, iBhoduluko nezamaVakatjho

Departement van Ekonomiese
Ontwikkeling, Omgewing en Toerisme

**MINUTES OF THE
OF THE PROVINCIAL BIO-ENERGY CLUSTER COMMITTEE
VENUE: Casambo Exclusive Lodge
DATE: 27 September 2013
TIME: 10h00 – 13h05**

No	ITEM	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION
1.	Opening and Welcome	Ms GB Ngwenya from DEDET opened and welcomed everybody present.	
2.	Apologies	Mr Landu Landu - MINTEK Mr Phillip Ninela - the dti Mr Siya Bacela - Sasol ChemCity Mr Bongani Qokoshe - National Empowerment Fund Ms Gudrun Loubier - Mondi Ltd	
3.	Present	List of Officials who attended the meeting: Mr Nico Stolz - TSB Mr Duane Roothman - Sappi Ms Gugulethu Ngwenya - Department of Economic Development, Environment & Tourism Mr Justice B Silinda - Department of Economic Development, Environment & Tourism Ms Wandi Mkhwanazi - Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality Mr Lwazi Mtshali - Lanele Resource Mr Clement Maseko - Department of Rural Development & Land Reform Mr Sabelo Vilakazi – Govan Mbeki Local Municipality Mr M. A Mahlangu - Department of Agriculture, Rural, Development & Administration Ms SF Skhosana - Department of Agriculture, Rural, Development & Administration Mr Bongani Zwane - Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ms Happy Mpanza - Vunani Balimi Co-operative Ms Sindi Mashilo - Vunani Balimi Co-operative Ms Jabulile Sakube - Vunani Balimi Co-operative Mr Mandla Mashego - NAFCOC Mr Willemse Malherbe -5 starstoves	





4.	Introduction by stakeholders	All participants introduced themselves	
5.	Matters arising from previous meeting	<p>The Committee members raised a concerns on the following items:</p> <p>Item 6: Status of bio-energy in the Mpumalanga Province – Committee members felt that the Draft Biofuel Strategy must be finalised as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Presentation on prefeasibility study on bio-energy – A concern about absenteeism by Sasol ChemCity as one of key stakeholder was raised.</p> <p>Under the column of resolution – It was recommended a dateline must be included especially on items that are still pending.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true reflection by the Committee members.</p>	<p>A letter must be written to the Director responsible for the development of strategies & planning to find out about the delay in finalizing the draft biofuel strategy</p> <p>The Department will make enquires about Sasol ChemCity, Mondi, Eskom, DOE and local municipalities for their participation in the next meeting</p>
6.	Purpose of the meeting	Mr JB Silinda from DEDET outlined the purpose of the meeting and reported that this is a special meeting as both Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson positions will be elected by Committee members, discuss in details the inventory of bio-energy projects in the Mpumalanga Province and update on various issues related to the bio-energy.	
6.	Status of Bio-energy in the Mpumalanga Province	<p>A brief background was outlined how Bio-energy emanated from that include legislations national that include Biofuel Strategy (2007), New Growth Path and IPAP2 which have identified biofuel (bio-energy) as one of the key sector that has potential to create more sustainable job opportunities and SMME Development. The Mpumalanga Economic Growth and Development Strategy put a renewed focus on the use of renewable energy sources to stimulate growth and foster a low carbon economy in the Province.</p> <p>The following are the initiative of the Department in implementing bio-energy sector in the</p>	





		<p>Province:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-energy Cluster established and supported, • A draft Biofuel Strategy developed, • A prefeasibility study on Bio-energy developed by Sasol ChemCity, • Dake Group International Company met with the Department with the aim of investing in two bio-energy projects: waste to fuel facility and establishing a solar photovoltaic manufacturing plant. 	
7.	Inventory of bio-energy projects	The Committee members appreciated the inventory of bio-energy projects and recommendation was made that it reflects the number of job creation. Members are encouraged to populate the inventory, provide all the information required and sent it back the Secretariat.	
8.	Organised structure for the cluster – terms of reference for the cluster	<p>The Chairperson emphasised the point that the Industries should take the leadership role in driving the cluster. The role of Provincial Government is to create an enable environment.</p> <p>A draft term of reference for the cluster was read to the Committee members, inputs and comments were submitted for amendments.</p> <p>Since the draft document was presented for the first time to the meeting and it was recommended that a soft copy will be sent to all Committee members for their further inputs and comments.</p>	The draft term of reference will be discussed and approved in the next meeting.
9.	Website update	<p>The Committee members made the following recommendations on how the website must entail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *minutes of the Provincial Cluster Committee meetings, *strategies and acts related to bio-energy, *inventory of bio-energy projects in Mpumalanga Province, *presentations made by stakeholders on bio-energy 	This matter will be finalised before the next meeting.
10.	Presentations by sunflower project & biomass	Mr M Mahlangu from DARDLA made a presentation about the sunflower project which is situated at Dr JS Moroka Municipality, 2 700 hectares of land has been identified. There is a task team which is comprised of the following stakeholders: DARDLA, DEDET, SASOL ChemCity and Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality that is mandated to develop the project. They are primary co-operatives that have been formed that are involved in the plantation of sunflower	



		<p>and secondary co-operatives have also been formed.</p> <p>Mr Willem Malherbe from 5 star stoves presented star stoves project which is aimed at addressing the plight of the energy poor by creating socio-eco-enterprises. They set up clean energy businesses in energy deprived communities. Stoves are assembled, distributed and maintained locally. The business has a potential to make a turnover of R3 - 4 million. They are looking for a site around Govan Mbeki Local Municipality. It was further reported that at least 3, 8 million people in the country are cooking on stoves rather than electricity.</p> <p>Mr Duane Roothman from Sappi suggested that if the 5 star stoves project be implemented at Umjindi Local Municipality; Sappi will assist with the feedstocks.</p>	
11.	Elections of both Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson	<p>The Chairperson emphasised that the point of industries must take leadership role in the Cluster, the Provincial Government's role is to create enable environment.</p> <p>The Committee members elected both Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson positions and the following were the results: Chairperson Mr Nico Stolz - TSB Deputy Chairperson Mr Lwazi Mtshali – Lwazi Resource</p> <p>Members agreed that the duration period of these positions will be 24 months with the effect date 01 October 2013 until 01 October 2015. Secretariat role will be the responsibility of DEDET - Mr Justice Silinda</p>	
12.	Vote of thanks	The Chairperson thanked everybody present for their participation.	
13.	Closure & next meeting	The meeting adjourned at 13h10 and members were invited for a lunch. The Committee members agreed that the next meeting of the Provincial Bio-energy Cluster will be held on 20 November 2013 and venue and time will be announced later.	

Minutes taken by Justice B Silinda