


Comments received prior to the release of the Draft Basic Assessment Report and during the initial Public Participation 30-day comment period

Organisation	Person	Issue or comment raised (see Appendix C4 & C5 of the Draft Basic Assessment report)	Addressing or incorporation of issue or comment
I&AP	Asaph Mathibeng	<p>In an email dated 21 July 2022, the following request was submitted by the I&AP:</p> <p>We supply construction materials (aggregates, readymixed concrete and gypsum) in the area and have operations in Orkney, Stilfontein and Potchefstroom.</p> <p>Kindly register us in the process and forward the documents as they become available.</p>	<p>Environamics responded in an email dated 25 July 2022. It was confirmed that the details of the I&AP have been registered on the project database (Appendix C3 of the DBAR). Furthermore, it was confirmed that the I&AP will receive project related information and documents as they become available.</p>
Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	Schalk Burger	<p>In an email dated 30 August 2022, the following comment and information was provided by the Department following notification of the BA process and submission of the BID:</p> <p>Lisa this is the only area we will consider for recommendation (see image below). The other portions are high potential agricultural value and some are irrigation land. I hope this will help. Only non arable land will be considered for development of Solar.</p>	<p>The comment provided by the Department has been considered by the Agricultural specialist and the Agricultural Economist in the Soils and Agricultural Impact Assessment (Appendix D4) and the Agricultural Economic Assessment (Appendix D9) of the draft BA Report.</p> <p>The specialists have advised that the development of Naos Solar PV Project Two within the proposed location will be acceptable considering the current challenges and limitations experienced in the agricultural sector and the opportunities presented for agricultural expansion by the development of the proposed development.</p>

			<p>The draft BA Report has been distributed to the Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for consideration and comment.</p> <p>Any comments received from the Department during the 30-day review and comment period will be included and addressed as part of the final BA Report.</p>
Landscape Dynamics	Susanna Nel	<p>The following request was received via email on 25 August 2022 following Notification of the Basic Assessment process:</p> <p>Could you please provide us with a Google Earth file (kmz/kml) of the projects, access roads and grid connections?</p>	<p>Environamics responded on 01 September 2022 and indicated that a meeting is to be held between the Applicants for the proposed Naos Solar PV Project Two and the Mercury Cluster Development (a development proposed adjacent to the south west). This meeting was held on 15 September 2022 – meeting minutes included in Appendix C4 of the draft BA Report.</p> <p>It was also indicated that a KMZ file was not available for distribution at the time.</p>

			The draft BA Report has been distributed to the I&AP at the commencement of the 30-day review and comment period.
Eskom	John Geeringh	<p>The following email was received on 26 August 2022 in response to the Notification of the Basic Assessment Process:</p> <p>Please send me a KMZ file of the affected properties, development areas and proposed grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as the RE development setbacks guideline.</p>	<p>Environamics responded via email on 01 September 2022 and submitted to the I&AP a KMZ file of the affected property, site and grid connection corridors for the project under assessment.</p> <p>It was also indicated that the requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure, as well as the Eskom Renewable Energy setbacks guidelines have been submitted to the Applicant.</p>
Mvelaphande Trading	Chris Schutte	<p>The following email was received on 30 August 2022 in response to the Notification of the Basic Assessment Process:</p> <p>Hereby do we acknowledge your proposed project.</p> <p>For future reference please quote OVJN0528-22.</p>	The acknowledgement of the proposed project and reference number are noted.
Energy Group	Jason Fairhurst	<p>The following email was received on 09 September 2022 in response to the Notification of the Basic Assessment Process:</p> <p>Can you register me as an IAP please?</p> <p>I am from Energy Group and I am involved with other Solar PV projects in the area.</p>	<p>Environamics responded in an email dated 09 September 2022. It was confirmed that the details of the I&AP have been registered on the project database (Appendix C3 of the DBAR). Furthermore, it was confirmed that the I&AP will receive project related information and documents as they become available.</p>

Savannah Environmental	Ansone` Esterhuizen	<p>The following email was received on 08 September 2022 in response to the Notification of the Basic Assessment Process:</p> <p>Good day I would like to register as an I&AP on this project</p> <p>Will you please provide me with the draft reports and appendixes for comments</p>	<p>Environamics responded in an email dated 09 September 2022. It was confirmed that the details of the I&AP have been registered on the project database (Appendix C3 of the DBAR). Furthermore, it was confirmed that the I&AP will receive project related information and documents as they become available, including notification of the availability of the 30-day review and comment period of the draft BA Report.</p> <p>It was indicated that the draft BA Report was not available at the time. The BID was however distributed to the I&AP.</p>
Savannah Environmental	Nicolene Venter	<p>The following email was received on 08 September 2022 in response to the Notification of the Basic Assessment Process:</p> <p>It will be appreciated if Environamics can share the .KMZ file with us.</p>	<p>Environamics responded in an email dated 09 September 2022. It was indicated that spatial data could not be shared at the time.</p> <p>The I&AP was referred to the BID which was distributed for the project on 25 August, which includes an indication of the properties that will be affected by the proposed development.</p>
Mvelaphande Trading	Chris Schutte	<p>The following comments were received from the I&AP in an email dated 22 September 2022, and a letter dated 22 September 2022:</p> <p>With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved in</p>	<p>The approval from the I&AP is noted. Furthermore, the Applicant takes note of the requirements to be complied with prior to construction and the validity period of the approval.</p>

		<p>terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.</p> <p>No infrastructure of our Client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal. We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account. Please make use of pilot holes in order not to damage our infrastructure. Therefore, any damages occurred during construction of work will be repaired at the customer's account.</p> <p>Although we are not affected by this proposal Mr Wynand Du Plessis must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 2186. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work.</p> <p>Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval.</p> <p>Any changes/deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.</p>	
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South African Radio Astronomy	Selaelo Matlhane	The following comments were received in a letter dated 25 August 2022:	It is noted that SARAo has no objection to the proposed Naos Solar PV Project Two, and that the development will pose a low risk in terms of interference.

<p>Observatory (SARAO)</p>		<p>This letter is in response to the proposed solar development and its possible impact on the Square Kilometre Array radio telescopes.</p> <p>SARAO has undertaken a high-level impact assessment and based on the information provided it was determined that the project represents a low risk of interference to the SKA radio telescope with a compliance surplus of 360.05 dBm/Hz. As such, we do not have any objection to the proposed development.</p>	
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