Minutes of the Koeberg Public Safety Information Forum held at the Koeberg Visitors Centre on 29 September 2011

# CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Clarence Mentor

**DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:** Vacant

# ATTENDEES

Mrs. and Mr. La Grange

Mr. N Lee

Mr. Maigrot

Mr. and Ms Mayhew

Mr. M A C Meyrick

Mr. JLF Pereira

Mr. and Ms Williamson

Mr. and Ms Wilson

Ms J Braswell

Ms R Mbhunga

Mr. Shongwe

Ms P Kgongwana

Mr. Mark Arendse

Mr. Shawn Zindoga

Ms Serebo

Mr. A James

Mr. Perold

Mr. H Theart

**OFFICIALS**

Ms C Mentor *(Chairperson)*

*Ms A Tsebe Deputy Director: Energy (DPE)*

Ms K Kline *(Liaison Officer – Eskom)*

Mr. B Mnisi *(CoCT)*

Mr. M Miles *(Communications Officer Visitors Centre - Eskom)*

Ms D Joshua *(Senior Advisor Stakeholder Management - Eskom)*

Mr. G Pillay *(Head of Disaster Risk Management - CoCT)*

Mr. G Moonsamy *(Manager Communication and Stakeholder Relations - NNR)*

Mr. S van Rensburg *(Head: Area North-Disaster Management Centre - CoCT)*

Mr. V Paul *(Senior Engineer - Eskom)*

Mr. M Ramarafe *(Functional Co-ordinator Emergency Planning and Nuclear Safety - NNR)*

Mr. L Wilbert *(Senior Manager Compliance Assurance and Enforcement - NNR)*

Mr. O Phillip *(Senior Manager Safety and Standards - NNR)*

Mr. J Dolby *(CoCT)*

Mr. T Hill *(Programme Manager Koeberg - NNR)*

Mr. K Engel *(Plant Manager Koeberg - Eskom)*

Mr. L Phidza *(Stakeholder Management Manager - Eskom)*

Mr. K Featherstone *(Acting General Manager Nuclear Support - Eskom)*

Mr. J Dyabaza *(Senior Advisor Stakeholder Management – Eskom)*

# WELCOME AND SAFETY BRIEFING

Mr. Lewis Phidza (Stakeholder Management Manager – Koeberg Operating Unit), informed the members that he will first do a safety briefing before going through the Agenda.

**Safety briefing**

Mr. Phidza conducted a safety briefing outlining the emergency exits and the process to be followed in case of an emergency**,** placing special emphasis on the three emergency exit doors in the auditorium, to be used in case of an emergency.

He emphasized that in case of an emergency only the two prominent exit doors (pointing at them) will be utilized and all members to gather in the outside parking area, whilst waiting for further instructions. He also mentioned that in the case of a nuclear emergency everybody to exit through the front door (by show of hands) and turn immediately to their left and gather in the back office whilst awaiting for further instructions.

After the Safety briefing, Mr. Phidza welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed members that a new chair in the person of Mr. Clarence Mentor has been appointed. He mentioned that this will be explained in detail by Mr. Gino Moonsamy from the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) under item number 5 on the Agenda. He then declared the meeting open.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Mr. Mentor enquired from the members whether there were any apologies. The following apologies were tendered.

* + Ms Lee
  + Ms Mentor
  + Councilor Janse van Vuuren

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING  
     
   Question by Mr. Mayhew**Why did it take three months to receive the minutes? Today was the first date as I understand. On the list of officials, can we please have their titles so we know whose is who when we’re looking at the minutes?

**Comment by Mr. Mentor**Can we please ask that when a member raises a question or make a comment that they state their name?

**Comment by Mr. Mayhew**

I understood that we were going to get the minutes at least two weeks before the meeting, to peruse and check for any corrections/problems. We’ve received it only today which is the last day, so there wasn’t really time. Well done minutes, I must admit.

**Response by Mr. Phidza**

I must apologize on behalf of Eskom for sending the minutes late. I know we always send the minutes well in advance as was the case in the previous meetings. However, due to the challenges arising from the previous meeting with regard to the status of PSIF chairperson appointment and other unforeseen circumstances we couldn’t send the minutes on time as we normally do.

**Comment by Mr. Mentor**Let’s move off this point and onto the acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting. Are there any person who attended the last meeting who would like to accept the meeting minutes and any person to second it?  
  
**Response by Mr. Wilson:**

We’re going about this the wrong order. We first have to check if there are any errors in the minutes.

**Corrections on the minutes:**

* The minutes were done very well but if you go to page 19, Mr. Dave Nicholls is spelt as Nicholls, on page 20 he is referred to as Mr. Nicholson and on page 21 he is referred to as Mr. Nicholls again. Please change to Mr. Nicholls and not Mr. Nicholson.
* Page 16 paragraph 3 – answer by Mr. Nichols should be Nicholls
* Page 20 2nd paragraph should be Mr. Mayhew not Mr. Mahew
* Page21 Para 3 missing h (should be consistent)

1. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Comment by Mr. Tug Wilson:**   
I’d like to compliment the secretariat on the minutes; I think it is the best set of minutes we’ve ever received for this meeting. It took a long time to produce but it’s the best set of minutes.  
  
**Response by Mr. Phidza**Thank you.

**Comment by Mr. Mentor**  
Some of the information was captured verbatim, exactly like it was said.  
  
The minutes of the meeting was proposed for acceptance by Mr. Tug Wilson and seconded by Mr. R Mayhew.

1. **PRESENTATION ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATING TO THE PSIF - MR GINO MOONSAMY**

**Comment by Mr. Moonsamy**Before we continue with this item, I’d like to note that I also had a challenge with the minutes as it was too short notice to enable me to review the minutes closely.

For those who don’t know me, I’m Mr Gino Moonsamy from the National Nuclear Regulator and I’ve travelled all the way from Pretoria to present to you tonight. In the last meeting there was an issue relating to the appointment of the Chairperson. The public brought it under my attention that the appointment should have been null and void as it did not comply with the criteria in the legislation. I’ve promised to take it to the relevant officials at the NNR and come back with a response. I’ve taken it back and the obligation was noted and accepted and subsequently a new Chairperson has been appointed whom I will announce at the end of the presentation. That was the one point.

The other point that has been repeatedly coming up at the forum, which the public have requested is; can we have information on what this Forum is all about; what the roles and responsibilities of the various role players and stakeholders; what are the functions; does it have any backbone to it; is it constitutional etc.

This evening I would like to talk very briefly on the purpose of the Forum, the roles and responsibilities of the entities and the legislation that established the forum.

**Overview on presentation:**

**Legislation governing the PSIF:**

The two legislations that speak directly to the PSIF are;

* Regulations in terms of section 47 of the NNR ACT , 1999 (Act No.47 of 1999) - Requires Nuclear Installation Licence to establish a Public Safety Information Forum
* Updated Regulations No.968 of 2008 was published on 12 September 2008 – Appointment of Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson to the PSIF

These are not the only two pieces of legislation but the most relevant ones.

**Frequency:**

* To take place on a quarterly basis however you can have more than one Forum meeting depending on the issues at hand and the demand by the public – not compulsory that it should be one per quarter.

**Purpose:**

***To primarily provide information to the public on:***

* + Koeberg’s Emergency plan;
  + Nuclear & radiation safety related matters;

*Not necessarily specific to incidents and accidents it could be any matter that relates to nuclear and radiation safety as directed to the installation;*

**Roles - Eskom/Koeberg:**

* + To establish a Forum
  + Provide venue and facilities
  + Call upon interested and affected parties living in the relevant municipal area to register with the forum
  + Provide a secretariat to facilitate minute taking, contact, database update & stakeholder communication and liaison with the public;
  + Provide information at the forum;
  + Cover costs related to establishment and management of the forum;

**Roles – National Nuclear Regulator (NNR):**

* + According to the updated Regulations of September 2008, called for the NNR Board are to appoint a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson from the relevant municipal area (formal emergency planning zone) via pubic process;
  + The public process – The NNR implements a public notice in the relevant municipal area (Public media) and also request for nominations from members registered with the Forum

**Roles – Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson:**

* + Chair meetings
  + Ensure that public’s concerns relating to nuclear safety and emergency planning are represented on the meeting agenda
  + To ensure and oversee that the Forum is carried out in an ethical, respectful, transparent and open manner – that the different role players at the Forum are treating everyone with respect reciprocating that with the public

**Announcement of chairperson and deputy chairperson:**

The previous chairperson that was appointed lived outside the relevant municipal area. Subsequently the deputy chairperson, Mr Clarence Mentor has been appointed as the new chairperson. He has been offered the position and has accepted the position; however the deputy chairperson position remains vacant. There are two options; - One is that we leave it open for nominations for the Deputy Chairperson position to come from this forum, if not, the NNR will restart the public notice process requesting for nominations.

**Question by Mr Wilson**

Can we nominate somebody now?

**Answer by Mr Moonsamy:**

Yes you may.

**Response by Mr Tug Wilson:**

Smokie will you stand? I would like to nominate Ms Smokie.

**Response by Mr Raymond Williamson**

I second that.

**Response by Mr Phidza**

Can I get the full names please?

**Response by Ms La Grange**

Smokie La Grange

**Comment by the Chairperson:**

Are there any other nominations? (*no nominations made).* If there are no other nominations, we would like to welcome Ms Smokie La Grange as the Deputy Chairperson of the Public Safety Information Forum.

**Question by Mr K Featherstone**

Must the appointment not be ratified by the NNR?

**Response by Mr Gino Moonsamy**

Yes it is an administrative process.

**Comment by Mr Clarence Mentor**

What will happen is that the NNR will send the Deputy Chairperson a letter in which she has to confirm that she accept the position - that is the administrative process.

**Comment by Mr Tug Wilson:**

I’d like to request something. I know in the last minutes there is a thanks to Ms van Schalkwyk, but actually Ms van Schalkwyk is still the Chairperson of this Forum until tomorrow, 30 September. I still feel that the NNR owes her a letter of apology with regards to the way she was pushed to one side while she was actually still in the chair.

**Response by the Chairperson:**

I agree with you. Can I also confirm that I have requested from the Stakeholder Manager to send Ms van Schalkwyk a bouquet as a token of appreciation from the Forum to thank her. Maybe Mr Phidza can report back to the Forum whether he has sent her the bouquet?

**Answer by Mr Phidza:**

We have been planning to do it but due to issues with time and arrangements we did not get to it. We definitely see the value in doing it from an Eskom point of view.

**Response by the Chairperson:**

So do we carry the sentiments of the meeting that we send her a bouquet as a token of appreciation and a letter thanking her for the work she have done in the absence of a chairperson?

*Members agreed to it.*

**6. STATUS UPDATE ON THE 2010 ESKOM REGULATORY EMERGENCY EXERCISE - MR MOTHUSI RAMERAFE (NNR)**

**Summary:**

* A total of 34 issues were raised in the exercise report for rectification by Eskom (and City of Cape Town (CoCT) DOC)
* 11 Issues have been acceptably rectified (as of 28 Sept. 2011)
* 23 Issues are still outstanding (as of 28 Sept. 2011)

**Question by Mr Lee**

I don’t under standing the abbreviations – the EC is in the HVCR? I don’t have a clue what that means.

**Answer by Mr Mothusi**

It will be covered as I go through the presentation

**Abbreviations**

HVCR – High Voltage Control Room

EC – Emergency Controller

**Question by Mr Nick Lee**

Why was Eskom given a year to repair a printer?

**Comment by the Chairperson:**

Can I ask the members to hold all questions until the end of the presentation to give Mr Ramerafe chance to complete his presentation?

**Response by Mr Ramerafi**

The exercise happened on 30 November 2010 and the printer was fixed on the 1st of December 2010.

**Response by Mr. Lee**

The due date is September 2011

**Response by Mr. Saaymans:**

In terms of the seriousness of each finding, a due date is assigned to that finding or corrective action. That specific printer didn’t work and it was fixed the next day. Because the NNR are aware that there are other means of printing the document if need be, it wasn’t given a high significance in terms of seriousness and therefore that determined how much time was assigned. There is colour coding that is associated with the dates, its not that a year was given to fix the printer because in reality we know it takes a shorter time. All the other due dates given were based on the seriousness as deemed by the NNR.

**Question by Mr Mentor**

What does JMC stand for?

**Answer by Mr. Ramerafe:**

JMC stands for the Joint Media Centre. This is where members of the press gathers and receives detail information and updates (jointly from Eskom , City of Cape Town and Provincial Disaster management spokespersons) on the status of the Koeberg nuclear emergency when there is such an emergency or during NNR ( National Nuclear Regulator) Koeberg emergency exercise.

**Question by Mr. Mayhew**

The end of September is tomorrow and there’s an awful lot to do. I see what you’re saying, but tomorrow is the due date. What is the NNR’s position on that list? Where do you stand?

**Answer by Mr. Ramerafe**

Let’s say nothing happens by tomorrow, Friday 30 September, we will formally take it up with Eskom and say that we’ve expected the following to be rectified and it haven’t been done.

**Response by Mr. Mayhew**

But they haven’t so far and they’ve got quite a schedule for tomorrow with one day left. What is your position if they don’t meet the requirements? You’re the regulator, what’s your position?

**Answer by Mr Ramerafi**

As I’ve said we’ve got to wait up until the end of tomorrow and then we’ll formally take it up with Eskom management.

**Question by Mr Lee?**

Did you follow up with Eskom about the April and June issues?

**Answer by Mr Ramerafi**

On some of them they’ve requested for an extension and that was granted by the NNR.

**Comment by Mr Mayhew**

The extension that was granted was for end of September, tomorrow? So all of them are for tomorrow?

**Answer by Mr Ramerafi**

Yes all of them are for end of September, tomorrow.

**Question by Mr Mentor**

During the Outage of 218, it was reported, here in the minutes (page 13) that there was a dosage of 876MSv. You just said in your presentation that the highest dose per human being is only 75 MSv. Can you explain the discrepancy between   
876 MSv and 75MSv isn’t it a bit too high?

**Answer by Mr Ramerafi**

Yes it is too high, but basically for the exercise what we wanted to see was… (Interruption)

**Response by Mr Mentor**

That was an exercise and this is real life. According to your exercise, the top limit is 75MSv.This happened in real life 876MSv - in the outage. It’s reported here on page 13.

**Response by Mr Saaymans**

Can I shed some light on that? In the presentation the 75MSv that was referred to was 75MSv as per the scenario to an individual, the traffic officer. That is not the limit. That happened outside at Ou Skip where the traffic officer was told ‘*you have received 75MSv dose as was part of the exercise scenario.’* They wanted to check the City’s response to that individual who received the dose and as answered, the person was replaced by another traffic officer but unfortunately that traffic officer who was supposedly given the dose had to travel by bus that was evacuated because they were on their way to Tygerberg Hospital, so he received treatment accordingly. That is in no sense the limit that was referred to earlier.

**Comment by Mr Featherstone**

That dose which you referred to on page 13 is the total cumulative dose for the whole outage duration and not an individual dose.

**Response by Mr Engel**

It is the total dose for the outage which lasted 63 days and involved more than 2000 people working on site during the outage. All put together gives you the amount of dose quoted in page 13 of the minutes you referred to.

**Mr Mentor**

Thanks for the explanation.

**Question by Mr Mayhew**

What happens after tomorrow? You still haven’t answered that question?

They have not behaved; they have not done what they needed to do? You are the regulator, where do you stand?

**Answer by Mr Ramerafe**

Let’s not pre-empt. You do not know what can still happen.

**Comment by Mr Mayhew**

I’m looking at June, September and April’s actions and its all due tomorrow; I don’t think there’s much pre-empting.

**Response by Mr Saaymans**

It is pre-empting.

**Comment by Mr Mayhew**

So you’re going to close all of it out by tomorrow?

**Response by Mr Martin Saaymans**

No we’re not going to do all that by tomorrow. Let me just give you a bit of how it transpired, I’m sitting here with a lot of proof (shows a file full of documents) that will close those open items. The way our correspondence work, we don’t send a formal correspondence after each closing and wait for them to reply. What we do is we submit a letter with all the proof, we don’t send it formally, we arrange a meeting with the NNR to come and inspect because half of this is training records, and half of this they have to see physically.. There are a lot of corrective actions that cannot just be written in a letter because writing it in a letter does not mean it’s been implemented. With regards to the process, we indicate to the NNR what we intend to do, once we’ve completed it, we tell them this is the record if it’s possible to proof. For all the findings the NNR must do physical verifications of those corrective actions to ensure it has been done.

**Question by Mr Mayhew**

I do appreciate what you saying and I know where you coming from. My attitude as one of the people that live outside here is, I see the list, I see what you’re telling me, but your corrective actions has to be done by tomorrow. This gentlemen is being called here tomorrow I’m sure, to look at the rectification, so surely it’s up to you as Eskom to make sure that this rectifications that you have done before the end of September is looked at and then the list gets shorter. This is a long list, and it’s not getting any shorter, you’ve got June, you’ve got April and the list is no shorter?

**Response by Mr Saaymans**

Mr Mothusi’s flight is only tomorrow.

**Comment by the Chairperson**

Can we stop a debate between Mr Saaymans and Mr Mayhew? You’ve got work to do tomorrow.

**Question by Mr Mr Bongani**

Perhaps the severity of actions is too low for these correction actions to be taken seriously. Because when you look at the April due dates, its still open and only when we asked you that you mentioned that you were probably given extension. Up to when were those extensions given, now we’re assuming the end of September. Obviously, the assumption for us sitting here will be that when tomorrow comes then they’ll probably go to get that extension. What is the severity of not dealing with these actions? We spoke about the NNR having to assess the emergency of having to deal with actions, so this means, these actions are not urgent and if these actions are not urgent, why are we being told about it, and if not urgent why are they not being dealt with?

**Answer by Mr Ramerafe**

If we find that the issue is serious then the deadline for fixing it is immediate. So the deadline gives the indication of severity. If issue is serious, even if they ask for an extension, no extension will be granted.

**Mr Clarence Mentor**

Will there come a time in the process when you say to Eskom, ‘you haven’t behaved, here’s a fine’.

**Answer by Mr Ramerafe**

We have an enforcement process and I’m not sure it involves fines. In the worse case scenario it can have an implication on the licence; however the NNR has a process that they follow to handle open actions that runs beyond their due date

**Comment by Mr Engel**

I would like to make a statement. It is unacceptable for corrective actions to be raised and for us not to close them. You’ve got a commitment from me that it is unacceptable and that stuff that needs to be closed and that we need to adhere to deadlines. You can count on me that I will take it seriously. It’s unacceptable that it’s not closed.

**Comment from the chairperson**

This concludes a very informative presentation by Mr Mothusi, thank you Mr Engel for giving us that guarantee that it is unacceptable.

Mr Kevin Engel will now give us a presentation on the performance of the plant.

Mr Engel informed everyone that this will be his last day that he will be addressing the Forum as the Acting Power Station Manager as 30 September will be his last day when he will be handing over to the newly appointed Power Station Manager, Mr Riedewaan Bakardien. Mr Engel will fulfil the position as Senior Plant Manager.

**7. KOEBERG QUARTERLY FEEDBACK BY MR KEVIN ENGEL**

**Key focus area**

* improve outage duration
* improve outage management

**Outage 119 in March 2012**

* Duration of 81 days
* Generator stator rewind
* HP (High Pressure) turbine overhaul

**Other insights:**

* Successfully completed our second visit by the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency). It was a full operational Safety Review (OSART) - over a  
  3 week period in August – September, they did a full safety assessment by 16 people with over 400 combined experience – report not finalised, no significant safety issues;
* Appointed a new Power station Manager, Mr Riedewaan Bakardien who will take office on 1 October 2011, Mr Kevin Engel appointed as Senior Plant Manager;
* International WANO Peer Review starts in October 2011 review on how do we compare in terms of operating our nuclear power station to other power stations in the rest of the world – This type of evaluation takes place every two years and this year is Koeberg’s turn again. Mr Engel ensured PSIF members that Koeberg has been this road many times before and the station is ready again for the peer review.

**Question by Mr Perold**

Will they be looking only at station safety, not as far as the public and evacuation is concerned?

**Answer by Mr Engel**

They will only be looking at plant operations and plant management.

**Question by Mr Nick Lee**

We’ve had two black-outs in the past month in Duynefontein itself. Monday this week and I think Tuesday before that.

**Response by Mr Saaymans**

The first one was not an Eskom supply it was the City, yesterday’s one was Eskom.

**Answer by Mr Kevin Engel**

Along Acacia station (you can see the lines from N7 road), this time of the year Eskom do control burns under the lines. Our colleagues took out one line to do a control burn, and do maintenance on a line from Muldersvlei to Acacia. During all this, one of the links burnt out, and they lost the line.

Because of this we lost the CBD and parts of both Northern and Southern suburbs. Electricity was later restored and in other parts of the city it was quicker for example like within an hour.

**8. KOEBERG PSIF CONSTITUTION**

Mr Mentor informed members that the next item on the agenda is the PSIF Constitution that was handed out to all the members. He mentioned that it is the Constitution for this PSIF which has been drawn up with the help of the Koeberg secretariat. He emphasised that it is only a draft and not a final Constitution. He suggested that it not be discussed at this meeting but that members take it home, review it and make their comments on each point and submit your comments, if you don’t have an opportunity to submit it before the next meeting, to submit and discuss it at the next meeting. He also suggested that all the changes to the draft be made at the next meeting. He asked whether the forum is in agreement with this summary.

**Question by Mr. Lee**

Can we have it sent to us electronically?

**Response by Mr. Phidza**

Even though you have the constitution in hard copy, we will also send it electronically with the minutes, so you’ll have it both ways. You don’t have to wait for the meeting to give comments; you can give comments at any given time. The next meeting will merely be a platform for the last review and comments.

**Response by the Chairperson**

Can I just make a request that you do not wait until the minutes are ready before we distribute it, as it’s already there? Let’s distribute the Constitution to all the members tomorrow (30 Sept) to give members enough time to review the constitution.

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

I’ve had a quick look through it, and noticed a couple of things in it, not corrections but one or two things that it says for instance” *the issues* *not limited to nuclear*”. Now that picked up my ear, because this evening before I came here I read through the minutes and there’s a number of issues in the minutes that the previous chairperson at the last meeting wrote off as not being nuclear and in the light of that that I feel we’ve gone too quickly to approve the last meeting’s minutes. I wasn’t at the last meeting, but I do feel it’s in the interest of this public forum to at least have an adequate opportunity to possibly just go back into those minutes and some things I really feel needs some comments from Eskom, particularly those items that the Chairperson laid down is not relevant to this forum.

**Response by the Chairperson**

I will allow you to make comments on those points that were not related to the nuclear scenario. So you have the floor to enlighten us on what you picked up in the last minutes.

**Response from Mr Williamson**

One item that comes to mind is the landfill site which I think is relevant to the people of Melkbosstrand and it certainly impacts on the vicinity of Eskom because it’s a close neighbour. There was another issue that was raised and that is that just out of interest one of the members brought photographs of the illegal connections in the Du Noon area. This photographs/presentation was ruled out of the Public Safety Information Forum for a later presentation. Now that person brought them with the feeling that these particular installations are within the 16km zone which is of particular interest to Eskom and certainly of interest to people living in the area.   
I know this is not nuclear, but neither are the transmission lines nuclear, and yet they come into this meeting.

**Response by the chairperson**

There is a perception out there that people are ‘stealing’ electricity. Yes the constitution says that all of us have the right to be electrified. Unfortunately for the City of Cape Town cannot service informal settlements and therefore people take it upon themselves to electrify themselves? I stand to be corrected but the City has recently passed a bylaw in which they will service houses or settlements/backyard dwellers where the owners own the land. Some of the areas that were identified are an informal settlement in Phillipi which belongs to a private owner.

The City is busy changing the law to in order to electrify people who do not have electricity. I just drove through Witsands yesterday and it is very dangerous to go down the road with the overhead lines that can fall down on your car at any time. The perception that people are ‘stealing’ electricity is unfortunately still there and has to be done away with. It is incumbent on Eskom to service all the citizens of this country. If the city can pass a bylaw in order to service them then surely Eskom can do their part in providing electricity, we have the constitution there, people just need to have faith in the constitution in order to see that everybody has electricity.

On that point I agree with you, on the other point it is just as important, because the landfill will directly impact on the road traffic and transport. In the next meeting the City of Cape Town will present on the Traffic Evacuation Model. Two, three years ago we’ve pestered the City to present it to us but finally they are going to present it. They promised that they will be presenting it at the next meeting. So you point is well taken Mr Williamson.

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

Can I clarify one thing Mr Chairman, and that is that the only point I’m making regarding the photographs is that I felt the member was justified in presenting it. Not whether who’s to blame and who’s stealing anything, it has nothing to do with that. It was just an issue which he felt was worthwhile to bring to this forum, what other forum do we have, there’s no other forum.

**Response by the Chairperson**

I’ve gone through the minutes and the minutes says he was referred to the end of the meeting but even at the end of the meeting everybody left, so there wasn’t a chance for him to do his presentation. But your point is well taken.

**Comment by Mr Nick Lee**

You’ve said that everyone is entitled to electricity…

**Response by the Chairperson**

… has the right to be serviced with electricity, not entitled, you must pay for it.

**Comment by Mr Lee**

Also presumably safely and the issue with all that is once it goes over the road it is not safe. That’s the point I was trying to make.

**Comment by Mr Featherstone**

There might be some conflict therefore this issue is out for debate. If you go to item 6 in the minutes it really puts what we believe is the purpose of the Forum according to the Act. There is potentially a conflict between the earlier statement on the purpose and point 6 in the minutes which we need to clean up when we review the constitution.

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

And Constitution 5.2 is contradictory again.

**Comment by the Chairperson**

There are also a lot of points under the Chairperson that I don’t agree with but we’ll come to that. For instance there must be a quorum at the meeting, how do you know there’s a quorum if we don’t know whose the members. These are some of the small things we’ll need to sort out.

**Response by Mr Phidza**

We do run a database, we know exactly who the members are and we can verify at any given time who the members of the public are and who are the friends of the PSIF and who are the members of the public who just come here to attend. We can verify that if you need us to do that.

**Comment by Mr Mentor**

I’ve been serving on lot of community based meetings and a constitution can kill an organisation if you go strictly according your own constitution because then you never meet because you never have a quorum. We need to be careful of these pitfalls so you don’t kill this organisation by design whether on purpose or by accident.

**9. GENERAL**

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

Representing the Melkbos Ratepayers Association as an executive member I’ve got a statement which I’d like to read into the meeting and leave here for possible inclusion. Mr Williamson red a letter of apology to Mr Phidza

**Content of the letter**

The letter of apology was read to the members in respect of the Public meeting held by the Melkbos Ratepayers Association (MRA) on the 13 September 2011 in which Mr Lewis Phidza was invited to clarify issues on the nuclear insurance topic that was discussed in the meeting. One member of the public who is a non-MRA executive member posed questions to Mr Phidza and the letter outlines the MRA executives regret at the aggressive tone of this member when raising his questions. It is for this reason Mr Williamson apologised to Mr Phidza (on behalf of MRA executive members as stipulated in the letter he has red) for the embarrassment this might have caused Mr. Lewis Phidza.

*Refer to the letter of apology to Mr Lewis Phidza.*

**Response by Mr Phidza**

Apology accepted.

**Response by Mr Williamson**

Thank you

**Question by Chairperson Mr. Mentor**

Mr Williamson, are you a member of MRA and in what capacity do you present the letter?

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

I am an executive member of MRA and presenting the letter on behalf of the chairperson of MRA

**Mr Perold**

My comment is in respect the provision of potassium iodate tablets. After the last siren exercise, I immediately went over to the Melkbos Fire Station which is one of the depots for distributing these tablets, and enquired about the tablets. Nobody knew what I was talking about. One chap came out and said “oh we had a box of tablets here but council took them away and never brought the tablets back.” Surely there should be someone monitoring this type of thing because this is where things can go very wrong. About three years ago at the Atlantis Fire Station the same thing happened and the due dates of the tablets expired and it was also returned.

**Answer by Mr Saaymans**

You are correct in saying that Melkbos is one of the depots where we keep the tablets at; I obviously can’t speak for what they know and don’t know. Members of my staff, I included, we are responsible for maintaining the level of stocks where they are. The issuing of stock is however, done by the City Health Department during an emergency.

The tablets are stockpiled at these different locations (Atlantis and Milnerton being the biggest facilities) it’s unfortunate if some individuals don’t know this. However it’s more important that the City Health officials know where they are and they have access to them. We do monitor these facilities and ensure that facilities tablets are always securer and are in proper storage facilities. It is also our shared responsibilities with the City officials to ensure that we have sufficient stock at the different depots. We have more than3 million of these tablets available which is about twice the amount that is required.

**Response by Mr Perold**

I’ll check tomorrow morning again just to make sure. These guys told me that the tables have been removed.

**Response by Mr Saaymans**

I’m speaking under correction, we could have decided to move the depot, I’m not aware that that one we would have taken somewhere else, within the vicinity. You’re right Atlantis and Milnerton facilities are still our big storage facilities. There’s has been an occasion where we’ve not been happy with the way tablets were stored (at the facility you are referring to), however we have taken necessary measures to ensure safe storage of the tablets. This is taken care of as part of our normal (Potassium Iodate tablets) monitoring programme together with the City of Cape Town partners.

**Question by Mr Perold**

What is the shelf life of these tablets?

**Answer by Mr Saaymans**

The shelf life given to us by the Medicines Control Council when we buy new tablets is two years but that’s only because their own rules only allow for two years. What we’ve seen is that the shelf lives of these tablets get extended for say seven years and beyond. What we currently do with our batches is that we don’t replace them after every two years, however we go through a testing process where we test them and then apply for an extension to the Medical Control Council. The current batches have been extended by the Medical Control Council for up to June 2012. We are required to provide Medical Control Council with test results as we go along and based on these test results Medical Control Council makes a decision.

The tablets are a very special product and we need special arrangements for them to be produced locally as it’s not something that gets sold at a local pharmacy hence they are specially manufactured for our purposes.

**Comment by Mr Mentor**

I believe at some point in time these tablets were manufactured in Atlantis.

**Response by Mr Saaymans**

Yes they were, but unfortunately the company which was manufacturing them closed down, the company was liquidated. Because of this we had to look somewhere. Indeed they are available in the international market, only at much higher prices, which is the problem but under control.

**Comment by Mr Meyrick**

I’ve been to Atlantis Fire Station and nobody knew where the key was. The key was at Milnerton Fire Station. In an emergency, if everyone is coming in one direction on the road, how are they going to get from Milnerton to Atlantis?

**Response by Martin Saaymans**

That is not true, the key is there my staff inspected it over there and they also have their own key. The owners of that facility have the key to their facility and they know where the key is. I cannot account for individuals saying that they don’t know where the key is. The key is accessible and it is important that only the right people know where the keys are and have access to the keys.

**Question by Ms La Grange**

For the next meeting could we put Mr Nick Lee’s photographs up? Can we have it as part of the Agenda for the next meeting?

**Comment by the Chairperson**

I have no problem with that. Are there any objections to that proposal?

**Comment by Mr Saaymans**

I would like to caution on that. I would suggest that we first determine the constitution before we enter into other issues that are not related to Koeberg safety which was the debate last time and we spend lots of time on that. Before we can agree to a new item that might be outside the constitution, surely we must then finalise the constitution first before we can determine whether it’s a valid item to present. We might open the door to one topic it then becomes difficult to refuse another topic which might also not be related to Koeberg safety. If we open the door by allowing the one item, we then go back to the reason why had that long debate at the last meeting which I’m sure we all would like to avoid.

**Comment by Ms La Grange**

I merely meant Mr Lee didn’t have a chance to show us his photographs at the last meeting and now we might have a chance to see them?

**Comment by Mr Mayhew**

Why do we need to see them if it’s not nuclear? We had a long meeting last time and we all left (after the meeting was adjourned without seeing them) because the meeting was so long. It is not relevant to this meeting. We all know there are wires across the road and people are in a dangerous position but how does that relate to this meeting? We had that debate last time.

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

I wasn’t at the previous meeting, fortunately. In this constitution which I know is not approved, I’m just looking at a section which refers to the Act, now surely the Act whether we approve the constitution or not, we cannot say we approve the Act or not. So assuming we approve the constitution it provides information to the forum with due to regard to Section 51 on nuclear/radiation safety matters including but not limited to nuclear incidents and accidents. Now if we’re going to do that then we have to allow this. Who is this gentleman in the front (referring to Mr Martin Saaymans); I don’t know this gentleman in the front? Who is he? Can he introduce himself?

**Response by Mr Saaymans**

Mr Martin Saaymans, Eskom Emergency Management.

**Response by Mr Williamson**

I accept that, but is this gentleman a resident of our town?

**Response by the Chairperson**

I think Mr Saaymans’ role is to give us feedback on safety issues relating to the plant.

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

We are here as residents of this town, I barely know the switch on a light andthat’s all I’m interested in.

**Response by Mr Engel**

Can we just clear one thing; Mr Saayman is an official of Eskom and he also participates in this meeting.

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

This is a public meeting, not an Eskom meeting. The intention of the meeting is to hear the public and that is what the act is saying. The lady is asking can she just present some pictures and was told ‘no it’s not nuclear and we can’t show it.’

**Comment by Mr Phidza**

I will test this; the NNR can also give us direction on this. The interpretation was that it is anything to do with safety and radiological safety not only specific to nuclear accident and incidents. But we can ask for interpretation of that paragraph by the NNR.

**Comment by Mr Williamson**

On some of these matters should we not have a chairman that we can rely on?

**Response by the Chairperson**

I’m listening to everything before I give my final verdict

**Response by Mr Moonsamy**

I’m not going to comment on the constitution as such. When it comes to matters of safety, where does it start? I understand your concern of not letting the meeting become too broad when it doesn’t really become more focussed in terms of safety. I haven’t seen the photographs, I don’t reside in Cape Town but if there’s a possibility that it will have an affect on Emergency preparedness, planning, and evacuation, then it might be relevant.

**Mr Mentor**

In the introduction of the constitution at the bottom it says ’*transparent and effective communication with stakeholders’* and I maintain that’s all stakeholders

*Is essential in building and maintaining their trust as well as confidence’.* If we overlook a certain section of our community we’re not going to win over their trust and confidence. If one day we want all of our citizens to pay for their services and we don’t have their trust and confidence, we can forget about engaging with them. So if we can start that engagement then this is the proper venue and time for us. So I will rule that the presentation will be viewed at the next meeting.

**Comment by Steve van Rensburg**

I’m Steve van Rensburg, from the City Disaster Risk Management Centre. Just two points. The first point I want to make, just coming back to Mr Meyrick’s point about the tablets at the Fire Station. I just need to emphasise what Mr Saaymans said earlier, it is not a fire service competency to deal with Potassium Iodate tablets so hence the staff at Melkbos and Atlantis won’t know anything about it – it’s a health service competency and they are the people that know exactly where the stocks are and how to access them all the time. The second point is the photographs and the discussion around the illegal connections in the Du Noon area. Du Noon is way outside the 16km area; we just need to understand that, and if we not allowing a chairperson that is from within the 16km area then are we allowing issues that is not within 16km as well?

**Comment by Mr Martin Saaymans**

How do we deny somebody that’s from Mitchell’s Plain bringing up an issue or further out in the Western Cape? We need to scope our constitution. There are other forums like the Ratepayers Association where these issues can be discussed. We cannot discuss a topic here because there’s more than one person interested in it. There are enough safety matters to be covered and revisited to keep us busy for a long time.

**Response by Mr Phidza**

Just to add on that, the issue at hand is the safety of electrification it’s a cables insulation issues, as Eskom we can bring that to the Ratepayers Associations and invite our Distribution colleagues as well so that we can deal with the issue in its totality. However the issue is not related to nuclear but to relate to electrification and electricity theft in general. We’re not saying that we’re not going to be transparent about the issue but we’re proposing to be allowed to address it properly at the right platform and possible with all key stakeholders available.

**Comment by Mr Nick Lee**

Can I suggest that I make the photographs available to you via email when you send me the constitution and you can choose to do with it as you please?

**Response by Mr Mayhew**

That’s a fair comment.

**Comment by the Chairperson**

You’re putting me in a very difficult position as I’ve already ruled on the issue.

We must be careful not to become too cold and technical about things, a woman is very different to a man, she don’t only use her brain, sometimes she uses her heart as well. If we don’t have a heart for the poor, we’ve lost it. In this forum, we need to have a heart for everybody out there, whether they’re inside the 16km zone or not. Unfortunately regulation is regulation and we have to abide with it, but if we don’t care for the poor, we’ve lost the plot.Date of the next meeting?

**Response by Mr. Phidza:**

The next meeting is on the 24 November 2001, it is already communicated via the 2011 Emergency Calender, and however we will send out invitation again including via the local media.

**Comment by the Chairperson**

Wasn’t there a request for the dates for next year’s PSIF to be set?

**Response by Mr Phidza**

That is a request from the secretariat chair that members should please decide on the dates for next year so that we can put next year’s dates on the new 2012 Calender. So let us please, know when members would like the meetings for next year to be held, so that we can publish the meeting dates in advance on the Calender, which we envisage will be printed in November 2011

**Comment by Mr Wilson**

I would propose that we have the closest Thursday to the current date we’ve had this year and you fix it for the next three meetings.

**Response by the Chairperson**

Do I understand you correctly, is that the last day of the quarter for that particular month?

**Response by Mr Wilson**

Make 2012 PSIF meetings the last Thursday of the quarter.

**Response by Mr Williamson**

I agree with it.

**Questions by the Chairperson**

How many topics do we have for the next meeting? I.e. 24 November 2011

**Response by Mr Phidza:**

* Mr Mentor suggested a presentation by the City on the Traffic Evacuation Model;
* Suggestion by Mr Wilson that a presentation be done on the Eskom changes based on what happened at Fukushima.;  
  Mr Engel suggested that we modify it as it is work in progress to, Progress feedback/update on the actions arising from Fukushiima, as some of the studies will take a while;
* PSIF Constitution finalization;
* Mr Saaymans proposed that he do a presentation on the preliminary feedback on the November station Exercise for about 5 to 10 minutes;

**Comment by Mr Phidza**

In the last meeting an open invitation was extended to members who would like to visit the plant and only some members attended others did not. The invitation is always open for members who want to visit the plant. If anyone is interested, they can contact us at any given time and we will arrange the visit accordingly.

**Question by Mr Tug Wilson**

Can we have a commitment by when the minutes will go out?

**Answer by Mr Phidza**

The minutes will be distributed by Friday, 7 October 2011.

**Closure**

The Chairperson thanked Mr Kevin Engel for his tenure at Koeberg as the Acting Power Station Manager and wished him prosperity and success in his new capacity. He also thanked all the members for attending the meeting and raising all the questions in the manner they did before he adjourned the meeting.

**End.**