SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

This section of the report is included in compliance with the Regulations. Public participation is an integral part of the EIA process, and affords potentially interested and potentially affected parties (I&APs) an opportunity to participate in the EIA process, or to comment on any aspect of the development proposals.

Other relevant considerations regarding the public participation process being undertaken for this project are that:

- The public participation process being undertaken for this project complies with the requirements of the Regulations.
- The description of the public participation process included in sections below itemises the steps and actions undertaken.

Adverts were placed in the following newspaper:

• Gemsbok on the <u>22 June 2018</u>.

The notice boards were placed on site from **<u>28 June 2018</u>**.

Twelve (12) notices were sent via registered mail on **25 June 2018** owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is undertaken. The notice requested them to register as Interested and Affective Parties (I&APs) and invited them to provide written comments together with the above reference number, their name, contact details and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application to the contact person indicated below within 30 days from the date of this notice. The notice also requested the owner to inform all persons residing on the property.

The Draft Scoping Report <u>was sent</u> to the following key Departments ON THE <u>27TH of July 2018</u>:

- 1. Birdlife South Africa
- 2. Eskom
- 3. South African Astronomical Observatory + Southern African Large Telescope (SALT)
- 4. South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) + Square Kilometre Array (SKA) + MeerKAT
- 5. Kai !Garib Local Municipality
- 6. ZF Mgcawu District Municipality
- 7. Department Water and Sanitation: NC
- 8. Department of Energy (Northern Cape)
- 9. National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)
- 10. Department of Roads & Public Works (Northern Cape)
- 11. Department of Rural Development and Land Reform Northern Cape PSSC
- 12. South African Civil Aviation Authority
- 13. Transnet Freight Rail
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- 15. Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation
- 16. Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority)
- **17.** The South African Heritage Resources Agency
- **18.** The Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate (DECIDING AUTHORITY)

The draft EIR will also be sent to the above key departments.

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- 2. Birdlife South Africa
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STEPS TAKEN TO NOTIFY POTENTIALLY INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

This section of the report is included in compliance with the Regulations.

Potential I&APs were notified about the project by:

- Fixing a notice board at the boundary of the site in compliance with the Regulations. All relevant and required information was displayed on the notice board. The notice board contained the following minimum information (Size of Board 70 x 50 cm):
 - how to register as an interested and affected party;
 - the manner in which representations on the application may be made;
 - where further information on the application or activity can be obtained; and
 - the contact details of the person(s) to whom representations may be made.

• The fact that the public participation process had commenced, that a basic assessment process will be followed, the dates within which they can register or send comments and what the proposed activity constituted, was displayed.

Photos of the notice board are included. The notice board was placed on site on <u>28 June</u> <u>2018.</u>

- 2. Giving written notice to owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is to be undertaken, the municipal councillor of the ward within which the site is located, the local municipality and those organs of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the project as required by the Regulations. Twelve (12) notices were sent via registered mail on <u>25 June 2018</u> owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is undertaken.
- Placing an advertisement in a local newspaper in compliance with the Regulations.
 An advert was placed in the Gemsbok on the <u>22 June 2018</u> notifying the public of the development and inviting them to register as Interested and Affected Parties within 30 days.
- 4. Lists of Identified and Registered Interested and Affected Parties

This section of the report is included in compliance with the Regulations. This list includes the potential as well as the registered Interested and Affected Parties. The list of parties who were identified as potential I&APs as per the requirements of the Regulations and the list of parties who requested registration as an I&AP, and who are registered on the I&AP database for the project as required in terms of the Regulations were included. A Comments and Response Report from registered I&AP's will be included.

5. Workshop with Key Role players On the <u>3rd of August 2018</u> a newspaper advert was placed in Die Gemsbok inviting members of the public to attend a public meeting. A workshop was held on the <u>23rd of August 2018</u> at the Kenhardt Hotel.

NOTICE SENT TO NEIGHBOURS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS PROPOSED 400MW PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITY & POWERLINE ON PORTIONS 3 & 7 OF FARM 187, KENHARDT.

Notice is given of the public participation process commenced by Wine Estate Capital Management (Pty) Ltd for the proposed development of a 400MW photovoltaic energy generation facility on 800ha and a 132kV powerline of approximately 7 kilometres to feed into the existing Aries substation.

Location: Portion 7 of Farm 187, Olyvenkolk (PV facility and powerline) and Portion 3 of Farm 187, Olyvenkolk (powerline) near Kenhardt.

Listed Activities:

Activity	Provide the relevant Listed Activities as set out in Listing Notice 1 (GN No. R. 983 as
No(s):	amended by GN 327)
11(i)	The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of
	electricity (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than
	33 but less than 275 kilovolts.
19(i)	The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the
	dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or
	rock of more than 5 cubic metres from- (i) a watercourse.
28(ii)	Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where
	such land was used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and
	where such development:
	(ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger
	than 1 hectare; excluding where such land has already been developed for
	residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional purposes.
Activity No(s):	Provide the relevant Listed Activities as set out in Listing Notice 2 (GN No. R. 984 as amended by GN 325)
1	The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a
T	renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding
	where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations
	and occurs within an urban area.
15	The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation
Activity	Provide the relevant Listed Activities as set out in Listing Notice 3 (GN No. R. 985 as
No(s):	amended by GN 324)
14	The development of -
	(ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more;
	(a) within a watercourse;
	(b) in front of a development setback; or
	(c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse,
	measured from the edge of a watercourse;
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Exemption: No application for any exemption is sought.

Opportunity to participate: Interested and Affected Parties are invited to register interest within the process or provide written comments to Eco Impact within 30 days of this notice. The project title, your full name, contact details, plus indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest you may have in this application must please be provided and fully described.

Contact: Jessica Hansen

PO Box 45070, Claremont, 7735 Fax: 021 671 1660/9976 Email: admin@ecoimpact.co.za Date: 28 June 2018



NOTICE ERECTED ON SITE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS PROPOSED 400MW PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITY & POWERLINE ON PORTIONS 3 & 7 OF FARM 187, KENHARDT.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS PROPOSED 400MW PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITY & POWERLINE ON PORTIONS 7 & 3 OF FARM 187, KENHARDT.

Notice is given of the public participation process commenced by Wine Estate Capital Management (Pty) Ltd for the development of a 400MW photovoltaic electricity generation facility on 800ha and a 132kw powerline of 7 kilometres.

Location: Portion 7 of Farm 187, Olyvenkolk (PV facility and powerline) and Portion 3 of Farm 187, Olyvenkolk (powerline) near Kenhardt.

Listed Activities: GNR 327 Listing Notice 1 - Listed Activities 11(i), 19, 28 (ii), GNR 325 Listing Notice 2 – Listed Activities 1 & 15 & GNR 324 Listing Notice 3 – Listed Activity 14.

Exemption: No application for any exemption is sought.

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INVITATION TO ATTEND PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED 300 MW and 400MW PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITIES & POWERLINE ON PORTIONS 6, 7 & 3 OF FARM 187, KENHARDT.

Notice is given that a public meeting for the development of a 300MW and a 400MW photovoltaic electricity generation facility on 600ha and 800ha respectively.

Location: Portion 7 and 6 of Farm 187, Olyvenkolk (PV facility and powerline) and Portion 3 of Farm 187, Olyvenkolk (powerline) near Kenhardt.

A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 23rd OF AUGUST 2018 FROM 4-6 PM AT THE KENHARDT HOTEL.

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Environmental Health & Safety Legal Consulting

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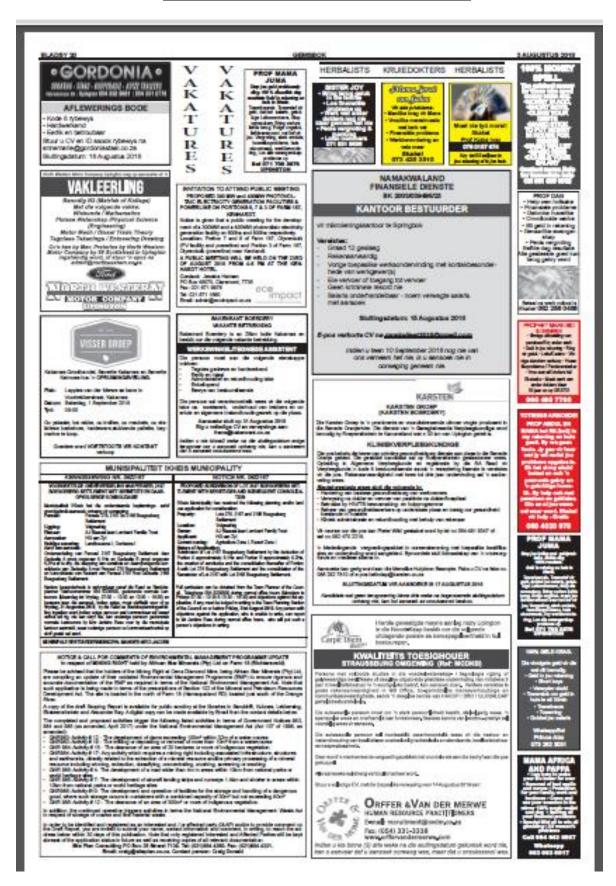
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Applications must to directed to : The Municipal Manager, Khâi-Ma Municipality, P.O. Box 108, Poladder, 8890, Tei, (054) 933-1000 or hand delivered at the Registry Office, Khâi-Ma Municipality, 21 Nuwe Street, Poladder, 8890.

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1	National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Private Bag X 120 Pretoria 0001 Attention: Delegate of the Minister	Ms Mashudu Marubini Delegate of the Minister (Act 70 of 1970) Ms Thoko Buthelezi Agriland Liaison office	012- 319 7619 012-319 7634	Not available	MashuduMa@daff.gov.za ThokoB@daff.gov.za
2	Birdlife South Africa Private Bag X16 Pinegowrie 2123	The Chairperson	011 789 1122	011 789 5188	info@birdlife.org.za conservation@birdlife.org.za
3	Eskom Eskom Transmission Services: Land and Rights P.O. Box 1091 Johannesburg 2000	The Manager / Chairperson Mr John Geeringh	011 800 8111 011 516 7233	011 800 4299 086 661 4064	CSOnline@eskom.co.za John.geeringh@eskorn.co.za
4	South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) + Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) P.O. Box 9 Observatory Cape Town 7935	Director	021 447 3639	021 447 3639	salt@salt.ac.za enquiries@saao.ac.za
5	South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) + Square Kilometre Array (SKA) 17 Baker Street, Rosebank, Johannesburg, 2196	Musa Baloye Dr Adrian Tiplady Selaelo Matlhane	021 506 7300	021 506 7375	mbaloye@ska.ac.za atiplady@ska.ac.za smatlhane@ska.ac.za

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7	ZF Mgcawu District Municipality Private Bag X 6039, Upington, 8800	Mayor, Municipal Manager and Ward councillors - Mr E Ntoba	054 337 2800	(054) 337 2888	admin@zfm-dm.gov.za
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9	Department of Energy (Northern Cape) Private Bag X 6093 Kimberley, 8300	The Director: Northern Cape	053 836 4000	086 562 7065	info@energy.gov.za
10	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) P O Box 40343 Arcadia 0007	Chairperson	012 401 4033	012 4014700	info@nersa.org.za elizabeth.taylor@nersa.org.za
11	Department of Roads & Public Works – Northern Cape Z.F. MGCAWU DISTRICT OFFICE Ntsikelelo Mbetha Complex P.O. Box 436 UPINGTON 8800	The Director: Northern Cape	054 332 4473	054 332 4475	KNogwili@ncpg.gov.za drpw-info@ncpg.gov.za
12	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform - Northern Cape PSSC Offices Private Bag X5007, Kimberley, 8300	Chief Director (Northern Cape) Mr Kgotso Moeketsi	053 830 4000/1	0538328137	Kgotso.Moeketsi@drdlr.gov.za

13	South African Civil Aviation Authority Obstacle Applications Private Bag X 73 Halfway House 1685	Harry Roberts / Mr Koos Pretorius	011 - 545 1000 /011 545 1232	011 – 545 1455	obstacles@caa.co.za / pretoriusk@caa.co.za / mail@caa.co.za
14	Transnet Freight Rail Private Bag X47 Johannesburg South Africa 2000	The chairperson / Mr H vd Heever	021 401 6829	NA	enquiries@transnet.net TFR911@transnet.net
15	Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Private Bag X5018, Kimberley, 8300	The Head of Extension/ Norman Shushu	053 838 9159	053 832 4328	NA
16	Department of Environmental Affairs and Nature Conservation (Northern Cape) Private Bag X6120 Kimberley 8300	The Director	053 807 7300	053 807 7328	botesb@ncpg.gov.za dmoleko@half.ncape.gov.za
17	Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority) 1 Monridge Office Park, c/o Kekewich Drive & Memorial Road, Kimberley, Northern Cape 8300	R Timothy	053 831 2537/ 079 036 9695		rtimothy@nbkb.org.za
18	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) P.O. Box 4637 CAPE TOWN 8000	M Manong Selaelo Matlhane	(021) 462 4502	(021) 462 4509	mmanong@nc.sahra.org.za nhiggitt@sahra.org.za

19	The South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) Private Bag X19 Bellville 7535	Deneill Fritz	021 957 4600	012 9461630	fritzd@nra.co.za
20	The Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation Environment House, 473 Steve Biko, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083 South Africa	Deputy Director-General Biodiversity and Conservation: Mr Shonisani Munzhedzi	+27 12 399 9171	NA	smunzhedzi@environment.gov.za

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Mr Chris Jordaan Grootriet Farm PO Box 41 Kenhardt 8900

Mr Piet de Vos PO Box 350 Keimoes 8860

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Aurora Power Solutions Nautica Building: Water Club Complex Beach Road Moullie Point Cape Town 8001

Mr Michael van Niekerk Posbus 69 Kenhardt 8900

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3	Eskom Eskom Transmission Services: Land and Rights P.O. Box 1091 Johannesburg 2000	The Manager / Chairperson Mr John Geeringh	011 800 8111 011 516 7233	011 800 4299 086 661 4064	CSOnline@eskom.co.za John.geeringh@eskorn.co.za
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TABLE 3: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TABLE

STAKEHOLDER	COMMENT	RESPONSE
	APPLICATION	
4 September 2018 Letter Department of	The Department confirms having received the Application for Environmental Authorisation and draft Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 31 August 2018.	Noted.
Environmental Affairs	Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 20141 prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.	Full public participation has been documented as detailed in this report.
	Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 this application will lapse if the applicant falls to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department In terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.	The final scoping has been submitted prior to the lapsing date – 44 days from 31 August 2018 is the 14 th of October 2018.
	All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Office Hours which is visible on the Departmental gate. EIA related documents (includes application forms, reports or any EIA related submissions) that are faxed; emailed; delivered to Security or placed in the Departmental Tender Box will not be accepted.	Noted.
	You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.	Noted.
	SAHRA HERITAGE APPLICATION	
24 JULY 2017 Letter SAHRA	Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed 400MW Photovoltaic Solar PV Electricity Generation Facility on Portion 7 of Farm 187, Kenhardt, Northern Cape Province.	Specialist appointed and studies included in draft EIR and loaded on SAHRA online
	In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant	system.

	heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is			
	incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done as per			
	section 38(3) and 38(8) of the NHRA. The HIA must assess all heritage resources as defined in section			
	1 and 3 of the NHRA. The HIA must be conducted as part of the Environmental Authorisation			
	Application in terms of the National Environmental			
	Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA 2017 EIA Regulations.			
	The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist			
	(see www.asapa.org.za/ www.aphp.org.za/) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment			
	Report. The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their			
	significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to			
	be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist			
	will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority			
	may give permission for destruction of the sites. If the property is very small or disturbed and there			
	is no significant site the specialist may choose to send a letter to the heritage authority to indicate			
	that there is no necessity for any further assessment.			
	The proposed development area is underlain by areas of moderate sensitivity in terms of			
	Palaeotological Resources. A Palaeontological Desk Top study must be undertaken to assess			
	whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources (see			
	www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for qualified			
	paleontologists).			
	Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as built structures over 60 years old, sites			
	of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of			
	conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewscapes must also be assessed.			
	All environmental reports and appendices produced as part of the EA application process must be			
	submitted to the SAHRIS Case file in order for an informed comment to be issued.			
	DRAFT SCOPING REPORT			
25 September 2018	i. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to	All listed a	octivities	are
Letter	the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. The use of words	specific and	linked to	the

DEA	such as 'approximately' and 'will be higher than' to describe thresholds must be avoided. Instead, well-reasoned	development activities as described in the scoping
	and conservative thresholds must be specified.	report on page 10.
	ii. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted.	Listed activities remain the same. No amended application form is required.
	iii. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link htms://www.envlronment.gov .za/documents/forms.	Noted, however, listed activities remain the same. No amended application form is required.
	iv. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR.	All issued raised and comments received to date are included in this report.
	v. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.	All correspondence received is included in this report. Proof of submission to all key departments is included in this report.
	vi. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.	Noted. Public participation was conducted and the process followed is detailed in this report.
	vii. Please ensure that the correct and complete contact details for the provincial authority are provided.	Details correctly listed in this report.
	viii. The POS for EIA in the final SR must include amongst others an Avifaunal Impact Assessment,	The final scoping includes a
	Heritage Impact Assessment, Visual Impact Assessment Social Impact Assessment, Traffic Impact Assessment and an Ecological and Wetlands Impact Assessment.	POS for the EIA and all the relevant specialist studies are listed.
	ix. Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the	Page 34 to 39 of the final scoping report detail the

	activity as per Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in	assessment of alternatives at this stage.
	terms of Appendix 2. x. In accordance with Appendix 2 (1) (a) of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, the details of the EAP who prepared the report; and (ii) the expertise of the EAP to carry out Scoping and Environmental impact assessment procedures; must be submitted.	Please see Appendix for CV of the EAP.
	xi. You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.	Noted.
3 October 2018 Letter SAHRA Enquiries: Natasha Higgitt CaseID: 11248	A draft Scoping report (2018) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA 2017 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development includes the construction of solar panels covering 800 ha, 7 km 132kv powerline, expansion of the Aries Substation, ancillary infrastructure such as cables, switch gear, maintenance facility, and security and control room. The Scoping report notes that an HIA inclusive of an archaeological and palaeontological specialist components will be conducted during the EIA phase. SAHRA notes the pending HIA and awaits the submission of the report. Please note that the HIA	Noted.
	specialist components must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments and the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments. Please upload the draft EIA report and appendices so that an informed comment can be issued.	
29 OCTOBER 2018 Email ESKOM	Please find attached Eskom requirements for developments at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes. Please send me KMZ files of the proposed affected property and layouts as well as the proposed power line connection to Aries substation. Please copy Martina in the response. She is the Eskom Land Development Programme Manager for the Northern Cape area and her section may have some projects in the area. Once we receive the KMZ files, Eskom will be in a better position to respond with some comments.	KMZ files emailed back in response.

1.	Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.	Noted and stated in EMPr.
2.	Eskom shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes.	
3.	Eskom's consent does not relieve the developer from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals.	
4.	Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer.	
5.	If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer's activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand.	
6.	The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard.	
7.	Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom's satisfaction.	
8.	Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of	

	or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer's equipment.
9.	No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager. Note: Where and electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it.
10	. Eskom's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with.
11	. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom's satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom.
12	. The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993).
13	. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.
14	. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.

15. Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant.	
16. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.	
17. Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom's title deed at the developer's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.	
Title: Renewable Energy Generation Plant Setbacks to Eskom Infrastructure	Noted and stated in EMPr.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY In recent decades, the use of wind turbines, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants have been on the increase as it serves as an abundant source of energy. This document specifies setbacks for wind turbines and the reasons for these setbacks from infrastructure as well as setbacks for concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants . Setbacks for wind turbines employed in other countries were compared and a general setback to be used by Eskom was suggested for use with wind turbines and other renewable energy generation plants.	
Concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants setbacks away from substations were also to be considered to prevent restricting possible power line access routes to the substation. Concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants setback away from substations were required to prevent substations from being boxed in by these renewable generation plants limiting line route access to the substations.	
Concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants also can limit access into the substation for power lines of all voltages. A setback distance must therefore be employed to prevent the substation from being boxed in by these generation plants. These setback distances are specified in this document.	

	 Eskom must be informed of any proposed wind turbine, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic activity within a 5 km radius of a substation. Where concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic structures fall within a 2 km radius of the closest point of a substation, Eskom should be informed in writing during the planning phase of the construction of such plant or structure. 	
	FINAL SCOPING	
16 OCTOBER 2018 Letter DEA DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1095 Enquiries: Mr Hennan Alberts	The Department confirms having received the final Scoping Report (SR) for the abovementioned project on 11 October 2018. We further confirm that you have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.	Noted.
23 November 2018 DEA DEA Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1095 Enquiries: Mr Hennan Alberts	All comments and recommendations made by all stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs} in the draft SR and submitted as part of the final SR must be taken into consideration when preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr} in respect of the proposed development.	All comments and recommendations as outlined in this table have been taken into consideration when preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment.
	Please ensure that all mitigation measures and recommendations in the specialist studies are addressed and included in the final EIAr and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).	All mitigation measures and recommendations in the specialist studies are addressed and included in the final EIAr and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).
	Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr . This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Environment and	This document has been sent to all key departments.

Nature Conservation, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Birdlife South Africa, the Local Municipality, the District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the SKA-SA and the Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.	Comments will be included in the final EIAr.
Please ensure that the EIAr and EMPr comply with Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of Regulation 2014 (as amended) before submission to the Department. You are also required to address all issues raised by organs of state and I&APs prior to the submission of the EIAr to the Department.	Noted. The EIAr and EMPr comply with Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of Regulation 2014 (as amended).
	All issues raised by organs of state and I&APs have been addressed as outlined in this table.
Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.	Proof of submissions and all correspondence is included in this document.
The draft EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.	Page 75 and 76 of the EIR indicate each listed activity and which impacts apply to each listed activity.
The listed activities represented in the EIAr and the application form must be the same and correct.	Noted. The same listed activities apply. 11, 19 and 28 of listing notice 1, activity 1 and 15 of listing notice 2 and activity 14 of listing notice 3.
Please verify that the expansion of the Aries Substation to receive the generated electricity into the Eskom grid does net trigger any listed activities.	Upgrade does not trigger listed activity.

	The Aries MTS is a 400 kV
	substation. In order to
	expand the capacity of the
	substation, an intermediate
	bus at a nominal voltage of
	132 kV via a 400 kV:132 kV
	transformer(s) bus in the
	substation must be
	constructed in the existing
	Aries Substation for the
	connection of the PV power
	plant via a 132 kV
	transformer(s).
	Apart from the
	transformer(s) necessary to
	establish a new bus, other
	power system components
	and equipment are
	necessary. These typically
	include amongst other three
	circuit breakers, three
	current transformers and
	three bus isolators at each
	side of the transformer for
	each transformer. All newly
	established busses will also
	be equipped with three
	capacitive voltage
	transformers to measure
	the bus voltages. All of

	these components and
	these components are
	mounted on steel structures
	with height of
	approximately 3 to 3.5
	meters from ground level.
	Lastly, the steel structures
	for the support of the
	overhead busbar
	conductors and cabling are
	of the order of 10 m in
	height. The expansion to
	Aries Substation does not
	requires Environmental
	Authorizations. The
	proposed expansions will
	not result in expanded
	capacity that will exceed
	275 kilovolts and the
	development footprint will
	not increase. The
	expansions is 132 kilovolts
	and within the existing Aries
	substation.
The EIAr phase must provide detailed information on the powerline alternatives and must assess	There are no powerline
the impacts of the powerline together with the impacts of the solar facility.	alternatives due to
	powerline being relocated
	and using existing powerline
	route which. Impacts of the
	-
	solar facility and powerline
	have been assessed
	together.

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The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their	Such information is included
description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under	in the EIAR on pages 2, 34
point 2 of the EIA information required for PV facilities below.	and 35.
The EIAr must provide the four comer coordinate points for the proposed development site (note	Included in the EIAr on page
that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well	36 – 38.
as the start, middle and end point of any linear activities.	
Please ensure that the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and Specialist declarations of	Will be included in the final
interest are completed in full and that it is signed.	ElAr.
The EIAr must provide a detailed description of the need and desirability, not only providing	The need and desirability
motivation on the need for clean energy in South Africa of the proposed activity. The need and	section deals with electricity
desirability must also indicate if the proposed development is needed in the region and if the	supply, green energy,
current proposed location is desirable for the proposed activity compared to other sites.	climate change and job creation and social benefits.
Clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed PV facility; i.e. placing of solar panels and	Updated site development
all associated infrastructure should be mapped at an appropriate scale.	plan is included in Appendix
	A.
Clear description of all associated infrastructure. This description must include, but is not limited to	SDP in Appendix B indicates
the following:	the powerlines.
• Powerlines;	
Internal roads infrastructure;	Three (80m x 50m)
• All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.; and	substations are proposed
• All necessary details regarding all possible locations and sizes of the proposed satellite substation	and indicated on the SDP in
and the main substation.	Appendix B.
The study area falls potentially within the ambit of the Square Kilometre Array- South Africa. The	Impacts assessed in impact
impacts associated with radio frequency interference on the SKA must form part of the	tables.
environmental impact assessment if it does.	
The applicant must liaise with SKA-SA (Dr Adrian Tiplady) for confirmation and their requirements	SKA was consulted, see
(Terms of Reference for specialist studies) if required. Should EMI and RFI detailed specialist studies	below. SKA did not indicate

obt	required, these studies must be completed, and included in the draft EIAr. With comments being tained on these studies from the SKA-SA. All communications and correspondences between the P and SKA-SA must be included in the EIAr.	that such a study was required. All communications and correspondences between the EAP and SKA-SA is included in this document.
incl > A the reco > P con > P any acc > Sl be o > A reco > Sl > Sl > Cl qua > A and the dra > Id sigr	e EAP must ensure that the terms of reference (TOR) for all the identified specialist studies must lude the following: a detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of e development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are commending for authorisations. Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be inducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed. Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of y infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including cess roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas. hould the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Departments definition; this must clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable. All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures and commendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA. hould specialists recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated. Clearly defined cumulative impacts and where possible the size of the identified impact must be antified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land. A detailed process flow to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures d conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in a sasessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were ifted for this project. dentified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the nificance rating methodology used in the process. The significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.	See Appendix G for relevant specialist studies.

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> A cumproceed.	ulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must	
Should th indicate t	he appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and sessary, include further expertise advice.	Noted.
hydrolog reference	ogical assessment must be conducted and must also assess the impacts on the surface y of the proposed development area and must be included in the EIAr. The terms of e for the study must include, inter alia the following: ication and sensitivity rating of all surface water courses for the impact phase of the	See Appendix G1 Ecology Terrestrial Freshwater Wetland Avifauna.
proposed > Identifi	d development; ication, assessment of all potential impacts to the water courses and suggestion of n measures; and,	
preference	mendations on the preferred placement of the facility and all associated infrastructure and ce must be provided to the avoidance of the watercourses on the property.	
study mu > Determ	unal Assessment must be conducted as part of the EIAr. The terms of reference for the ist include, inter alia the following: ine the impacts that the proposed activity (including the powerline) may have on avifauna;	See Appendix G1 Ecology Terrestrial Freshwater Wetland Avifauna.
> The ass solar field	over at a minimum the summer and winter seasons; sessment must include mitigation measures to discourage the avifauna from entering the d as well and limit nesting and breeding grounds within the solar field. faunal specialist study must be expanded to include vantage point surveys as well as flight	
paths to c mitigation > Assess t	consider how birds will move through the property. The study must also propose adequate n measures to reduce the facilities impacts on avifauna frequenting the area. the cumulative impact on avifauna within the site and within the local area. fauna specialist studies must be conducted according to the latest Bird life South	
Africa/En mitigatio	dangered Wildlife Trust: Best practice guidelines for avian monitoring and impact n.	
reference following	d use and land capability assessment must be conducted as part of the EIAr. The terms of e for the soils, land use and land capability assessment must also include, inter alia the g: ment of the loss of agricultural land;	Included in the EIAr and in Appendix G2 Agricultural Impact Assessment

	 > The current state of agricultural activities on land; > The impact of the loss of agricultural land within the property as well as the cumulative impact of the loss of agricultural land on the site and within the area. 	
	Due to the number of similar applications in the area, all the specialist assessments must include a cumulative environmental impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts. The cumulative impact assessment must indicate the following: Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land. Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. 	See Appendix G for specialist studies.
-	If applicable, the cumulative impacts on SKA must also be assessed and considered in the EIAr.	Comment obtained from SKA and impacts assessed in Impact Tables.
	Please note that it is the responsibility of the EAP to identify all the relevant impacts as well as specialist studies that needs to be conducted.	Noted.
	The EIAr must also include a comments and response (C&R) report in accordance with Appendix 2 of the E1A Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	This is the comments and response report in accordance with Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
	The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this letter.	The C&R is a separate document (Appendix E) and in accordance with the

	format as indicated in Annexure 1.
A copy of the final site layout map and alternatives. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following: > Solar panel positions and its associated infrastructure; > Permanent laydown area footprint; > Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible); > Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used; > The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; > Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint; > Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; > All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads; > Buildings, including accommodation; and > All "no-go" areas.	See Appendix A -C.
An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process.	See Appendix C.
A map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.	See Appendix C.
A shapefile of the preferred development layout/footprint must be submitted to this Department.	Shapefiles are included on
The shapefile must be created using the Hartebeesthoek 94 Datum and the data should be in Decimal Degree Format using the WGS 84 Spheroid. The shapefile must include at a minimum the following extensions i.e shp; .shx; .dbf; .prj; and, .xml (Metadata file). If specific symbology was assigned to the file, then the .avl and/or the .lyr file must also be included. Data must be mapped at a scale of 1:10 000 (please specify if an alternative scale was used). The metadata must include a	the CDs as Appendix I: Shapefiles.

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	ntal Management Programme (EMPr) to be submitted as part of the EIAr must owing: All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the es conducted	EMPr included in Appendix and includes all recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted.
The EMPr must	include The final site layout map	Included in Annexure 1 of the EMPr.
	include An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas entified during the EIA process.	Included in Annexure 2 of the EMPr.

The EMPr must include A map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.	EMPr included in Appendix F.
The EMPr must include An alien invasive management plan to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken.	Included in EMPr.
The EMPr must include A plant rescue and protection plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase.	Included in EMPr.
The EMPr must include A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats.	Included in EMPr.
The EMPr must include An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.	Included in EMPr.
The EMPr must include A traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations.	Included in EMPr.
The EMPr must include A storm water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off.	Included in EMPr.
The EMPr must include A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.	Included in EMPr.

The EMPr must include An erosion management plan for monitoring and ref	-
events associated with the facility. Appropriate erosion mitigation must form	part of this plan to
prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion.	
The EMPr must include A post construction avifauna monitoring plan to be compi	iled by the avifauna Included in EMPr.
specialist.	
The EMPr must include An effective monitoring system to detect any leakag	
hazardous substances during their transportation, handling, use and storage.	
precautionary measures to limit the possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from	m entering the soil
or storm water systems.	
The EMPr must include Measures to protect hydrological features such as structures and the structure of the	
wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas	from construction F.
impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.	
You are requested to submit two (2) electronic copies (1 CD & 1 USB) and two (2)	
EIAr to the Department as per Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as	
This Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of ye	
Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage auth	,
stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage reso	· ·
described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources A	· · · · ·
Comments from SAHRA and/or the provincial department of heritage must be p	
	comment. Final comment
	from SAHAR will be included
	in the FINAL EIAr.
Site maps and GIS infonnation should include at least the following:	1
All maps/information layers must also be provided in ESRI Shapefile format	See Appendix I.
All affected farm portions must be indicated	See Appendix A-C and I.
The exact site of the application must be indicated (the areas that will be occupi	ied by the See Appendix A-C and I.
application)	
A status quo map/layer must be provided that includes the following:	See Appendix A-C and I.
> Current use of land on the site including:	
 Buildings and other structures 	
Agricultural fields	

• Grazing areas	
Natural vegetation areas (natural veld not cultivated for the preceding 10 years) with an	
indication of the vegetation quality as well as fine scale mapping in respect of Critical	
Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas	
 Critically endangered and endangered vegetation areas that occur on the site 	
 Bare areas which may be susceptible to soil erosion 	
 Cultural historical sites and elements 	
Rivers, streams and water courses	
Ridgelines and 20m continuous contours with height references in the GIS database	
> Fountains, boreholes, dams (in-stream as well as off-stream) and reservoirs	
> High potential agricultural areas as defined by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and	
Fisheries	
> Buffer zones (also where it is dictated by elements outside the site):	
 500m from any irrigated agricultural land 	
• 1 km from residential areas	
> Indicate isolated residential, tourism facilities on or within 1 km of the site	
• A slope analysis map layer that include the following slope ranges:	See Appendix A-C and I.
> Less than 8% slope (preferred areas for PV and infrastructure)	
> between 8% and 12% slope (potentially sensitive to PV and infrastructure)	
> between 12% and 14% slope (highly sensitive to PV and infrastructure)	
> steeper than 18 % slope (unsuitable for PV and infrastructure)	
• A site development proposal map(s) layer(s) that indicate:	See Appendix A-C and I.
> Foundation footprint	
> Permanent laydown area footprint	
> Construction period laydown footprint	
> Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with	
numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on	
sections possible)	
> River, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures	
that will be used	
> Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint.	
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Ms Mashudu Marubini	included in the Final EIAr.
	details. Comment will be
and submitted to the Department	DAFF using the provided
Comments from the National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries must be obtained	The draft EIAr will be sent to
to get equipment onto the site including cut and fill areas and crossings of rivers and streams	
> An indication of new road or changes and upgrades that must be done to existing roads in order	
> Irrigated areas	
~ Agricultural fields	
> Critically Endangered and Endangered vegetation areas	
> Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas	
> A visibility assessment of the areas from where the facility will be visible	
> Waters sources to be utilised during the construction and operational phases	
> Pipelines	
 > Electricity transmission and distribution lines and substations 	
> Harbours and airports	
> Industrial areas	
> Railway lines and stations	
 Indicate the following: roads including their types (tarred or gravel) and category (national, provincial, local or private) 	
 The map/layer must cover an area of 20km around the site Indicate the following: 	
 All maps/information layers must also be provided in ESRI Shapefile format The map/layer must cover an area of 20km around the site 	
The regional map and GIS information should include at least the following:	See Appendix A-C and I.
> Buildings including accommodation	
 > Spoil heaps (temporary for topsoil and subsoil and permanently for excess material) > Buildings in shuding a segment slotling 	
> Borrow pits	
expected volume of each cut and fill	
> Cut and fill areas at PV sites along roads and at substation/transformer sites indicating the	
ESKOM)	
the EIA even if the construction and maintenance thereof will be done by another entity such as	
> Connection routes to the distribution/transmission network (the connection must form part of	
> Cable routes and trench dimensions (where they are not along internal roads)	

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In addition, comments must be requested from Eskom regarding grid connectivity and capacity.	Comment from Eskom (Mr
Request for comment must be submitted to:	John Geeringh) included in
Mr John Geeringh	this document. The draft
Eskom Transmission	EIAr will be sent to Eskom
Megawatt Park D1Y38	for further comment and
PO Box 1091	comments will be included
JOHANNESBURG	in the final EIAr.
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AGRICULTURE STUDY REQUIREMENTS	See Appendix G2
Detailed soil assessment of the site in question, incorporating a radius of 50 m surrounding the	Agricultural Impact
site, on a scale of 1:10 000 or finer. The soil assessment should include the following:	Assessment Report. Some
- Identification of the soil forms present on site	of this information is
- The size of the area where a particular soil form is found	included in the Geotechnical
- GPS readings of soil survey points	study in Appendix G8
- The depth of the soil at each survey point	Geotechnical Impact
- Soil colour	Assessment.
- Limiting factors	
- Clay content	
- Slope of the site	
- A detailed map indicating the locality of the soil forms within the specified area,	
- Size of the site	
Exact locality of the site	
Current activities on the site, developments, buildings	
Surrounding developments/ land uses and activities in a radius of 500 m of the site	
Access routes and the condition thereof	
Current status of the land (including erosion, vegetation and a degradation assessment)	
Possible land use options for the site	
Water availability, source and quality (if available)	
Detailed descriptions of why agriculture should or should not be the land use of choice	
Impact of the change of land use on the surrounding area	
A shape file containing the soil forms and relevant attribute data as depicted on the map	7
ASTRONOMY GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE ACT, 2007 (ACT NO. 21 OF 2007)	
The purpose of the Act is to preserve the geographic advantage areas that attract investment in	
astronomy. The entire Northern Cape Province excluding the Sol Plaatjie Municipality had been	
declared an astronomy advantage area. The Northern Cape optical and radio telescope sites were	
declared core astronomy advantage areas. The Act allowed for the declaration of the Southern	
Africa Large Telescope (SALT), MeerKA T and Square Kilometre Array (SKA) as astronomy and related	
	Stated in impact tables.

	scientific endeavours that had to be protected. You are requested to indicate the applicability of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act. Act No. 21 of 2007 on the application in the BAR/EIR.	
	You must obtain comments from the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) if the proposed development is situated within a declared astronomy advantage area.	This draft EIAr has been made available to SALT for comment.
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	i. Based on the location provided on the scoping report, the facility will generate medium-to-low risk of interference on the nearest telescope (SKA005) on the SKA spiral arm. ii. The preliminary assessment based on the SANS211 limits, indicates that the emissions levels from	Noted and stated in impact tables.
(SALT, SKA and MeerKat)	the facilities will marginally fall below the required spectral density threshold for protection of the telescope against electromagnetic interference. iii. It is advisable that you ensure that electromagnetic emissions do not exceed limits prescribed in	Stated as required mitigation measures in EIR.
	SANS211 standards. Any radio communication services and equipment located within the declared Karoo Central	
	Astronomy Advantage Area shall be required to comply with the relevant regulations as promulgated.	
	SARAO does not object the project at the current stage, however, we would like to be kept informed of the developments with this project and reserves the right to further risk assessments at a later stage.	

APPLICATION



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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 400MW SOLAR PV ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITY ON PORTION 7 OF FARM 187, KENHARDT WITHIN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the Application for Environmental Authorisation and draft Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 31 August 2018. We further confirm that you have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 dated 04 December 2014, as amended ('the EIA Regulations, 2014').

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Office Hours which is visible on the Departmental gate. EIA related documents (includes application forms, reports or any EIA related submissions) that are faxed; emailed; delivered to Security or placed in the Departmental Tender Box will not be accepted.

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

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Environmental Affairs Letter signed by: Ms Azrah Essop Designation: Environmental Officer: EIA Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support Date: 4 September 2018

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Interim Comment

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

Attention: Ms Jessica Le Roux Eco Impact Legal Consulting Pty Ltd

The construction of the Wine Estate Capital Management (Pty) Ltd 400 MW Photovoltaic Electricity Generation and 132 kV power line on Portions 7 and 3 of Farm Olyvenkolk, located approximately 37km southwest of the town of Kenhardt in the Northern Cape Province. The infrastructure associated with this facility includes: • Solar panels arranged in units with a generating capacity of approximately 400 MW and a total footprint of approximately 800ha. • A 132 kV power line (mono pole structures) of approximately 7 km over Portions 7 and 3 of Farm 187 to feed the electricity generated into the existing Aries substation. • Expansion of the Aries substation to receive the generated electricity into the ESKOM grid; and • Ancillary infrastructure such as inverters and transformers, conductors (cables), a central bushbar, isolators, switch gear, protection infrastructure, measurement devices and maintenance facility and security and control room. The proposed development will be constructed closer than 32 meters from watercourses. The electricity cable connecting the panels to each other, the distribution network will be laid underground and access roads will be constructed through some of the drainage lines. The panels would be mounted on the ground using a ground screw. A concrete foot piece secured to a steel pen driven into the ground would be used where it is not feasible to use ground screws. The maximum height of the panels in operation would be approximately 5m and would allow some ground clearance for the free flow of surface water underneath the panels and for agricultural purposes where required. The solar panels may be equipped with sun-trackers. The facility and associated infrastructure will be accessed on a 6m wide road with direct access off the Kenhardt to Pofadder gravel road. A combination of paving and or treated gravel may be utilised for this road. A 5m management track will surround each block of photovoltaic arrays, totalling approximately 9km of gravel road. These single track management roads will be used as access roads to service and maintain structures and to serve as fire breaks. On full commissioning of the facility, any access points to the site which are not required during operational phase will be closed and rehabilitated. Water will be sourced from existing boreholes, which will be registered under the National Water Act water use.

Thank you for notifying SAHRA of the proposed 400MW Photovoltaic Solar PV Electricity Generation Facility on Portion 7 of Farm 187, Kenhardt, Northern Cape Province.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No 25 of 1999 (NHRA), heritage resources, including

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archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a **Heritage Impact Assessment** (HIA) is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the NHRA. The HIA must assess all heritage resources as defined in section 1 and 3 of the NHRA. The HIA must be conducted **as part of the** Environmental Authorisation Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA 2017 EIA Regulations.

The quickest process to follow for the archaeological component would be to contract a specialist (see <u>www.asapa.org.za/ www.aphp.org.za/</u>) to provide a Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment Report. The Phase 1 Impact Assessment Report will identify the archaeological sites and assess their significance. It should also make recommendations (as indicated in section 38) about the process to be followed. For example, there may need to be a mitigation phase (Phase 2) where the specialist will collect or excavate material and date the site. At the end of the process the heritage authority may give permission for destruction of the sites. If the property is very small or disturbed and there is no significant site the specialist may choose to send a letter to the heritage authority to indicate that there is no necessity for any further assessment.

The proposed development area is underlain by areas of moderate sensitivity in terms of Palaeotological Resources. A Palaeontological Desk Top study must be undertaken to assess whether or not the development will impact upon palaeontological resources (see www.palaeontologicalsociety.co.za for qualified paleontologists).

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

All environmental reports and appendices produced as part of the EA application process must be submitted to the SAHRIS Case file in order for an informed comment to be issued.

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

Yours faithfully

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Dear Ms Hansen

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE WINE ESTATE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (PTY) LTD 400MW SOLAR PV ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITY ON PORTION 7 OF FARM 187, KENHARDT, NORTHERN CAPE

The draft Scoping Report (SR) dated July 2018 and received by this Department on 31 August 2018, and the acknowledgement letter of the SR issued by this Department on 04 September 2018 refer.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

- i. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. The use of words such as 'approximately' and 'will be higher than' to describe thresholds must be avoided. Instead, well-reasoned and conservative thresholds must be specified.
- ii. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted.
- iii. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <u>https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms</u>.
- iv. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered i&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR.
- v. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- vi. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- vii. Please ensure that the correct and complete contact details for the provincial authority are provided.
- viii. The POSforEIA in the final SR must include amongst others an Avifaunal Impact Assessment, Heritage Impact Assessment, Visual Impact Assessment, Social Impact Assessment, Traffic Impact Assessment and an Ecological and Wetlands Impact Assessment.
- ix. Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will

have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.

- x. In accordance with Appendix 2 (1) (a) of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, the details of-
 - (i) the EAP who prepared the report; and

(ii) the expertise of the EAP to carry out Scoping and Environmental Impact assessment procedures; must be submitted.

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Environmental Affairs Signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach Designation: Deputy Director: Strategic Infrastructure Developments Date: ユミ/クリンログ

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Interim Comment

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

<u>Attention:</u> Ms Jessica Le Roux Eco Impact Legal Consulting Pty Ltd

The construction of the Wine Estate Capital Management (Pty) Ltd 400 MW Photovoltaic Electricity Generation and 132 kV power line on Portions 7 and 3 of Farm Olyvenkolk, located approximately 37km southwest of the town of Kenhardt in the Northern Cape Province. The infrastructure associated with this facility includes: • Solar panels arranged in units with a generating capacity of approximately 400 MW and a total footprint of approximately 800ha. • A 132 kV power line (mono pole structures) of approximately 7 km over Portions 7 and 3 of Farm 187 to feed the electricity generated into the existing Aries substation. • Expansion of the Aries substation to receive the generated electricity into the ESKOM grid; and • Ancillary infrastructure such as inverters and transformers, conductors (cables), a central bushbar, isolators, switch gear, protection infrastructure, measurement devices and maintenance facility and security and control room. The proposed development will be constructed closer than 32 meters from watercourses. The electricity cable connecting the panels to each other, the distribution network will be laid underground and access roads will be constructed through some of the drainage lines. The panels would be mounted on the ground using a ground screw. A concrete foot piece secured to a steel pen driven into the ground would be used where it is not feasible to use ground screws. The maximum height of the panels in operation would be approximately 5m and would allow some ground clearance for the free flow of surface water underneath the panels and for agricultural purposes where required. The solar panels may be equipped with sun-trackers. The facility and associated infrastructure will be accessed on a 6m wide road with direct access off the Kenhardt to Pofadder gravel road. A combination of paving and or treated gravel may be utilised for this road. A 5m management track will surround each block of photovoltaic arrays, totalling approximately 9km of gravel road. These single track management roads will be used as access roads to service and maintain structures and to serve as fire breaks. On full commissioning of the facility, any access points to the site which are not required during operational phase will be closed and rehabilitated. Water will be sourced from existing boreholes, which will be registered under the National Water Act water use.

Eco Impact Legal Consulting (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Wine Estate Capital Management SA (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application process for the proposed 400MW PV Electrical Generation Facility on portions 3 and 7 of farm Olyvenkolk 187, Kenhardt District, Northern Cape Province.

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A draft Scoping report (2018) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA 2017 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development includes the construction of solar panels covering 800 ha, 7 km 132kv powerline, expansion of the Aries Substation, ancillary infrastructure such as cables, switch gear, maintenance facility, and security and control room.

The Scoping report notes that an HIA inclusive of an archaeological and palaeontological specialist components will be conducted during the EIA phase.

Interim Comment

SAHRA notes the pending HIA and awaits the submission of the report. Please note that the HIA specialist components must comply with the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Component of Impact Assessments and the SAHRA 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Please upload the draft EIA report and appendices so that an informed comment can be issued.

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

Yours faithfully

Natasha Higgitt Heritage Officer South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Subject:	400MW SEF portions 7 and 3 of Farm 187 Olyvenkolk.
Attachments:	Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes SOLAR (3).doc;
	Renewable Energy Generation Plant Setbacks to Eskom Infrastructure - Signed.pdf

Please find attached Eskom requirements for developments at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes. Please send me KMZ files of the proposed affected property and layouts as well as the proposed power line connection to Aries substation. Please copy Martina in the response. She is the Eskom Land Development Programme Manager for the Northern Cape area and her section may have some projects in the area. Once we receive the KMZ files, Eskom will be in a better position to respond with some comments.

Kind regards

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Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes.

- 1. Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.
- 2. Eskom shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes.
- 3. Eskom's consent does not relieve the developer from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals.
- 4. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer.
- 5. If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer's activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand.
- 6. The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard.
- 7. Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom's satisfaction.
- 8. Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer's equipment.
- 9. No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager

Note: Where and electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it.

- 10. Eskom's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with.
- 11. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom's satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom.
- 12. The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by *Regulation 15* of the *Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993).*
- 13. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.
- 14. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.
- 15. Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant.
- 16. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.
- 17. Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom's title deed at the developer's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.

John Geeringh (Pr Sci Nat)

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Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED WINE ESTATE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SA (PTY) LYD 400 MW SOLAR PV ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITY ON PORTIONS 7 OF FARM 187, KENHARDT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the final Scoping Report (SR) for the abovementioned project on 11 October 2018. We further confirm that you have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Office Hours which is visible on the Departmental gate. EIA related documents (includes application forms, reports or any EIA related submissions) that are faxed; emailed; delivered to Security or placed in the Departmental Tender Box will not be accepted.

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

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours sincerely Adul Mr Sabelo Malaza **Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Environmental Affairs:** Letter signed by: Ms Azrah Essop Designation: Environmental Officer Specialized Production: EIA Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support Date: 16 October 2018



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Dear Ms Hansen

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 400MW PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITY ON PORTIONS 7 AND 3 OF FARM 187 OLYVENKOLK, KENHARDT DISTRICT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated October 2018 and received by this Department on 11 October 2018, refer.

The Department has reviewed the SR and is satisfied that it complies with the minimum requirements of the National Environmental Management Act, Act Number 107 of 1998 (as amended) (NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(a) of the NEMA, EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). You may proceed with the EIA process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PoSEIA and the requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

All comments and recommendations made by all stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in the draft SR and submitted as part of the final SR must be taken into consideration when preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) in respect of the proposed development. Please ensure that all mitigation measures and recommendations in the specialist studies are addressed and included in the final EIAr and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Birdlife South Africa, the Local Municipality, the District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the SKA-SA and the Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.

Please ensure that the EIAr and EMPr comply with Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of Regulation 2014 (as amended) before submission to the Department. You are also required to address all issues raised by organs of state and I&APs prior to the submission of the EIAr to the Department.

Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the ElAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

In addition, the following additional information is required for the EIAr:

- i. The draft EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.
- ii. The listed activities represented in the EIAr and the application form must be the same and correct.
- iii. Please verify that the expansion of the Aries Substation to receive the generated electricity into the Eskom grid does not trigger any listed activities.
- iv. The EIAr phase must provide detailed information on the powerline alternatives and must assess the impacts of the powerline together with the impacts of the solar facility.
- v. The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under point 2 of the EIA information required for PV facilities below.
- vi. The EIAr must provide the four corner coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- vii. Please ensure that the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and Specialist declarations of interest are completed in full and that it is signed.
- viii. The EIAr must provide a detailed description of the need and desirability, not only providing motivation on the need for clean energy in South Africa of the proposed activity. The need and desirability must also indicate if the proposed development is needed in the region and if the current proposed location is desirable for the proposed activity compared to other sites.
- ix. The EIAr must provide the following:
 - Clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed PV facility; i.e. placing of solar panels and all associated infrastructure should be mapped at an appropriate scale.
 - Clear description of all associated infrastructure. This description must include, but is not limited to the following:
 - Powerlines;
 - Internal roads infrastructure;
 - All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.; and
 - All necessary details regarding all possible locations and sizes of the proposed satellite substation and the main substation.
- x. The study area falls potentially within the ambit of the Square Kilometre Array South Africa. The impacts associated with radio frequency interference on the SKA must form part of the environmental impact assessment if it does. The applicant must liaise with SKA-SA (Dr Adrian Tiplady) for confirmation and their requirements (Terms of Reference for specialist studies) if required. Should EMI and RFI detailed specialist studies be required, these studies must be completed, and included in the draft EIAr, with comments being obtained on these studies from the SKA-SA. All communications and correspondences between the EAP and SKA-SA must be included in the EIAr.
- xi. The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference (TOR) for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:
 - A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
 - Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
 - Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.

- Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.
- All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
- > Should specialists recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- Clearly defined cumulative impacts and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
- A detailed process flow to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
- Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process.
- > The significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- > A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.
- xii. Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.
- xiii. A hydrological assessment must be conducted and must also assess the impacts on the surface hydrology of the proposed development area and must be included in the EIAr. The terms of reference for the study must include, *inter alia* the following:
 - Identification and sensitivity rating of all surface water courses for the impact phase of the proposed development;
 - Identification, assessment of all potential impacts to the water courses and suggestion of mitigation measures; and,
 - Recommendations on the preferred placement of the facility and all associated infrastructure and preference must be provided to the avoidance of the watercourses on the property.
- xiv. An Avifaunal Assessment must be conducted as part of the ElAr. The terms of reference for the study must include, *inter alia* the following:
 - > Determine the impacts that the proposed activity (including the powerline) may have on avifauna;
 - > Must cover at a minimum the summer and winter seasons;
 - > The assessment must include mitigation measures to discourage the avifauna from entering the solar field as well and limit nesting and breeding grounds within the solar field.
 - The avifaunal specialist study must be expanded to include vantage point surveys as well as flight paths to consider how birds will move through the property. The study must also propose adequate mitigation measures to reduce the facilities impacts on avifauna frequenting the area.
 - > Assess the cumulative impact on avifauna within the site and within the local area.
 - The avifauna specialist studies must be conducted according to the latest BirdLife South Africa/Endangered Wildlife Trust: Best practice guidelines for avian monitoring and impact mitigation.
- xv. Soils, land use and land capability assessment must be conducted as part of the EIAr. The terms of reference for the soils, land use and land capability assessment must also include, *inter alia* the following:
 - Assessment of the loss of agricultural land;
 - > The current state of agricultural activities on land;
 - The impact of the loss of agricultural land within the property as well as the cumulative impact of the loss of agricultural land on the site and within the area.
- xvi. Due to the number of similar applications in the area, all the specialist assessments must include a cumulative environmental impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts. The cumulative impact assessment must indicate the following:
 - Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
 - Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken

into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.

- The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- > A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.
- xvii. If applicable, the cumulative impacts on SKA must also be assessed and considered in the ElAr.
- xviii. Please note that it is the responsibility of the EAP to identify all the relevant impacts as well as specialist studies that needs to be conducted.
- xix. The EIAr must also include a comments and response (C&R) report in accordance with Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this letter.
- xx. <u>A copy of the final site layout map and alternatives. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map</u>. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - > Solar panel positions and its associated infrastructure;
 - Permanent laydown area footprint;
 - Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible);
 - Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used;
 - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
 - > Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
 - > All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads;
 - Buffer areas;
 - Buildings, including accommodation; and
 - > All "no-go" areas.
- xxi. An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process.
- xxii. A map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.
- xxiii. A shapefile of the preferred development layout/footprint must be submitted to this Department. The shapefile must be created using the Hartebeesthoek 94 Datum and the data should be in Decimal Degree Format using the WGS 84 Spheroid. The shapefile must include at a minimum the following extensions i.e. .shp; .shx; .dbf; .prj; and, .xml (Metadata file). If specific symbology was assigned to the file, then the .avl and/or the .lyr file must also be included. Data must be mapped at a scale of 1:10 000 (please specify if an alternative scale was used). The metadata must include a description of the base data used for digitizing. The shapefile must be submitted in a zip file using the EIA application reference number as the title. The shape file must be submitted to:

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Physical address: Environment House 473 Steve Biko Road Pretoria For Attention: Muhammad Essop Integrated Environmental Authorisations Strategic Infrastructure Developments Telephone Number: (012) 399 9406 Email Address: MEssop@environment.gov.za

The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to be submitted as part of the ElAr must include the following:

- i. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted.
- ii. The final site layout map.
- iii. An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process.
- iv. A map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.
- v. An alien invasive management plan to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken.
- vi. A plant rescue and protection plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase.
- vii. A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats.
- vili. An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
- ix. A traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations.
- x. A storm water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off.
- xi. A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
- xii. An erosion management plan for monitoring and rehabilitating erosion events associated with the facility. Appropriate erosion mitigation must form part of this plan to prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion.
- xiii. A post construction avifauna monitoring plan to be compiled by the avifauna specialist.
- xiv. An effective monitoring system to detect any leakage or spillage of all hazardous substances during their transportation, handling, use and storage. This must include precautionary measures to limit the possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from entering the soil or storm water systems.
- xv. Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.

The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EIAr and EMPr.

The EAP must provide the final detailed site layout map as well as the final EMPr for approval with the final ElAr as this Department needs to make a decision on the EA, EMPr and layout map.

Please ensure that all the relevant Listing Notice activities are applied for, that the Listing Notice activities applied for are specific and that they can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure in the project description.

You are hereby reminded that should the EIAr fail to comply with the requirements of this acceptance letter, the project may be **refused** in accordance with Regulation 24(1) (b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

You are hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of the NEMA, EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations and, Regulations 43 and 44 with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making.

You are requested to submit two (2) electronic copies (1 CD & 1 USB) and two (2) hard copies of the EIAr to the Department as per Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

Please also find attached information that must be used in the preparation of the ElAr. This will enable the Department to speedily review the ElAr and make a decision on the application.

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

Furthermore, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999. Comments from SAHRA and/or the provincial department of heritage must be provided in the EIAr.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sabelo Malaza Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Environmental Affairs Letter Signed by: Coenrad Agenbach Designation: Deputy Director: Strategic Infrastructure Developments Date: ユミ/ リ (2019 -

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	J Essau	Kheis Local Municipality	Email: Jenkins.esau@gmail.com

Annexure 1

Format for Comments and Response Trail Report:

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP,	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
27/01/2016 Email Department of Environmental Affairs: Strategic Infrastructure Development (John Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority	EAP: (Noted)The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form

A. EIA INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES

1. General site information

The following general site information is required:

- Descriptions of all affected farm portions
- 21 digit Surveyor General codes of all affected farm portions
- · Copies of deeds of all affected farm portions
- Photos of areas that give a visual perspective of all parts of the site
- Photographs from sensitive visual receptors (tourism routes, tourism facilities, etc.)
- Solar plant design specifications including:
 - > Type of technology
 - Structure height
 - Surface area to be covered (including associated infrastructure such as roads)
 - > Structure orientation
 - > Laydown area dimensions (construction period and thereafter)
 - > Generation capacity
- · Generation capacity of the facility as a whole at delivery points

This information must be indicated on the first page of the EIAr. It is also advised that it be double checked as there are too many mistakes in the applications that have been received that take too much time from authorities to correct.

2. Sample of technical details for the proposed facility

Component	Description / dimensions
Height of PV panels	
Area of PV Array	
Number of inverters required	
Area occupied by inverter / transformer stations / substations	
Capacity of on-site substation	
Area occupied by both permanent and construction	
laydown areas	
Area occupied by buildings	
Length of internal roads	
Width of internal roads	
Proximity to grid connection	
Height of fencing	
Type of fencing	

3. Site maps and GIS information

Site maps and GIS information should include at least the following:

- All maps/information layers must also be provided in ESRI Shapefile format
- All affected farm portions must be indicated
- The exact site of the application must be indicated (the areas that will be occupied by the application)
- A status quo map/layer must be provided that includes the following:
 - Current use of land on the site including:
 - Buildings and other structures

- Agricultural fields
- Grazing areas
- Natural vegetation areas (natural veld not cultivated for the preceding 10 years) with an indication of the vegetation quality as well as fine scale mapping in respect of Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas
- Critically endangered and endangered vegetation areas that occur on the site
- Bare areas which may be susceptible to soil erosion
- Cultural historical sites and elements
- Rivers, streams and water courses
- > Ridgelines and 20m continuous contours with height references in the GIS database
- > Fountains, boreholes, dams (in-stream as well as off-stream) and reservoirs
- > High potential agricultural areas as defined by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- > Buffer zones (also where it is dictated by elements outside the site):
 - 500m from any irrigated agricultural land
 - 1km from residential areas
- > Indicate isolated residential, tourism facilities on or within 1km of the site
- A slope analysis map/layer that include the following slope ranges:
 - > Less than 8% slope (preferred areas for PV and infrastructure)
 - > between 8% and 12% slope (potentially sensitive to PV and infrastructure)
 - between 12% and 14% slope (highly sensitive to PV and infrastructure)
 - > steeper than 18 % slope (unsuitable for PV and infrastructure)
- A site development proposal map(s)/layer(s) that indicate:
 - > Foundation footprint
 - > Permanent laydown area footprint
 - > Construction period laydown footprint
 - Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible)
 - River, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used
 - > Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint.
 - > Cable routes and trench dimensions (where they are not along internal roads)
 - Connection routes to the distribution/transmission network (the connection must form part of the EIA even if the construction and maintenance thereof will be done by another entity such as ESKOM)
 - Cut and fill areas at PV sites along roads and at substation/transformer sites indicating the expected volume of each cut and fill
 - Borrow pits
 - > Spoil heaps (temporary for topsoil and subsoil and permanently for excess material)
 - > Buildings including accommodation

With the above information authorities will be able to assess the strategic and site impacts of the application.

4. Regional map and GIS information

The regional map and GIS information should include at least the following:

- All maps/information layers must also be provided in ESRI Shapefile format
- The map/layer must cover an area of 20km around the site
- Indicate the following:
 - > roads including their types (tarred or gravel) and category (national, provincial, local or private)

- Railway lines and stations
- Industrial areas
- > Harbours and airports
- > Electricity transmission and distribution lines and substations
- Pipelines
- > Waters sources to be utilised during the construction and operational phases
- > A visibility assessment of the areas from where the facility will be visible
- > Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas
- > Critically Endangered and Endangered vegetation areas
- Agricultural fields
- Irrigated areas
- An indication of new road or changes and upgrades that must be done to existing roads in order to get equipment onto the site including cut and fill areas and crossings of rivers and streams

5. Important stakeholders

Amongst other important stakeholders, comments from the National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries must be obtained and submitted to the Department. Any application, documentation, notification etc. should be forwarded to the following officials:

Ms Mashudu Marubini Delegate of the Minister (Act 70 of 1970) E-mail: MashuduMa@daff.gov.za Tel 012- 319 7619

Ms Thoko Buthelezi AgriLand Liaison office E-mail: ThokoB@daff.gov.za Tel 012- 319 7634

All hardcopy applications / documentation should be forwarded to the following address:

Physical address: Delpen Building Cnr Annie Botha and Union Street Office 270 Attention: Delegate of the Minister Act 70 of 1970

<u>Postal Address:</u> Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Private Bag X120 Pretoria 0001 Attention: Delegate of the Minister Act 70 of 1970

In addition, comments must be requested from Eskom regarding grid connectivity and capacity. Request for comment must be submitted to:

Mr John Geeringh Eskom Transmission Megawatt Park D1Y38 PO Box 1091

JOHANNESBURG 2000

Tel: 011 516 7233 Fax: 086 661 4064 John.geeringh@eskom.co.za

B. AGRICULTURE STUDY REQUIREMENTS

- Detailed soil assessment of the site in question, incorporating a radius of 50 m surrounding the site, on a scale of 1:10 000 or finer. The soil assessment should include the following:
 - Identification of the soil forms present on site
 - The size of the area where a particular soil form is found
 - GPS readings of soil survey points
 - The depth of the soil at each survey point
 - Soil colour
 - Limiting factors
 - Clay content
 - Slope of the site
 - A detailed map indicating the locality of the soil forms within the specified area,
 - Size of the site
- Exact locality of the site
- Current activities on the site, developments, buildings
- · Surrounding developments / land uses and activities in a radius of 500 m of the site
- Access routes and the condition thereof
- · Current status of the land (including erosion, vegetation and a degradation assessment)
- Possible land use options for the site
- Water availability, source and quality (if available)
- Detailed descriptions of why agriculture should or should not be the land use of choice
- Impact of the change of land use on the surrounding area
- A shape file containing the soil forms and relevant attribute data as depicted on the map.

C. ASTRONOMY GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE ACT, 2007 (ACT NO. 21 OF 2007)

The purpose of the Act is to preserve the geographic advantage areas that attract investment in astronomy. The entire Northern Cape Province excluding the Sol Plaatjie Municipality had been declared an astronomy advantage area. The Northern Cape optical and radio telescope sites were declared core astronomy advantage areas. The Act allowed for the declaration of the Southern Africa Large Telescope (SALT), MeerKAT and Square Kilometre Array (SKA) as astronomy and related scientific endeavours that had to be protected.

You are requested to indicate the applicability of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, Act No. 21 of 2007 on the application in the BAR/EIR. You must obtain comments from the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) if the proposed development is situated within a declared astronomy advantage area.



Ms. Jessica Hansen Eco Impact Legal Consulting (Pty) Ltd P.O. Box 45070 Claremont, 7735

Email:admin@ecoimpact.co.za

Date: 21 January 2019

Dear Ms. Hansen

Re: Final Scoping for 300MW Photovoltaic Electricity Generation Facility on Portions 3, 6 and 7 of Farm 187 Olyvenkolk, Kenhardt District.

This letter is in response to the final scoping report of the above photovoltaic electricity generation facilities and the potential impact it has on the SKA project. We have considered the proposed development, and conducted a basic high level assessment to determine the potential impact. We have concluded as follows:

- i. Based on the location provided on the scoping report, the facility will generate medium-to-low risk of interference on the nearest telescope (SKA005) on the SKA spiral arm.
- ii. The preliminary assessment based on the SANS211 limits, indicates that the emissions levels from the facilities will marginally fall below the required spectral density threshold for protection of the telescope against electromagnetic interference.
- iii. It is advisable that you ensure that electromagnetic emissions do not exceed limits prescribed in SANS211 standards.

Any radio communication services and equipment located within the declared Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Area shall be required to comply with the relevant regulations as promulgated.

SARAO does not object the project at the current stage, however, we would like to be kept informed of the developments with this project and reserves the right to further risk assessments at a later stage.

Regards,

Mr Selaelo Matlhane Spectrum & Telecommunication Manager South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) Tel: 011 442 2434 Email: smatlhane@ska.ac.za

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The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAD) is a Rational Facility managed by the National Research Foundation and incorporates all national radio astronomy effectiopes and programmes. SARAD is responsible for implementing the Square Riemotre Mnay (SLA) in South Ances

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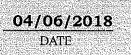
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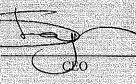
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