

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT APPLICATIONS AND WATER USE AUTHORISATION

Notice is given, in terms of the 2014 EIA regulations (as amended) published in Government Notice No. R326 under Section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), of the intent to carry out **Basic Assessment processes** (i.t.o. Listing Notice 1, 2 and 3 – G.N. R327, 325 & 324) for the following activities:

- ❖ Project title: The proposed Naos Solar PV Project One, Naos Solar PV Project Two and Naos Solar PV Project Three near Viljoenskroon, Free State Province.
- ❖ Project description: The development of three separate 240MW photovoltaic solar energy facilities, each with specific associated infrastructure (including substation, power line, access roads and battery energy storage system).
- ❖ Location: Within the Moqhaka Local Municipality and a Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ). Viljoenskroon is located ~24 km to the south. The facilities will be located on Portions 1 and 2 of the Farm Waterford 573, the Remaining Extent of the Farm Cijfervlei 6 and Portion 1 of the Farm La Reys Kraal Zuid 165. The power line will be located on Portion 1 of the Farm La Reys Kraal Zuid 165, Portions 1, 2 and the remainder of the Farm Kleinfontein 369, Portion 2, 4 and the remainder of the Farm Biesiefontein 173, Portions 2 and 3 of the Farm Zaaiplaats 190, Farm Doornplaats 599 and Portion 1 of the Farm Waterford 573.
- ❖ Size of site: Between 300ha and 460ha in extent.
- ❖ Proponents:
 - Naos Solar PV Project One (Pty) Ltd
 - Naos Solar PV Project Two (Pty) Ltd
 - Naos Solar PV Project Three (Pty) Ltd
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Three separate **Applications for Environmental Authorisation** will be submitted to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for decision-making. In order to ensure that you are identified as an interested and/or affected party please submit your name, contact information and interest in the matter, in writing, to the contact person(s) given above. The respective Basic Assessment Reports will be made available for review and comment in September 2022.

Furthermore, the applicants for the projects will also be applying for water use authorisation in terms of the **National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)**. Water uses listed under Section 21 of the National Water Act may be applicable to the developments and will be authorised through either a Water Use License or a General Authorisation, whichever is relevant.