

APPENDIX C:
Public Participation

APPENDIX C1:
I&AP Database

SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

DEPARTMENT / COMPANY / ORGANISATION	NAME	SURNAME	POSITION
	Willem	Maritz	Landowner
	Gregory	Babaya	Landowner
Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd	Johan	van Heerden	Land Manager
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality			
Anglo American	Thokozeni	Hlophe	Principal Mineral Right
Gamagara Local Municipality	Janine	De Wee	Town Planner
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Dineo	Leserwane	HOD: Communications
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Disang	Molale	Secretary
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	MG	Molale	Secretary
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Sofia	Mosikatshe	Secretary
Gamagara Local Municipality	Jerome	Bob	Electrical Engineer
Gamagara Local Municipality	Domingos	Estavao	Electrical Technician
Gamagara Local Municipality	Kathy	Fleming	
Gamagara Local Municipality	Kgomodikae	Leserwane	Municipal Manager
Kathu Solar Park	Nyasha	Paradza	
Kathu Solar Park	Susan	Yanguya	
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Moses	Eilerd	Acting Municipal Manager
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Disang	Molaole	Municipal Manager
Gamagara Local Municipality	Lebo	Bitsang	Municipal Manager Secretary
Gamagara Local Municipality	Thusoeng	Itumeleng	Municipal Manager
Gamagara Local Municipality	Kagiso	Ositang	Director
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	T	Tongwane	Municipal Manager Secretary
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Molemoeng	Bokwathile	Municipal Manager
Kumba Iron Ore Sishen Mine	Sydney	Ntjili	
Gamagara Local Municipality	Kgomodikae J	Leserwane	Municipal Manager
Gamagara Local Municipality	Edwin	Hantise	Executive Mayor
Gamagara Local Municipality	Virginia	Modise	Personal Assistant: Office of the Mayor
Gamagara Local Municipality	Ingrid	de Koker	Personal Assistant
Gamagara Local Municipality	Dineo	Seetle	Speaker of the Council
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Sofia	Mosikatsi	Executive Mayor
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Masabata	Molale	Personal Assistant: Office of the Mayor
Dranax Energy Pty Ltd	Neels	Kruger	
AEP Kathu Solar	David	Peinke	Director
AEP Lekogo Solar	David	Peinke	Director
Stokkiesdraai Guesthouse		Inquiries	
	Heinrich	Nortje	Landowner
	Casper	Van der Walt	Landowner
Gamagara Local Municipality			
Red Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Matteo	Brambilla	Chief Executive Officer
Kathu Solar Power Park Pty Ltd	Cedric	Faye	
Kathu Solar Power Park	Marius	Vivier	
REISA	Neil	van der Merwe	
REISA Kathu Solar PV			
ACCIONA	Unai	Urtasun	Landowner/ Director
	Fortune	Boloka	Civil Engineering Contractor
ACCIONA	Luke	Colvin	Business Development Administrator
Mvelaphande Trading	Chris	Schutte	
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Dev	Wonders Dimakatso Viljoen	Mothibi	Head of Department: Agriculture
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Ragna	Redelstorff	Heritage Officer
Department of Energy		The Director: Mpumalanga	Director
	Wonders	Mothibi	Head of Department: Agriculture
Sentech Ltd	Marlon	Finnis	
Cell C	Roger	Everett	
Agri Northern Cape	Abra	Van Wyk	Chairman: Sutherland Farmers Union
SANRAL	Nxobile	Mabaso	Regional Environmental Manager
Department of Labour	Monica	Lepheane	
South Africa Heritage Resources Agency	Ragna	Redelstorff	
Department of Mineral Resources	Kqauta	Mokoena	
C.A.P.E. Co-ordination Unit: Northern Cape	Lubabalo	Ntsolo	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Wilma	Lutsch	
ESKOM	Kevin	Leask	
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Evelyn	Shogole-Molepo	
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Dev			
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Ryan	Oliver	Senior Registry Clerk
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation: Northern Cape	Anga	Yaphi	Environmental Officer
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	Anneliza	Collett	
WESSA	John	Wesson	Northern Region
Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	Wonders	Mothibi	Head of Department
Agri Northern Cape	Melanie	Theron	Secretary: Orange River Agricultural Union
Northern Cape Economic Development Agency	Riaan	Warie	
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation: Northern Cape	M	Mathews	
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Luzane	Tools-Bernado	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	D	Nhlakad	Land Use and Soil Management
Department of Economic Development and Tourism	Riaan	Warie	Senior Manager
Agri Northern Cape	H	Myburgh	
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Thabile	Sangweni	Environmental Officer
SAEON Arid Lands Node	Joh	Henschel	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	Thebe	Thebe	Regional Manager
Red Rocket (Building Energy)	Magdalena	Logan	
Sanco	Andre	Van Rensburg	Branch Manager
	Ruan	Maritz	Landowner
Kathu Solar One	Nomfundo	Mbijekana	
	Henrik	van der Merwe	Landowner
K2018091776 (South Africa) Pty Ltd	Anthony	De Graaf	Director
Cyraguard Pty Ltd	Karin	Le Roux	Secretary
		Nomispan Pty Ltd	
		Nomispan Pty Ltd	
		Lokian Trading and Investments Pty Ltd	
Boitshoko Solar Power Plant (RF) Pty Ltd	Dick	Berlijn	Director
San Solar Energy Facility Pty Ltd	Unai Bravo	Urtasun	Director
VentuSA Energy Pty Ltd	Keith	Kirby	Director
Department of Water and Sanitation	Kobus	Streuders	Acting: Provincial Head
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Nomfundo	Ntloko-Gobodo	Chief Land Claims Commissioner
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Mthetheleli	Maphinda	Regional Energy Director
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land R	Bryan	Fisher	Director
openServe (on behalf of Telkom SA Ltd)	Vivian	Groenewald	
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (N Cape Prov Heritage Resource A	Timothy	Ratha	Heritage Officer

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Agri Northern Cape	Nicol	Jansen	President
NC Dept of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Provincial)	Jacoline	Mans	Chief Forester: NFA Regulation
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (NCPHRA)	Andrew	Timothy	Heritage Officer
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Peter	Cloete	Research Development Officer
Northern Cape Department of Roads & Public Works	Jaco	Roelofse	Director: Roads
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Denver	van Heerden	Head of Department
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Dev	Ali	Diteme	
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Dev	Wonders Dimakatso Viljoen	Mothibi	Head of Department: Agriculture
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Natalie	Uys	Candidate Scientist: Botanist
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Onwabile	Ndzumo	Case Officer
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Ruth	Palm	Chief Director: Roads
Cell C	Marius	Otto	Manager
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land R	Dineo	Moleko	Assistant Director Impact Management
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land R	Dewald	Badenhorst	Manager: Protected Areas - West
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Kevin	Mutheiwana	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Steven	Shibambu	
Cell C	Brian	Joubert	
Cell C	Harish	Kasseepursad	
Northern Cape Department of Roads & Public Works	Menelisi	Sithole	
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land R	Elsabe	Swart	Scientific Manager: Grade B
Northern Cape Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NOCCI)	Sharon	Steyn	
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Samantha	De la Fontaine	Production Scientist Grade A: District Ecologist
Northern Cape Economic Development Agency	Babalwa	Mbobu	Deputy Director: Renewable Energy
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Sunday	Mabaso	Regional Manager
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Lorato	Sehularo	Communication Officer
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Kholikile	Nogwili	Head of Department
WESSA Northern Cape Region	Suzanne	Erasmus	Chairperson
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Viljoen	Mothibi	
MTN	Ms S (Shery)	Grey	National Property Manager
South African Local Government Association (SALGA)	Xolile	George	Chief Executive Officer
Atlantic Energy Partners	David	Peinke	Director
AEP Mogbe Soklar	David	Peinke	Director
Transnet	Martin	Van Der Walt	Landowner
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Kapel	Phahlamohiaka	CEO
Sentech Ltd	Thando	Booi	Environmental Officer
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Johan	Koegelenberg	Coverage Planner: RF Networks
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Nozizwe	Makgalemele	Deputy Director General: Spatial Land Use and Management
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Kubentheran	Nair	
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Portia	Makitla	Biodiversity Officer
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Mmatlala	Rabothata	
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Tsholofelo	Sekonko	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Aulicia	Maifo	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: EMP Forests	Mulalo	Sundani	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Sifiso	Mkhize	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Pamela	Kershaw	Project Manager: Environmental Planning
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Siphiwe	Khumalo	Senior Engineer: Distribution Licensing
Department of Public Enterprises	Donald	Nkadimeng	Chief Director
African Farmers Association of South Africa	Vuyiso	Mahlali	President
Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)	Johanna	Morobane	Manager: Corporate Sustainability and Environment
Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)	Simphiwe	Masilela	Obstacle Evaluator
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Pheladi	Masipa	Acting Project Manager: Renewable Energy Initiatives
SANRAL	Nicole	Abrahams	Environmental Coordinator: Western Region
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Andile	Gxasheka	Renewable Energy Specialist
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Nondwe	Khanye	Environmental Officer
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Lungi	Motisi	Manager
Department of Science and Technology	Mere	Kgampe	Director: Astronomy Management Authority (AMA)
WESSA	Suzanne	Erasmus	Chairperson
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Phillip	Hine	Heritage Officer: Northern Cape & North West Province
Department of Water and Sanitation	Shaun	Cloete	
Department of Energy	Enid	Babuseng	
SAHRA	Natasha	Higgitt	Heritage Officer - Northern Cape
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Mangalane	Du Toit	Chief Director: Land Restitution Support
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Muhammad	Essop	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	Anneliza	Collett	
Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)	Praneel	Ruplal	
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Pieter	Buys	
Department of Energy	Nomawethu	Qase	Director
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Tamai	Hore	Senior Engineer: Generation Licensing
SANRAL	Victoria	Botha	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Debbie	Harding	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Lianne	Muller	Snr Supervisor Tech Network Data
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Mmoni	Suza	
WESSA	Lemson	Petha	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Nolan	Dominick	Telecommunication
WESSA: National	Morgan	Griffiths	
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Head Office Ca	Dumisani	Sibayi	Executive Officer Heritage Branch
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Phindile	Nzimande	The Chief Executive Officer
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Rochelle	Fortuin	Land Development Wayleave Team
National Khoisan Council	William	Petersen	Secretary
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Mashudu	Marubini	Delegate to the Minister
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Thoko	Buthelezi	Administration Clerk: National Office
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	John	Geeringh	Senior Environmental Advisor
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Adrian	Tiplady	South African SKA Site Bid Manager
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Constant	Hoogstad	Programme Manager
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Busang	Sithole	Analyst
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Lizelle	Stroh	Obstacle Specialist
Sentech Ltd	Zane	Mannel	Head
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Selaelo	Mathane	Spectrum and Telecoms Manager
Sentech Ltd	Serame	Mothake	Manager
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Jasper	Nieuwoudt	Regional Manager
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Seoka	Lekota	Deputy Director
South African Weather Services	Rydall	Jardine	
South African Weather Services	Zamikhaya	Magogoty	
South African Weather Services	Puseletso	Mofokeng	
BirdLife South Africa	Samantha	Ralston-Paton	Manager
National Khoisan Council	Cecil	Le Fleur	Chairman
AgriSA	Janse	Rabie	Head
South African Weather Services	Bernard	Petlane	
South African Weather Services	Webster	Ngope	

APPENDIX C2:
Site Notices and Newspaper Advertisements

Site and Process Notices

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Applicant: San Solar Energy (Pty) Ltd

Activity: Development of a 100MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility and associated infrastructure. The infrastructure associated with the project will include:

- » PV modules and mounting structures
- » Inverters and transformers
- » Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical.
- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- » Site and internal access roads (up to 8m wide)
- » Laydown area.
- » Operation and Maintenance buildings including a gate and security building, control centre, offices, warehouse, and workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- » Grid connection solution including a 132kV facility substation, 132kV switching station to be connected via a Loop-in-Loop out (LILLO) connection to the Fox - Umtu 132kV overhead power line located east of the site.

Project Location: Remaining extent of the Farm Wincanton 472, approximately 16km north west of the town of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province within the Gamagara Local Municipality of the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality.

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 to R327, as amended, a S&EIA process is required for the facility. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required S&EIA and public participation processes for the project.

Public Participation Process: To obtain further information on the projects and to register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to:

Lehlogonolo Mashego at Savannah Environmental

P.O. Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Tel: 011 656 3237

Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including Please Call Me)

Fax: 086 684 0547

Email: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

Website: www.savannahsa.com



This notice is not for job applications but rather an opportunity to **register/comment** on the project. Should you know of any **vulnerable person** that needs to be informed of and be part of this proposed project, please contact us.

Proof of Site Notice: Placed on 07 March 2022



Site Point 1: 27°34'44.69"S 22°56'22.13"E

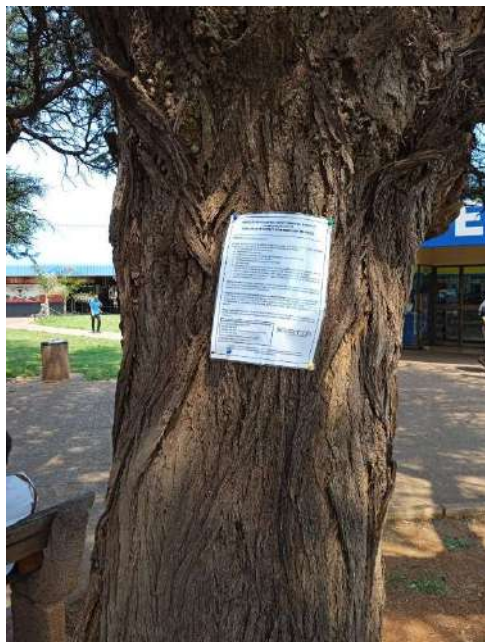
Proof of Site and Process Notices: Placed on 14 March 2022



Site Point 2: 27°34'41"S 22°56'25"E



Deben Local Spaza Shop: 27°35'52" S 22°52'35" E



Kathu Shopping Complex: 27°41'51"S 23°02'43"E

Newspaper Advertisements

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Applicant: San Solar Energy (Pty) Ltd

Activity: 100MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility and associated infrastructure, including

- » PV modules and mounting structures
- » Inverters and transformers
- » Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical
- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- » Site and internal access roads (up to 8m wide)
- » Laydown area
- » O&M buildings including offices, warehouse, and workshop areas
- » Grid connection solution including a 132kV facility substation, 132kV switching station to be connected via a LILO connection to the Fox-Umtu 132kV overhead power line located ~1.5km south of the site.

Project Location: Remaining extent of the Farm Wincanton 472, approximately 16km north west of the town of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province within the Gamagara Local Municipality

Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 to R327, as amended, a S&EIA process is required for the facility. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required S&EIA and public participation process for the project.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report available for review: The EIA Report of the project is available for review and comment from **28 June 2022** until **28 July 2022**. The report is available for download from Savannah Environmental website: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/>). The final date to submit written comment is **28 July 2022**.

Public Participation Process Meeting: Interested and affected parties (I&APs) are invited to attend a public participation process meeting which will take place on **Tuesday, 12 July 2022** at **17:30**. The meeting is being hosted via MS Teams to ensure that attendance is unrestricted.

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IN DIE BOEDEL VAN WYLE WILHELMINA ADOLFINNA VAN NIEKERK, IDENTITEITSNOMMER: 340703 0015 08 9, IN LEWE 'N PENSIENARIS EN WEDUWEE EN WAS WOON-AGTIG TE ORANJEHOF OUETHEUIS, UPINGTON, 8801

BOEDELNR: 4157/2021

Krediteure en Debiteure in bogenoemde boedel word hiermee versoek om hulle eise in te dien en hulle skulde te betaal by die kantore van die ondergenoemde binne 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing.

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Prokureurs vir die Eksekuteur
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REISA launches 'Next Step' programme to support ECDs

GAMAGARA

Over the last three years, mothers in the Gamagara area have been up-skilled to become mentors, in order to build Early Childhood Development (ECD) capacity, within the local communities.

As an extension of this highly successful programme, the Mentor Moms are being supported to establish their own playgroups, as sustainable entities. Aply named the 'Next Step' programme, this initiative is being funded by REISA Solar, as part of its overarching flagship ECD programme, which launched in 2018.

"This initiative is providing the beneficiaries with valuable skills and empowering previously trained and capacitated Mentor Moms to build their own playgroup businesses.

Additionally, the playgroups will provide quality education that will allow the children to meet their developmental milestones," explained Veronique Isaacs, Project Community Operations Officer for REISA.

At present, REISA Solar is funding 14 mentors and 15 playgroups, highlighting the potential for this programme, which will stimulate local busi-

ness development and local employment. The mentors have received training in various areas, such as facilitating play sessions; generating income as mentors; establishing relationships with parents; administration, among other skills required to manage a successful and sustainable micro-enterprise.

"Being a mom and then having a child in the programme was such a blessing, it made bonding with my child more meaningful. This opportunity has made me proud of myself because I am able to help others, and they see me as the teacher and mentor they need," said Marenchia Jo-Ann Strauss, one of the beneficiaries of this programme, which now has the chance to formalise her playgroup as a sustainable income generator.

The REISA Solar ECD Parental Involvement Programme, encompasses two key initiatives, namely 'Bringing Parents to the Education Table' and 'Mentor Moms', both of which have been very well received by the communities of Olifantshoek, Debeng, Siyathemba and Mapoteng.

TM Communications



The playgroups will provide quality education that will allow the children to meet their developmental milestones.

FORM 2 - Northern Cape Liquor Act, 2008.

Notice of intention to apply in terms of Section 20 of the Act for a licence. [Reg.4(1)]

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention to lodge the above-mentioned application, particulars of which appear hereunder, with the Northern Cape Liquor Board.

Municipality: Ga-Segonyana Municipality
Full name, Street and Postal address of Applicant: Pote Victor Vanrooi, ID: 8501066145086, Stand 1116 Kumba Section, Magojaneng village, Kuruman. PO Box 100, Mothibstad 8474
Kind of licence applied for: Liquor Store
Kind of liquor to be sold: All kinds of liquor
Name under which business is to be conducted and full address of premises: Chris Hani View Bottle Store, Stand A994, Utlwanang street, Kumba section, Magojaneng village, Kuruman, Northern Cape
Extra items to be sold (section 4(5)(a) and (b)) - Section 4(5)(a)

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IN DIE BOEDEL VAN WYLE ADRIAANUS GERHARD GYSBERT JOSEPH JORDAAN, IDENTITEITSNOMMER: 470710 5035 08 9, IN LEWE 'N PENSIENARIS EN GETROUD BUIE GEMEENSKAP VAN GOEDERE MET MAGRIETHA KATHRINA JORDAAN, IDENTITEITSNOMMER: 490925 0116 082 EN WAS WOONAGTIG TE KOKEWIETSTRAAT 19, KATHU, 8446

BOEDELNR: 683/2022

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ECM Services have the following position available:

1 x Construction / Project Manager

- 10+ years experience
- Mining experience
- Person must be willing to relocate to Postmasburg

Please send CV's to hildegard@ecm.technology

Closing date: 5 July 2022



Public Notice: Adoption of Final IDP and Budget, Budget Policies and SDBIP for the 2022/23 Financial Year

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Municipal Systems Act 32 (32 of 2000) Section 21 and Municipal Finance Management Act 56 (56 of 2003) Section 22 that Council approved the Final IDP, Budget, Budget Related Policies and SDBIP for the 2022/23 Financial Year. Joe Morolong Local Municipality notifies the local community that the approved documents may be accessed at the under-mentioned offices of the Municipality during normal office hours.

The said documentation are also available on the website of the Municipality: www.joemorolong.gov.za or by e-mail registry@joemorolong.gov.za

- o Municipal satellite offices (Vanzylsrus, Hotazel & Heuningvlei)
- o Tribal Offices

Further enquiries can be directed to the Director Planning & Development, Mr KV Phiri at 0537739300/27 or by e-mail plandev@joemorolong.gov.za and the CFO: Mrs BD Motlhaping 0537739300/75 or by e-mail cfo@joemorolong.gov.za during normal office hours at the Municipal Offices.

Mr T Tlhoale - Municipal Manager
Joe Morolong Local Municipality
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Mothibstad 8474

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Mimi Swart

Spreuke vir die week

Wees hoogmoedig onder jou meerdere en nederig onder jou mindere, dan sal jy jou eie waardigheid nie kwes nie en die van iemand anders ook nie.
CJ Langenhoven

'n Vriend se frons is beter as 'n vyand se glimlag.
James Howell

Siek/hospitaal: Me Petra Bredenkamp van die plaas Klipbankfontein, wat 'n operasie aan haar heup en terapie in Kimberley ondergaan het, is tuis en word deur haar familie ondersteun.

Mnr Hennie Vlok van Gatkopies wat in Bloemfontein behandeling ondergaan het, sterk tuis aan.

Mev Martie Thiert van Van Wykstraat, ondervind gesondheidsprobleme. Sy kry fisioterapie en ervaar beterskap.

Aan al dié en ander siekes in die dorp - mag u Sy teenwoordigheid ervaar; elk in sy besondere omstandighede.

Mev Karin Herbst (61) van Houtstraat, wat oor die naweek na Kimberley-hospitaal verwys is ná aanduidende hartproble-

me, is Saterdagmiddag, 18 Junie, oorlede. Sy het tot einde 2021 as verpleegster van die NG Kerk siektegevalle bygestaan.

Karin word oorleef deur twee kinders, Stephan Herbst van Postmasburg en Marthie Herbst, van Middelburg, Mpu-malanga.

Sy laat ook twee broers en sewe susters na. Haar man, Chris Herbst, wat aan Spoor-net verbonde was, is 12 jaar gelede oorlede.

Karin se roudiens vind op Saterdag 25 Junie om 11:00 vanuit die NG Kerk op Postmasburg plaas.

Aan die kinders, familie en vriende van Karin - ons diepe meegevoel; ons sal haar mis.

Mev Leonie Shone (98) voorheen van Postmasburg, wat die afgelope jare in 'n tehuis in Kimberley woonagtig was, is oorlede.

Haar man "Captain" Shone (Terry), was een van die spoor-trappers van Postmasburg in sy ontwikkelingsjare - vandaar is Shonestraat na hom vernoem.

Een van haar kinders, Kathy, en skoonseun Johan Booyens, het nog belange in Postmasburg, maar het aan die Weskus gaan neskop.

Aan die Shone-familie, skoonfamilie, kleinkinders en vriende ons innige meegevoel met Leonie se heengaan.



Wyle Mev Karin Herbst

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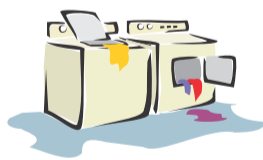
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Premier prioritises infrastructure development & jobs in SOPA

Northern Cape Premier Dr Zamani Saul said that investment in infrastructure development is vital if the province is to grow economically. The premier was delivering the State of the Province Address (SOPA) in Upington on Thursday 24 February 2022.

"South Africa and the Northern Cape require local and foreign investment to grow the economy. The unique resource portfolio of the Northern Cape must be utilised to benefit our raw material. What industry consumes must be manufactured locally.

Thus, we need to provide industrial centres of excellence with world class infrastructure. As the Northern Cape, we are in the process of initiating a Western SADC (Southern African Development Community) export and manufacturing corridor to connect Namibia, Botswana and several South African provinces," he said. The corridor, Dr Saul said, would consist of the Kathu Industrial Park at the centre of the Gamagara mining corridor; Upington Industrial Park as a service centre for road, rail and air transport, agriculture, agro-processing and manufacturing and Namakwa SEZ in Aggeneyns - an industrial cluster for mining and agriculture services, beneficiation and manufacturing.

"All of these projects are at an advanced stage. We are especially excited for the prospects of the SASOL hydrogen pre-feasibility study outcome, the Boegoebaai Harbour nearing final planning stages, Namakwa SEZ designation, Upington Industrial Park



Premier of the NC Dr Zamani Saul delivering the 2022 SOPA in Upington.

construction and Kathu Industrial Park business plan. Each of these investments are game changers for the Northern Cape, South Africa and SADC.

"To underpin these investments, province-wide infrastructure and investment is required and thus we are working in partnership with the presidency to realise these infrastructure investment opportunities," the premier said.

At the SOPA, Dr Saul announced that the Northern Cape state-owned construction company - initially announced in 2019 - is expected to be launched at the end of June this year. "We are in the process of registering the Northern Cape state-owned construction company. We hope to launch the company before the end of June this year and the MEC of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism will elaborate on this and indicate the funding for the company for the 2022/23 financial year," he said.

The company, in collaboration with the provincial Department of Roads and Public Works (DRPW) is expected to: Build RDP houses for human settlements, roads and other infrastructure; train and upskill people with a special focus on unemployed youth; absorb young people who have been trained; serve as a training institution for mass production of artisans; implement 30% of the provincial government's infrastructure project and serve as an incubator for small businesses in the Northern Cape province.

The premier said that the youth unemployment rate in the province, which stands at about 37% is "an indictment on us all". Dr Saul said interventions are underway to creating more youth employment opportunities through: Industrialisation, which includes the implementation of catalytic projects; skills development, which will be done in partnership with institutes of higher learning (FET colleges, universities) and SITAs to provide training and skills to unemployed youth and enterprise development focusing on township economy.

In addition, government will be creating descent and sustainable jobs by beginning a process of insourcing security guards in the province's departments. Further support functions such as cleaning, gardening and catering that are currently outsourced are being considered for insourcing.
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Renewables come in at less than half the current cost of energy

Failure to wholeheartedly embrace the generation of renewable energy is out-and-out business folly.

Anglo American and Engie made this perfectly clear on Thursday 03 February 2022

when they revealed that renewables come in at less than half the price of South Africa's current high-priced carbon-intensive power - which is set to rise even further this year.

Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) CEO

Natascha Viljoen, who is also the deputy chairperson of the Energy Council of South Africa, summed it up with these words: "The cost of renewables comes in at less than 50% of what we are currently paying for energy."

On renewables' intermittency, Engie Thermal Supply and Hydrogen Africa MD Jonathan Debasco, outlined how hydrogen was able to assist significantly on the energy storage front by helping to solve the problem presented by a sun that did not always shine and a wind that did not always blow.

Ms Viljoen emphasised the huge role that renewables and storage could play in slashing energy insecurity.

"I certainly think that we're absolutely underestimating the value that renewables can have for us as a country," said Ms Viljoen, in reference to the economic stimulation that could be provided by stable and secure solar, wind and storage (SWS), which provided the opportunity to deliver near-zero-marginal-cost excess green energy.

Concentration on SWS had the power to reverse the huge opportunity loss that South Africa had suffered through load-shedding, as well as bring with it significantly lower electricity costs, while green hydrogen could be stored for deployment when needed.

Mr Debasco, rated South Africa's sun and wind as being amongst the best in the world and on a par with those of Chile, Saudi Arabia and Australia.

Moreover, South Africa's overall hydrogen knowledge base was decades long and now needed to be applied to green hydrogen. The country already had the hydrogen assets and the people who knew how to manage them. With the Hydrogen Valley being developed, close-proximity demand would be available for locally produced green hydrogen.

With those pillars, South Africa could eventually be transformed into an exporter of green hydrogen to those countries unable to generate their own green hydrogen.

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Background Information Document

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SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY,
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The development of a Solar photovoltaic (PV) facility, with a generating capacity of up to 100MW, is proposed by San Solar Energy (Pty) Ltd on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Wincanton 472 located approximately 16km north west of the town of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province. The solar PV facility is to be known as San Solar PV. The site is located within the Gamagara Local Municipality of the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality.

The nature and extent of the solar PV facility is explored in more detail in this Background Information Document (BID). A full Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process is being undertaken in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the development of the PV facility and associated infrastructure. The public participation process provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the project.

AIM OF THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

This document aims to provide you, as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP), with:

- » An overview of the proposed solar PV facilities and associated infrastructure.
- » An overview of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process and specialist studies being undertaken to assess the project.
- » Details of how you can become involved in the S&EIA process, receive information, or raise comments that may concern and/or interest you.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

A project site considered to be suitable for the development of the solar PV facility, with an extent of approximately 991.5 hectares in total, was identified by the project developer. The dedicated development area for the solar PV facility will be approximately 400ha in extent. The full extent of the project site is to be evaluated in the Scoping phase to identify sensitivities. Site-specific studies and assessments will delineate areas of potential sensitivity within the identified study area. Once constraining factors have been confirmed, the layout of the solar PV facility within the development area can be planned to avoid sensitive environmental areas and features.

The infrastructure associated with each 100MW solar PV facility will include:

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The site is accessible via the R380 provincial route which branches off the N14 National Road, approximately 3km south of Kathu.

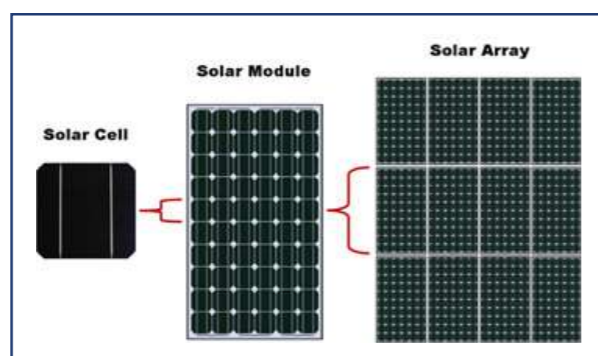


MORE ABOUT SOLAR PV TECHNOLOGY

Solar energy facilities use energy from the sun to generate electricity through a process known as the Photovoltaic Effect. This effect refers to photons of light colliding with electrons, and therefore placing the electrons into a higher state of energy to create electricity. The solar fields of the PV facilities will comprise the following components:

Photovoltaic Cells:

A photovoltaic (PV) cell is made of silicone that acts as a semiconductor used to produce the photovoltaic effect. PV cells are arranged in multiples/arrays and placed behind a protective glass sheet to form a PV panel. Each PV cell is positively charged on one side and negatively charged on the opposite side, with electrical conductors attached to either side to form a circuit. This circuit captures the released electrons in the form of an electric current (i.e. Direct Current (DC)).



Overview of a PV cell, module and array/panel (Source: pveducation.com)

A solar PV module is made up of individual solar PV cells connected together, whereas a solar PV array is a system made up of a group of individual solar PV modules electrically wired together to form a much larger PV installation. The PV panels will be fixed to support structures to maximise exposure to the sun.

PV panels are designed to operate continuously for more than 20 years, mostly unattended and with low maintenance.

Inverters:

Inverters are used to convert electricity produced by the PV cells from Direct Current (DC) into Alternating Current (AC) to enable the facility to be connected to the national electricity grid. Numerous inverters will be arranged in several arrays to collect and convert power produced by the facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicants require an Environmental Authorisation from the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) in consultation with the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform for the development of the proposed project. In terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA, the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) and Listing Notices (GNR 327, GNR 325, and GNR 324), the application for EA is subject to the completion of S&EIA process. The application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

An EIA is an effective planning and decision-making tool. It allows for potential environmental consequences resulting from a proposed activity to be identified and appropriately managed during the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of development. It also provides an opportunity for the project applicant to be forewarned of potential environmental issues and allows for the resolution of impacts identified and reported on as part of the S&EIA process, as well as provides opportunity for dialogue with key stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).

Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for managing the applications for EA and undertaking the supporting EIA process required to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the project, as well as propose appropriate mitigation and management measures to be contained within the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPRs). I&APs will be actively involved in the S&EIA process through the PPP.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED SAN SOLAR PROJECT

The study area will be assessed by independent environmental specialists to identify the potential for environmental impacts. Specialist studies that are proposed as part of the S&EIA process include the following:

- » Biodiversity – includes ecology & freshwater, fauna and flora and assess the potential impact and the associated disturbance of vegetation on the biodiversity (including critical biodiversity areas and broad-scale process).
- » Avifauna – includes an assessment of impacts on avifaunal habitats and sensitive features.
- » Soils, Land Use, and Agricultural Potential – includes land types and assesses the significance of loss of agricultural land and soil degradation and/or erosion.
- » Heritage (Archaeology and Palaeontology) – which includes archaeology and palaeontology and assesses the potential of disturbance to or destruction of heritage sites and fossils during the construction phase through excavation activities.
- » Visual – which includes the visual quality of the area and assesses the impact of the solar PV facilities and the grid connection solution on the aesthetics within the area.
- » Social – which assesses the positive and negative social impacts.



Specialist studies will be informed by existing information, previous experience in the area, field observations and input from the public participation process. As an I&AP, your input is considered as an important part of the process, and we urge you to become involved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The sharing of information forms the basis of the PPP and offers I&APs the opportunity to become actively involved in the S&EIA process. Comments and inputs from I&APs are encouraged to ensure that potential impacts are considered throughout the S&EIA process. The PPP aims to ensure that:

- » Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the applications is made available to I&APs for review.
- » I&AP participation is facilitated in such a manner that they are provided with reasonable opportunity to comment on the project.
- » Adequate review periods are provided for I&APs to comment on the findings of the Scoping and EIA Report.

To ensure effective participation, the PPP includes the following:

- » Identifying I&APs, including affected and adjacent landowners and occupiers of land, and relevant Organs of State (OoS), and recording details within a database.
- » Notifying registered I&APs of the commencement of the S&EIA process
- » and distributing the BID.
- » Providing access to registered parties to Savannah Environmental's website, which centralises project information and stakeholder input in a single digital platform.
- » Providing an opportunity for I&APs to engage with the S&EIA project team.
- » Placing site notices at the affected property/ies.
- » Placing an advertisement in a local newspaper.
- » Notifying I&APs of the release of the Reports for a 30-day review and comment period.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN I&AP

In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Public Participation Guidelines, 2014 your attention is drawn to your responsibilities as an I&AP:

- » To participate in the S&EIA process
- » , you must register yourself on the I&AP database.
- » You must ensure that any comments regarding the project are submitted within the stipulated timeframes.
- » You are required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that you may have in the approval or refusal of the applications.

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

1. By responding by phone, fax, or e-mail, to the invitation for your involvement.
2. By returning the reply form to the relevant contact person.
3. By contacting the environmental consultant with queries or comments.
4. By reviewing and commenting on the Reports within the stipulated 30-day review and comment periods. Registered I&APs will automatically be notified of the release of the Scoping and EIA Reports (respectively) for comment, and the closing dates by which comments must be received.

If you consider yourself an I&AP for the project, we urge you to make use of the opportunities created by the PPP to provide comment, raise issues and concerns which affect and / or interest you, or request further information. Your input forms a key element of the S&EIA process.

By completing and submitting the accompanying reply form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for the project, and are ensured that your comments, concerns, or queries raised regarding the project will be noted. Please note that all comments received will be included in the project documentation. This may include personal information.





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**SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DFFE Reference No.:14/12/16/3/3/32/2126)**

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd, the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) notified you, as a Stakeholder and registered interested and affected party (I&AP), in March 2022 of the availability of the Scoping Report for the above-mentioned project for your review and comment.

The final Scoping Report was submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) on 20 April 2022.

As a registered Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report is available for your review and comment for a 30-day period from Tuesday, 28 June 2022 until Thursday, 28 July 2022. The report is available for download from Savannah Environmental website: [click here](#).

You are invited to attend any our online public participation process meetings which will take place on:

Date **Time**
Tuesday, 12 July 2022 17h30

You are kindly requested to register your attendance for the online public participation process meeting that you want to attend with Nondumiso Bulunga at publicprocess@savannahsa.com to receive the virtual link for attendance.

Kind regards,

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Cc: Rendani Rasivhetshela; Nondumiso Bulunga; Karen Jodas; 'Simon.Todd@3foxes.co.za'
Subject: SE3203_San Solar PV: Meeting Notes of Focus Group Meeting
Attachments: SE3203_DFFE Meeting Notes 18012022 FINAL.pdf

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Good day Colleagues,

Following the Focus Group Meeting held on 18 January 2022, please find attached are the meeting notes for your reference. Should you have any comments on the notes, kindly send these for us to consider incorporating into the notes. May you be advised that should we not receive any comments by **Monday, 14 February 2022** then we will note that you have accepted the meeting notes in its current state.

Kind regards



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Sent: Friday, 04 March 2022 08:31
To: Rendani Rasivhetshele
Cc: Lehlogonolo Mashego; Nondumiso Bulunga; Olivia Letlalo; Thando Booii; Makhosi Yeni; Thembisile Hlatshwayo
Subject: PP plan approval for 2022-03-0001
Attachments: SE3203 - San Solar PP Plan Updated 03032022 Final.pdf; SE3203 - San Solar PP Plan Updated 03032022 with amendment ref.pdf

Dear Rendani,

The amended Public Participation (PP) Plan received by this Department on 03 March 2022, refers.

Based on the information provided this Department decided to approve the PP Plan for the proposed project. You may proceed with the PP process in accordance with tasks contemplated in the PP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PP Plan, the amended PP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

A copy of the PP Plan and this approval must be submitted as part of the application form when the application is lodged.

Also note that submission of a PP Plan and approval thereof do not negate your responsibility to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Best regards,

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From: Central Point <CentralP@dws.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 09 March 2022 09:52
To: Savannah Public Process
Cc: Central Point
Subject: RE: SE3203: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Good day,

On behalf of the Director-General, Dr Sean Phillips, this email serves to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence below which will receive the necessary attention by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

Kindest regards

Central Point

From: Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 08 March 2022 18:53
To: Central Point <CentralP@dws.gov.za>
Cc: Lehlogonolo Mashego <lehlogonolo@savannahsa.com>
Subject: SE3203: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

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Please find attached the Background Information Document and the registration & comment form for your attention.

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Attachments: SE3203-San_Solar_Scoping_Notification_Letter_Final.pdf; SE3203-San_Solar_BID_08032022.pdf

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Sent: Friday, 11 March 2022 12:07
To: Savannah Public Process
Cc: Portia Makitla; Aulicia Maifo
Subject: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Dear Sir/Madam

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the Scoping, Environmental Impact Assessment and Public Participation Process for the San solar PV facility and associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms Makitla and Ms Maifo (both copied on this email).

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.

Regards,
Ms. Tsholofelo Sekonko
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From: Natasha Higgitt <nhiggitt@sahra.org.za>
Sent: Thursday, 10 March 2022 09:11
To: Savannah Public Process
Subject: RE: SE3203: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

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Good morning,

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Please create an application on SAHRIS and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA.

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From: Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
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Cc: Savannah Public Process; Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko; Portia Makitla
Subject: RE: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Good morning Lehlogonolo,

I hope this email finds you well.

Kindly note that we (Mrs. Makitla and myself) will not be available on the 30th of March, we would be out of the office.

Kind Regards,

Ms. Aulicia Maifo

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Cc: Lehlogonolo Mashego <Lehlogonolo@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Good morning Tsholofelo

The email below has been noted with thanks.

Note: [@Portia Makitla](#) and [@Aulicia Maifo](#) a request has been shared to have the both of you join the planned key stakeholder workshop (virtual). Kindly confirm whether you would be available to attend as I believe it will be of value to the project.

Kind regards



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Subject: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Dear Sir/Madam

DDFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the Scoping, Environmental Impact Assessment and Public Participation Process for the San solar PV facility and associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms Makitla and Ms Maifo (both copied on this email).

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.

Regards,

Ms. Tsholofelo Sekonko

Intern: Biodiversity Mainstreaming EIA

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From: Chris Schutte (CE) <SchutCE5@telkom.co.za>
Sent: Friday, 25 March 2022 18:06
To: Savannah Public Process
Cc: Vivian Groenewald (VR)
Subject: CDBX0128-22 SE3203: San Solar PV Facility
Attachments: CDBX0128-22 COVER LETTER TO AUTH.PDF; CDBX0128-22 UPDATED SKETCH.PDF

Good day

With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved by our Client (Openserve) in terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.

Our Client (Openserve)'s existing infrastructure is affected by this proposal and the route is marked in **BLUE and PURPLE** on attached sketch as accurately as possible. **We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account. Please make use of pilot holes in order not to damage our infrastructure.** Therefore any damages occurred during construction of work will be repaired at the customer's account.

On completion of this project, please certify that all requirements as stipulated in this letter have been met. Please note that should any of our Client (Openserve) infrastructure has to be relocated or altered as a result of your activities the cost for such alterations or relocation will be for your account in terms of section 25 of the Electronic Communications Act.

Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738, 2 (Two) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.

Kind regards

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From: Rasikhanya Tendamudzimu <RasikhanyaT@dws.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 30 March 2022 10:48
To: Lehlogonolo Mashego; Luke Colvin; Fry, Rachel; Abdool, Shabeer; Rendani Rasivhetshela; MMatlala Rabothata; Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko; Van Dyk Gawie (KBY); Mila Fezeka (KBY); Cloete Shaun; Feni Ntombizanele (KBY); Mudau Mashudu (KBY); Hlengani Alexia (UPN); Ngidi Ziyanda; Mokhoantle Lerato (KBY)
Cc: Savannah Public Process; Karen Jodas
Subject: RE: SE3203 San Solar Facility: Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop
Attachments: Regulations 267 MARCH 2017.pdf

Good Day

Attached please find as discussed,

Kind regards,
Tenda

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Lehlogonolo Mashego <Lehlogonolo@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 10:14 AM
To: Rasikhanya Tendamudzimu; Luke Colvin; Fry, Rachel; Abdool, Shabeer; Rendani Rasivhetshela; MMatlala Rabothata; Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko; Van Dyk Gawie (KBY); Mila Fezeka (KBY); Cloete Shaun; Feni Ntombizanele (KBY); Mudau Mashudu (KBY); Hlengani Alexia (UPN); Ngidi Ziyanda; Mokhoantle Lerato (KBY)
Cc: Savannah Public Process; Karen Jodas
Subject: SE3203 San Solar Facility: Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop
When: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 10:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC+02:00) Harare, Pretoria.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Confirmation of Key Stakeholder Workshop (KSW): Wednesday, 30 March 2022

San Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of a 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facility and associated infrastructure on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Wincanton 472 located approximately 16km north west of the town of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province.

The full extent of the project site (991.5 hectares) is evaluated in the Scoping phase to identify sensitivities. Site-specific studies and assessments will delineate areas of potential sensitivity within the identified study area. Once constraining factors have been confirmed, the layout of the solar PV facility within the development area can be planned to avoid sensitive environmental areas and features. The dedicated development area for the solar PV facility will be approximately 400ha in extent.

As per email/telephone discussions, we would like to confirm the KSW taking place on:

DATE: Wednesday, 30 March 2022
TIME: 10h00
PLATFORM: Microsoft TEAMS

The purpose of holding this KSW is to present the following:

- Brief background to the proposed project;
- An overview of the Scoping Process followed;
- A summary of the key environmental findings as documented in the Scoping Report;
- An opportunity to seek clarity and raise comments and/or concerns; and
- To record comments raised in the KSW.

We would like to thank you in anticipation for your active and meaningful contribution to the Scoping process. Furthermore, we look forward to e-meeting you and are positive for a fruitful KSW.

Availability of the Scoping Report

Just a friendly reminder that the Scoping Report was made available for review and comment from **Tuesday, 08 March 2022** and the comment period ends on **Monday, 11 April 2022**. Refer to link to access the report ([San Solar PV Facility - Savannah Environmental \(savannahsa.com\)](#)).

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From: Samantha De la Fontaine <sdelafontaine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 11 April 2022 10:44
To: Savannah Public Process
Cc: Elsabe Swart
Subject: Recommendations and comments: San Solar PV facility and associated infrastructure (DFFE Ref. 14/12/16/3/3/2/2144)
Attachments: sdlf_NC_Comments_San Solar PV_14_12_16_3_3_2_2144.pdf

Dear Nicolene

I trust you are well. Herewith attached the comments and recommendations on the Scoping Report for the San Solar PV facility and associated infrastructure with DFFE Ref. 14/12/16/3/3/2/2144. Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Groete / Regards

Samantha De la Fontaine (Pr.Sci.Nat.)
Production Scientist Grade A: District Ecologist

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From: Savannah Public Process
Sent: Tuesday, 12 April 2022 13:35
To: Lehlogonolo Mashego
Cc: Rendani Rasivhetshela
Subject: FW: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment
Attachments: DSR Sun Solar comments.pdf

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Sent: Tuesday, 12 April 2022 12:51
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Aulicia Maifo <amaifo@dffe.gov.za>
Subject: FW: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Dear Nicolene

I trust you are well.

Kindly find the attached comments for your consideration.



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From: Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 08 March 2022 18:53

To: Portia Makitla <PMakitla@dfpe.gov.za>

Subject: SE3203: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

San Solar Energy (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of a 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facility and associated infrastructure on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Wincanton 472 located approximately 16km north west of the town of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province.

In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 – R327, as amended, a S&EIA process is required for the facility. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required S&EIA and public participation processes for the project.

Project details are included in the attached notification letter and the letter also serves to notify you of the availability of the Scoping Report for review and comment.

Please find attached the Background Information Document and the registration & comment form for your attention.

Should you have any queries or require any additional information, please feel free to contact us.

The Scoping Report can be downloaded from Savannah Environmentals' website [click here](#).

Kind regards,

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APPENDIX C5:
Stakeholder Correspondence

IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Applicant: San Solar Energy (Pty) Ltd

Activity: 100MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility and associated infrastructure, including

- » PV modules and mounting structures
- » Inverters and transformers
- » Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical
- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- » Site and internal access roads (up to 8m wide)
- » Laydown area
- » O&M buildings including offices, warehouse, and workshop areas
- » Grid connection solution including a 132kV facility substation, 132kV switching station to be connected via a LILO connection to the Fox-Umtu 132kV overhead power line located ~1.5km south of the site.

Project Location: Remaining extent of the Farm Wincanton 472, approximately 16km north west of the town of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province within the Gamagara Local Municipality

Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Process: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 to R327, as amended, a S&EIA process is required for the facility. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required S&EIA and public participation process for the project.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report available for review: The EIA Report of the project is available for review and comment from **28 June 2022** until **28 July 2022**. The report is available for download from Savannah Environmental website: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/>). The final date to submit written comment is **28 July 2022**.

Public Participation Process Meeting: Interested and affected parties (I&APs) are invited to attend a public participation process meeting which will take place on **Tuesday, 12 July 2022** at **17:30**. The meeting is being hosted via MS Teams to ensure that attendance is unrestricted.

To obtain further information on the project, register on the project database or to receive the virtual link for the meeting, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to Savannah Environmental:

Nondumiso Bulunga at Savannah Environmental

P.O. Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Tel: 011 656 3237

Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including Please Call Me)

Fax: 086 684 0547

Email: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

Website: www.savannahsa.com

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Nondumiso Bulunga

From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 June 2022 14:42
To: Sifiso Mkhize
Cc: Nondumiso Bulunga
Subject: SE3203 - SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT
Attachments: SE3203_-_San_Solar_-_EIAR_Notification_Letter_20220627.pdf

**SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DFFE Reference No.:14/12/16/3/3/32/2126)**

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd, the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) notified you, as a Stakeholder and registered interested and affected party (I&AP), in March 2022 of the availability of the Scoping Report for the above-mentioned project for your review and comment.

The final Scoping Report was submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) on 20 April 2022.

As a registered Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report is available for your review and comment for a 30-day period from Tuesday, 28 June 2022 until Thursday, 28 July 2022. The report is available for download from Savannah Environmental website: [click here](#).

You are invited to attend any our online public participation process meetings which will take place on:

Date Time
Tuesday, 12 July 2022 17h30

You are kindly requested to register your attendance for the online public participation process meeting that you want to attend with Nondumiso Bulunga at publicprocess@savannahsa.com to receive the virtual link for attendance.

Kind regards,

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Tuesday, 28
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Time: 14:57

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	Boloka	Fortune	
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	Maritz	Ruan	
	Maritz	Willem	
	Mothibi	Wonders	
	Nomispan Pty Ltd		
	Nomispark Pty Ltd		
	Nortje	Heinrich	
	Van Der Walt	Martin	
	van der Merwe	Henrik	
	Van der Walt	Casper	
ACCIONA	Colvin	Luke	
ACCIONA	Urtasun	Unai	
AEP Kathu Solar	Peinke	David	
AEP Lekogo Solar	Peinke	David	
AEP Mogbe Soklar	Peinke	David	
African Farmers Association of South Africa	Mahlati	Vuyo	
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Agri Northern Cape	Theron	Melanie	
Agri Northern Cape	Van Wyk	Abra	
AgriSA	Rabie	Janse	
Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)	Masilela	Simphiwe	
Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)	Morobane	Johanna	
Anglo American	Hlophe	Thokozani	
Atlantic Energy Partners	Peinke	David	
BirdLife South Africa	Ralston-Paton	Samantha	
Boitshoko Solar Power Plant (RF) Pty Ltd	Berlijn	Dick	
C.A.P.E. Co-ordination Unit: Northern Cape	Ntsolo	Lubabalo	
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Cell C	Joubert	Brian	
Cell C	Kasseepursad	Harish	
Cell C	Otto	Marius	
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Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	Mothibi	Wonders	

Department of Economic Development and Tourism	Warie	Riaan	
Department of Energy	Babuseng	Enid	
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Department of Water and Sanitation	Mkhize	Sifiso	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Shibambu	Steven	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Streuders	Kobus	
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Endangered Wildlife Trust	Hoogstad	Constant	
ESKOM	Leask	Kevin	
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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Fortuin	Rochelle	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Geeringh	John	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Harding	Debbie	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Khanye	Nondwe	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Motsis	Lungi	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Muller	Lianne	
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Gamagara Local Municipality			
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Gamagara Local Municipality	Bob	Jerome	
Gamagara Local Municipality	de Koker	Ingrid	
Gamagara Local Municipality	De Wee	Janine	

Gamagara Local Municipality	Estavao	Domingos	
Gamagara Local Municipality	Fleming	Kathy	
Gamagara Local Municipality	Hantise	Edwin	
Gamagara Local Municipality	Itumeleng	Thusoeng	
Gamagara Local Municipality	Leserwane	Kgomodikae	
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Gamagara Local Municipality	Modise	Virginia	
Gamagara Local Municipality	Ositang	Kagiso	
Gamagara Local Municipality	Seetile	Dineo	
Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)	Ruplal	Praneel	
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality			
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John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Leserwane	Dineo	
John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality	Molale	Disang	
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Kathu Solar Park	Yanguya	Susan	
Kathu Solar Power Park	Vivier	Marius	
Kathu Solar Power Park Pty Ltd	Faye	Cedric	
Kumba Iron Ore Sishen Mine	Ntili	Sydney	
MTN	Grey	Ms S (Sherly)	
Mvelaphande Trading	Schutte	Chris	
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Buys	Pieter	
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Gxasheka	Andile	
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Hore	Tamai	
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NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Mothibi	Viljoen	
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Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Nogwili	Kholikile	
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South African Weather Services	Mofokeng	Puseletso	
South African Weather Services	Ngoepe	Webster	
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From: Savannah Public Process
Sent: Tuesday, 08 March 2022 18:53
To: Sifiso Mkhize
Cc: Lehlogonolo Mashego
Subject: SE3203: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment
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Dear Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs),

With the reference to our email dated 08 March 2022 in which we notified registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that the Scoping Report for the Proposed San Solar PV Facility is available for review and comment from Tuesday, 08 March 2022 until Monday, 11 March 2022, has reference.

This email hereby serves to remind you that the review and comment period of the Scoping Report is ending on Monday, 11 March 2022.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the Scoping Report and we kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the report to do so before or on Monday, 11 March 2022.

For those that have not been able to access the report, kindly be reminded that the Scoping Report may be accessed for download from our public participation platform [click here](#).

Lastly, all registered I&APs are invited to an information session which will be held on Thursday, 07 March 2022 at 10h00. All I&APs that wish to join the session are encouraged to confirm this in writing, where a link to the meeting will further be shared accordingly.

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DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2144

Dear Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs),




With the reference to our email dated 08 March 2022 in which we notified registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that the Scoping Report for the Proposed San Solar PV Facility is available for review and comment from Tuesday, 08 March 2022 until Monday, 11 March 2022, has reference.

This email hereby serves to remind you that the review and comment period of the Scoping Report is ending on Monday, 11 March 2022.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the Scoping Report and we kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the report to do so before or on Monday, 11 March 2022.

For those that have not been able to access the report, kindly be reminded that the Scoping Report may be accessed for download from our public participation platform [click here](#).

Lastly, all registered I&APs are invited to an information session which will be held on Thursday, 07 March 2022 at 10h00. All I&APs that wish to join the session are encouraged to confirm this in writing, where a link to the meeting will further be shared accordingly.

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The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2022 and received by the Department on 09 March 2022, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final Scoping Report:

Listed Activities

- The Department has noted that activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and Activity 10 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for in relation to the installation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), you are required to explain whether the BESS will be assembled on site or pre-assembled. Additionally, provide reasons for applying for the above mentioned activities even though the BESS is not regarded as a facility or infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods.
- Additionally, confirm the applicability of activity 10, 14 and 18 of Listing Notice 3 to this development as the sub activity cited in these activities refer to a Critical Biodiversity Area while the explanation provided refers to an Ecological Support Area.
- It has been noted the word such as “**may**” has been used in the description of the portion of the proposed project that relates to Activity 18 of Listing Notice 3. Please confirm whether the above-mentioned activity will be triggered by this development or not.
- Ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.

BESS Alternative

In terms of Appendix 2 (1) (g) (v) (vi) of the NEMA EIA regulations 2014, amended, you are required to provide details of the BESS alternatives considered and indicate the preferred alternative if any. If no alternatives have been investigated, provide a motivation for not investigating other alternatives.

Specialist Assessments

- The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.
- Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.
- On page 6 and 7 of the screening tool report it has been indicated that the proposed site is medium sensitive on civil aviation installations, however on page 79 of the Scoping Report it is stated that "**The Civil Aviation Authority will be consulted throughout the Scoping/EIA process to obtain input due to the proximity of the Sishen airport.**" However, in terms of GN Notice 320, a compliance statement must be prepared and submitted with the draft EIA when the civil aviation theme is rated medium sensitive.
- Ensure that specialist studies to be undertaken as part of this application comply with the requirements of GN320 and GN1150 where applicable.

Cumulative Assessment

- Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:
 - Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
 - Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
 - The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
 - A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
 - Positions of the solar panels and all associated infrastructure;
 - All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed);
 - Permanent laydown area footprint;
 - Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
 - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and
 - All existing infrastructure on the site.
- The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following:
 - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;
 - Buffer areas; and
 - All "no-go" areas.
- The above layout maps must have a clear legend with information communicating with that on the map, be overlain with the sensitivity map which shows neighbouring energy developments and existing grid infrastructure.

- According to the Map labelled Appendix K, the existing railway line traverse the project site. Please clarify the distance between the railway line and the position of the solar panels and ensure that the map to be submitted with FSR indicated the distance between the railway and the position of the solar panels.

Environmental Management Programme

- Ensure that the generic EMPs are used for the management of impacts of the substation and power line that will be constructed for this development.
- The EMP for the facility must comply with the requirements of Appendix 4 in the EIA Regulation, as amended.

Public Participation Process

- Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final Scoping Report. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Planning and Conservation; Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation; Gamagara Local Municipality; John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality; Department of Transport and Public Works; Department of Water And Sanitation; Department of Mineral Resources & Energy; Eskom; SA Civil Aviation Authority (SA CAA); Transnet; Telkom SA SOC Ltd; South African Radio Astronomy Observation (SARAO); South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL); South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); Wildlife and Environment Society South Africa (WESSA); Birdlife South Africa and Neighbouring renewable energy projects and adjacent landowners.
- Furthermore, ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft Scoping Report from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final Scoping Report.
- Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Scoping Report. This must indicate that this draft Scoping Report has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

General

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

“If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd

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San Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of the San Solar PV facility, a photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility and associated infrastructure, on a site located approximately 16km north west of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province. The solar PV facility will be developed on the Remaining extent of the Farm Wincanton 472 and comprise several arrays of PV panels and associated infrastructure with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW. The study area falls within the Gamagara Local Municipality within the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality. The site is located east of Deben and is accessible via the R380 provincial route which branches off the N14 National Road, approximately 3km south of Kathu. A facility development area, which will include the PV facility, BESS and a 132kV facility substation to be connected via a Loop-in-Loop out (LILO) connection to the Umtu 132kV overhead power line will be identified within the study area considered in the Scoping phase. The infrastructure associated with this 100MW PV facility includes: PV modules and mounting structures Inverters and transformers Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Site and internal access roads (up to 8m wide) Laydown area. Operation and Maintenance buildings including a gate and security building, control centre, offices, warehouse, and workshop areas for maintenance and storage. Grid connection solution including a 132kV facility substation to be connected via a Loop-in-Loop out (LILO) connection to the Umtu 132kV overhead power line (located ~5km east of the site). The development area will be larger than the area needed for the construction of a 100MW PV facility and will provide the opportunity for the optimal placement of the infrastructure, ensuring avoidance of major identified environmental sensitivities by the development footprint. To avoid areas of potential sensitivity and to ensure that potential detrimental environmental impacts are minimised as far as possible, the development footprint within which the infrastructure of San Solar PV facility and its associated infrastructure will be located will be fully assessed during the EIA Phase. Three (3) solar facilities have been constructed in the broader area. These include the Sishen Solar PV and Kathu Solar PV facilities located immediately west of the farm Remaining extent of the Farm Wincanton 472.

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The Kathu Solar facility is a CSP facility located to the east of the study area

Savannah Environmental has been appointed San Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed San Solar PV Facility and associated infrastructure, near Kathu, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the construction of PV Modules and mounting structures, inverters and transformers, cabling between panels (to be laid underground where practical), Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), site and internal access roads, laydown area, operations and maintenance buildings including a gate, security building, control centre, offices, warehouse and workshop areas, 132KV facility substation, 132kv switching station to be connected via a Loop-In-Loop-Out connection to the Fox-Umtu overhead powerline.

It must be noted that this application is linked to SAHRIS Case ID 349 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/san-sef-kathu-273>). SAHRA noted no objections to the previously proposed development and provided conditions.

CTS Heritage has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Lavin, J. 2021. Desktop Heritage Screening Assessment for the Proposed San Solar PV Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Northern Cape Province.

The 2013 HIA identified Stone Age surface scatters of low heritage significance and railway related infrastructure on the outskirts of the development area.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- Should any sink holes or ESA archaeological artefacts be uncovered during the course of excavation activities, work must cease in the area and SAHRA must be contacted regarding a way forward;
- A Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is implemented for the duration of the excavation activities.

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The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an updated HIA be conducted as part of the EA process for the proposed development as the previous HIA was conducted 9 years ago. The assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. The Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must contain a field-based archaeological component that must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports.

The proposed development is located within an area of high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and the draft EIA with all appendices.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Natasha Higgitt
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Date:	10 April 2022	Reference:	Solar development: San Solar
To:	Rendani Rasivhetshela	From:	S. De la Fontaine (sdelafontaine@gmail.com)
RE: SCOPING REPORT: SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NC PROVINCE			

Rendani Rasivhetshela
Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd
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Dear Rendani Rasivhetshela

RE: SCOPING REPORT FOR THE SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Background

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd (the EAP) have submitted an application on behalf of the proponent, San Solar (Pty) Ltd, to obtain an environmental authorization in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, in respect of listed activities that have been triggered as a result of the proposed San Solar PV facility and its associated infrastructure.

Recommendations / comments:

1. On page 25 of the Scoping Report, the following statement is made: “A request for confirmation of water availability for the construction and operation of the solar energy facility will be submitted to the Gamagara Local Municipality during the EIA process.” It is strongly suggested that a copy of this confirmation letter re water availability be attached to the final Scoping Report when submitted to the DFFE for decision making OR submitted to the competent authority prior to the EA being approved. The development is proposed within a water scarce area already under pressure of several water users i.e., mining, CSP developments, PV developments, agriculture, etc. Furthermore, it will be futile to approve an EA for a development that necessitates water availability and there's no confirmation of water availability for construction and/or operation.

2. Please note that the Environmental Conservation Act (73 of 1989) has been repealed and is no longer applicable (see page 83 of the Scoping Report). It should thus be removed from the list of legislation applicable to the development in question.

3. Figure 6.2 on page 100 in the Scoping Report gives an inaccurate estimated locality of the proposed San Solar PV facility. The facility is located more to the north-west of the town of Upington, near Kathu, and not South of Upington. See Figure 1 below for detail. This should be corrected.

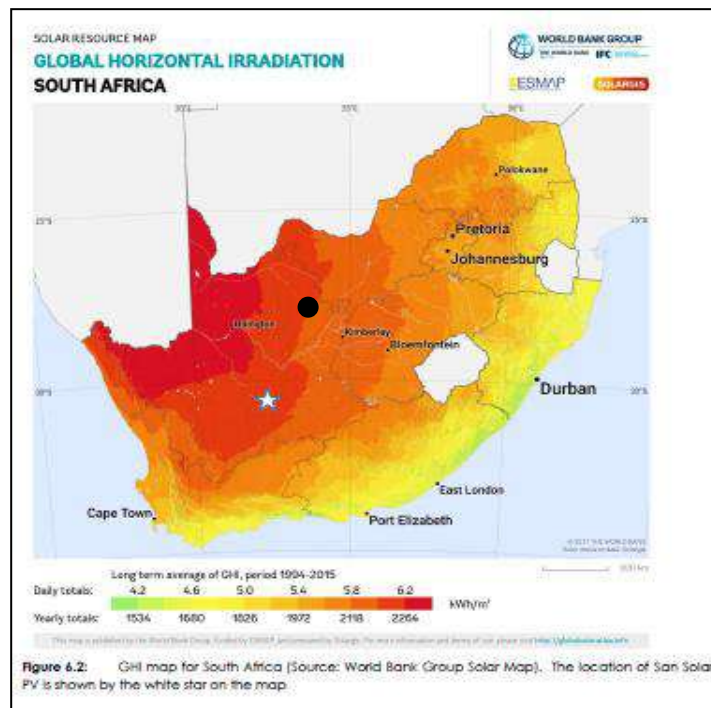


Figure 1. The above figure gives an inaccurate locality of the proposed San Solar PV facility (white star) in relation to the remainder of South Africa. The correct location is indicated with a black dot (taken from the Scoping Report of the San Solar PV facility and associated infrastructure).

4. This Department does not agree with the statement on page 122 that the “...*ecological significance of the smaller pans is relatively low and would not significance increase the impact of some of these smaller pans were lost to the development.*”
 - a. The Northern Cape is water scarce province, hence ephemeral pans provide micro-habitats to a multitude of fauna and flora species which might not be able to persevere in the harsh environment of the Kalahari region if not for the availability of these water sources / habitats, even if not on a sustained basis.

- b. Valuable research regarding ephemeral pans in the Northern Cape and its valued source as habitat for aquatic arthropods, which stays desiccated and dormant in these pans for years, and only flourish upon water availability, have increased in the past few years. Furthermore, several new species have been discovered and much can still be added to the body of existing knowledge, which is only picking up pace now.
- c. A definite example of the above-mentioned is the Tadpole shrimps, an indicator for migrating flamingos, that was found at a CSP facility near Upington. The eggs of tadpole shrimps, which serve as a source of nutrients for flamingos, attach themselves to the feet of migrating flamingos and use this as a means to distribute geographically. This find illustrated the lack in knowledge regarding ephemeral pans and its associated link with migrating birds. The ephemeral pan that the Tadpole shrimps were found in can easily be regarded as a smaller pan that is of no or low ecological importance, similar as to the pans associated with the proposed San Solar PV facility (see Figure 2).



Figure 2. Tadpole shrimps were found in a very small ephemeral pan close a CSP facility near Upington which is an indication of migrating flamingos.

- d. These pan systems also play an important role towards water preservation in arid systems.
- e. Hence, disturbance of these systems, even the ones regarded as small and of “low ecological significance” will have a direct negative impact on the local biodiversity of the area.

- f. Development layout should thus be adjusted to incorporate and avoid these ephemeral pans.
 - g. For a list of applicable research please review research done by Elizabeth Meyer-Milne, Post-doctoral researcher at the Arid SAEON Node amongst others (example: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7736994/>).
5. There are 2 features that are indicated as “deep sand” (in brown) on Figure 8.1., yet the same features are indicated as “pans” (in blue) on Figure 8.2 (see pages 153 & 154). This should be corrected on the distinct figures. If the features are indeed (natural) pans as indicated in Figure 8.2, then the same argument as stated under point 4 above applies i.e., the development layout should then be adjusted accordingly to exclude these pans.
6. If electrification of the property as security measure is considered, possible electrocution damage to small mammals such as pangolin and tortoises should be taken into consideration. Structures (fences) should be erected in such a manner to ease the free movement of wildlife.

We hope you find these recommendations in order.

Yours sincerely



E. SWART

SCIENTIFIC MANAGER

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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Venter

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the report.

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the report and does not have any objections to the Draft Scoping Report & Plan of Study provided that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be considered in the final report.

Please also note that any development within very highly sensitive biodiversity area; where residual impacts will result with very high significant impacts rating will not be supported.

NB: The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

Yours faithfully

Mr Seoka Lekota
Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation
Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment
Date: 12/04/2022



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APPENDIX C7:
Minutes of Meetings

IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE

No meetings have taken place to date; however a record of all planned meetings will be incorporated into the Final EIA Assessment.

SCOPING PHASE

SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

**MEETING NOTES OF THE SAN SOLAR PV PROJECT MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2022 AT 09H00
VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS, VIRTUAL MEETING**

Notes for the Record prepared by:

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SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

MEETING ATTENDEES

Name	Organisation	Position
Samantha De la Fontaine	Northern Cape: Department of Agriculture, Environment, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAEARDLR)	District Ecologist
Elsabe Swart	DAEARDLR	Environmental Research and Development
Natalie Uys	Department of Environment and Nature Conservation - Ecological and Botanical	Researcher in Plant Ecology and Botany
Simon Todd	3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions	Ecologist for the San Solar PV EIA
Jacoline Mans	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Chief Forester: NFA Regulations
Shabeer Abdool	Acciona Energia (Pty) Ltd	QSES Manager
Luke Colvin	Acciona Energia (Pty) Ltd	Business Development
Karen Jodas	Savannah Environmental	Project Manager and Senior Environmental Consultant
Rendani Rasivhetshela	Savannah Environmental	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
Nondumiso Bulunga	Savannah Environmental	Facilitator and Public Participation Consultant
Lehlogonolo Mashego	Savannah Environmental	Public Participation Consultant

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Nondumiso Bulunga welcomed the attendees at the Focus Group Meeting for San Solar Photovoltaic (PV) energy facility as located 16km northwest of Kathu, Northern Cape Province. The virtual meeting was held on Microsoft Teams and all meeting attendees were granted an opportunity to formally register. The online registration record of the virtual participants is attached as **Appendix A**.

The agenda was provided, and purpose of the meeting was presented by Karen Jodas.

BACKGROUND & TECHNICAL ASPECTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Karen Jodas provided an overview of the proposed San Solar PV facility project located within the Northern Cape Province, a summary of the planned approach and offered an opportunity to confirm any additional aspects to be considered. The aim of the meeting was to hold an upfront discussion with the Department to engage with Officials, provide the environmental setting, an opportunity to understand the extent and get early feedback on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process along with the requirements needed.

Karen Jodas then proceeded to present the following key information:

- » project description for the proposed San Solar PV facility;
- » the locality of the solar PV facility and its development area as assessed within the scoping phase;
- » project overview and identified sensitivities; and
- » way forward.

Simon Todd, the specialist ecologist for the San Solar EIA was provided with an opportunity to provide his feedback and some insights regarding the project site and surrounding area. He indicated that this site is considered to be of lower sensitivity than those areas characterized by deeper sandy soils with more trees. He indicated that the initial estimation of tree density is one (1) tree per hectare for each species (i.e., *Erioloba* and *Boscia*). As a note, a previous walk-through report was compiled when the site was previously assessed in 2012.

The presentation shared by Savannah Environmental is attached as **Appendix B** to the meeting notes.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Raised by	Question / Comment	Response
Simon Todd	What is the expected development footprint area?	Shabeer Abdool explained that the development footprint is not yet known. Karen Jodas added that with technology becoming more efficient, the project development areas are reducing in size, and it would not be expected that the total facility footprint would exceed 400ha.
Jacoline Mans	Simon Todd only made reference to two species. Is it likely that there could be Grey Camel thorn trees on the site, as these are also a protected species?	Simon Todd indicated that the previous walk-through survey conducted did not identify any on the site. Either the species was not present, or the density was low. From the species previously identified, as well as the prevailing soil conditions, it is unlikely that the Grey Camel thorn occurs in any numbers on the site. This will be further

		assessed through the field survey and the environmental impact assessment.
Jacoline Mans	What percentage of the anticipated footprint is to be located in the ecological support area (ESA)?	Simon Todd responded that there is still the opportunity to guide the developer on the best location for the development footprint to be positioned within the site to minimize impact. This will be done through the EIA.
Natalie Uys	What is the current land use for the site and the surrounding area?	Shabeer Abdool indicated that the development site is currently vacant with no activity taking place. This is confirmed as they are the owners of the site.
	What is the current land use for the properties in the surrounding area?	Shabeer Abdool indicated that the adjacent land uses are all livestock grazing with local community members making use of the farmland for grazing purposes.
Jacoline Mans	When the Ecology Assessment is being conducted, the focus should not only include the big trees. All trees, irrespective of their size must be permitted for removal (even if the trees are dead). The size classes are based on size: juvenile; intermediate and mature.	Simon Todd indicated that his assessment will include this detail, and will further evaluate all ecological aspects within the project site.
Natalie Uys	Would it be possible to include the previous walk-through report as additional information in this EIA?	It was agreed that the previous walk-through report can be included as an Appendix to the report (Strohbach, M. 2012. Plant Ecological Report – San Solar Energy Facility near Kathu, Northern Cape).
Natalie Uys	The need for a biodiversity offset is dependent on the number of trees which are required to be removed (i.e. density trigger). The EIA should consider the need for a biodiversity offset and motivate accordingly. The report must also consider all the species of trees to be impacted/removed from the site.	It was agreed that the EIA would consider the need for a biodiversity offset and a reasoned motivation provided by the ecologist accordingly.
Samantha De la Fontaine	The cumulative impacts should be assessed as the proposed development is in close proximity to other solar projects.	Nondumiso Bulunga indicated that cumulative assessment will be considered in the impact assessment phase.

WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

It was noted by all attendees that no further comments needed to be raised at this time.

Nondumiso Bulunga thanked the participants for making time available to attend the Focus Group Meeting and for their valuable inputs into the Scoping process.

The meeting was closed at 09h33.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

DAEARDLR	Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform	ESA	Ecological Support Area
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	PV	Photovoltaic

APPENDIX A: Attendance List

LC 2022/01/18 09:07
Luke Colvin - Business Development

2022/01/18 09:07 Recording has started

RR 2022/01/18 09:08
Rendani Rasivhetshela - Savannah Environmental

S 2022/01/18 09:08
Simon (Guest) - 3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions. Ecologist on the project.

SA 2022/01/18 09:08
Abdool, Shabeer - Acciona - QSES Manager

KJ 2022/01/18 09:22
Karen Jodas - Savannah Environmental

ES 2022/01/18 09:09
Elsabe Swart - Environmental Research and Development, DAEARDLR

SF 2022/01/18 09:09
Samantha De la Fontaine - NC Department Agriculture, Environment, Rural Development and Land Reform

2022/01/18 09:09
Lehlogonolo Mashego - Savannah Environmental - PP

NB 2022/01/18 09:09
Nondumiso Bulunga, Savannah Environmental, Facilitator PP

JM 2022/01/18 09:09
Jacoline Mans (Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment)

NC 2022/01/18 09:10
Natalie Uys, Environmental Research & Development Unit, Northern Cape Department Agriculture, Environment, Rural Development and Land Reform

APPENDIX B: Presentation

SAN SOLAR PV AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

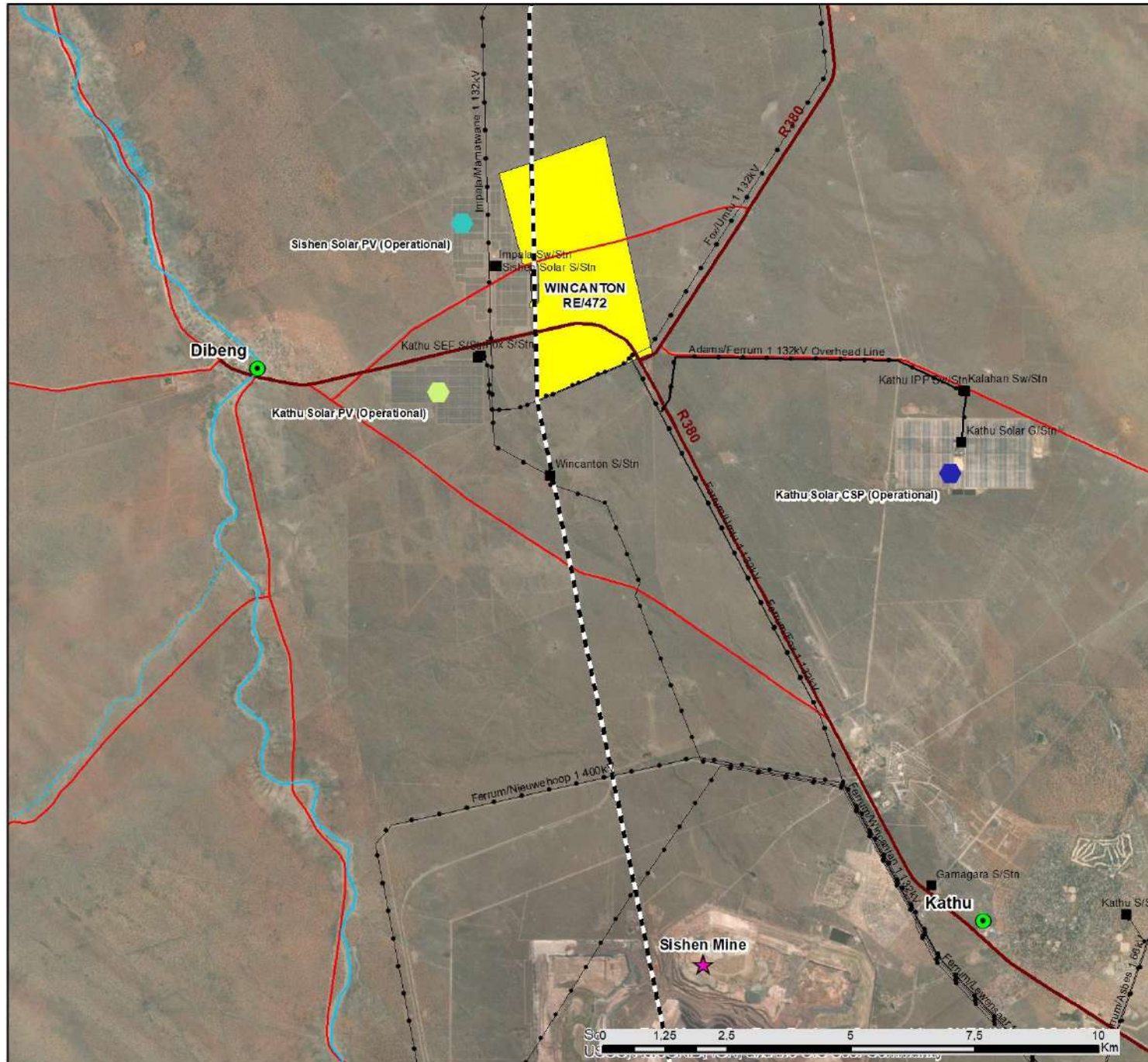
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Purpose of the meeting
3. Project Overview
4. Discussion & Way Forward

San Solar PV Facility Northern Cape

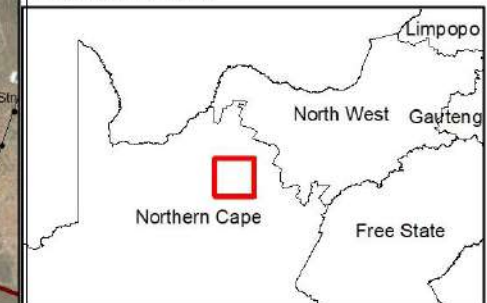
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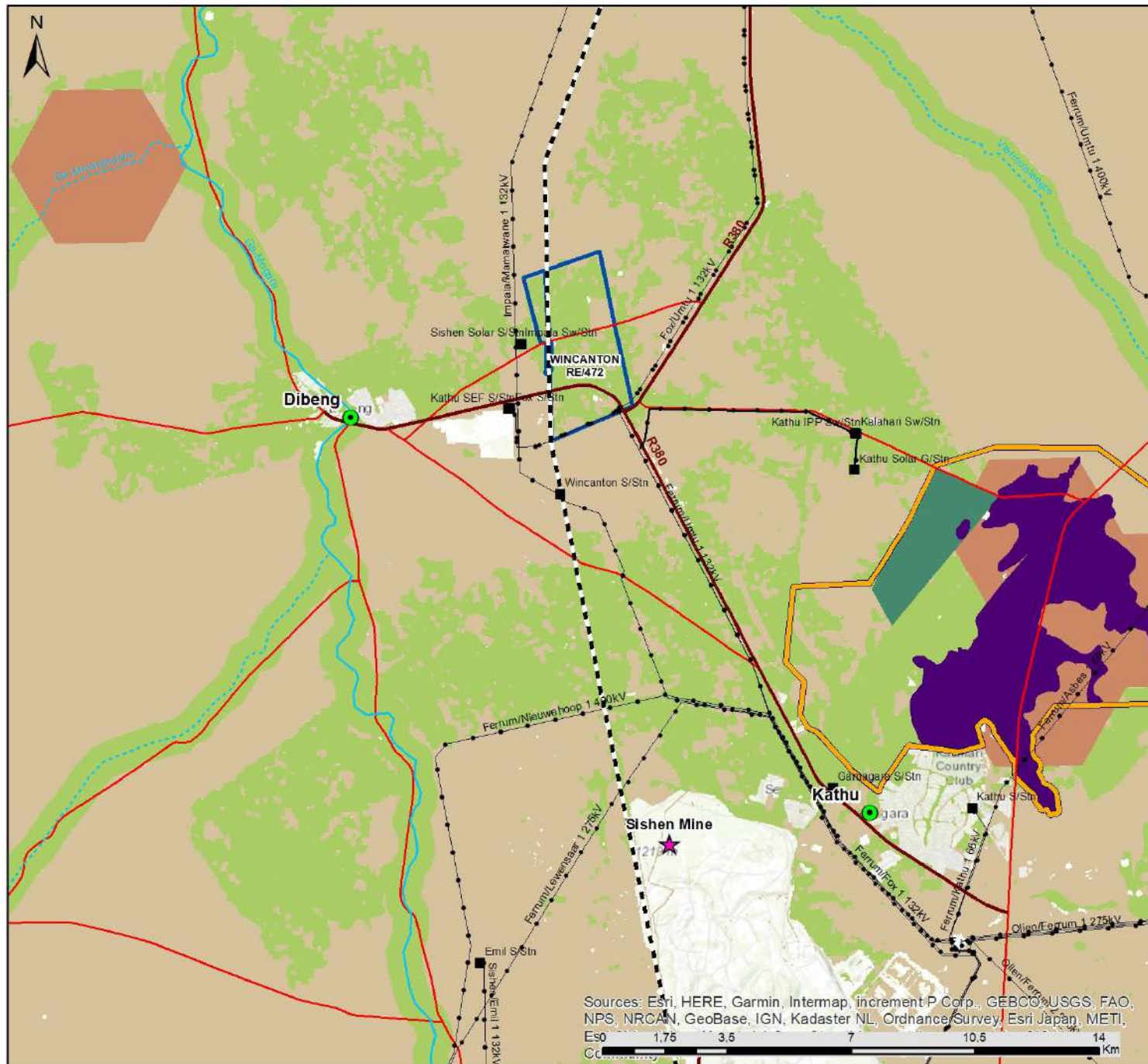
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- Existing Substation
- ⬢ Kathu Solar CSP (Operational)
- ⬢ Kathu Solar PV (Operational)
- ⬢ Sishen Solar PV (Operational)
- - - Railway Line
- Existing Power Line
- Perennial River
- - - Non-perennial River
- Regional Road
- Main Road
- Project Site

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 Projection: LO23
 Ref: San Solar PV - Locality



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- **Project name:** San Solar PV
- **Capacity:** 100MW
- **Applicant:** San Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd
- **Location:** ~16km north west of the town Kathu in the Northern Cape Province
- **Proposed infrastructure/components:**
 - PV modules and mounting structures
 - Inverters and transformers
 - Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical
 - Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
 - Site and internal access roads (up to 8m wide);
 - Laydown area;
 - Operation and Maintenance buildings including a gate and security building, control centre, offices, warehouse, and workshop areas for maintenance and storage;
 - Grid connection solution including a 132kV facility substation to be connected via a Loop-in-Loop-out (LILO) connection to the Umtu 132kV overhead powerline (located ~5km east of the site)



San Solar PV Facility Northern Cape

Desktop Sensitivity
Map

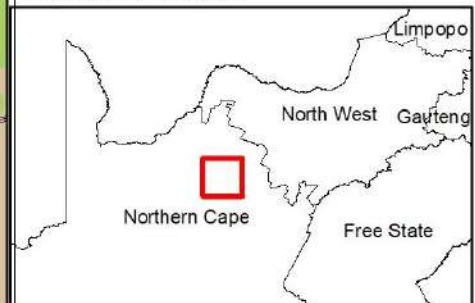
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Desktop Ecologically Sensitive Areas:

- Kathu Forest Buffer
 - Kathu Forest
 - Kathu Forest Nature Reserve
- Northern Cape CBA (2016):**
- Critical Biodiversity Area One
 - Critical Biodiversity Area Two
 - Ecological Support Area
 - Other Natural Areas

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Projection: LO23
Ref: San Solar PV - Desktop Sens



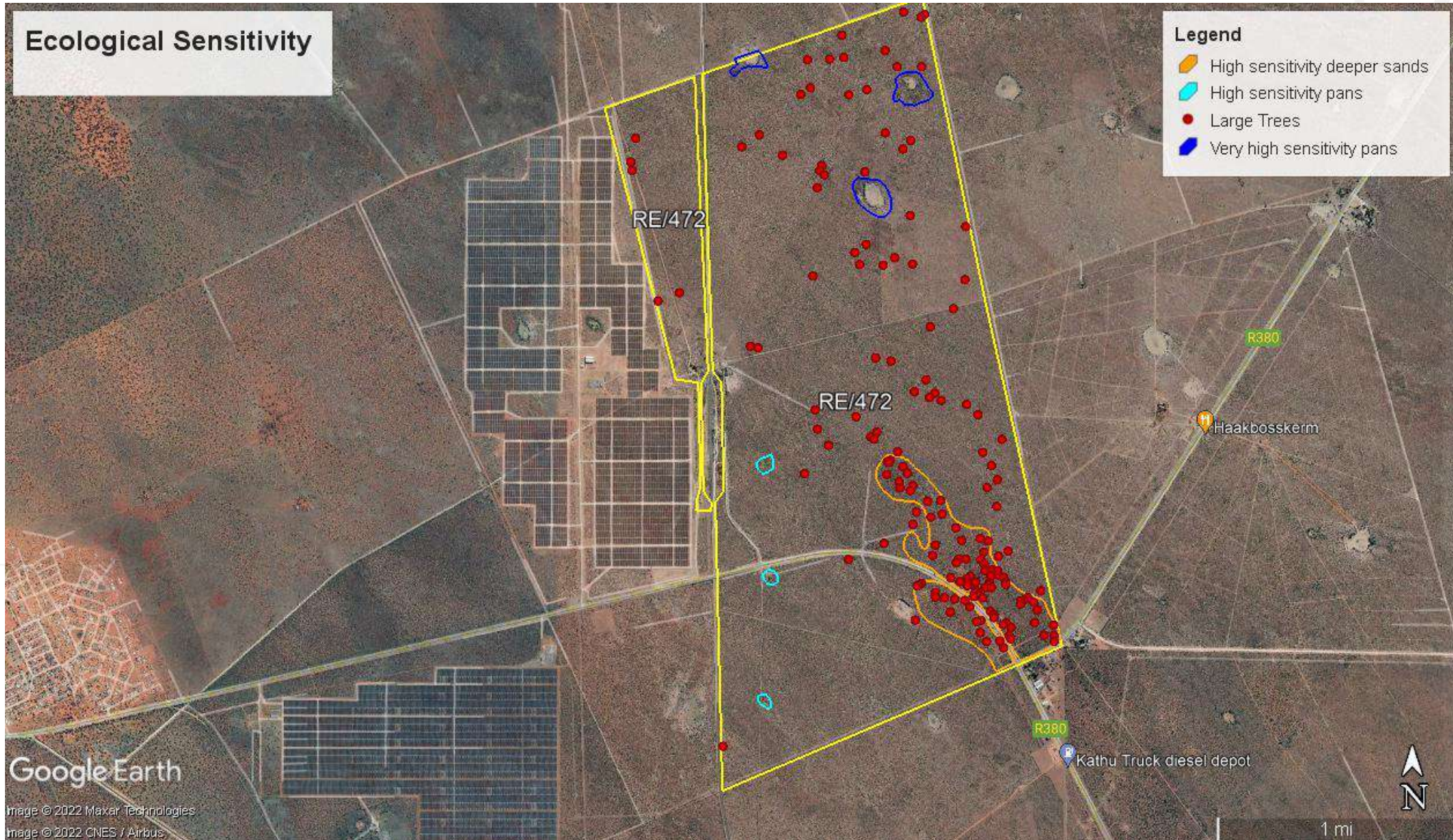
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Ecological Sensitivity

Legend

- High sensitivity deeper sands
- High sensitivity pans
- Large Trees
- Very high sensitivity pans



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DISCUSSION AND WAY FORWARD

SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

**MEETING NOTES OF THE SAN SOLAR PV KEY STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH 2022 AT 10H00
VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS, VIRTUAL MEETING**

Notes for the Record prepared by:

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SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

MEETING ATTENDEES

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Tenda Rasikhanya	Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	Director: Integrated Environment
Shabeer Abdool	Acciona Energy South Africa Global (Pty) Ltd	QSES Manager
Luke Colvin	Acciona Energy South Africa Global (Pty) Ltd	Business Development
Rachel Fry	Acciona Energy South Africa Global (Pty) Ltd	Business Development Manager
Rendani Rasivhetshela	Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd	Environmental Assessment Practitioner and Technical Presenter
Lehlogonolo Mashego	Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd	Public Participation Consultant and Facilitator

APOLOGIES

The apologies received consisted of the following:

- i. Thando Boo Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE),
- ii. Portia Makitla (DFFE),
- iii. Aulicia Maifo (DFFE),
- iv. Morgan Griffiths (Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)), and
- v. Dr Ramotholo Sefako South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO).

It was further indicated by Tenda Rasikhanya that the rest of the DWS representatives were held in another meeting.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Lehlogonolo Mashego welcomed the attendees at the Key Stakeholder Workshop for San Solar Photovoltaic (PV) energy facility as located 16km northwest of Kathu, Northern Cape Province. The virtual meeting was held on Microsoft Teams and all meeting attendees were granted an opportunity to formally register. The online registration record of the virtual participants is attached as **Appendix A1**. All formal apologies are attached as **Appendix A2**.

In terms of representation from the DFFE, formal comments have been sent by the department for our consideration and further confirmation of there not being a need to be present to the meeting was detailed. In terms of the other departments, WESSA and SAAO have both indicated that they

would send their written comments should they be anything which needs to be relayed to us. From DWS, the participants were said to be in a meeting and as such Tenda Rasikhanya would further relay the outcome of this workshop and engage with the appropriate representatives for there to be inclusive comments on the project.

The agenda was provided, and purpose of the meeting was presented by Rendani Rasivhetshela.

BACKGROUND & TECHNICAL ASPECTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Rendani Rasivhetshela provided an overview of the proposed San Solar PV facility project located within the Northern Cape Province, a summary of the planned approach and offered an opportunity to confirm any additional aspects to be considered. The aim of the meeting was to hold key stakeholder workshop and table to the proposed development, discuss the Scoping Report which is currently out for public comment and review as well as the project progress update.

Rendani Rasivhetshela then proceeded to present the following key information:

- » project description for the proposed San Solar PV facility;
- » the locality of the solar PV facility and its development area as assessed within the scoping phase;
- » project overview and identified sensitivities; and
- » way forward.

The presentation shared by Savannah Environmental is attached as **Appendix B** to the meeting notes.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Raised by	Question / Comment	Response
Lehlogonolo Mashego	Tenda Rasikhanya we request that you engage with the department to provide us with clarity in line with the site sensitivities.	Noted.
Lehlogonolo Mashego	Are you currently in a position to provide any recommendations and clarity of the pans identified on site?	Tenda Rasikhanya indicated that he would not be able to clarify the specific aspects but in a position to say that he is open to the development provided that it adheres to the national water guidelines, moreso due to the economic benefit which ought to be an outcome of this project. He further indicated that this will trigger a water use licence (WUL) and reference is
Rendani Rasivhetshela	Are you currently in a position to provide any detail regarding potential buffers to consider?	

		<p>given to the National Water Act, 1998 (No. 36 of 1998) regarding the process.</p> <p>In addition to making a decision on the WUL, as a department the aim is to issue the final verdict within 90 days and will adhere to it as far as possible.</p>
	<p>Are you in a position to advise whether GA and full WUL will be required? This is critical as we would ideally wish to have it addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase.</p>	<p>Tenda Rasikhanya responded to detail that even the department written comments will not provide directive on which process to follow but directed to the guidelines.</p> <p>Plan of Action: Lehlogonolo Mashego indicated that we rely on the department for feedback. And reference to the indicated guidelines will be fulfilled.</p>
Shabeer Abdool	<p>I just wanted to clarify the reference to a WUL versus a general authorisation (GA); based on the scope of the proposed development the assumption is that we will need a GA against the triggered activities and capacities.</p>	<p>The comment has been well noted.</p> <p>Tenda Rasikhanya's recommendation is that all projects be treated independently and not create expectations of the outcome of previous projects and base the decision on merit.</p>
Rachel Fry	<p>Will the department send written comments like the DFFE?</p>	<p>Tenda Rasikhanya indicated that the department will share their written comments accordingly.</p>
	<p>A request to have the presentation and recording to share with the Board of Directors as a representative for SBV of Sishen Mine.</p>	<p>Lehlogonolo Mashego, confirmed that all participants in this session will receive the presentation and recording will be shared accordingly.</p> <p>Plan of Action: Send out the meeting notes, presentation and recording.</p>

WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

It was noted by all attendees that no further comments needed to be raised at this time.

Lehlogonolo Mashego thanked the participants for making time available to attend the Key Stakeholder Workshop and for their valuable inputs into the Scoping process.

The meeting was closed at 10h53.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	PV	Photovoltaic
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation	SAAO	South African Astronomical Observatory
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	WESSA	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

APPENDIX A1: Attendance List

RR

Rendani Rasivhetshele 2022/03/30 10:20
Rendani Rasivhetshele_ EAP - Savannah Environmental

SA

Abdool, Shabeer 2022/03/30 10:20
Shabeer Abdool - Acciona Energy - QSES Mngr

RT

Rasikhanya Tendamudzimu 2022/03/30 10:21
Tenda Rasikhanya, Director: IE, Department of Water and Sanitation,

LC

Luke Colvin 2022/03/30 10:22
Luke Colvin
Acciona Energy
Business Development Administrator

RF

Fry, Rachel 2022/03/30 10:22
Rachel Fry (Business Development Manager), working for Acciona Energy South Africa Global but representing San Solar Energy Facility and SPV for the Sishen facility (Windfall 59 Properties)

RT

Rasikhanya Tendamudzimu 2022/03/30 10:41
REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS

APPENDIX A2: Attendance Apologies

Lehlogonolo Mashego

From: Lehlogonolo Mashego
Sent: Thursday, 17 March 2022 14:36
To: MMatlala Rabothata
Cc: Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko; Rendani Rasivhetshele
Subject: RE: SE3203 San Solar Facility: Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop

Dear Mmatlala

The confirmation has been noted and will further send a meeting request for your reference.

Kind regards



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Sent: Thursday, 17 March 2022 14:11
To: Lehlogonolo Mashego <Lehlogonolo@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko
Subject: FW: SE3203 San Solar Facility: Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop

Dear Lehlogonolo,

I am available on the said date.

Regards,
MMatlala.

From: Lehlogonolo Mashego [<mailto:Lehlogonolo@savannahsa.com>]
Sent: Thursday, 17 March 2022 12:12
To: _____; _____; _____; BC Admin <_____>;
Seoka Lekota <_____>; Portia Makitla <_____>; Portia Makitla
<_____>; Pamela Kershaw <_____>; Mulalo Sundani <_____>;
_____ <_____>; Aulicia Maifo <_____>; Aulicia Maifo <_____>; Thabile
Sangweni <_____>; Muhammad Essop <_____>; MMatlala Rabothata
<_____>; _____; Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko <_____>
Cc: Rendani Rasivhetshele <_____>
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Good day Key Stakeholders,

Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment

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Lehlogonolo Mashego

From: Morgan Griffiths
Sent: Friday, 18 March 2022 09:45
To: Lehlogonolo Mashego
Subject: RE: SE3203 San Solar Facility: Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop

Thank you Lehlogonolo

Should WESSA seeks to offer comments on the S-Report, we will do so in the allocated timeframe

With thanks
Morgan Griffiths

From: Lehlogonolo Mashego <Lehlogonolo@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, 17 March 2022 12:23
To: Morgan Griffiths ; Info <info@wessa.co.za>;
info@wessanorth.co.za;
Cc: Rendani Rasivhetshele <rendani@savannahsa.com>
Subject: SE3203 San Solar Facility: Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop

Good day Key Stakeholders,

Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop: Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa

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From: Aulicia Maifo
Sent: Tuesday, 22 March 2022 09:13
To: Lehlogonolo Mashego
Cc: Savannah Public Process; Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko; Portia Makitla
Subject: RE: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Good morning Lehlogonolo,

I hope this email finds you well.

Kindly note that we (Mrs. Makitla and myself) will not be available on the 30th of March, we would be out of the office.

Kind Regards,

Ms. Aulicia Maifo

Intern: Biodiversity Conservation, Mainstreaming EIA
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Environment House
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From: Savannah Public Process [mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 March 2022 09:04
To: Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko; Portia Makitla; Aulicia Maifo
<amaifo@dffe.gov.za>
Cc: Lehlogonolo Mashego <Lehlogonolo@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Good morning Tsholofelo

The email below has been noted with thanks.

Note: @Portia Makitla and @Aulicia Maifo a request has been shared to have the both of you join the planned key stakeholder workshop (virtual). Kindly confirm whether you would be available to attend as I believe it will be of value to the project.

Kind regards



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Cc: Portia Makitla <_____>; Aulicia Maifo <_____>
Subject: San Solar PV Facility: Notification of S&EIA and availability of Scoping Report for review and comment

Dear Sir/Madam

DDFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the Scoping, Environmental Impact Assessment and Public Participation Process for the San solar PV facility and associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms Makitla and Ms Maifo (both copied on this email).

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.

Regards,
Ms. Tsholofelo Sekonko
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Lehlogonolo Mashego

From: Ramotholo Sefako
Sent: Fridav, 25 March 2022 15:55
To: Lehlogonolo Mashego
Cc: @saao.ac.za; @saao.ac.za; Rendani Rasivhetshele
Subject: Re: SE3203 San Solar Facility: Planned Key Stakeholder Workshop

Dear Lehlogonolo

Thanks for your invitation to the planned stakeholder workshop regarding the proposed San Solar Energy Facility near Kathu, Northern Cape. The proposed facility is considerably far from Sutherland (over 600 km away), where our astronomical facilities are located. Our facilities are mainly sensitive to lighting and/or dust. However, at that distance, any light or dust pollution generated there is unlikely to have any measurable impact at the Southern African Large Telescope and other South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) astronomy facilities near Sutherland.

We (the SAAO), therefore, will not be taking part in any further stakeholder engagements regarding the San Solar Energy Facility.

Kind regards
Ramotholo

Dr Ramotholo Sefako
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> To: director@saao.ac.za, rrs@saao.ac.za, petri@saao.ac.za, paw@saao.ac.za
> Cc: "Rendani Rasivhetshele" <rendani@savannahsa.com>
> Sent: Thursday, 17 March, 2022 12:39:25 PM
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**APPENDIX B:
Presentation**

SAN SOLAR PV AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Key Stakeholder Workshop
March 2022

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Meeting Conduct
3. Purpose of the meeting
4. Project Overview
5. Discussion & Way Forward

MEETING CONDUCT

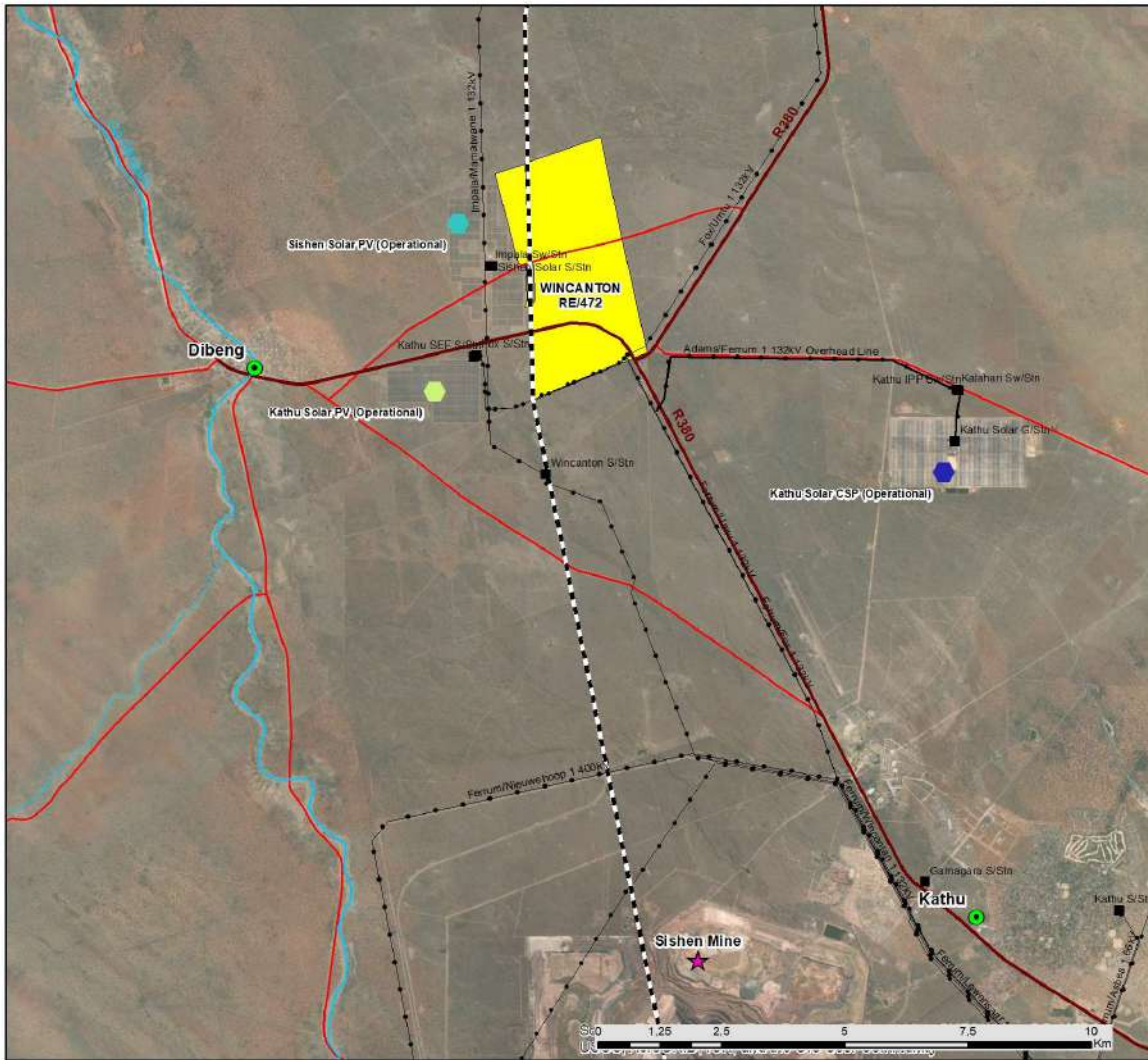
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- Questions and comments can be submitted on the chat function during the presentation – team will respond after presentation.
- Please hold all verbal questions until after the presentation
- Please raise your hand (virtual function) to ask a question and state your name.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Provide stakeholders with an overview of the planned project
- Summary of the **Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) & Public Participation** being undertaken
- Provide stakeholders the opportunity to seek clarity regarding the environmental studies
- Opportunity to provide valuable input into/to inform the EIA process
- Record comments for inclusion in the submissions to DFFE.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

(Rendani Rasivhetshele)



San Solar PV Facility Northern Cape

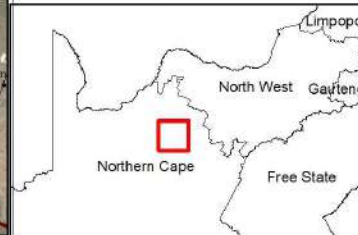
Locality Map

Legend

- Town
- ★ Sishen Mine
- Existing Substation
- Kathu Solar CSP (Operational)
- Kathu Solar PV (Operational)
- Sishen Solar PV (Operational)
- - - Railway Line
- - - Existing Power Line
- Perennial River
- - - Non-perennial River
- Regional Road
- Main Road
- Project Site

Scale: 1:101 000
Projection: LQ23
Ref: San Solar PV - Locality

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environmental



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

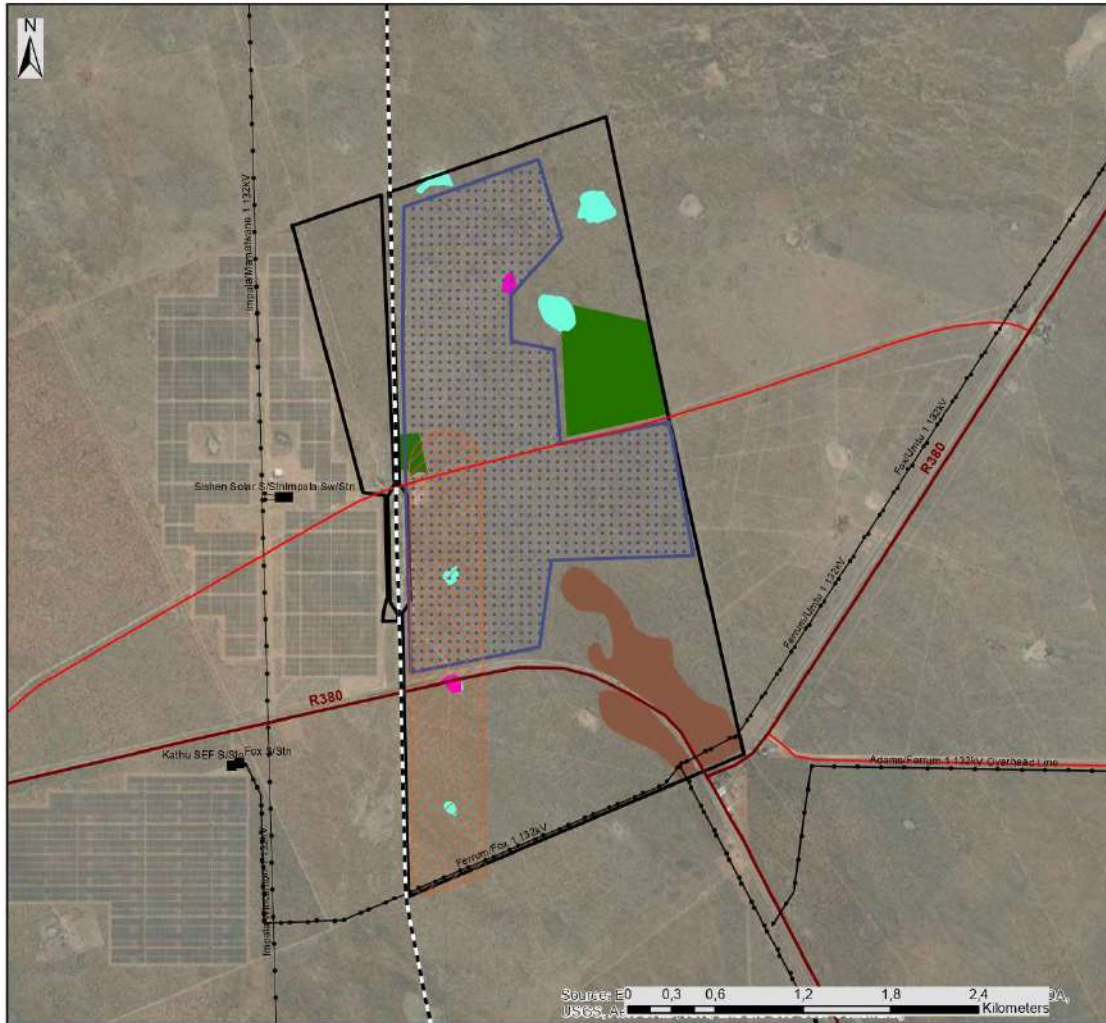
- **Project name:** San Solar PV
- **Capacity:** 100MW
- **Applicant:** San Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd
- **Location:** ~16km north west of the town Kathu in the Northern Cape Province
- **Infrastructure/components:**
 - PV modules and mounting structures
 - Inverters and transformers
 - Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical
 - Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
 - Site and internal access roads (up to 8m wide);
 - Laydown area;
 - Operation and Maintenance buildings including a gate and security building, control centre, offices, warehouse, and workshop areas for maintenance and storage;
 - Grid connection solution including a 132kV facility substation to be connected via a Loop-in-Loop-out (LILLO) connection to the Fox- Umtu 132kV overhead powerline located south east of the site

APPROACH TO SCOPING

- Identification of issues – social and biophysical environment
- Potential sensitive areas identified through specialist desktop and in-field studies
- Prepare a Plan of Study for the EIA phase
- Design of appropriate facility layout to be informed by sensitive areas identified through the EIA process
- Development area based on technical considerations - considered by all specialists at Scoping phase
- Any further identified sensitivities will be addressed in EIA phase and will inform the facility layout
- A facility layout to be presented and considered in EIA Phase
- Application of the mitigation hierarchy (i.e. avoid, minimise, mitigate and offset)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

- Assessments undertaken as part of the Scoping & EIA process:
 - Ecology (fauna and flora)
 - Avifauna (incl. a dry season and wet season bird monitoring)
 - Soils and Agricultural Potential
 - Heritage
 - Visual
 - Social



San Solar PV Facility Northern Cape

Preliminary Sensitivity &
Development Area Map

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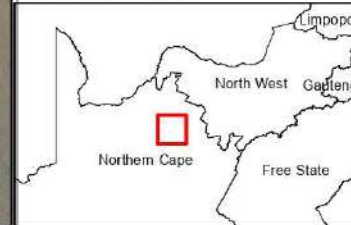
- Existing Substation
- - - Railway Line
- - - Existing Power Line
- Regional Road
- Main Road
- ▨ Grid Connection Corridor (500m wide)
- ▤ Development Area (400ha)
- ▭ Project Site

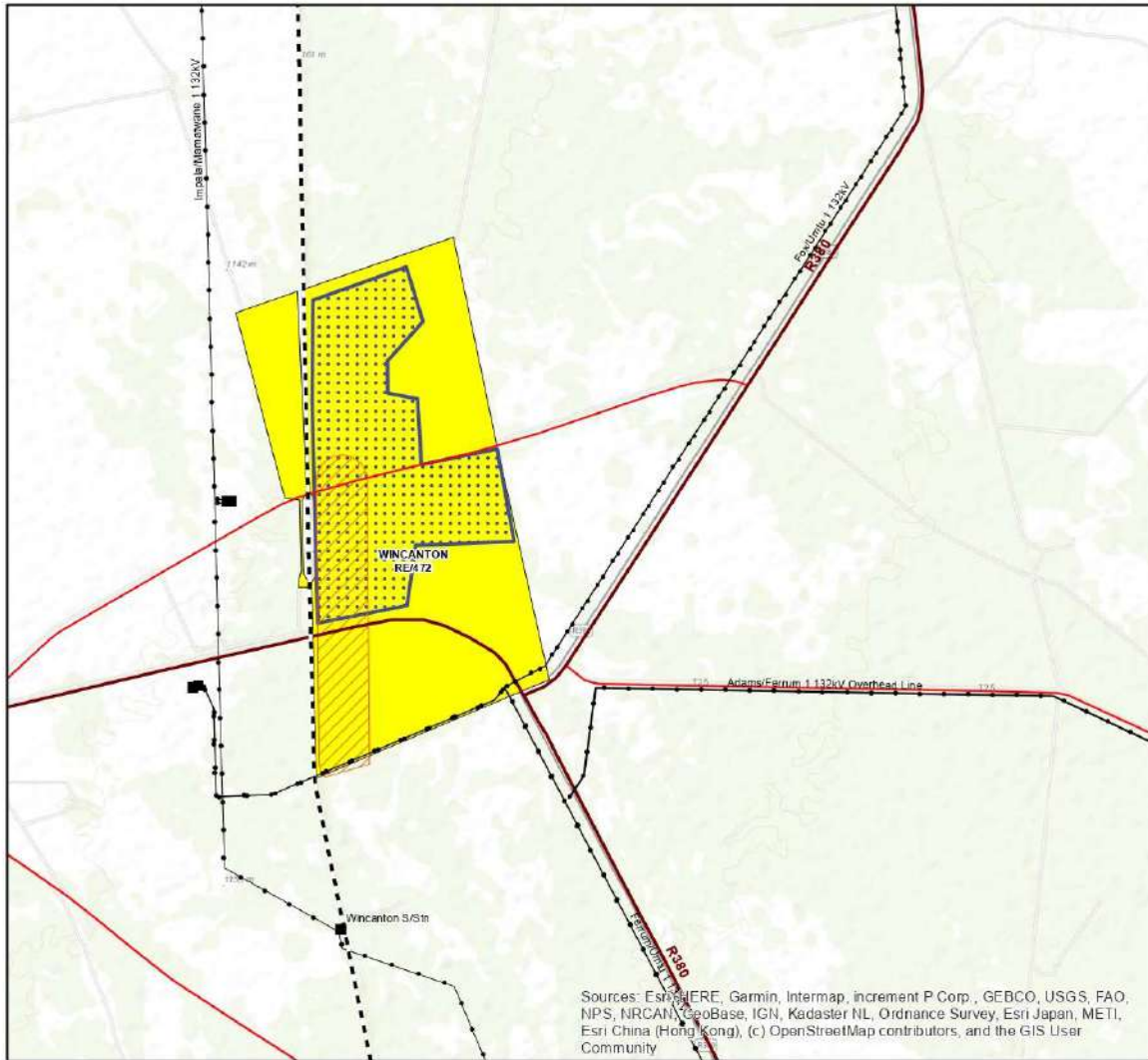
Preliminary Environmental Features & Sensitivities

- Deep Sands (High Ecological Sensitivity)
- Pan (Very High Ecological Sensitivity & High Avifauna Sensitivity)
- Artificial watering point (High Avifauna Sensitivity)
- Open Kathu Bushveld (High Avifauna Sensitivity)

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Scale: 1:35 000
Projection: L 023
Ref: San Solar PV - Sensitivity Map





San Solar PV Facility Northern Cape

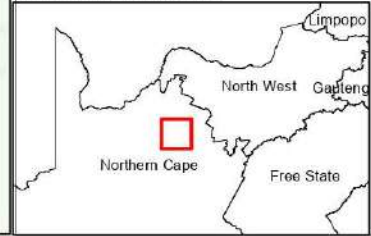
Development Area Map

Legend

- Existing Substation
- - - Railway Line
- Existing Power Line
- Perennial River
- - - Non-perennial River
- Regional Road
- Main Road
- Project Site
- ▨ Grid Connection Corridor (500m wide)
- ▤ Development Area (400ha)

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Scale: 1:50 000
Projection: L023
Ref: San Solar PV - Development area

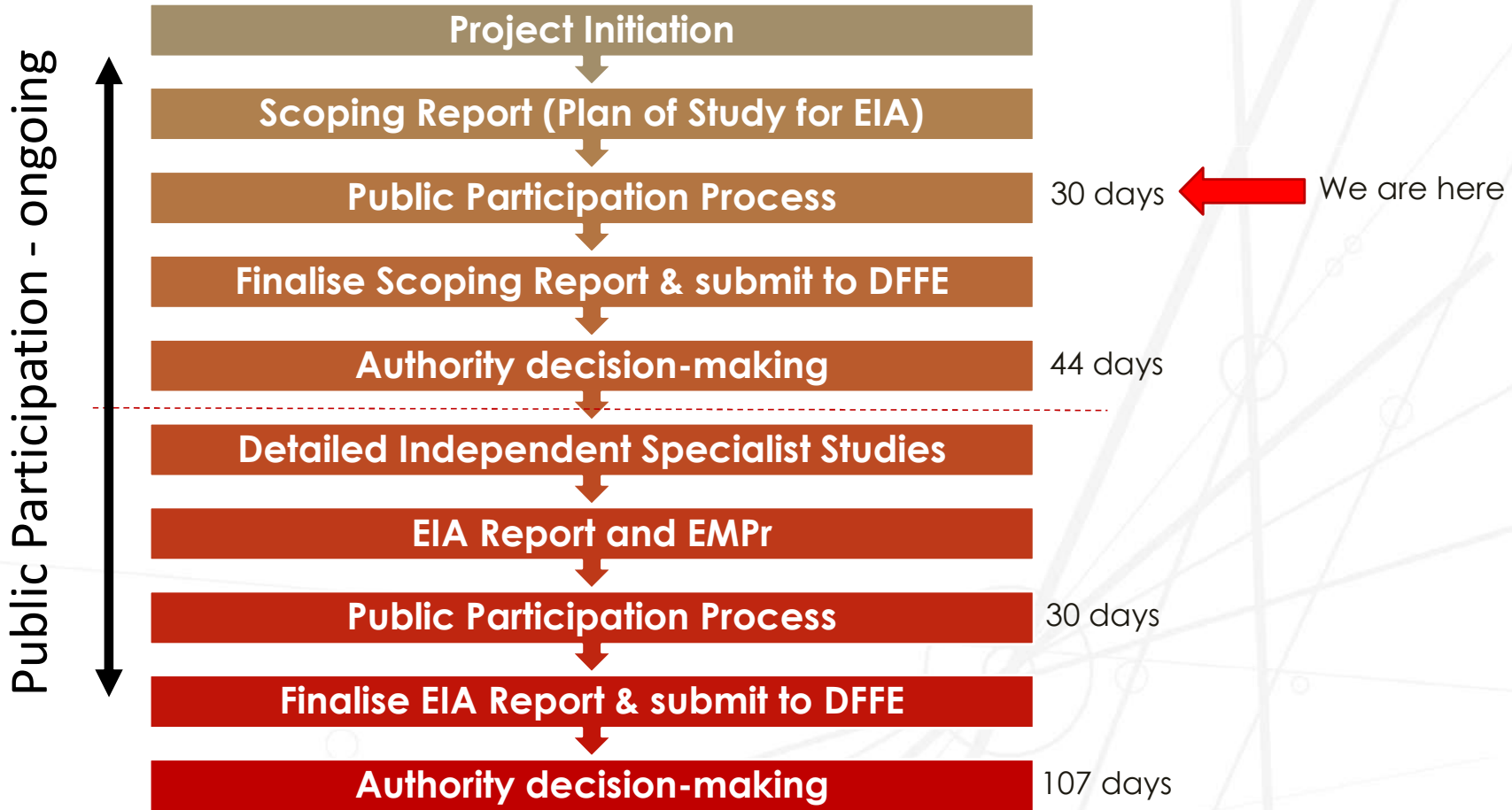


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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS/SENSITIVITIES IDENTIFIED

Specialist Field	Scoping of issues
Ecological Impacts (fauna & flora) and Freshwater impacts;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disturbance and loss of natural vegetation• Disturbance or loss of protected plants• Loss of fauna habitat and displacement of species• It was concluded in the desktop scoping assessment that there are no natural permanent water or artificial dams within the project site. There are ephemeral pans in the north of the site. The development footprint will be able to completely avoid the ephemeral pans and as such no further assessment of impacts to the freshwater ecology is recommended or considered necessary.
Impacts on avifauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loss of intact habitat due to transformation• Mortality due to collision with infrastructure• Disturbance during operation
Impacts on soil & agricultural potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loss of areas of grazing for livestock• Soil chemical pollution• Soil compaction and erosion• Change in land use

EIA PROCESS



DISCUSSION AND WAY FORWARD

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WAY FORWARD

- Scoping Report review period: **08 March 2022 – 11 April 2022** (can be downloaded from the Savannah Environmental website)
- Final Scoping Report to be submitted to DFFE – April 2022
- EIA & EMPr for review – June 2022 (TBC)
- Our Public Participation team is available to answer any questions on the development and register you as an I&AP so that you can receive important project information as it becomes available.

APPENDIX C8:
Comments and Responses Report

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS: SCOPING REPORT FOR THE SAN SOLAR PV FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2144

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

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The Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the Public Participation Process (PPP) for the San Solar photovoltaic (PV) Facility commenced in January 2022. All comments received to date have been included in this Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) and included in Appendix C8 of the Scoping Report.

The Scoping Report was made available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Tuesday, 08 March 2022** until Monday, 11 April 2022. All comments received and recorded during the 30-day review and comment period have been included, considered, and addressed within this C&RR.

The EIA Report is available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Tuesday 23 June 2022** to **Thursday 25 April 2022** and all written comments received will be included in the table below and form part of **Appendix C7** to the final EIA Report.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

APM	Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites	PV	Photovoltaic
C&RR	Comments and Response Report	PIA	Palaeontological Impact Assessment

DAEARDLR	Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform	PPP	Public Participation Process
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	SACAA	South African Civil Aviation Authority
EA	Environmental Authorisation	S&EIA	Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
EMP	Environmental Programme Report	SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties	SANRAL	South African National Roads Agency Limited
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment	SARAO	South African Radio Astronomy Observation
FSR	Final Scoping Report	WESSA	Wildlife and Environment Society South Africa
NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (No 25 of 1999)		

1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ANNOUNCEMENT)

1.1. Organs of State (OoS)

No comments have been received to date.

1.2. Key Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)

No comments have been received to date.

2. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE SCOPING PHASE

2.1. Organs of State (OoS)

No.	Raised by	Comment	Response
1.	Thando Booie Case Officer Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Letter: 25 March 2022	This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final Scoping Report: Listed Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department has noted that activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and Activity 10 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for in relation to the installation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), you are required to explain whether the BESS will be assembled on site or pre-assembled. Additionally, provide reasons for applying for the above mentioned activities even though the BESS is not regarded as a facility or infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods. Additionally, confirm the applicability of activity 10, 14 and 18 of Listing Notice 3 to this development as the sub activity cited in these activities refer to a Critical Biodiversity Area while the explanation provided refers to an Ecological Support Area. 	The BESS system comes preassembled. The containerised BESS system will be delivered to site and then integrated into the system. There will be no assembly onsite. We are applying for this activities due to other substations that will form part of the PV facility infrastructures. We have taken guidance in confirming the applicability of activity 10, 14 and 18 from the definitions as provided in the Northern Cape Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) Map published in 2016 and classifies the natural

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="633 587 1653 836">• It has been noted the word such as “may” has been used in the description of the portion of the proposed project that relates to Activity 18 of Listing Notice 3. Please confirm whether the above-mentioned activity will be triggered by this development or not. <li data-bbox="633 836 1653 1193">• Ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. <li data-bbox="633 1193 1653 1367">• If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms. 	<p>vegetation of the province according to the following conservation value:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1653 341 2123 368">1. Protected <li data-bbox="1653 376 2123 440">2. Critical Biodiversity Area One (Irreplaceable Areas) <li data-bbox="1653 448 2123 512">3. Critical Biodiversity Area Two (Important Areas) <li data-bbox="1653 520 2123 547">4. Ecological Support Area <li data-bbox="1653 555 2123 582">5. Other Natural Area <p>Listing Notice 3, Activity 18 applies. Access to the project site will be via the R380 regional road. An 8m wide main gravel/hard surfaced access road will be constructed/upgraded to provide direct access to the development area.</p> <p>All relevant activities applied for in the application for Environmental Authorisation and included in the Scoping Report are specific to the San Solar PV Facility and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure in the project description. An amended application form is not required for final submission of the Final Scoping Report.</p> <p>An amended application form is not required for the submission of the Final Scoping Report</p>

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		<p><u>BESS Alternative</u> In terms of Appendix 2 (1) (g) (v) (vi) of the NEMA EIA regulations 2014, amended, you are required to provide details of the BESS alternatives considered and indicate the preferred alternative if any. If no alternatives have been investigated, provide a motivation for not investigating other alternatives.</p>	<p>As technological advances within battery energy storage systems (BESS) are frequent, no specific technology can be determined for use by the proponent at this stage. When the detailed layout has been designed, this will be further addressed in the EIA report.</p>
		<p><u>Specialist Assessments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted. 	<p>The specialists will provide limitations to their studies and provide a rationale for these within their Specialist report. All studies will be conducted considering seasonality.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice. 	<p>Where appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP will clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On page 6 and 7 of the screening tool report it has been indicated that the proposed site is medium sensitive on civil aviation installations, however on page 79 of the Scoping Report it is stated that "The Civil Aviation Authority will be consulted throughout the Scoping/EIA process to obtain input due to the proximity of the Sishen airport." However, in terms of GN Notice 320, a compliance statement must be prepared and submitted with the draft EIA when the civil aviation theme is rated medium sensitive. 	<p>The Civil Aviation Authority was consulted during the scoping phase and no written comments have been received to date. A Glint and Glare assessment will be undertaken due to the proximity of the Sishen Airport and submitted to the SACAA together with the obstacle assessment.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that specialist studies to be undertaken as part of this application comply with the requirements of GN320 and GN1150 where applicable. 	<p>The requirements of GN 320 of March 2020 have been noted in the Scoping Report (refer to Section 5.6). Throughout the EIA phase specialist studies will be undertaken in</p>

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		<p>Cumulative Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land. ➢ Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. ➢ The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. ➢ A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. 	<p>accordance with the required protocols.</p> <p>During the EIA Phase each specialist study will consider and assess the cumulative impacts of the proposed, approved and authorised renewable projects in the area. Furthermore, a cumulative impact statement will be provided in the EIA report.</p> <p>Figure 7.5 indicates similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site.</p>
		<p>Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Positions of the solar panels and all associated infrastructure; ➢ All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed); ➢ Permanent laydown area footprint; ➢ Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint; ➢ Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and ➢ All existing infrastructure on the site. • The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following: 	<p>Within the identified development area, a facility layout will be defined for assessment in the EIA phase. The layout map and the sensitivity map will be prepared in accordance with this requirement.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; ➤ Buffer areas; and ➤ All “no-go” areas. • The above layout maps must have a clear legend with information communicating with that on the map, be overlain with the sensitivity map which shows neighbouring energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. • According to the Map labelled Appendix K, the existing railway line traverse the project site. Please clarify the distance between the railway line and the position of the solar panels and ensure that the map to be submitted with FSR indicated the distance between the railway and the position of the solar panels. 	
		<p><u>Environmental Management Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the generic EMPs are used for the management of impacts of the substation and power line that will be constructed for this development. • The EMP for the facility must comply with the requirements of Appendix 4 in the EIA Regulation, as amended. 	<p>The EMP for the substation and the EMP for the overhead powerline will be compiled using the generic EMP template.</p> <p>The facility EMP will comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>
		<p><u>Public Participation Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final Scoping Report. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Planning and Conservation; Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation; Gamagara Local Municipality; John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality; Department of Transport and Public Works; Department of Water And Sanitation; Department of Mineral Resources & Energy; Eskom; SA Civil Aviation Authority (SA CAA); Transnet; Telkom SA SOC Ltd; South African Radio Astronomy Observation (SARAO); South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL); South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); Wildlife and Environment Society South Africa (WESSA); Birdlife South Africa and Neighbouring renewable energy projects and adjacent landowners. 	<p>All issues and comments/ queries raised have been incorporated into the C&RR, which will further be updated with the during the EIA phase.</p> <p>All correspondence records have been appended to the FSR. Appendix C4 includes correspondence with the Organs of State (OoS) and Appendix C5 includes correspondence with Stakeholders and I&APs.</p>

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			The public participation process has been facilitated in accordance with the plan approved by the DFFE on Thursday, 04 April 2022 (included in Appendix C9 of the FSR.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Furthermore, ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft Scoping Report from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final Scoping Report. 	All raised issues and comments received will be addressed in the C&RR. Reference is given to Appendix C8 for all the detailing responses to the issues and comments.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Scoping Report. This must indicate that this draft Scoping Report has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. 	The record of stakeholder and I&AP correspondence is appended as Appendix C4 and Appendix C5 respectively.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. 	The PPP was done in line with the detailed regulations as well as the public participation plan submitted to DFFE; reference is given to Appendix C9 .
		<p>General</p> <p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21 (1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that: "If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority"</p>	The Scoping Report has been subjected to a 30-day review period and the final Scoping Report is submitted within the prescribed timeframe of the Regulations.
		You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of	The final Scoping Report complies with the requirements of Appendix 2 and

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		<p>Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p> <p>Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).</p> <p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations.</p> <p>The submission of the EIA report complies with the prescribed timeframes of the EIA Regulations</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges that no activity may commence prior to receipt of the Environmental Authorisation.</p>
2.	<p>Natasha Higgitt Heritage Officer South African Heritage Resources Agency</p> <p>Letter: 08 April 2022</p>	<p>Interim Comment</p> <p>The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that an updated HIA be conducted as part of the EA process for the proposed development as the previous HIA was conducted 9 years ago. The assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. The Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must contain a field-based archaeological component that must be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and the report comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports.</p> <p>The proposed development is located within an area of high Palaeontological Sensitivity as per the SAHRIS PalaeoSensitivity map. As such, a desktop Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken by a qualified palaeontologist. The report must comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Components of Heritage Impact Assessments.</p> <p>Any other heritage resources as defined in section 3 of the NHRA that may be impacted, such as built structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.</p>	<p>SAHRA have been presented with the findings of all relevant previous assessments undertaken for the same property in 2013. This includes a heritage survey as well as a palaeontological assessment for the property (Gaigher (2013) and Almond (2012)).</p> <p>The archaeological heritage and palaeontological heritage reports are based on data observed for a specific area would not have changed over a period of 9 or 10 years, especially when the initial assessments found no heritage resources of significance.</p> <p>The findings in the Desktop Heritage Assessment that, based on the available information, indicate that it is unlikely that the proposed development will impact significant</p>

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			<p>cultural landscape, archaeological or palaeontological heritage and as such, the further assessment of impacts to archaeology and palaeontology will not be necessary during the EIA phase. However, it is possible that the excavations associated with the development may impact significant archaeological heritage located below the ground surface and as such, it is recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Should any sink holes or ESA archaeological artefacts be uncovered during the course of excavation activities, work must cease in that area and SAHRA must be contacted regarding a way forward » The attached Chance Fossil Finds Procedure is implemented for the duration of excavation activities. <p>Considering the comments from SAHRA, an updated HIA including a field assessment will be conducted as part of the EIA process and be included in the EIA report. The Plan of Study for EIA has been updated in this regard</p>

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		Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above requested reports and the draft EIA with all appendices.	SAHRA will be provided with the EIA report including all appendices for commenting purposes.
3.	<p>Samantha De la Fontaine Production Scientist Grade A: District Ecologist Northern Cape: Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAEARDLR)</p> <p>Letter: 11 April 2022</p>	<p>1. On page 25 of the Scoping Report, the following statement is made: "A request for confirmation of water availability for the construction and operation of the solar energy facility will be submitted to the Gamagara Local Municipality during the EIA process." It is strongly suggested that a copy of this confirmation letter re water availability be attached to the final Scoping Report when submitted to the DFFE for decision making OR submitted to the competent authority prior to the EA being approved. The development is proposed within a water scarce area already under pressure of several water users i.e., mining, CSP developments, PV developments, agriculture, etc. Furthermore, it will be futile to approve an EA for a development that necessitates water availability and there's no confirmation of water availability for construction and/or operation.</p> <p>2. Please note that the Environmental Conservation Act (73 of 1989) has been repealed and is no longer applicable (see page 83 of the Scoping Report). It should thus be removed from the list of legislation applicable to the development in question.</p> <p>3. Figure 6.2 on page 100 in the Scoping Report gives an inaccurate estimated locality of the proposed San Solar PV facility. The facility is located more to the north-west of the town of Upington, near Kathu, and not South of Upington. See Figure 1 below for detail. This should be corrected.</p> <p>4. This Department does not agree with the statement on page 122 that the "...ecological significance of the smaller pans is relatively low and would not significance increase the impact of some of these smaller pans were lost to the development."</p> <p>a. The Northern Cape is water scarce province, hence ephemeral pans provide micro-habitats to a multitude of fauna and flora species which might not be able to persevere in the harsh environment of the Kalahari region if not for the availability of these water sources / habitats, even if not on a sustained basis.</p>	<p>Once the Applicant receives confirmation of water availability, this will be included in the EIA report and submitted to the competent authority.</p> <p>The inclusion of the Environmental Conservation Act (73 of 1989) relates to the noise control regulation.</p> <p>It is noted. Figure 6.2 has been adjusted to refer to the accurate locality.</p> <p>The development area is larger than the area needed for the development footprint, therefore it can be confirmed that the development footprint will be able to completely avoid the ephemeral pans. This will be further shown by the detailed layout to be submitted in the EIA Phase.</p>

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		<p>b. Valuable research regarding ephemeral pans in the Northern Cape and its valued source as habitat for aquatic arthropods, which stays desiccated and dormant in these pans for years, and only flourish upon water availability, have increased in the past few years. Furthermore, several new species have been discovered and much can still be added to the body of existing knowledge, which is only picking up pace now.</p> <p>c. A definite example of the above-mentioned is the Tadpole shrimps, an indicator for migrating flamingos, that was found at a CSP facility near Upington. The eggs of the tadpole shrimps, which serve as a source of nutrients for flamingos, attach themselves to the feet of the migrating flamingos and use this as a means to distribute geographically. This find illustrated the lack in knowledge regarding ephemeral pans and its associated link with migrating birds. The ephemeral pan that the Tadpole shrimps were found in can easily be regarded as a smaller pan that is of no or low ecological importance, similar as to the pans associated with the proposed San Solar PV facility (see Figure 2).</p> <p>d. These pan systems also play an important role towards water preservation in arid systems.</p> <p>e. Hence, disturbance of these systems, even the ones regarded as small and of "low ecological significance" will have a direct negative impact on the local biodiversity of the area.</p> <p>f. Development layout should thus be adjusted to incorporate and avoid these ephemeral pans.</p> <p>g. For the list of applicable research please review research done by Elizabeth Meyer-Milne, Post-doctoral research at the Arid SAEON Node amongst others (example: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7736994/).</p>	
		<p>5. There are 2 features that are indicated as "deep sand" (in brown) on Figure 8.1., yet the same features are indicated as "pans" (in blue) on Figure 8.2 (see pages 153 & 154). This should be corrected on the distinct figures. If the features are indeed (natural) pans as indicated in Figure 8.2, then the same argument as stated</p>	<p>It is noted, the legend on the maps has been corrected.</p> <p>The development area is larger than the area needed for the development footprint, therefore it can be</p>

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		<p>under point 4 above applies i.e., the development layout should then be adjusted accordingly to exclude these pans.</p> <p>6. If electrification of the property as security measure is considered, possible electrocution damage to small mammals such as pangolin and tortoises should be taken into consideration. Structures (fences) should be erected in such a manner to ease the free movement of wildlife.</p>	<p>confirmed that the development footprint will be able to completely avoid the ephemeral pans. This will be further shown by the detailed layout to be submitted in the EIA Phase.</p> <p>It is noted, should electrification of the property as a security measure be considered, possible electrocution damage to small mammals such as pangolin and tortoises will be taken into consideration</p>
4.	<p>Portia Makitla Biodiversity Officer DFFE</p> <p>Letter: 12 April 2022</p>	<p>The Directorate Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the report and does not have any objections to the Draft Scoping Report & Plan of Study provided that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be considered in the final report.</p> <p>Please also note that any development within very highly sensitive biodiversity area; where residual impacts will result with very high significant impacts rating will not be supported.</p> <p>NB: The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>It is noted that the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation have no objection to the Draft Scoping Report.</p> <p>It is noted that developments within very highly sensitive biodiversity area; where residual impacts will result in very high significant impacts rating will not be supported. The development area is larger than the area needed for the development footprint, therefore it can be confirmed that the development footprint will be able to completely avoid areas of high biodiversity sensitivity.</p> <p>The project documentation will be submitted to the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p>
5.	Selaelo Matlhane	This letter is in response to the proposed cluster of solar energy facilities and its possible	

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	<p>Spectrum & Telecommunication Manager South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) Letter:</p>	<p>impact on the Square Kilometre Array radio telescopes.</p> <p>SARAO has undertaken a high-level impact assessment and based on the information provided it was determined that the project represents a low risk of interference to the SKA radio telescope with a compliance surplus of 43.97 dBm/Hz. As such, we do not have any objection to the proposed cluster development.</p> <p>Thank you for your correspondence, our office remains open to discuss any matter relating to the above.</p>	

2.2. Key Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)

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1.	Sydney Ntli Sishen Mine Telecom: 18 January 2022 .	<u>Database:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of the municipality especially the local municipal manager should be included in the communication. Engagement with the municipality would assist in sourcing the correct community members to include in the database that represent the Deben area Include LED and include director of community services 	The municipal representatives have been incorporated into the database and on-going engagement will take place.
		<u>Communication:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are network issues in the area where you find some people do not have access to some platforms. A recommendation is presented to have a live read in the Kurara FM to benefit those with limited access. 	The raised comments have been noted and the platforms used will be guided by these limitations.
		<u>Community Meeting:</u> Should there be information sessions held it is best to have a physical meeting, which accommodates the local people, often at times with access being an issue virtual meetings may not reach the masses.	The suggestion has been noted and necessary arrangements will be made should we encounter the need for a physical/face to face meeting.
		<u>Newspaper:</u> Kathu Gazette is a better local newspaper to use as compared to Gemsbok.	The newspaper advertisement was released in the Kathu Gazette as recommended and verified against the distribution details.
2.	Mark Moorhouse Landowner Telecom: 04 April 2022	I would like to request the project kmz file to confirm the locality.	The detailing kmz file was shared along with the landowners' maps on 04 April 2022; refer to Appendix C5 for the detailing correspondence.
3.	Johan van Heerden Landowner Telecom: 04 April 2022	May I have clarify on the proposed development and ask that this further be relayed on email.	The project documents were further shared via email on 04 April 2022, with the detailing background document, landowner notification, landowner map and WinDeed Proof; refer to Appendix C5 for the detailing correspondence.

APPENDIX C9:
Public Participation Plan and Approval

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN
IN TERMS OF THE DIRECTIONS REGARDING MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATING TO NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PERMITS AND
LICENCES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SAN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR KATHU,
GAMAGARA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096, which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and continuation of public consultation as part of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes. Considering these limitations, the following consultation process has been designed and will be implemented, on approval by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), to cater for the conducting of the public participation process which includes Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), the Competent Authority (Competent Authority), directly impacted landowners/occupiers, adjacent landowners/occupiers, relevant Organs of State departments, Municipalities, ward councillors and other key stakeholders.

The Public Participation Plan is submitted as per the requirements of the General Provisions of Annexure 2 of the Regulations issued in terms of Section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No.57 of 2002) and published on 05 June 2020 in Government Notice No R560 of Government Gazette No 43412. According to Section (2)(4)(f) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), the participation of all I&APs must be promoted and all potential I&APs must be informed early and in an informative and proactive way regarding applications that may affect their lives or livelihood in order to give effect to the above sections, and that it is essential to ensure that there is adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation in decisions that may affect the environment.

Savannah Environmental as the independent assessment practitioners have adopted this plan in compliance with the regulations. The submission of this and approval does not negate our responsibilities to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39,40,41,42,43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Project Details:

San Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of the San Solar PV facility, a photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility and associated infrastructure, on a site located approximately 16km north west of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province. The solar PV facility will be developed on the Remaining extent of the Farm Wincanton 472 and comprise several arrays of PV panels and associated infrastructure with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW. The study area¹ falls within the Gamagara Local Municipality within the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality. The site is located east of Deben and is accessible via the R380 provincial route which branches off the N14 National Road, approximately 3km south of Kathu.

¹ The study area is defined as the Remaining extent of the Farm Wincanton 472, which has the extent of ~ 1000ha.

A facility development area², which will include the PV facility, BESS and a 132kV facility substation, 132kV Eskom switching station, and a Loop-in-Loop out (LILO) 132kV power line to connect the San Solar PV to the Eskom Electricity grid.

Applicant	San Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd
Project	San Solar PV
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » PV modules and mounting structures » Inverters and transformers » Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical. » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) » Site and internal access roads (up to 8m wide) » Laydown area. » Operation and Maintenance buildings including a gate and security building, control centre, offices, warehouse, and workshop areas for maintenance and storage. » Grid connection solution including a 132kV facility substation, 132kV switching station to be connected via a Loop-in-Loop out (LILO) connection to the Umtu 132kV overhead power line (located ~5km east of the site).
Affected Properties	» Remaining extent of the Farm Wincanton 472

Public Participation Plan:

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs.
- » Participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project.
- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The traditional means and opportunities available for the undertaking of public participation are still covered and implemented as part of this plan considering the current limitations in terms of the Regulations to limit risks associated with COVID-19; the detailing COVID protocol has been appended as **Appendix A**. Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed and will be implemented by Savannah Environmental to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project through an interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person illustrating interest in the project and enables the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

The use of online tools enables stakeholders and I&APs to explore the project-specific content in their own time and allows them to participate in a meaningful way in the consultation process. The online platform allows for project information to be shared and made available.

² The development area is that identified area (located within the study area) where the San Solar PV facility would be located.

Access to the project documentation via the Savannah Environmental website will be unrestricted to all I&APs. I&APs wanting to access the project information via this portal will be required to register and will receive a unique code (via an automated system) to access the report of interest. This step and the online portal support the EAP in maintaining a complete and accurate record and database of all parties who have interest in the project (and who choose to access the report via the online portal), in line with the requirements of the Regulations.

The online stakeholder engagement platform considers the limitations applied by the Disaster Management Act Regulations prohibiting the gathering of people, as well as limitations which certain I&APs may have in terms of access to computers and internet as well as access to public spaces which are not open for operation or which have restricted access.

The benefits of the online stakeholder engagement platform include:

- Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to project-related information.
- Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for major infrastructure projects.
- Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons accessing the online stakeholder consultation platform.
- Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually.
- Provides a resilient solution to the public consultation process.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities (i.e., access to internet, mobile phones, or computers), provision has been made to include these I&APs in the consultation process by:

- Consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members to ensure broader inclusion.
- Consulting with community representatives and local community forum members to ensure broader inclusion.
- Inviting direct consultation with the Public Participation team to ensure broader inclusion and support by assisting with the submission of comments.
- Use of the 'Please call me' alert of the dedicated cellphone number to allow a call-back at zero expense to the I&AP.
- Hard copy documentation may be made available to local public facilities, but will only be provided where appropriate sanitary conditions can be maintained.

The schematic illustration overleaf provides an overview of the tools that are available to I&APs and stakeholders to access project information and interact with the public participation team to obtain project information and resolve any queries that may arise, and to meet the requirements for public participation.

<p>i. Stakeholder identification and register of I&APs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register as an I&AP on the online platform, via completion of a form and provision of contact information, by responding to an advert, or sending a 'please call me' which will be responded to • State interest in the project • Receive all project related information via email or other appropriate means.
<p>ii. Notifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertisements, site notices, and written notifications provide information and details on where to access project information. • Notification regarding the EIA process and availability of project reports for public review to be sent via email, post or SMS notification.
<p>iii. Public Involvement and consultation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of project information will be via the Savannah website which is accessible and user friendly. • An opportunity for I&APs and stakeholders to request virtual meetings with the project team. • Where limited connectivity is encountered, in-person meeting/s will be arranged with strict COVID protocols followed.
<p>iv. Comment on the Scoping/EIA reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of the project reports via the online platform for a 30-day comment period. • Where applicable, other electronic platforms (WeTransfer or DropBox), and upon written request CD, USB and/or hard copies will be made available. • Submission of comments facilitated through email, WhatsApp/SMS, direct on-site engagement and where required via post to the PP team. • Comments recorded and responded to, as part of the process.
<p>v. Identification and recording of comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments and Responses Report, including all comments received throughout the process to be included in the reporting.

The PP plan, as set out in the table below, has been drafted for the above-mentioned project to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations and that reasonable opportunity is provided to I&APs and that all administrative actions are reasonable. Proof of all notifications will be included in the public participation appendix included in the Scoping and EIA Reports.

The PP plan is submitted to the DFFE for acceptance before the PP process is undertaken for the proposed project.

Public Participation Plan: Discussion of approach and methodology to meet the requirements of the Regulations.






Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
<p>Regulation 40(1), Regulation 40(3) & Regulation 43 – provide all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, access to project related information, access to the EIA reports which will be made available for a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on draft reports prior to submission of final reports for decision-making.</p>	<p><u>Notification of EIA processes to be distributed using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail. • Dedicated project page on the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform. This platform is accessible and user friendly. • Post (where email or other means are not possible). This form of notification cannot be excluded considering that some parties may wish to use it. • Site notices placed on site as well as process notices placed at other relevant public locations. <p><u>Notification of availability of reports and period for review using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper advert (Kathu Gazette), including details of where the report can be accessed and details of the Savannah Environmental website. • Radio live read using a local radio station (Kurara FM), and using SeTswana as the local language to maximise the benefit and reach to I&APs. • Direct notification to I&APs: Notification letter (to be sent via email, fax and/or post, as may be most applicable) to registered I&APs. • Direct notification to I&APs: SMS and/ or WhatsApp notifications where possible and available. • Indirect notification to I&APs: Where direct notification is restricted, notifications to communities via one of the following will be implemented: Ward Councillor, ward committee members, identified and confirmed community representatives, and local community forum members. It is critical to note that all avenues to exhaust direct notifications will be exercised (i.e., including forming part of any local communication groups WhatsApp and Telegram groups). <p><u>Availability of reports for review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports available on the Savannah Environmental website for download. Upon registering their interest, I&AP s will be able to download the respective project documentation. • Electronic copies can be made available to parties via a secure Dropbox link (or other means) that will be emailed upon request for the documentation. • CDs to be posted, if requested. • Hard copy project documentation and reports to be available only where appropriate sanitary conditions can be maintained. • Report will be submitted to the DFFE using the DFFE online portal. • Report will be submitted to Organs of State and commenting authorities via an agreed electronic platform (such as on CD, or via a secure Dropbox link or WeTransfer, etc.).

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	<p><u>Submission of comments to PP team:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written comments can also be submitted via email, WhatsApp/SMS, fax or post, whichever is most applicable. • Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post (where email or other means are not possible) • Placement of site notice on all affected properties. • Consultation and communication through one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. The local Public Affairs representative has recommended the use of these forums, and advised that these are suitable for distributing notifications to occupiers, where access to these parties is not available through other means (such as direct consultation). • SMS or WhatsApp notification. • CDs to be posted, if requested (and where a computer is available). • Hard copy report only where sanitary conditions can be maintained.
<p>Regulation 40(2) - Provide access to all project information that has the potential to influence any decision regarding the application, unless protected by law, and must include consultation with Competent Authority, Organs of State & registered I&APs.</p> <p>Regulation 41 (6) – Relevant information available and accessible</p>	<p>Provision of project information and consultation via various means including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephonic consultation. • Email correspondence. • Correspondence sent via post (where email or other means are not possible) • SMS and/or WhatsApp. • The Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A means to register on the project database and provide details of their interest in the project ○ Project maps (as applicable) • Virtual focus group meeting only using an appropriate platform agreeable to all parties (such as Zoom, Skype or Teams). The meeting will be recorded, and the attendees' details captured in an attendance register. • Where limited connectivity is encountered, in-person meeting/s will be arranged with strict COVID protocols followed. • Communities will be consulted via one of the following, where available: the relevant Ward Councillor, ward committee members, community representative or local community forum members, as determined and confirmed during the consultation process. It has been confirmed

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	<p>that these forums would be suitable for notifications to occupiers, where access to these parties is not available through other means (such as direct consultation).</p> <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephonic consultation. • Post (where email or other means are not possible) • SMS and/or WhatsApp. • Consultation and communication through one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members.
Regulation 41(2)(a) – Site notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site notices will be placed at affected properties. • Size and content will be in accordance with Regulation 41(3) & 41(4).
Regulation 41(2)(b) – Written notification to affected and neighbouring landowners and occupiers; municipality; ward councillors; Organs of State & other parties required by the CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification letter to be sent via email. • Notification letter to be sent via fax or post where email is not available. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Post (where email or other means are not possible) » SMS or WhatsApp notification.
Regulation 42 – Project database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I&APs to be identified through a process of networking and referral, obtaining information from Savannah Environmental and Eskom's existing stakeholder databases, liaison with potentially affected parties in the greater surrounding area and a registration process involving response to adverts. • Organs of State, key stakeholders and affected and surrounding landowners will be identified and registered on the project database. • Other stakeholders will be required to formally register their interest in the project through either directly contacting the Savannah Environmental Public Participation team via email or fax or use of the Savannah Environmental website. • To access the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform, I&APs will be required to provide their details such that they are automatically registered on the project database. • The register of I&APs will contain the names of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all persons who requested to be registered on the database through the use of the Savannah Environmental website, or in writing and disclosed their interest in the project; ○ all Organs of State which hold jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and ○ all persons who submitted written comments or attended virtual meeting/s and viewed virtual presentations on the Savannah Environmental website during the public participation process.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information captured on the project database will contain the names, organisation and contact details, as required. It must be noted that personal details will not be shared in public documentation in accordance with the requirements of the POPI Act.
Regulation 44 – Comments to be recorded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written comments can also be submitted via email, WhatsApp/SMS, fax or post, which ever is most applicable. Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. All comments received throughout the EIA processes will be acknowledged and captured in the comments and responses report (C&RR) with a relevant response. The C&RR and all comments received will be included in the final report submitted to the CA. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I&APs without the applicable electronic facilities to access the Savannah Environmental website will be provided with the opportunity to submit their comments and communicate with the public participation team via SMS, WhatsApp or by sending a Please-call-me notification. These comments will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. Written comments via post or fax (where email or other means are not possible). Comment submission telephonically and instant messaging (SMS and/or WhatsApp). Sending a Please-call-me notification to the Public Participation team so that contact can be made at any point of the project cycle.
Regulation 4(2) – Notification of decision on application	<p><u>Notification of Environmental Authorisation (EA) using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification letter with details as outlined in EA issued will be sent via email, fax, or post, which ever is most applicable. Notifications that the EA has been issued and where to download and/or obtain a copy to communities via one of the following, where available: Ward Councillor and his/her ward committee members and identified and confirmed community representatives. These channels will be closely facilitated where no direct notification is possible. SMS or WhatsApp notification. <p><u>Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post (where email or other means are not possible) Communication via one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. SMS and/or WhatsApp.

Appendix A: COVID Protocol

	<p>Avoid large gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » No gatherings of 50+ people will be held. All Focus Groups Meetings will comprise of 15 people or less » Participants will be confirmed by invitation only
	<p>Wearing of cloth face-masks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Mandatory wearing of face masks by all participants incl. consultants and applicant » The applicant will provide face masks for participants who do not have » Both Consultants and Community members have right to refuse to participate if someone is refusing to wear a mask
	<p>Maintenance of Social distancing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Consultants and Community members will be seated 2m apart in all Community and/or Focus Group Meetings » Meetings will mostly be held outside; when possible; if inside Savannah Environmental will ensure, in consultation with the venue owner, that there is adequate ventilation
	<p>Hand washing and sanitising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Hand sanitisers will be provided at all meetings » Hand sanitisers will be provided at the entrance of the venue
	<p>Regular cleaning of shared surfaces and equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Consultants will sanitise and clean chairs and tables in the venue prior to commencement of the meeting » Should there be a break during the meeting, the tables and chairs will be sanitised before the next session » There is a designated rubbish bin in the meeting venue to collect all waste generated. All waste will be handled and treated as hazardous waste

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Subject: PP plan approval for 2022-03-0001
Attachments: SE3203 - San Solar PP Plan Updated 03032022 Final.pdf; SE3203 - San Solar PP Plan Updated 03032022 with amendment ref.pdf

Dear Rendani,

The amended Public Participation (PP) Plan received by this Department on 03 March 2022, refers.

Based on the information provided this Department decided to approve the PP Plan for the proposed project. You may proceed with the PP process in accordance with tasks contemplated in the PP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PP Plan, the amended PP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

A copy of the PP Plan and this approval must be submitted as part of the application form when the application is lodged.

Also note that submission of a PP Plan and approval thereof do not negate your responsibility to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Best regards,