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Appendix D.1: Public Participation Plan



Public Participation Plan for Basic Assessment Processes for the Proposed Development of nine 175 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facilities and associated Electrical Grid Infrastructure (i.e. Witte Wall 1; Witte Wall 2; Witte Wall 3; Grootfontein 1; Grootfontein 2; Grootfontein 3; Hoek Doornen 1; Hoek Doornen 2; Hoek Doornen 3), near Touws River, Western Cape

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1. Introduction

Section 24(1) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA), states that *"In order to give effect to the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in this Chapter, the potential impact on the environment of listed activities must be considered, investigated, assessed and reported to the competent authority charged by this Act with granting the relevant EA"*. The reference to "listed activities" relates to the regulations promulgated in Government Notice (GN) R982, R983, R984 and R985 in Government Gazette 38282, dated 4 December 2014, which came into effect on 8 December 2014. These were amended in April 2017, specifically promulgated in GN R326, R327, R325 and R324 in Government Gazette 40772, dated 7 April 2017. GN R327 and GN R324 includes listed activities that trigger the need for a Basic Assessment (BA) Process, whereas GN R325 includes listed activities that trigger the need for a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process.

The Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZs) were gazetted in February 2018 in Government Gazette 41445, GN 114, by the Minister of Environmental Affairs. In terms of the NEMA, and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended), wind and solar Photovoltaic (PV) projects located within a REDZ are subject to a BA Process and reduced decision-making period by the authorities.

The Project Applicant is proposing to develop nine 175 MW Solar PV Facilities and associated Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI), near Touws River, in the Western Cape. The proposed projects are referred to as Witte Wall 1; Witte Wall 2; Witte Wall 3; Grootfontein 1; Grootfontein 2; Grootfontein 3; Hoek Doornen 1; Hoek Doornen 2; Hoek Doornen 3. The proposed projects will take place entirely within the Komsberg REDZ in the Western Cape Province.

Since the proposed projects fall entirely within the Komsberg REDZ, BA Processes will be undertaken. Table 1 lists the proposed projects that will be undertaken.

Table 1: Details of the Proposed Projects

Project
• Proposed Development of a 175 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility and associated Electrical Grid Infrastructure (i.e. Witte Wall 1), near Touws River, Western Cape.
• Proposed Development of a 175 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility and associated Electrical Grid Infrastructure (i.e. Witte Wall 2), near Touws River, Western Cape.
• Proposed Development of a 175 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility and associated Electrical Grid Infrastructure (i.e. Witte Wall 3), near Touws River, Western Cape.
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The affected farm portions for each project are listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Details of the Affected Farm Portions

Projects	Farm Portions – PV Facility and Associated Infrastructure	Farm Portions - EGI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Witte Wall 1 Witte Wall 2 Witte Wall 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remainder of Witte Wall Farm 171 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remainder of Witte Wall Farm 171 Remainder of Die Brak Farm 241 Remainder of Platfontein Farm 240
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grootfontein 1 Grootfontein 2 Grootfontein 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remainder of Grootfontein Farm 149 Portion 5 of Grootfontein Farm 149 	<p>Alternative 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remainder of Grootfontein Farm 149 Portion 5 of Grootfontein Farm 149 Remainder of Witte Wall Farm 171 Remainder of Die Brak Farm 241 Remainder of Platfontein Farm 240 <p>Alternative 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portion 1 of Hoek Doornen Farm 172 Remainder of Die Brak Farm 241 Remainder of Platfontein Farm 240
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoek Doornen 1 Hoek Doornen 2 Hoek Doornen 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portion 1 of Hoek Doornen Farm 172 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portion 1 of Hoek Doornen Farm 172 Remainder of Witte Wall Farm 171 Remainder of Die Brak Farm 241 Remainder of Platfontein Farm 240

In accordance with Regulation 12 (1) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended), the Applicant has appointed the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Environmental Management Services (EMS) group, to undertake the BA Processes in order to determine the biophysical, social and economic impacts associated with undertaking the proposed development. The BA Processes will be undertaken by Paul Lochner (Project Leader and Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)), Rohaida Abed (Project Manager and EAP), and Dhiveshni Moodley (Project Officer).

The BA Processes have been initiated, and a Pre-Application Meeting took place with the Competent Authority, the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), on 25 August 2020 (Reference Number: 2020-08-0013), in order to discuss and agree on various aspects with the DEFF prior to release of the BA Reports. The following points were discussed with the DEFF:

- An overview of the project description;
- Confirmation on the approach towards including Lithium Ion Battery Energy Storage Systems in the project description;
- Findings of the National Web-Based Screening Tool Reports;
- Discussion and confirmation on the specialist assessments and compliance statements to be undertaken;
- Discussion and confirmation on the approach towards the specialist reporting, including that of the recently published Assessment Protocols (GN 320, dated 20 March 2020);
- Approach to the Public Participation Process, including the Public Participation Plan required as per the Directions issued by the DEFF on 5 June 2020 in GN 650;
- Discussion and confirmation on the proposed project schedule and overall process for the BAs, including the applicable Listed Activities and Cumulative Impact Assessment approach; and
- Points for clarification.

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2. Need for the Public Participation Plan

On 5 June 2020, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment issued Directions in terms of regulation 4 (10) of the Regulations issued by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act 57 of 2002). These Directions were published in Government Gazette 43412, GN 650 on 5 June 2020, regarding measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 relating to national environmental management permits and licences.

Regulation 5.1 of GN 650 states that Authorities responsible for the processing of applications contemplated in the EIA Regulations, will be receiving such applications from 5 June 2020 and will receive and process applications and issue decisions in the manner as set out in Annexure 2 of GN 650. Regulation 5.2 of GN 650 states that Annexure 3 includes additional requirements in respect of the provision, supporting or obtaining of services contemplated in Regulation 5.1.

Annexure 3 of GN 650 states that an EAP must:

- Prepare a written public participation plan, containing proposals on how the identification of and consultation with all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be ensured in accordance with Regulation 41(2)(a) to (d) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) or proposed alternative reasonable methods as provided for in regulation 41(2)(e), for purposes of an application and submit such plan to the competent authority; and
- Request a meeting or pre-application discussion with the competent authority to determine the reasonable measures to be followed to identify potential I&APs and register IA&Ps for purposes of conducting public participation on the application requiring adherence to Chapter 6 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) as set out in the public participation plan and obtain agreement from the competent authority on the public participation plan.

GN 650 also states that for new applications, the public participation plan agreed with the competent authority must be annexed to the application form.

This document therefore serves as the Public Participation Plan required in GN 650 to document how the Public Participation Process will be undertaken throughout the BA Processes under the National Lockdown. The Public Participation Plan has been discussed with the DEFF during the Pre-Application Meeting on 25 August 2020 (Reference Number: 2020-08-0013) in order to facilitate the decision-making on the plan itself. The plan will now need to be approved by the DEFF before implementation.

3. Approach to the Public Participation Processes

The BA projects are located in the same geographical area and constitute the same type of activity (i.e. generation and transmission of electricity generated from a solar resource). As such an integrated Public Participation Process will be undertaken for the proposed BA projects. However, separate BA Reports will be compiled for each PV facility or per farm portion (this is being discussed with the DEFF separately).

Chapter 6 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) contains the requirements for the Public Participation Process of projects requiring an Environmental Authorisation.

Table 3 provides a detailed description of the requirements of Chapter 6 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended), as well as the proposed mechanisms that will be adopted to comply with the regulations during the National Lockdown.

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Table 3: Proposed Mechanisms to Comply with Chapter 6 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended)

Regulation	Proposed Mechanism to Comply
<p><u>Activity on land owned by person other than proponent:</u></p> <p>Regulation 39:</p> <p>(1) If the proponent is not the owner or person in control of the land on which the activity is to be undertaken, the proponent must, before applying for an environmental authorisation in respect of such activity, obtain the written consent of the landowner or person in control of the land to undertake such activity on that land.</p> <p>(2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in respect of:</p> <p>(a) linear activities;</p> <p>(b) activities constituting, or activities directly related to prospecting or exploration of a mineral and petroleum resource or extraction and primary processing of a mineral or petroleum resource; and</p> <p>(c) strategic integrated projects as contemplated in the Infrastructure Development Act, 2014.</p>	<p>Consent has been obtained from the owners of the farm portions on which the proposed PV facilities will be constructed. Proof of such consent will be included in the Applications for Environmental Authorisation.</p> <p>Consent is not required from the owners of the properties on which the power lines will be constructed, as this constitutes a linear activity as per Regulation 39 (2) (a).</p>
<p><u>Purpose of Public Participation</u></p> <p>Regulation 40:</p> <p>(1) The public participation process to which the:</p> <p>(a) basic assessment report and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, submitted in terms of regulation 19; and</p> <p>(b) scoping report submitted in terms of regulation 21 and the environmental impact assessment report and EMPr submitted in terms of regulation 23; was subjected to must give all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on each of the basic assessment report, EMPr, scoping report and environmental impact assessment report, and where applicable the closure plan, as well as the report contemplated in regulation 32, if such reports or plans are submitted at different times.</p> <p>(2) The public participation process contemplated in this regulation must provide access to all information that reasonably has or may have the potential to influence any decision with regard to an application unless access to that information is protected by law and must include consultation with:</p> <p>(a) the competent authority;</p>	<p>The Draft BA Reports and Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs) will be compiled in compliance with Appendix 1 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended). The reports and EMPRs will be released to all registered I&APs and stakeholders, including the National DEFF, for a 30-day comment period. The reports will also be made available to members of the public (i.e. potential I&APs) on a dedicated project website (https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment).</p> <p>Various mechanisms will be used to make the report available to the public, potential and registered I&APs, and stakeholders during the 30-day comment period. These mechanisms are discussed below.</p> <p>The BA Processes will be founded on a basis of ethics and will ensure that all registered and potential I&APs will have access to all information that has or may have the potential to influence any decision or comment made, unless such access to information is protected by law.</p>

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<p>(b) every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation;</p> <p>(c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and</p> <p>(d) all potential, or, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties.</p>	<p>Prior to the commencement of the BA Processes (and advertising the Environmental Authorisation Processes in the local print media), an initial database of I&APs (including key stakeholders and Organs of State) will be developed for the BA Processes. This will be undertaken based on research and feedback from authorities, such as the DEFF. The I&AP database will contain, as a minimum, the competent authority (DEFF); relevant state departments (e.g. Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP), Department of Human Settlements and Water and Sanitation (DHSWS), Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) etc.); relevant organs of state (e.g. Witzenberg Local Municipality, Cape Winelands District Municipality, Eskom SOC Ltd etc.); as well as potential and registered I&APs (e.g. landowners, neighbours etc.).</p>
<p>(3) Potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in subregulation (1) prior to submission of an application but must be provided with an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the competent authority.</p>	<p>The Applications for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted to the DEFF together with the Draft BA Reports and EMPs. The 30-day comment period will commence on the day after the Applications and Draft BA Reports have been sent to the DEFF for comment. Therefore, all registered I&APs and stakeholders, including the National DEFF, will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the reports once the Applications for EA have been submitted to the DEFF. The comment period will extend for a 30-day comment period.</p> <p>The BA Processes will not include any pre-application reporting or comment periods.</p>
<p>Public Participation Process</p> <p>Regulation 41:</p> <p>(1) This regulation only applies in instances where adherence to the provisions of this regulation is specifically required.</p>	<p>Adherence to the provision of Regulation 41 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) is required as BA Processes are required for the proposed projects.</p>
<p>(2) The person conducting a public participation process must take into account any relevant guidelines applicable to public participation as contemplated in section 24J of the Act and must give notice to all potential interested and affected parties of an application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation by:</p> <p>(a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of:</p> <p>i. the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and</p>	<p>Relevant guidelines for Public Participation will be considered during the BA Processes (e.g. Department of Environmental Affairs (2017), Public Participation guideline in terms of NEMA EIA Regulations, Department of Environmental Affairs, Pretoria, South Africa).</p> <p>Notice will be given to all potential and registered I&APs of the proposed projects, which are subjected to public participation. Various mechanisms will be undertaken to provide such notice, as described below.</p> <p>One specific mechanism includes the placement of site notice boards. Notice boards will be placed at the entrance of the key affected farm portions on which the</p>

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ii. any alternative site;	<p>proposed projects will be constructed, as well as at well-known retail facilities in Ceres and Touws River.</p> <p>Site notice boards will be placed in English and Afrikaans. Proof of placement of such notice boards will be included in the Draft BA Reports.</p>
<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to:</p> <p>i. the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p>	<p>The owners of the land have been informed of the proposed project in writing, and they have given consent to the Project Applicant (i.e. signed resolutions). This consent serves as notification and will be included as an Appendix to the Application Forms for Environmental Authorisation.</p> <p>The occupiers and persons in control of the affected land portions have also been informed of the project and will also be formally informed in writing via email.</p>
ii. owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;	<p>Owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the proposed projects are to be undertaken will be identified and added to the database of I&APs. They will be sent Letter 1 (Commencement of the BA Processes) via email to inform them of the proposed project and the release of the Draft BA Reports for comment. Letter 1 will include the link to the project website (noted above), which can be accessed to download the Draft BA Reports.</p> <p>The project team will also send bulk "SMS" texts to all I&APs, including neighbouring landowners, on the project database, where cell phone numbers are available. This is more effective than registered mail, for example, because registered mail gets returned to the EAP within a couple of days if the recipient does not collect it. Such SMS texts will include a link to the project website, where the Draft BA Reports can be accessed. As a supplementary measure, the Draft BA Reports will also be made available via alternative web-platforms such as Dropbox or Google Drive, to ensure that the report is widely accessible. Furthermore, Executive Summaries of the Draft BA Reports will be emailed to all registered I&APs, including neighbouring landowners, which will ensure that if I&APs, for whatever reason, cannot access the Draft BA Reports via the project website or other web-platforms, they will still be able to access some level of detail in the Executive Summaries.</p>
iii. the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;	<p>The municipal councillors (Ward 12 of the Witzenberg Local Municipality) and relevant ratepayers organisations (Witzenberg Rate Payers Association) will be identified and added to the database of I&APs. They will be sent Letter 1 via email to inform them of the proposed project and the release of the Draft BA Reports for comment. Letter 1 will include the link to the project website and</p>

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	other web-platforms, which can be accessed to download the Draft BA Reports. Executive Summaries will also be emailed to the municipal councillors and ratepayers organisations, who will also receive SMS texts about the release of the Draft BA Reports.
iv. the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;	<p>The proposed site is located in Witzenberg Local Municipality; Cape Winelands District Municipality in the Western Cape Province. These municipalities have jurisdiction in the area in which the proposed projects are to be undertaken. Amongst others, details of the Municipal Manager and the Manager: Town Planning and Building Control for the Witzenberg Local Municipality has been obtained. Relevant representatives from the municipalities will be added to the database of I&APs. They will be sent Letter 1 via email to inform them of the proposed project and the release of the Draft BA Reports for comment. Letter 1 will include the link to the project website and other web-platforms, which can be accessed to download the Draft BA Reports. Executive Summaries will also be emailed to the municipal officials, who will also receive SMS texts about the release of the Draft BA Reports.</p> <p>During the National Lockdown, the provision of hard copy reports has been reduced in order to curb the spread of COVID-19. Many stakeholders, departments and organs of state, such as the National DEFF, are no longer requiring hard copies of reports. As such, hard copies of the Draft BA Reports will not be provided to the municipalities. It is understood and expected that the municipal officials will have access to the project website or other web-platforms.</p>
v. any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and	<p>Relevant Organs of State that have jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the proposed project will be identified and added to the database of I&APs. They will be sent Letter 1 via email to inform them of the proposed project and the release of the Draft BA Reports for comment. Letter 1 will include the link to the project website and other web-platforms, which can be accessed to download the Draft BA Reports. Executive Summaries will also be emailed to the organs of state, who will also receive SMS texts about the release of the Draft BA Reports.</p> <p>It is justifiably understood and expected that the relevant organs of state will have access to the project website or other web-platforms.</p>
vi. any other party as required by the competent authority;	Other parties that are generally required by the DEFF, such as the DEFF Biodiversity and Conservation Directorate and the SKA will be included on the database of I&APs. They will be sent Letter 1 via email to inform them of the proposed project and the release of the Draft

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	BA Reports for comment. Letter 1 will include the link to the project website and other web-platforms, which can be accessed to download the Draft BA Reports. Executive Summaries will also be emailed and SMS texts will also be sent about the release of the Draft BA Reports.
(c) placing an advertisement in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. one local newspaper; or ii. any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations; 	<p>In order to notify and inform the public of the proposed project, to invite I&APs to register on the project database, as well as to inform I&APs of the release of the Draft BA Reports for comment, the BA Processes will be advertised in one local newspaper at the commencement of the 30-day comment period for the Draft BA Reports. Research is being undertaken to determine the best suited local newspaper that covers a large area. Options include the Worcester Standard and Witzenberg Herald. A media advertising company is advising on the best local newspaper to use in order to reach the most people. The newspaper advertisement will be placed in both English and Afrikaans; and will also include the details of the project website, where information available on the project can be downloaded from. Proof of placement of the newspaper advertisements will be included in the Final BA Reports.</p> <p>At this stage, there are no official Gazettes published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended).</p>
(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken; Provided that this paragraph need not be complied with if an advertisement has been placed in an official referred to in paragraph (c)(ii); and	Note that this is not applicable because the proposed projects do not extend beyond, and do not have potential impacts that extend beyond, the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which they will be undertaken.
(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. illiteracy; ii. disability; or iii. any other disadvantage. 	If during the BA Processes, persons are identified as desiring but unable to participate due to illiteracy, disability or any other disadvantage, then the EAP can arrange focus-group meetings with the relevant persons via teleconference or online platforms (such as MS Teams or Skype). Holding a teleconference can allow the EAP to verbally explain the project to the relevant person.
(3) A notice, notice board or advertisement referred to in subregulation (2) must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) give details of the application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation; and (b) state: 	The notice boards to be placed and the newspaper advertisements to be published will fulfil the requirements of this regulation. Proof of placement of notice boards will be included in the Draft BA Reports; and proof of placement of the newspaper advertisements will be included in the Final BA Reports.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. whether basic assessment or S&EIR procedures are being applied to the application; ii. the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates; iii. where further information on the application or proposed application can be obtained; and iv. the manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application or proposed application may be made. 	
<p>(4) A notice board referred to in subregulation (2) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be of a size of at least 60cm by 42cm; and (b) display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority. 	<p>The notice boards to be placed will fulfil the requirements of this regulation. Proof of placement of notice boards will be included in the Draft BA Reports.</p>
<p>(5) Where public participation is conducted in terms of this regulation for an application or proposed application, subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d) need not be complied with again during the additional public participation process contemplated in regulations 19(1)(b) or 23(1)(b) or the public participation process contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d), on condition that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) such process has been preceded by a public participation process which included compliance with subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d); and (b) written notice is given to registered interested and affected parties regarding where the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. revised basic assessment report or, EMPr or closure plan, as contemplated in regulation 19(1)(b); ii. revised environmental impact assessment report or EMPr as contemplated in regulation 23(1)(b); or iii. environmental impact assessment report and EMPr as contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d); may be obtained, the manner in which and the person to whom representations on these reports or plans may be made and the date on which such representations are due. 	<p>Note that this regulation does not apply at this stage because Regulation 19 (1) (b) does not apply. However, if for any reason revised Draft BA Reports need to be released in terms of Regulation (1) (b), this regulation will be complied with using the mechanisms stipulated above, as relevant.</p>
<p>(6) When complying with this regulation, the person conducting the public participation process must ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application is made available to potential interested and affected parties; and 	<p>The BA Processes will be founded on a basis of ethics and will ensure that all registered and potential I&APs will have access to all information that has or may have the potential to influence any decision or comment made, unless such access to information is protected by law.</p> <p>The EAP will ensure that information containing all relevant facts regarding the proposed projects is made</p>

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(b) participation by potential or registered interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered interested and affected parties are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application or proposed application.	available to I&APs. No information will be purposefully withheld. Participation by I&APs will be facilitated in a manner whereby all potential or registered I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the Draft BA Reports.
(7) Where an environmental authorisation is required in terms of these Regulations and an authorisation, permit or licence is required in terms of a specific environmental management Act, the public participation process contemplated in this Chapter may be combined with any public participation processes prescribed in terms of a specific environmental management Act, on condition that all relevant authorities agree to such combination of processes.	Noted, this regulation does not apply at this stage.
<p><u>Register of Interested and Affected Parties</u></p> <p>Regulation 42:</p> <p>(1) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority, which register must contain the names, contact details and addresses of:</p> <p>(a) all persons who, as a consequence of the public participation process conducted in respect of that application, have submitted written comments or attended meetings with the proponent, applicant or EAP;</p> <p>(b) all persons who have requested the proponent or applicant, in writing, for their names to be placed on the register; and</p> <p>(c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates.</p>	<p>Prior to the commencement of the BA Processes (and advertising the Environmental Authorisation Processes in the local print media), an initial database of I&APs (including key stakeholders and Organs of State) will be developed based on research and interaction with the DEFF and Project Applicant.</p> <p>A detailed copy of the I&AP database will be included in the Draft BA Reports that will be released for a 30-day comment period to all I&APs, and it will also be included in the Final BA Reports that will be submitted to the DEFF for decision-making. The database that will be included in the Final BA Reports will include the names, contact details and addresses of the I&APs, as well as an indication of the interaction with I&APs, as well as all I&APs that have been added to the project database based on requests, submission of comments or based on research. The database will include the details of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landowners of the affected farm portions; • Landowners of the neighbouring adjacent farm portions; • The municipal councillor of the ward in which the proposed projects will be undertaken; • The municipality which has jurisdiction in the area (i.e. Witzenberg Local Municipality, Cape Winelands District Municipality); • Relevant Organs of State that have jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and • Any other party as required by the competent authority.

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	While I&APs will be encouraged to register their interest in the project from the start of the process, following the public announcements, the identification and registration of I&APs is ongoing for the duration of the BA.
<p><u>Registered interested and affected parties entitled to comment on reports and plans</u></p> <p>Regulation 43:</p> <p>(1) A registered interested and affected party is entitled to comment, in writing, on all reports or plans submitted to such party during the public participation process contemplated in these Regulations and to bring to the attention of the proponent or applicant any issues which that party believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, provided that the interested and affected party discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application.</p> <p>(2) In order to give effect to section 24O of the Act, any State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment must be requested, subject to regulation 7(2), to comment within 30 days.</p>	The Public Participation Process will fulfil the requirements of this regulation, using a combination of the mechanisms listed in this table, and below.
<p><u>Comments of interested and affected parties to be recorded in reports and plans</u></p> <p>Regulation 44:</p> <p>(1) The applicant must ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports and plans and that such written comments, including responses to such comments and records of meetings, are attached to the reports and plans that are submitted to the competent authority in terms of these Regulations.</p> <p>(2) Where a person desires but is unable to access written comments as contemplated in subregulation (1) due to:</p> <p>(a) a lack of skills to read or write;</p> <p>(b) disability; or</p> <p>(c) any other disadvantage;</p> <p>reasonable alternative methods of recording comments must be provided for.</p>	<p>A key component of the BA Process is documenting and responding to the comments received from I&APs and the authorities during the 30-day comment period. Copies of all comments received during the review of the Draft BA Reports will be included as an appendix to the Final BA Reports. All comments received will be captured and responded to in a Comments and Response Report, which will be included as an appendix to the Final BA Reports, which will be submitted to the DEFF.</p> <p>If during the BA Processes, persons are identified as desiring but unable to access written comments due to illiteracy, disability or any other disadvantage, then the EAP can arrange a teleconference with the relevant persons. Holding a teleconference can allow the EAP to verbally explain the comments to the relevant person. The teleconference can be held via phone or suitable online mechanisms (such as MS Teams or Skype).</p>

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4. Summary of the Public Participation Process

In light of the National Lockdown and the Directives dated 5 June 2020 (GN 650), the following is a summary of the mechanisms that will be used to ensure that I&APs have access to project information:

- Letter 1 (Commencement of the BA Process) will be emailed to all I&APs on the database, where email addresses are available. Letter 1 will include information on the project and the availability of the Draft BA Reports.
- Executive Summaries of the Draft BA Reports will be emailed to all I&APs.
- The Draft BA Reports will be uploaded to the project website for I&APs to access it.
- As a supplementary mechanism, the Draft BA Reports will also be uploaded to other alternative web-platforms such as Dropbox or Google Drive.
- If an I&AP cannot access the report via the project website, via the alternative web-platforms such as Dropbox or Google Drive, and if additional information is required (other than what is provided in the Executive Summaries), then the I&AP can contact the EAP, who will then make an electronic copy available via courier or post (where possible).
- SMS texts will also be sent to all I&APs on the database, where cell phone numbers are available, to inform them of the proposed project and how to access the Draft BA Reports.
- Where possible, communication will be made with the ward councillor to request that they send notifications of the project and report availability and executive summaries via their local networks (such as WhatsApp groups, Neighbourhood Watch groups, other social media mechanisms etc.).
- In order to notify and inform the public of the proposed project, to invite I&APs to register on the project database, as well as to inform I&APs of the release of the Draft BA Reports for comment, the BA Processes will be advertised in one local newspaper at the commencement of the 30-day comment period for the Draft BA Reports.
- Site notice boards will be placed at the entrance of the key affected farm portions on which the proposed projects will be constructed, as well as at well-known retail facilities in Ceres and Touws River, where possible.
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- The Final BA Reports will be uploaded to the project website for I&APs to access it.
- As a supplementary mechanism, the Final BA Reports will also be uploaded to other alternative web-platforms such as Dropbox or Google Drive.
- Letter 3 (Release of Environmental Authorisation and Notification of Opportunity to Appeal) will be emailed to all I&APs on the database, where email addresses are available. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation will be emailed with Letter 3.
- SMS texts will also be sent to all I&APs on the database, where cell phone numbers are available, to inform them of the Environmental Authorisations (should they be granted).
- All reports, applications and required information will be submitted to the DEFF via the S-Filer Novell System (as communicated by the DEFF).

5. Way Forward

As noted above, the Public Participation Plan was presented to the DEFF during the pre-application meeting on 25 August 2020 (Reference Number: 2020-08-0013), and the DEFF noted that the proposed plan is suitable and that it must be formally submitted to the Assistant Director: Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIPs) (i.e. Fiona Grimett) for formal approval. Note that the Draft BA Reports will be released for a 30-day comment in November 2020. Hence, this is when the Public Participation will be undertaken. A copy of the proposed project schedule is provided in Appendix A of this PP Plan.

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6. Appendix A – Project Schedule

Key Milestones	Proposed Timeframe
• Project Initiation and Pre-Application Consultation with the DEFF	August 2020
• Specialist Assessments	August 2020 – October 2020
• Submit Application Forms to DEFF	Early November 2020
• Release Draft BARs for 30 day commenting period	Early November 2020 – Early December 2020
• Submit Final BARs to DEFF for Decision-Making	Late January 2021
• DEFF Decision-Making on the Final BARs and issue of Decisions (i.e. grant or refuse EA): 57 days	Late March 2021 or April 2021
• EAP to Notify I&APs of Decisions (14 days)	April 2021

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Appendix D.2: Submission of Public Participation Plan to the DEFF

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To: FGrimett@environment.gov.za
CC: Lochner, Paul; Moodley, Dhiveshni; BMtyana@environment.gov.za; SDlomo@environment.gov.za
Date: 01 Sep 2020 18:41
Subject: Re: 2020-08-0013 - Pre-Application Meeting - Ceres PV Developments
Attachments: PP Plan_Veroniva_Ceres PV_FINAL_010920.pdf

Dear Fiona

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Date: 25 August 2020

Time: 10H00 - 12H00

Platform: MS Teams

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>>> Bongeka Mtyana <BMtyana@environment.gov.za> 24 Aug 2020 14:34 >>>

Noted thank you.

Regards

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To: Bongeka Mtyana

Cc: Dhiveshni Moodley; Paul Lochner; Fiona Grimett; Sindiswa Dlomo; Claude Veroniva

Subject: Re: 2020-08-0013 - Pre-Application Meeting

Dear Bongeka

Thanks so much for your cell number.

We confirm that we will meet via MS Teams tomorrow, Tuesday 25 August 2020 from 10.00 to 12.00.

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Subject: Request for a Pre-Application Meeting for 9 * BA Processes, near Touws River, Western Cape

Good day

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Appendix D.3: DEFF Approval of the Public Participation Plan

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Date: 03 Sep 2020 00:02
Subject: PP plan approval for the Ceres PV Developments
Attachments: PP Plan_Veroniva_Ceres_PV_FINAL_010920 (1).pdf; Process for Submitting files to the CD IEA_062020.pdf

Dear Rohaida,

The attached participation plan for the Ceres PV Developments refers.

The Department has reviewed the attached Public Participation (PP) Plan, submitted 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. The proposed plan contains suitable public consultation measures, and is hereby **approved**. You may proceed with the implementation of the PP plan.

Further note that the attached directions apply with regards to the process for submitting draft documents to the Competent Authority for comment.

Regards,

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Appendix D.4: Copies and Proof of Placement of Site Notice Boards

Copy of Site Notice Boards – English and Afrikaans

NOTICE OF INTEGRATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF NINE 175 MW (9 X 175 MW) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE (I.E. WITTE WALL PV 1, WITTE WALL PV 2, GROOTFONTEIN PV 1, GROOTFONTEIN PV 2, GROOTFONTEIN PV 3, HOEK DOORNEN PV 1, HOEK DOORNEN PV 2, HOEK DOORNEN PV 3 AND HOEK DOORNEN PV 4), NEAR TOUWS RIVER, IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Project Applicants are proposing to develop nine 175 MW (9 X 175 MW) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power generation facilities and associated infrastructure, north-east of Ceres and north of Touws River, in the Western Cape Province. The associated infrastructure includes various structures, buildings and electrical grid infrastructure (EGI) such as, but not limited to, nine 132 kV power lines, nine on-site substations, and nine Lithium Ion Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). The proposed nine Solar PV facilities will connect to the national grid at the existing Eskom Kappa Substation (see Figure 1). The proposed projects are located within the Witzenberg Local Municipality, which falls within the Cape Winelands District Municipality. The Project Names, Project Applicants, and respective farm portions affected by the proposed PV facilities, EGI and associated infrastructure are shown below:

Project Name	Project Applicant	Affected Farm Portions (PV Infrastructure)	Affected Farm Portions (Power Lines)
Witte Wall PV 1	Witte Wall PV 1 (PTY) LTD	• Witte Wall RE/171	• Witte Wall RE/171
Witte Wall PV 2	Witte Wall PV 2 (PTY) LTD		• Die Brak RE/241
Grootfontein PV 1	Grootfontein PV 1 (PTY) LTD	• Grootfontein RE/149	• Platfontein RE/240
Grootfontein PV 2	Grootfontein PV 2 (PTY) LTD		• Grootfontein RE/149
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Hoek Doornen PV 3	Hoek Doornen PV 3 (PTY) LTD		• Die Brak RE/241
Hoek Doornen PV 4	Hoek Doornen PV 4 (PTY) LTD		• Platfontein RE/240

The proposed projects are located entirely within the Komsberg Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ 2), one of the eight REDZs formally gazetted in South Africa for the purpose of developing solar and wind energy generation facilities (Government Notice 114; 16 February 2018). In line with the gazetted process for projects located within a REDZ, the proposed projects will be subject to a **Basic Assessment (BA) process** instead of a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and a reduced decision making period of 57 days, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended). Approval has been granted by the Competent Authority, the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), to submit combined Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of Regulation 11 (4) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended), and the issuing of multiple EAs (should they be granted) in terms of Regulation 25 (1) and (2) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended). Therefore, **four** separate BA Reports will be compiled, as indicated below, and it is proposed that **nine** separate EAs will be issued for each PV Facility and associated infrastructure, as well as **nine** separate EAs for the power lines and associated EGI that are required to support the **nine** PV Facilities (should they be granted):

	Report 1: Witte Wall Farm	Report 2: Grootfontein Farm	Report 3: Hoek Doornen Farm	Report 4: EGI
BA Reports	• Group 1: Witte Wall Farm: 1 BA Report that covers the 2 PV Facilities (i.e. Witte Wall PV 1 and PV 2), 2 on-site substations, 2 Lithium Ion BESS's and all associated infrastructure.	• Group 2: Grootfontein Farm: 1 BA Report that covers the 3 PV Facilities (i.e. Grootfontein PV 1, PV 2 and PV 3), 3 on-site substations, 3 Lithium Ion BESS's and all associated infrastructure.	• Group 3: Hoek Doornen Farm: 1 BA Report that covers the 4 PV Facilities (i.e. Hoek Doornen PV 1, PV 2, PV 3 and PV 4), 4 on-site substations, 4 Lithium Ion BESS's and all associated infrastructure.	• Group 4: EGI to support the PV Facilities: 1 BA Report that covers all the power lines and associated EGI that are required to support the 9 PV Facilities (i.e. 9 Power Lines)

Combined Applications for EA will be submitted to the DEFF. The proposed projects may potentially trigger the following listed activities: GN R327 Listing Notice (LN) 1: 11 (i), 12 (ii)(a)(c), 19, 28 (ii), and 47; GN R325 LN 2: 1 & 15; and GN R324 LN 3: Activity 4 (i) (ii) (aa); Activity 12 (i) (ii); and Activity 14 (ii) (a) and (c); (i), (i) and (ff). The listed activities will be confirmed during the BA Processes. Comment will also be sought from the Heritage Western Cape in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). The BA Process will also confirm if a Water Use Licence (WUL) is required in accordance with the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998, as amended). An integrated Public Participation Process will therefore be undertaken for the proposed projects that include nine PV facilities, nine power lines and associated infrastructure covered in the four BA Reports and all applications necessary in respect of other applicable legislation.

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake and manage the BA processes for the proposed projects on behalf of the Project Applicants. Should you be interested in registering as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) and to provide comments on these proposed projects, you are kindly requested to e-mail your name, contact details, with an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the application, to the EAP at the CSIR: Rohaida Abed; E-mail: ems@csir.co.za; Postal address: P.O. Box 59081, Umbilo, Durban, 4075; Tel: 031 242 2300; or Fax: 031 261 8172.

View the project website for more updates and information: <https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

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KENNISGEWING VAN GEINTEGREERDE OPENBARE PUBLIEKE DEELNAME PROSES VIR DIE BASIESE EVALUERINGS PROSESSE VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN NEGE 175 MW (9 * 175 MW) SON FOTOVOLTAÏESE (PV) FASILITEITE EN MEEGAANDE ELEKTRIESE INFRASTRUKTUUR (NL. WITTE WALL PV 1, WITTE WALL PV 2, GROOTFONTEIN PV 1, GROOTFONTEIN PV 2, GROOTFONTEIN PV 3, HOEK DOORNEN PV 1, HOEK DOORNEN PV 2, HOEK DOORNEN PV 3 EN HOEK DOORNEN PV 4), GELEË NABY TOUWSRIVER IN DIE WES-KAAP PROVINSIE

Die Projek Aansoekers is van voorneme om nege 175 MW (9 * 175 MW) Son Fotovoltaïese (PV) Energie Opwekkings Fasiliteite en meegaande infrastruktuur op te rig, noord-oos van Ceres en noord van Touwsrivier, in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie. Die meegaande infrastruktuur sluit in verskeie strukture, geboue en elektriese netwerk infrastruktuur ("EGI"), insluitende, maar nie beperk tot, nege 132 kV kraglyne, nege substasies op die projek terrein en nege Litium loon Battery Energie Bergingsisteme. Die voorgestelde nege PV Fasiliteite sal aansluit by die nasionale elektriese netwerk by die bestaande Eskom Kappa Substasie (sien Figuur 1). Die voorgestelde projekte is geleë in die Witzenberg Plaaslike Munisipaliteit wat val binne die Kaapse Wynlande Distriksmunisipaliteit. Die name van die projekte, projek aansoekers en afsonderlike plaas gedeeltes wat geaffekteer word deur die voorgestelde PV Fasiliteite, EGI en meegaande infrastruktuur word hieronder aangedui:

Naam van projek	Aansoeker	Geaffekteerde plaas gedeeltes (PV Fasiliteit en meegaande infrastruktuur)	Geaffekteerde plaas gedeeltes (Kraglyne)
Witte Wall PV 1	Witte Wall PV 1 Edms. Bpk.	• Witte Wall RES/171	• Witte Wall RES/171
Witte Wall PV 2	Witte Wall PV 2 Edms. Bpk.		• Die Brak RES/241
			• Platfontein RES/240
Grootfontein PV 1	Grootfontein PV 1 Edms. Bpk.		• Grootfontein RES/149
			• Grootfontein 5/149
Grootfontein PV 2	Grootfontein PV 2 Edms. Bpk.	• Grootfontein RES/149	• Hoek Doornen 1/172
		• Grootfontein 5/149	• Witte Wall RES/171
Grootfontein PV 3	Grootfontein PV 3 Edms. Bpk.		• Die Brak RES/241
			• Platfontein RES/240
Hoek Doornen PV 1	Hoek Doornen PV 1 Edms. Bpk.		• Hoek Doornen 1/172
Hoek Doornen PV 2	Hoek Doornen PV 2 Edms. Bpk.	• Hoek Doornen 1/172	• Witte Wall RES/171
Hoek Doornen PV 3	Hoek Doornen PV 3 Edms. Bpk.		• Die Brak RES/241
Hoek Doornen PV 4	Hoek Doornen PV 4 Edms. Bpk.		• Platfontein RES/240

Die voorgestelde projekte is ten volle geleë in die Komsberg Hernubare Energie Ontwikkelings Sone (REDZ 2), een van agt REDZs wat amptelik in Suid-Afrika gepromulgeer is met die doel om son- en wind energie opwekkingsaanlegte te ontwikkel (Staatskennisgewing 114; 16 Februarie 2018). In ooreenstemming met die gepromulgeerde proses vir projekte wat in REDZs geleë is, is die voorgestelde projekte onderhewig aan 'n **Basiese Evaluering (BA) proses**, instede van 'n volle Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpak studie ("Scoping and EIA") proses, en 'n verkorte besluitnemingsperiode van 57 dae, ingevolge die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998, soos gewysig) (NEMA) en die 2014 Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies (soos gewysig). Die nasionale Departement van Omgewing, Bosbou en Visserye ("DEFF") het toestemming verleen dat geïntegreerde aansoeke ingedien kan word vir Omgewingsgoedkeuring ingevolge Regulasie 11 (4) van die 2014 Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies (soos gewysig). Toestemming is ook verleen om meertalige Omgewingsgoedkeurings uit te reik (indien goedkeuring) in gevolg Regulasie 25 (1) en (2) van die 2014 Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies (soos gewysig). Daarom sal vier afsonderlike BA verslae voltooi en ingedien word, soos hieronder aangedui. Daar word ook voorgestel dat nege afsonderlike Omgewingsgoedkeurings uitgereik sal word, een vir elke PV Fasiliteit en meegaande infrastruktuur, sowel as nege afsonderlike Omgewingsgoedkeurings vir die kraglyne en meegaande EGI wat vereis word om die nege PV Fasiliteite te ondersteun (indien dit goedgekeur sou word).

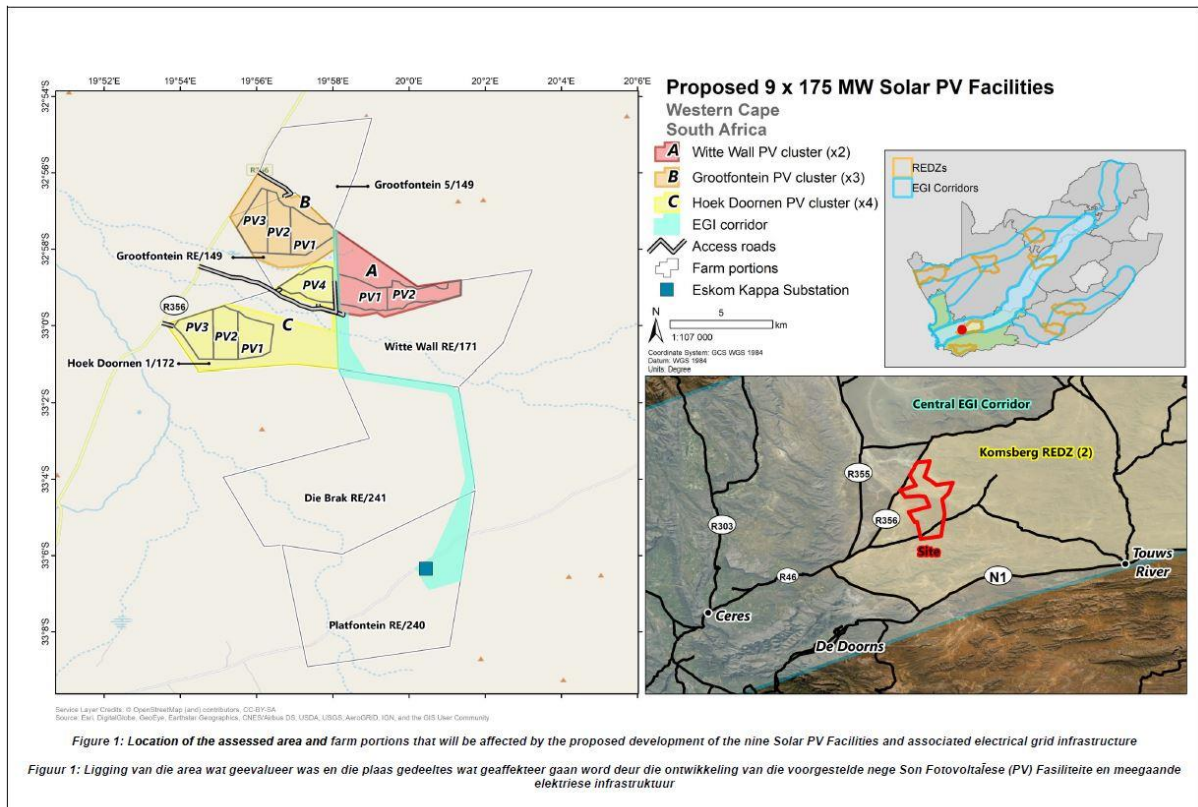
	Verslag 1 – Witte Wall Plaas	Verslag 2: Grootfontein Plaas	Verslag 3: Hoek Doornen Plaas	Verslag 4: EGI
BA Verslae	• Groep 1 – Witte Wall Plaas: 1 BA Verslag wat die volgende sal dek: 2 PV Fasiliteite (d.w.s. Witte Wall PV 1 en PV 2), 2 substasies op die terrein, 2 Litium loon Battery Energie Bergingsisteme en alle meegaande infrastruktuur.	• Groep 2: Grootfontein Plaas: 1 BA Verslag wat die volgende sal dek: 3 PV Fasiliteite (d.w.s. Grootfontein PV 1, PV 2 en PV 3), 3 substasies op die terrein, 3 Litium loon Battery Energie Bergingsisteme en alle meegaande infrastruktuur.	• Groep 3: Hoek Doornen Plaas: 1 BA Verslag wat die volgende sal dek: 4 PV Fasiliteite (d.w.s. Hoek Doornen PV 1, PV 2, PV 3 en PV 4), 4 substasies, 4 Litium loon Battery Energie Bergingsisteme en alle meegaande infrastruktuur.	• Groep 4: EGI om die PV Fasiliteite te ondersteun: 1 BA Verslag wat die kraglyne en die meegaande EGI sal dek wat benodig word om die 9 PV Fasiliteite te ondersteun (d.w.s. 9 kraglyne).

Gekombineerde aansoeke sal ingedien word by die DEFF. Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite mag dien te oënskyn kom in die voorgestelde projekte: GN R327 Listing Notice (LN) 1: 11 (i), 12 (ii)(a)(c), 19, 28 (ii), en 47; GN R325 LN 2: 1 & 15; en GN R324 LN 3: Aktiwiteit 4 (i) (ii) (aa); Aktiwiteit 12 (i) (ii); en Aktiwiteit 14 (ii) (a) en (c); (i), (i) en (ff). Die gelyste aktiwiteite sal bevestig word gedurende die BA proses. Kommentaar sal ook verkry word vanaf Erfenis Wes-Kaap ("Heritage Western Cape") ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Erfenis Bronne (Wet 25 van 1999). Die BA proses sal ook bevestig indien 'n Waterverbruikslisensie vereis word ingevolge die Nasionale Water Wet (Wet 36 van 1998), soos gewysig. 'n Geïntegreerde Publieke Deelname Proses sal daarom onderneem word vir die voorgestelde projekte, insluitend nege PV Fasiliteite, nege kraglyne en meegaande infrastruktuur, wat gedek sal word in vier afsonderlike BA verslae en alle aansoeke soos vereis ingevolge ander relevante wetgewing.

Die Wetenskaplike Nywerheids- en Navorsingsraad (WNNR) is aangestel as die onafhanklike Omgewingskonsultant ("EAP") om die BA proses vir die voorgestelde projekte te behartig en te bestuur namens die aansoekers. Sou u belangstel om te registreer as 'n Geïnteresseerde en/of Belanghebbende Party (G&BP), en om kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projekte, word u vriendelik versoek om u naam en kontakbesonderhede te epos asook 'n aanduiding van enige direkte, besigheids, finansiële, persoonlike of ander redes vir u moontlike belangstelling in die aansoeke, aan die EAP by die WNNR: Rohaida Abed; E-pos: ems@csir.co.za; Posadres: Posbus 59081, Umbilo, Durban, 4075; Tel: 031 242 2300; of Faks: 031 261 8172. Vir verdere inligting en verwickelinge op die projekte besoek gerus die projek webwerf: <https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

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Site Notice board placed at the entrance gate to Witte Wall farm on R356
(Co-ordinates: S32°58'26.6" and E19°54'28.6")



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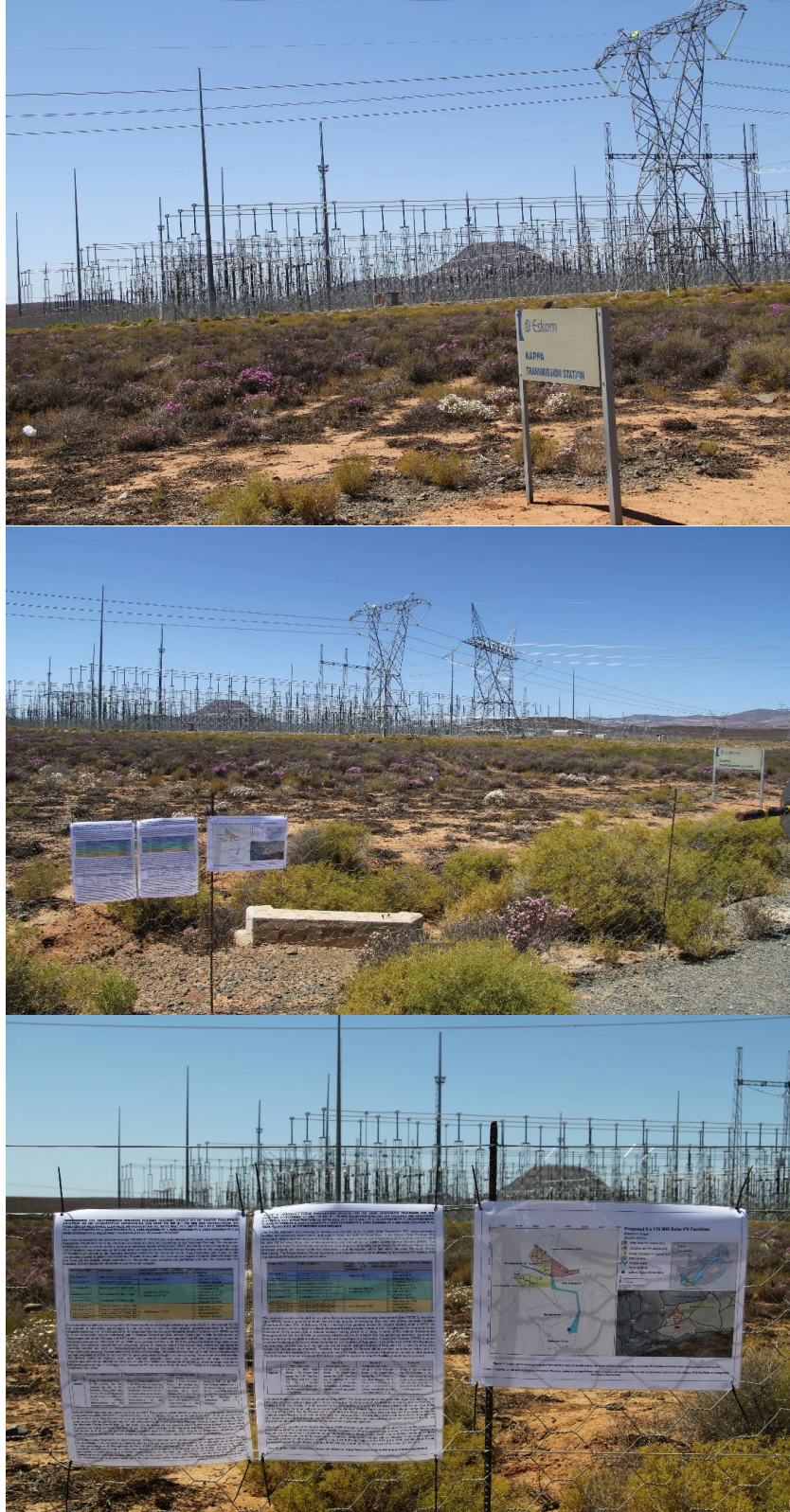
Site Notice board placed at the entrance gate to Grootfontein farm on R356 **(Co-ordinates S32°55'58.6" and E19°56'02.8")**



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Site Notice board placed at the entrance gate to the Eskom Kappa Substation **(Co-ordinates S33°06'19.9" and E20°00'15.7")**



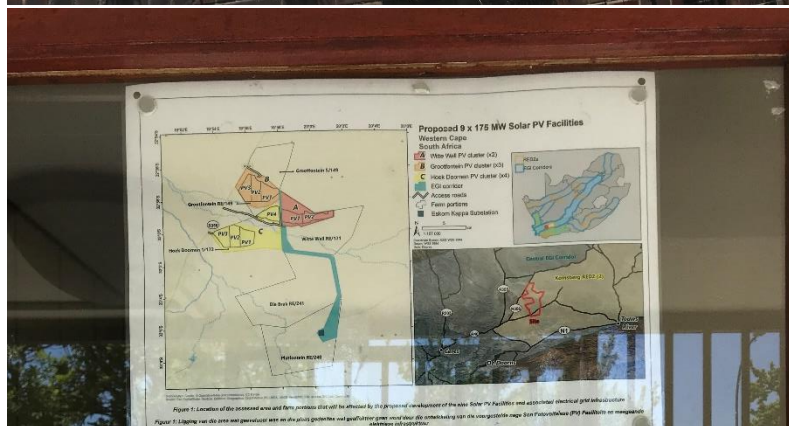
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Site Notice board placed at the Super Spar in Ceres (Co-ordinates: S33°22'20.08" and E19°18'21.05")



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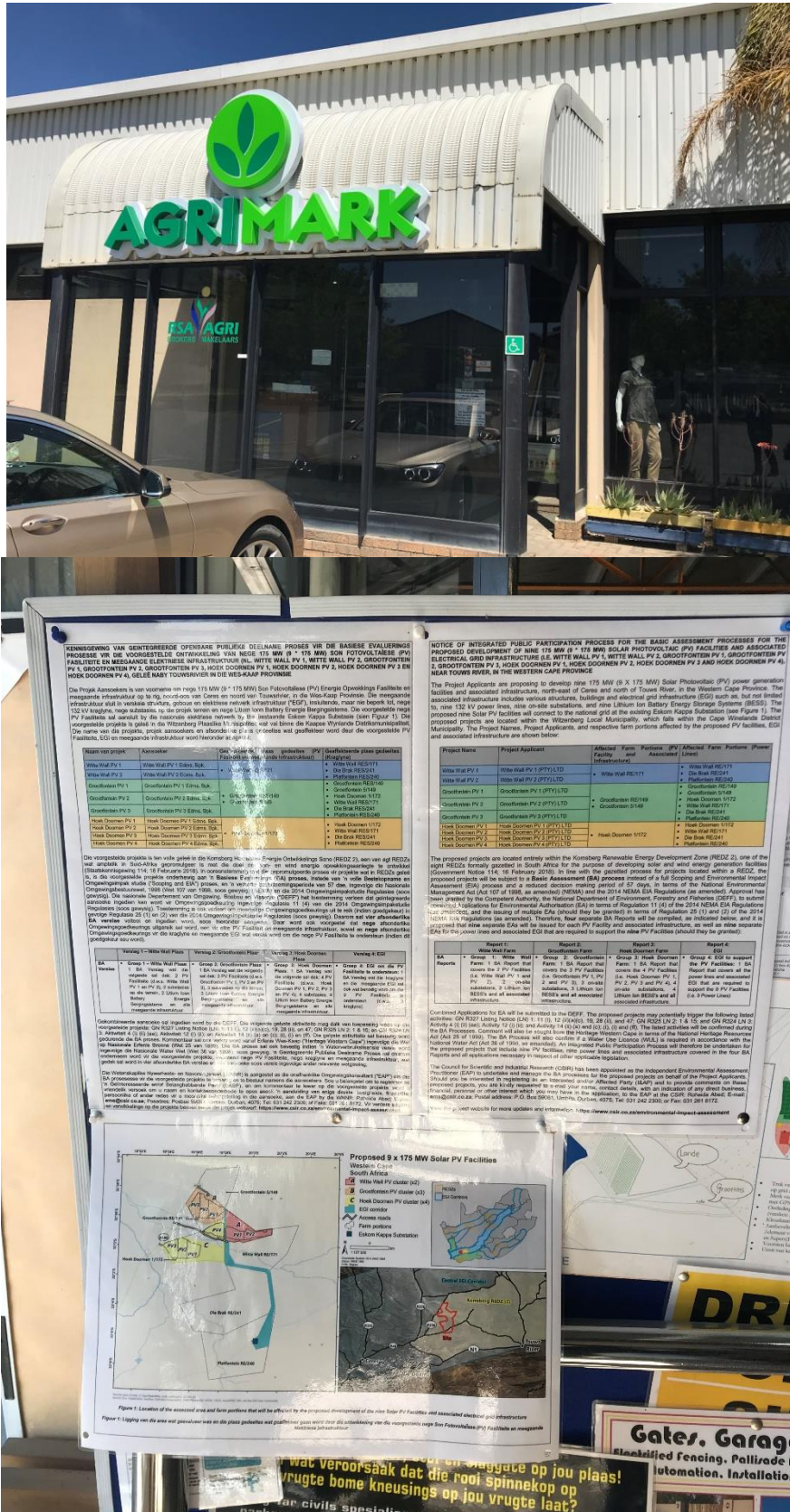
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Site Notice board placed at the AgriMark Cooperation in Ceres (Co-ordinates: S33°21'36.06" and E19°18'49.74")



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The image shows the exterior of the Touwsrivier Clinic, a single-story building with a light-colored corrugated metal roof and light-colored walls. A prominent sign on the left side of the building reads "Touwsrivier Kliniek Clinic Ikiniki" and features a red cross symbol. The building has several windows with metal grilles and a central entrance. In the foreground, there is a paved area and a small landscaped garden with various plants and a brick pillar.

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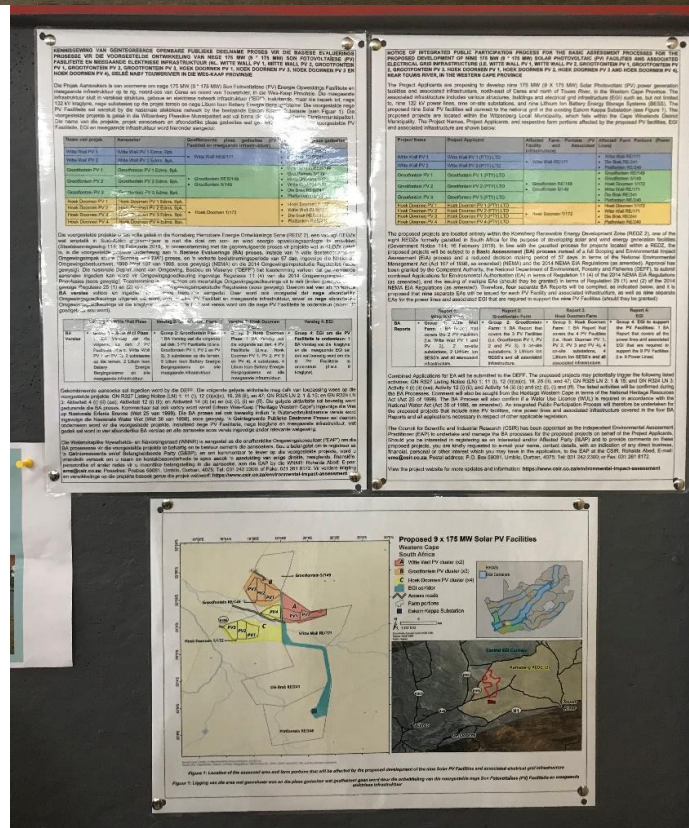
Site Notice board placed at the Breede Valley Local Municipality in Touws River (Co-ordinates: S33°20'25.69" and E20°01'51.83")



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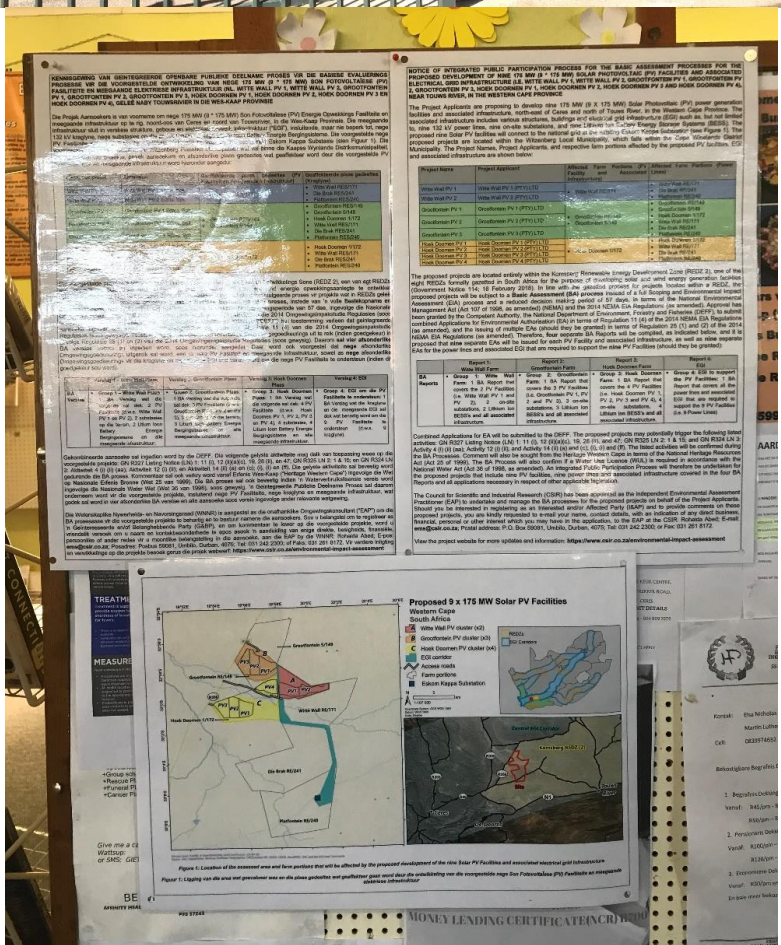
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Site Notice board placed at the Super Spar in Touws River (Co-ordinates: S33°20'24.69" and E20°01'52.77")



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Site Notice board placed at the Public Library in Touws River
(Co-ordinates: S33°20'24.62" and E20°01'53.89")



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ENGLISH NEWSPAPER ADVERT

NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF NINE 175 MW (9 X 175 MW) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR TOUWS RIVER, IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given that the Project Developer, Veroniva (Pty) Ltd, is proposing to develop nine 175 MW (9 X 175 MW) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power generation facilities and associated infrastructure, north-east of Ceres and north of Touws River, in the Western Cape Province. The associated infrastructure includes various structures, buildings and electrical grid infrastructure (EGI) such as, but not limited to, nine 132 kV power lines, and nine on-site substations. The proposed nine Solar PV facilities will connect to the national grid at the existing Eskom Kappa Substation. The proposed projects are located within the Witzenberg Local Municipality, which falls within the Cape Winelands District Municipality. The proposed projects are referred to as Witte Wall PV 1, Witte Wall PV 2, Grootfontein PV 1, Grootfontein PV 2, Grootfontein PV 3, Hoek Doornen PV 1, Hoek Doornen PV 2, Hoek Doornen PV 3 and Hoek Doornen PV 4. The Project Applicants include Witte Wall PV 1 (Pty) Ltd; Witte Wall PV 2 (Pty) Ltd; Grootfontein PV 1 (Pty) Ltd; Grootfontein PV 2 (Pty) Ltd; Grootfontein PV 3 (Pty) Ltd; Hoek Doornen PV 1 (Pty) Ltd; Hoek Doornen PV 2 (Pty) Ltd; Hoek Doornen PV 3 (Pty) Ltd; and Hoek Doornen PV 4 (Pty) Ltd. The proposed PV facilities and associated infrastructure will be constructed on the following farm portions: Grootfontein RE/149; Grootfontein 5/149; Witte Wall RE/171; and Hoek Doornen 1/172. The power lines will traverse these aforementioned farm portions, as well as the Die Brak 241 and Platfontein 240.

The proposed projects are located entirely within the Komsberg Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ 2) (as gazetted in Government Notice 114; 16 February 2018). Therefore, the proposed projects will be subject to a **Basic Assessment (BA) process** and a reduced decision making period of 57 days, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended). Notice of the BA Processes is thus given in terms of Regulation 41 (2) (c) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended).

Approval has been granted by the Competent Authority, the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), to submit combined Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of Regulation 11 (4) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended), and the issuing of multiple EAs (should they be granted) in terms of Regulation 25 (1) and (2) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended).

Combined Applications for EA will be submitted to the DEFF with the Draft BA Reports. The proposed projects trigger various listed activities in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended); with GN R325 LN 2: 1 serving as the main activity. Comment will also be sought from the Heritage Western Cape in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). The BA Process will also confirm if a Water Use Licence (WUL) is required in accordance with the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998, as amended). An integrated Public Participation Process will be undertaken for the proposed projects.

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake and manage the BA processes for the proposed projects on behalf of the Project Applicants. Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the release of the Draft BA Reports for the proposed projects for a 30-day review period, which will extend from **3 December 2020 to 25 January 2021**. This comment period excludes the DEFF shutdown period. The Draft BA Reports can be downloaded from the following website: <https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

Should you be interested in registering as an I&AP and to provide comments on the Draft BA Reports, you are kindly requested to e-mail your name, contact details, with an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the application, as well as the comments, to the EAP at the CSIR: Rohaida Abed; E-mail: ems@csir.co.za; Postal Address: P.O. Box 59081, Umbilo, Durban, 4075; Tel: 031 242 2300; or Fax: 031 261 8172.

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AFRIKAANS NEWSPAPER ADVERT

KENNISGEWING VAN BASIESE EVALUERINGS PROSESSE VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN NEGE 175 MW (9 X 175 MW) SON FOTOVOLTAÏESE (PV) FASILITEITE EN MEEGAANDE ELEKTRIESE INFRASTRUKTUUR GELEË NABY TOUWSRIVIER IN DIE WES-KAAP PROVINSIE

Kennis word hiermee gegee dat die Projek Aansoeker, Veroniva Edms Bpk, van voorneme is om nege 175 MW (9 x 175 MW) Son Fotovoltaïese (PV) Energie Opwekkings Fasiliteite en meegaande infrastruktuur op te rig, noord-oos van Ceres en noord van Touwsrivier, in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie. Die meegaande infrastruktuur sluit in verskeie strukture, geboue en elektriese netwerk infrastruktuur ("EGI"), insluitende, maar nie beperk tot, nege 132 kV kraglyne en nege substasies op die projek terrein. Die voorgestelde nege PV Fasiliteite sal aansluit by die nasionale elektriese netwerk by die bestaande Eskom Kappa Substasie. Die voorgestelde projekte is geleë in die Witzenberg Plaaslike Munisipaliteit wat val binne die Kaapse Wynlande Distriksmunisipaliteit. Die voorgestelde projekte staan bekend as the Witte Wall PV 1, Witte Wall PV 2, Grootfontein PV 1, Grootfontein PV 2, Grootfontein PV 3, Hoek Doornen PV 1, Hoek Doornen PV 2, Hoek Doornen PV 3 en Hoek Doornen PV 4. Die Projek Aansoekers sluit in Witte Wall PV 1 Edms Bpk; Witte Wall PV 2 Edms Bpk; Grootfontein PV 1 Edms Bpk; Grootfontein PV 2 Edms Bpk; Grootfontein PV 3 Edms Bpk; Hoek Doornen PV 1 Edms Bpk; Hoek Doornen PV 2 Edms Bpk; Hoek Doornen PV 3 Edms Bpk; en Hoek Doornen PV 4 Edms Bpk. Die voorgestelde PV fasiliteite en meegaande infrastruktuur sal ontwikkel word op die volgende plaas gedeeltes: Grootfontein RES/149; Grootfontein 5/149; Witte Wall RES/171; en Hoek Doornen 1/172. The kraglyne sal strek oor bogenoemde plase, sowel as oor Die Brak 241 en Platfontein 240.

Die voorgestelde projekte is ten volle geleë in die Komsberg Hernubare Energie Ontwikkelings Sone (REDZ 2), (soos gepromulgeer in Staatskennisgewing 114; 16 Februarie 2018). Dus is die voorgestelde projekte onderhewig aan 'n **Basiese Evaluerings (BA) proses**, en 'n verkorte besluitnemingsperiode van 57 dae, ingevolge die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998, soos gewysig) (NEMA) en die 2014 Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies (soos gewysig). Kennis van die BA prosesse word dus hiermee gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41 (2)(c) van die 2014 Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies (soos gewysig).

Die nasionale Departement van Omgewing, Bosbou en Visserie ("DEFF") het toestemming verleen dat geïntegreerde aansoeke ingedien kan word vir Omgewingsgoedkeuring ingevolge Regulasie 11 (4) van die 2014 Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies (soos gewysig), en die uitreik van meervoudige Omgewingsgoedkeurings (indien goedgekeur) ingevolge Regulasie 25 (1) en (2) van die 2014 Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies, (soos gewysig).

Gekombineerde aansoeke vir Omgewingsgoedkeuring sal ingedien word by die DEFF tesame met die Konsep BA Verslae. Die voorgestelde projekte sal verskeie gelystede aktiwiteite aktiveer in terme van die 2014 NEMA EIA Regulasies (soos gewysig), GN R325 LN 2: 1 wat die hoof aktiwiteit sal behels. Kommentaar sal ook verkry word vanaf Erfenis Wes-Kaap ("Heritage Western Cape") ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Erfenis Bronne (Wet 25 van 1999). Die BA proses sal ook bevestig indien 'n Waterverbruikslisensie vereis word ingevolge die Nasionale Water Wet (Wet 36 van 1998), soos gewysig. 'n Geïntegreerde Publieke Deelname Proses sal onderneem word vir die voorgestelde projekte.

Die Wetenskaplike Nywerheids- en Navorsingsraad (WNNR) is aangestel as die onafhanklike Omgewingskonsultant ("EAP") om die BA prosesse vir die voorgestelde projekte te behartig en te bestuur namens die aansoekers. Geïnteresseerde en/of Belanghebbende Partye (G&BPs) word hiermee in kennis gestel van die vrystelling van die Konsep BA Verslae vir die voorgestelde projekte vir 'n 30-dae kommentaar periode, wat sal strek vanaf **3 Desember 2020 tot 25 Januarie 2021**. Hierdie periode sluit die afsluit periode van DEFF uit. Die Konsep BA Verslae kan afgelaai word vanaf die volgende webtuiste: <https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

Sou u belangstel om te registreer as 'n G&BP, en om kommentaar te lewer op die Konsep BA Verslae, word u vriendelik versoek om u naam en kontakbesonderhede te epos asook 'n aanduiding van enige direkte, besigheids, finansiële, persoonlike of ander redes vir u moontlike belangstelling in die aansoeke, sowel as enige kommentaar, aan die EAP by die WNNR: Rohaida Abed; E-pos: ems@csir.co.za; Posadres: Posbus 59081, Umbilo, Durban, 4075; Tel: 031 242 2300; of Faks: 031 261 8172.

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Organs of State											
1.	Muhammad	Essop	National DEFF: Integrated Environmental Authorisations		X		X		X		
2.	Milicent	Solomons	National DEFF: Integrated Environmental Authorisations		X		X		X		
3.	Fiona	Grimett	National DEFF: Integrated Environmental Authorisations		X		X		X		
4.	Chantal	Engelbrecht	National DEFF: Integrated Environmental Authorisations		X		X		X		
5.	Thulisile	Nyalunga	National DEFF: Integrated Environmental Authorisations		X		X		X		
6.	Sindiswa	Dlomo	National DEFF: Integrated Environmental Authorisations		X		X		X		
7.	Karl	Naude	Director PA Policy and Management Effectiveness		X		X		X		
8.	Pamela	Kershaw	National DEFF: Biodiversity unit		X		X		X		
9.	Mukondi	Masithi	National DEFF: Biodiversity unit		X		X		X		
10.	Stanley	Tshitwamulomoni	National DEFF: Biodiversity unit		X		X		X		
11.	Wilma	Lutsch	National DEFF: Biodiversity unit		X		X		X		
12.	Zaahir	Toefy	Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP)		X		X		X		
13.	Adri	La Meyer	Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP)		X		X		X		
14.	Tania	De Waal	DEA&DP (Spatial Planning)		X		X		X		
15.	Raudhiyah	Dien	DEA&DP (Spatial Planning)		X		X		X		
16.	Gale	Letimela	Provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC)		X		X		X		

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17.	Tsholo	Madaudi-Leburu	DENC		X		X		X		
18.	Onwabile	Ndzumo	DENC		X		X		X		
19.	Elsabe	Swart	DENC		X		X		X		
20.	Nanine	van Olmen	DENC		X		X		X		
21.	Bryan	Fisher	DENC		X		X		X		
22.	Fabion	Smith	Department of Water and Sanitation		X		X		X		
23.	Chantel	Schwartz	National Department of Water and Sanitation		X		X		X		
24.	Mashudu	Kgaphola	National Department of Water and Sanitation		X		X		X		
25.	Rashid	Khan	Department of Water and Sanitation (Western Cape)		X		X		X		
26.	Melissa	Lintnaar-Strauss	Department of Water and Sanitation (Western Cape)		X		X		X		
27.	Elkerine	Rossouw	Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency		X		X		X		
28.	Makhosi	Mthimkhulu	Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency		X		X		X		
29.	Andiswa	Sam	Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency		X		X		X		
30.	Mary Jean	Gabriel	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)		X		X		X		
31.	Anneliza	Collet	DAFF		X		X		X		
32.	Andile	Hawes	DAFF		X		X		X		
33.	Mashudu	Marubin	DAFF		X		X		X		
34.	Jacoline	Mans	DAFF		X		X		X		
35.	Thoko	Buthelezi	DAFF: AgriLand Liaison office		X		X		X		

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36.	Paul Herselman	van der Walt	Western Cape Department of Agriculture		X		X		X		
37.	Phyllis	Pienaar	Western Cape Department of Agriculture		X		X		X		
38.	Ndzilili	Mandla	Ministry of Environment and Nature Conservation		X		X		X		
39.	Mpho	Mabaso	Department of Energy (DoE): Director: Renewable Energies		X		X		X		
40.	Solly	Fourie	Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism: Head of Department		X		X		X		
41.	<u>Lerato</u>	<u>Mokgwatlheng</u>	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
42.	Phindile	Dlamini	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
43.	Danie	Bloem	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
44.	Pierre	Snyman	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
45.	Rodger	Peense	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
46.	Tiny	Salaze	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
47.	Adrian	Francis	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
48.	Mamokete L.	Mafumo	Eskom: Transmission Land Development		X		X		X		
49.	Luchen	Reddy	Eskom: Department: Science & Technology		X		X		X		
50.	Kgauta Mokoena	Redelstorff	Director: Mine Environmental Research and Sustainable Development		X		X		X		
51.	Duduzile	Kunene	Department of Mineral Resources (Western Cape)		X		X		X		
52.	Jacob	Dikgang	Department of Transport		X		X		X		
53.	Ben	Welman	Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works		X		X		X		
54.	Jacqui	Gooch	Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works (Strategy,		X		X		X		

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			Planning and Co-ordination)								
55.	Malcolm	Watters	Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works		X		X		X		
56.	Colin	Fordham	CapeNature		X		X		X		
57.	Alana	Duffel-Canham	CapeNature		X		X		X		
58.	Andrew	September	Heritage Western Cape								
59.	Colette	Scheermeyer	Heritage Western Cape		X		X		X		
60.	Ceoheritage	-	Heritage Western Cape								
61.	Zwelibanzi	Shiceka	Heritage Western Cape (Assistant Director)		X		X		X		
62.	General SAHRA	-	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)		X		X		X		
63.	Nokukhanya	Khumalo	SAHRA: Western Cape case officer		X		X		X		
64.	Ragna	Redelstorff	SAHRA								
65.	Natasha	Higgitt	SAHRA								
66.	Lucius	Moolman	South African National Parks (SANParks)- Manager: Karoo NP & SKA core protected area				X		X		
67.	Howard	Hendricks	SANParks: Snr GM: Policy & Governance Conservation Services Division		X		X		X		
68.	Joh	Henschel	SAEON Arid Lands Node		X		X		X		
69.	Lucky	Legodi	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform		X		X		X		
70.	Gerhard	De Bruin	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform		X		X		X		
71.	Chantal	Harigobin	South African Local Government Association (SALGA) (Western Cape)		X		X		X		
72.	Herman	Coetzee	Transnet: Radio Communication Department		X		X		X		

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73.	Devon	Govender	Department (Cape Town)		X		X		X		
74.	Nicole	Abrahams	SANRAL (Environmental coordinator)		X		X		X		
75.	Colene	Runkel	SANRAL (Northern Cape-Western region)		X		X		X		
76.	René	de Kock (WR)	SANRAL		X		X		X		
77.	Gawie	Bestbier	Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)		X		X		X		
78.	Lizell	Stroh	CAA		X		X		X		
79.	Chinga	Mazhetese	CAA		X		X		X		
80.	John	Geeringh	Senior Consultant Environmental Management: Eskom GC: Land Development & EIA Review		X		X		X		
81.	Owen	Peters	Eskom: Land and Development		X		X		X		
82.	Elroy	Saaynan	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
83.	Andrea	Van Gensen	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
84.	Luchen	Reddy	Eskom Holdings Limited (Liaison to Department of Science and Technology)		X		X		X		
85.	Justine	Wyngaardt	Eskom Holdings Limited (Distribution - Western Operating Unit)		X		X		X		
86.	Ambrose	Hector	Eskom Holdings Limited		X		X		X		
87.	Andre	Crous	Eskom Holdings Limited (Telecommunications)		X		X		X		
88.	Fanie	Berg	Eskom Holdings Limited (Senior Engineer)		X		X		X		
Municipalities											
89.	J.	Venter	Witzenberg Local Municipality (LM): Head of Technical Department		X		X		X		
90.	Riaan	Fick	Witzenberg LM: Acting Manager of Socio-economic Development		X		X		X		

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91.	Adwin	Zinkfontein	Brede Valley Subdistrict, Department of Health:Operational Manager, Touws River Clinic		X		X		X		
92.	Neville	Fourie	Local Municipality in Touws River		X		X		X		
93.	Megan		Witzenberg LM		X		X		X		
94.	Hennie	Taljaard	Witzenburge LM: Town Planning & Building Control		X		X		X		
95.	Heloise	Truter	Witzenberg LM: Environment & Amenities		X		X		X		
96.	Ms Winnie	Miles	Witzenberg LM		X		X		X		
97.	M.	Mgajo	Cape Winelands District Municipality		X		X		X		
98.	Kobus	Du Plessis	Cape Winelands District Municipality: LED and Land Use Planning		X		X		X		
99.	David	Nasson	Witzenberg LM		X		X		X		
100.	Mavis	Mdala	Witzenberg LM (Ward 12 Councillor)		X		X		X	X	X
101.	Reginald	Badela	Witzenberg LM (Ward 12 Councillor)		X		X		X	X	X
102.	J.	Venter	Witzenberg LM: Technical Department		X		X		X		
Stakeholder (e.g. NGOs, conservation organisations)											
103.	Neville	Fourie	Breede Valley Municipality: Area Manager (Touws River)		X		X		X		
104.	Phillip	De Lange	ATNS: Manager of Western and Northern Cape		X		X		X		
105.	Praneel	Ruplal	Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)		X		X		X		
106.	Ashleigh	Sibanda	Knowledge Pele, Programme Manager		X		X		X		
107.	Johan	Koegelenberg	Sentech Broadcast Coverage Planner: RF Networks. Manager: Measurements and GIS		X		X		X		
108.	Frank	Creese	Sentech Inc. (Senior TCC Manager: Operations and Maintenance - Western		X		X		X		

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			Region)								
109.	Serame	Motlhake	Network Planning Manager		X		X		X		
110.	Alisha	Pretorius	Sentech		X		X		X		
111.	Anne	Flynn	Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd		X		X		X		
112.	Coert	Smit	BreedeNet: Network Operations Director		X		X		X		
113.	Ferdi	Smit	System Specialist Radar Technical Services Cape Town International Airport		X		X		X		
114.	Andre	Crous	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
115.	Luchen	Reddy	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
116.	John	Geeringh	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
117.	Owen	Peters	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
118.	Elroy	Saaynan	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
119.	Andrea	Van Gensen	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
120.	Justine	Wyngaardt	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
121.	Andre	Crous	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
122.	Fanie	Berg	Eskom Telecommunications		X		X		X		
123.	Danie	Erasmus	South African Police Service (SAPS) (Police Radio Communications)		X		X		X		
124.	Abel	Hanekom	Department of Defence/ SA Army		X		X		X		
125.	Lt Colonel A.	De Reuck	Department of Defence/ SA Army		X		X		X		

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126.	Colonel Loy	de Jager	Department of Defence/ SA Army		X		X		X		
127.	Phillip	De Lange	Manager: Technical Support Technical Services Cape Town International Airport		X		X		X		
128.	Stephanie	Kot	African Clean Energy Developments (ACED)		X		X		X		
129.	Carl	Opperman	Agri Western Cape		X		X		X		
130.	Japie	Grobler	AgriSA		X		X		X		
131.	Nic	Opperman	AgriSA		X		X		X		
132.	Ferdi	Smit	Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) (System Specialist Radar / Technical Services Cape Town International Airport)		X		X		X		
133.	Johan	Schoeman	Altech Fleetcall		X		X		X		
134.	Frans	Swart	Altech Netstar		X		X		X		
135.	Michael	Barnes	Biotherm Energy		X		X		X		
136.	Tania	Anderson	BirdLife South Africa		X		X		X		
137.	Simon	Gear	Birdlife South Africa		X		X		X		
138.	Samantha	Ralston	Birdlife South Africa (Western Region)		X		X		X		
139.	Coert	Smit	Breedenet: Network Operations		X		X		X		
140.	Vivien	Kiewitz	Cell C Tele Communications		X		X		X		
141.	Brian	Joubert	Cell C Tele Communications		X		X		X		
142.	D.	Ngwenya	Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)		X		X		X		
143.	Mona	Lakhani	Earthlife Africa		X		X		X		

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144.	Mabule	Mokhine	Earthlife Africa		X		X		X		
145.	Constant	Hoogstad	Endangered Wildlife Trust		X		X		X		
146.	Christy	B.	EWT: Renewable Energy Project Manager		X		X		X		
147.	Lourens	Leeuwner	Endangered Wildlife Trust		X		X		X		
148.	Harriet	Davies-Mostert	Endangered Wildlife Trust (Wildlife and Energy Programme)		X		X		X		
149.	Charles	Van Reenen	MTN – Innovation Centre Engineering		X		X		X		
150.	Renier	Nel	MTN South Africa Tele Communications		X		X		X		
151.	Pieter	Buys	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)		X		X		X		
152.	Sweetness	Maletse	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)		X		X		X		
153.	Brian	Dryer	Neotell Tele Communications		X		X		X		
154.	Warren	Joubert	South African Weather Services		X		X		X		
155.	Mlungisi	Ngwenya	South African Weather Services		X		X		X		
156.	Lynne	Hannay	Shell South Africa Exploration (Pty) Ltd		X		X		X		
157.	Chris	Coetzee	SALT		X		X		X		
158.	Ferdi	Smit	SALT		X		X		X		
159.	Adrian	Tiplady	Square Kilometre Array South Africa (SKA)		X		X		X		
160.	Tshegofatso	Monama	SKA		X		X		X		
161.	Adriana	Chickesh	Sustainable Energy Society of Southern Africa (SESSA)		X		X		X		
162.	Henning	Holm	SESSA		X		X		X		

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163.	Keverne	Thurling	Telkom Tele Communications		X		X		X		
164.	Leonard	Shaw	Telkom Tele Communications		X		X		X		
165.	Johan	Smit	Telkom Tele Communications (Executive/Senior Specialist Regulatory Affairs)		X		X		X		
166.	Craig	Barnes	Vodacom South Africa Tele Communications		X		X		X		
167.	Nico	Fourie	Vodacom South Africa Tele Communications		X		X		X		
168.	Danie	Oosthuizen	Vodacom South Africa Tele Communications		X		X		X		
169.	Morgan	Griffiths	Wildlife and Environmental Society of South Africa (WESSA) (Environmental Governance Programme)		X		X		X		
170.	Dr Morne	Du Plessis	World Wide Fund South Africa		X		X		X		
171.	Dr Joh	Henschel	South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON)		X		X		X		
Landowners											
172.	Louis	Greeff	Haruspex Trading Pty (Ltd) (Witte Wall Farm No. 171)		X		X		X		
173.	Philip	van Heerden	Witte Wall Farm No. 171		X		X		X		
174.	Jan	Minnaar	Bertan Family Trust (Grootfontein Farm No. 149)		X		X		X		
175.	Erhard	Buhr	Portion 1 of Farm Hoek Doornen No. 172		X		X		X		
176.	Brian	Stander	National Department of Public Works (Platfontein Farm No.240)		X		X		X		
177.	Andre	Vermeulen	Ceres RD Farm No. 477		X		X		X		
Adjacent Landowners											
178.	Leon	Theunissen	Farm Karree Kolk No. 174		X		X		X		
179.	Basie	Esterhuyse	Portion 1 of Farm Kalk Gat No. 170		X		X		X		

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180.	Ria	Esterhuysen	Portion 1 of Farm Kalk Gat No. 170		X		X		X		
181.	Ria	van Zyl	Remainder of Farm Hoek Doornen No. 172		X		X		X		
182.	Aletta (Alta) Susanna	Coetzee	Farm Doornrivier No. 173		X		X		X		
183.	Kosie	Möller	Tooverberg Boerdery Pty Ltd		X		X		X		
184.	Mr Izak	Visagie	Farm Doornrivier No. 173		X		X		X		
185.	Mr Charl	Du Toit	Farm Drooge Kloof No. 400		X		X		X		
186.	Mr PA	Le Roux	Farm Drooge Laagte No. 148		X		X		X		
187.	Mr Cornelis	Du Toit	Remainder of Farm Fontein Kop No. 236		X		X		X		
188.	Mr Wouter	Meiring	Remainder of Farm Groot Zand No. 175		X		X		X		
189.	Elma	Nieuwoudt	Portion 6 of Farm Grootfontein No.149		X		X		X		
190.	Calla	Du Toit	Portion 3 of Farm Grootfontein No. 149; Farm Hangklip No. 150		X		X		X		
191.	T.P.	van Zyl	Remainder of Farm Hoek Doornen No. 172		X		X		X		
192.	Chris	Conradie	Portion 1 and Remainder of Farm Kalk Gat No. 170		X		X		X		
193.	Louis	Greef	Portion 1 of Farm Lower Roodewal No. 169		X		X		X		
194.	Johan	Geldenhuys	Remainder of Farm Rietpoort No. 243		X		X		X		
195.	Ralph	Damonse	Portion 1 of Farm Rietpoort No. 243		X		X		X		
196.	Deon	Malherbe	Farm Sadawa No. 239; Farm Tierberg No. 258		X		X		X		
197.	Mark	Catling	Remainder of Farm Zand Rivier No. 252		X		X		X		
198.	Gerhard	Visagie	Remainder of Farm Zoutpan Kopjes No. 146		X		X		X		
Additional I&APs											

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Number	First Name	Surname	Company/ Organisation	Deregister interest	Let 1: Commencement of the BA Process	Request to Register	Let 2: Notice of Release of Draft BA Reports	Comment on Draft BA Reports	Let 3: Notice of Submission of Final BA Reports to DEFF	Let 4: Notice of EA for BAs and EIAs	Let 5: Outcome of Appeal Process
199.	Claude	Bosman	Veroniva Pty (Ltd)		X		X		X		
200.	Nina	King	Business owner, BP Komkyk Motors/Accommodation/Farmstall & Restaurant		X		X		X		
201.	Elvian	Williams	N/A		X		X		X		
202.	Charlton David	Leenderts	N/A		X		X		X		
203.	Donovan Graham	Kok	N/A		X		X		X		
204.	Christo	Booyesen	N/A		X		X		X		
205.	Chandré	Kok	Perdekraal East Wind Farm: Environmental Officer		X		X		X		
206.	Veronique	Fyfe	G7 Energies		X		X		X		
207.	David	Dean	N/A		X		X		X		

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Appendix D.7: Pre-Application Stakeholder Correspondence

From: Chandre Kok <chandre17@live.com>
To: "ems@csir.co.za" <ems@csir.co.za>
Date: 26 Oct 2020 11:40
Subject: Registering as an I&AP for Projects near Touwriver in the Western Cape

Dear Rohaida,

Hope this email finds you well.

I would like to register as an I&AP for these projects. I am currently an EO for the Perdekraal East Wind Farm project which is nearing its end. Its quite close to the proposed projects as stated on the notice.

My details:
Chandré Kok
chandre17@live.com
0636974413

Kind regards,
Chandré Kok

From: N Fourie <nfourie@bvm.gov.za>
To: "ems@csir.co.za" <ems@csir.co.za>
Date: 26 Oct 2020 16:13
Subject: proposed development of nine 175 MW solar PV facilities

For attention: Rohaida Abed

Good Day Ms Abed.

I hereby would like to provide my details to be registered as an interested party for the above mentioned project. As a Municipal employee, Managing the area of Touwsrivier, I regard it crucial to be aware of development in and around Touwsrivier, thus to be able to provide informative answers to the public.

Please include me in all relevant correspondence and participation processes going forward.

Regards

Neville Fourie
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From: David Dean <David.Dean@mainstreamrp.com>
To: "ems@csir.co.za" <ems@csir.co.za>, "ems@csir.co.za" <ems@csir.co.za>
Date: 29 Oct 2020 09:31
Subject: Development of nine 175MW PV facilities (Witte Wall PV2, Grootfontein PV2.....near Touws River)

Hi Rohaida

I would like to register as and I & AP on the Development of nine 175MW PV facilities (Witte Wall PV2, Grootfontein PV2.....near Touws River). Please use my details listed below.

Kind Regards



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From: Jan Louw <Jan@g7energies.com>
To: <ems@csir.co.za>
Date: 03 Nov 2020 11:03
Subject: Re: Registration as I&AP

Good day

I would just like to follow up regarding the above email, would it be possible to register G7 Renewable Energies as an I&AP on:

1. White Wall PV 1
2. White Wall PV 2
3. Grootfontein PV 1
4. Grootfontein PV 2
5. Grootfontein PV 3
6. Hoek Doornen PV 1
7. Hoek Doornen PV 2
8. Hoek Doornen PV 3
9. Hoek Doornen PV 4

Please could you register Veronique Fyfe as the main contact using the email address eia@g7energies.com.

On Thu, 29 Oct 2020 at 13:55, Jan Louw <Jan@g7energies.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

To whom it may concern,

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Feel free to contact my self on the following number if anything is unclear, 076 423 8710

Kind Regards,

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Jan Louw | Land Rights Manager

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Appendix D.8: Proof of Submission of the Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) to Heritage Western Cape (HWC)

From: Jayson <jayson@asha-consulting.co.za>
To: Ceoheritage <Ceoheritage@westerncape.gov.za>
CC: "Rohaida Abed" <RAbed@csir.co.za>, "Claude Bosman" <claudio@veroniva.co.za>
Date: 21 Aug 2020 22:49
Subject: NID submission: Witte Wall
Attachments: 1. Payment Notification.pdf; 2a. NID Witte Wall.DOC; 2b. Signed NID Witte Wall.pdf; 3a. PoA Resolution Witte Wall 18 Aug 2020.png; 3b. Witte Wall 171 Title Deed.pdf; 4. NID supporting document Witte Wall.pdf

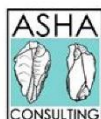
Hi

Please find attached a NID submission for three proposed PV facilities and 3 proposed powerlines on Farms 171, 241 & 240, Ceres District.

There are **six** documents numbered **1, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b & 4**.

Please note that this is a S38(8) application and the power line component is a linear activity that does not require land owner consent for the assessment phase under NEMA.

thanks
Jayson



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CC: "Rohaida Abed" <RAbed@csir.co.za>, "Claude Bosman" <claudio@veroniva.co.za>
Date: 21 Aug 2020 22:39
Subject: NID submission: Hoek Doornen
Attachments: 1. Payment Notification.pdf; 2a. NID Hoek Doornen.DOC; 2b. Signed NID Hoek Doornen.pdf; 3a. Hoek Doornen PoA 18 Aug 2020.jpeg; 3b. Hoek Doornen 172-1 Title deed.pdf

Hi

Please find attached a NID submission for three proposed PV facilities and 3 proposed powerlines on Farms 172/1, 171, 241 & 240, Ceres District.

I have included five documents here and the rest will follow in the next email. The ten documents are numbered **1, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f & 4**.

Please note that this is a S38(8) application although the power line component is a linear activity that does not require land owner consent for the assessment phase under NEMA, we have included PoAs for two of the four farms crossed.

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CC: "Rohaida Abed" <RAbed@csir.co.za>, "Claude Bosman" <claudio@veroniva.co.za>
Date: 21 Aug 2020 22:34
Subject: Re: NID submission: PVs and powerlines, Grootfontein
Attachments: 3c. Hoek Doornen Landowner PoA.jpeg; 3d. Hoek Doornen 172-1 Title deed.pdf; 3e. Witte Wall Landowner PoA.png; 3f. Witte Wall 171 Title Deed.pdf; 4. NID supporting document Grootfontein.pdf

Hi

Apologies, there are **ten** documents, there is no number five. Here are **3c, 3d, 3e, 3f & 4**.

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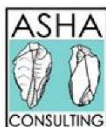
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Appendix D.9: Acknowledgement of Receipt of the Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) from Heritage Western Cape (HWC)

Our Ref: HM/ CAPE WINELANDS / WITZENBERG / FARM PLATFONTEIN 240
Case No.: 20081910SB0825E
Enquiries: Stephanie-Anne Barnardt
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Cell: 076 481 8392 (during the lock-down period)
Date: 14 September 2020

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CASE NUMBER: 20081910SB0825E

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Heritage Western Cape is in receipt of your application for the above matter received. This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officers meeting held on 7 September 2020.

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Yours faithfully


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DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: Basic Assessment for the Proposed Development of two 175 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facilities and associated Infrastructure (i.e. Witte Wall PV 1 and Witte Wall PV 2), near Touws River, Western Cape

Appendix D.10: Proof of Consultation with the Witzenberg Local Municipality and Heritage Conservation Bodies for the Heritage Impact Assessment

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Subject: Ceres Karoo heritage consultation

Dear all

I have compiled three heritage impact assessments for solar projects in the Tankwa Karoo region. It is required by Heritage Western Cape that I consult with the municipality and any registered heritage conservation bodies with an interest in the area. In this instance there are no conservation bodies with an interest in the area but I have included the Touws River Heritage and Conservation Society and the Hex Valley Tourism Association as the next closest organisations. Even though it is outside your respective areas, please feel free to comment should you wish to.











The link below provides access to the reports. Should the link be inactive by the time you get to it then please email me and I will reload them. However, please note that I will not be able to do this between 31 October and 15 November.

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Each project has the following files:

- 1a. HIA
- 1b. Palaeontology report (the same report applies to projects 2 and 3 as well)
- 1c. VIA report
- 1d. VIA maps

Project 1 is Witte Wall, Project 2 is Grootfontein and Project 3 is Hoek Doornen.

-  1a. HIA - Witte Wall
-  1b, 2b, 3b. Palaeo - WW, GF & HD
-  1c. VIA - Witte Wall
-  1d. VIA Maps - Witte Wall
-  2a. HIA - Grootfontein
-  2c. VIA - Grootfontein
-  2d. VIA Maps - Grootfontein
-  3a. HIA - Hoek Doornen
-  3c. VIA - Hoek Doornen
-  3d. VIA Maps - Hoekdoornen

I would appreciate receiving any heritage-related comments back by return email by close of business on Monday the 16th November 2020.

I have sent the files via Hightail but the link above will work in case of non-receipt of the Hightail notification email.

With all best wishes
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