

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

### Basic Assessments (BAs) for Solar Energy Facilities in the Stilfontein Cluster, Stilfontein, North West Province

SRK Project No: 581887

Notice is hereby given of the stakeholder engagement process and the (second) opportunity to register as an Interested and Affected Party (IAP) for the above project and comment on the Draft Basic Assessment (BA) Report(s) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA). The project was originally advertised in May 2022.

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**Location:** The proposed Stilfontein Cluster is located in the JB Marks and City of Matlosana Local Municipalities, near Stilfontein in the North West Province.

**Applications for:**

- 19 separate Environmental Authorisations (EAs) in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, for listed activities in Listing Notice (LN) 1, LN 2 and LN 3. BA processes must be followed because the projects lie in the Klerksdorp Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ); and
- Heritage Approval in terms of National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

**Opportunity to register and comment on the Draft BA Reports for the PV Facility BAs:** Nine separate EA applications have been submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). The nine BA Reports are available for public review and comment on SRK's website, [www.srk.co.za](http://www.srk.co.za) (via the 'Knowledge Centre' and 'Public Documents' links). Should you require a hardcopy of the report please contact SRK at the contact details below and an arrangement will be made to place a hardcopy in a nearby library. Stakeholders are invited to submit comments and/or register on the project database by contacting (email is preferred) the SRK contact person listed below by **16 May 2023**.

**Opportunity to register for the Grid Connection BAs:** Ten separate EA applications will be submitted to the competent authority and BA Reports will be released for public comment once the EA applications have been submitted. Although the Grid Connection BAs are not yet available for comment, stakeholders are invited to **register** on the project database by contacting (email is preferred) the SRK contact person listed below by **16 May 2023**. **Only registered stakeholders will be notified of the availability of the BA Report and invited to submit comments on the Grid Connection BA Reports.**

Stakeholders must refer to the project name / number above and include their name, contact details, and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application.

**To register and / or submit comments or request information please contact:** Asheerah Meyer of SRK Consulting at [ameyer@srk.co.za](mailto:ameyer@srk.co.za), Tel: (021) 659 3060 or Postnet Suite #206, Private Bag X18, Rondebosch, 7701 / Fax: 086 530 7003).

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## OPENBARE DEELNAME PROSES VIR BELANGHEBBENDES

### Basiese Asseserings (BA's) vir Sonenergiefasiliteite in die Stilfontein-uitbreiding, Stilfontein, Noordwes-provinsie

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Kennis geskied hiermee van die openbare deelname proses vir belanghebbendes asook die (tweede) geleentheid om as 'n Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) te registreer vir die bostaande projek en kommentaar te lewer rakende die Basiese Konsepassessmentverslag/verslae (BA's) kragtens die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur Wet 107 van 1998 (WNOB). Die projek is oorspronklik in Mei 2022 geadverteer.

**Projekte:** *South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd (Mainstream)* is van voorneme om tot nege fotovoltaïese (FV) fasiliteite op te rig met 'n kapasiteit van tot en met 150MW asook 'n verwante netwerkinfrastruktuur. Negentien aparte BA-prosesse is onderweg soos volg:

- 9 x BA's vir FV-fasiliteite, insluitende 11-33kV-kraglyne, wat elkeen storings-stelsels vir batteryenergie (BSBE) en onafhanklike kragverskaffersubstasies (OKV) op die perseel insluit;
- 9 x BA's vir 'n netwerkverbinding, insluitende Eskom-substasies op die perseel en 132kV-kraglyne na die hoofkragstasie (HKS); en
- 1 x BA vir 'n netwerkverbinding, insluitende HKS en 400kV transmissiekraglyne na bestaande Hermes Pluto-transmissie kraglyne.

**Ligging:** Die voorgestelde Stilfontein-uitbreiding is in die JB Marks en Stad Matlosana-plaaslike munisipaliteite, naby Stilfontein in die Noordwes-provinsie geleë.

**Aansoeke vir:**

- 19 Aparte Omgewingsmagtigings (OM's) kragtens die WNOB OIS-regulasies van 2014 vir gelyste aktiwiteite in Noteringskennisgewing (NK) 1, NK 2 en NK 3. BA-prosesse moet gevolg word omrede die projekte in die Klerksdorp Hernubare Energieontwikkelingsone (HEOS) geleë is; en
- Erfenisgoedkeuring kragtens die Wet op Nasionale Erfenishulpbronne, Wet 25 van 1999 (WNEH).

**Geleentheid om vir die Basiese Konsepassessmentverslae (BA) rakende die BA's vir FV-fasiliteite te registreer en kommentaar te lewer:** Nege aparte OA-aansoeke is by die Departement van Omgewingsake, Bosbou en Visserij (DOBV) ingedien. Die nege BA-verslae is beskikbaar vir openbare hersiening en kommentaar op SRK se kubertuiste, [www.srk.co.za](http://www.srk.co.za) (deur middel van die 'Kennissentrum'- en 'Openbare Dokumente'-skakels). Indien u 'n harde kopie van die verslag verlang, skakel SRK asseblief by die onderstaande inligting en ons sal reëlings tref dat 'n harde kopie in 'n nabygeleë biblioteek geplaas word. Belanghebbers word hierdeur genooi om kommentaar te lewer en/of op die projekdatabasis te registreer as 'n B&GP deur die SRK-kontakpersoon **teen 16 Mei 2023** te skakel (e-pos word verkies), soos hieronder gelys word.

**Geleentheid om vir die BA's rakende 'n netwerkverbinding te registreer:** Tien aparte OA-aansoeke sal by die bevoegde owerheid ingedien word en BA-verslae sal vir openbare kommentaar beskikbaar gestel word sodra die OA-aansoeke ingedien is. Belanghebbers word hierdeur genooi om op die projekdatabasis te **registreer** as 'n B&GP deur die SRK-kontakpersoon **teen 16 Mei 2023** te skakel (e-pos word verkies), soos hieronder gelys word, alhoewel die BA's vir 'n netwerkverbinding nog nie vir kommentaar beskikbaar is nie. **Slegs geregistreerde B&GPs sal in kennis gestel word van die beskikbaarheid van die BA-verslag en genooi word om kommentaar te lewer op die BA-verslae rakende 'n netwerkverbinding.**

Belanghebbers moet na die projeknaam/-nommer hierbo verwys en hul naam, kontakbesonderhede en 'n aanduiding van enige direkte besigheids-, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belangstelling wat hulle het, in die aansoek om te registreer as 'n B&GP insluit.

**Om te registreer en/of kommentaar te lewer óf inligting te versoek, skakel gerus:** Asheerah Meyer van SRK Consulting by [ameyer@srk.co.za](mailto:ameyer@srk.co.za), Tel: (021) 659 3060 of Postnet Suite #206, Privaatsak X18, Rondebosch, 7701 / Faks: 086 530 7003).

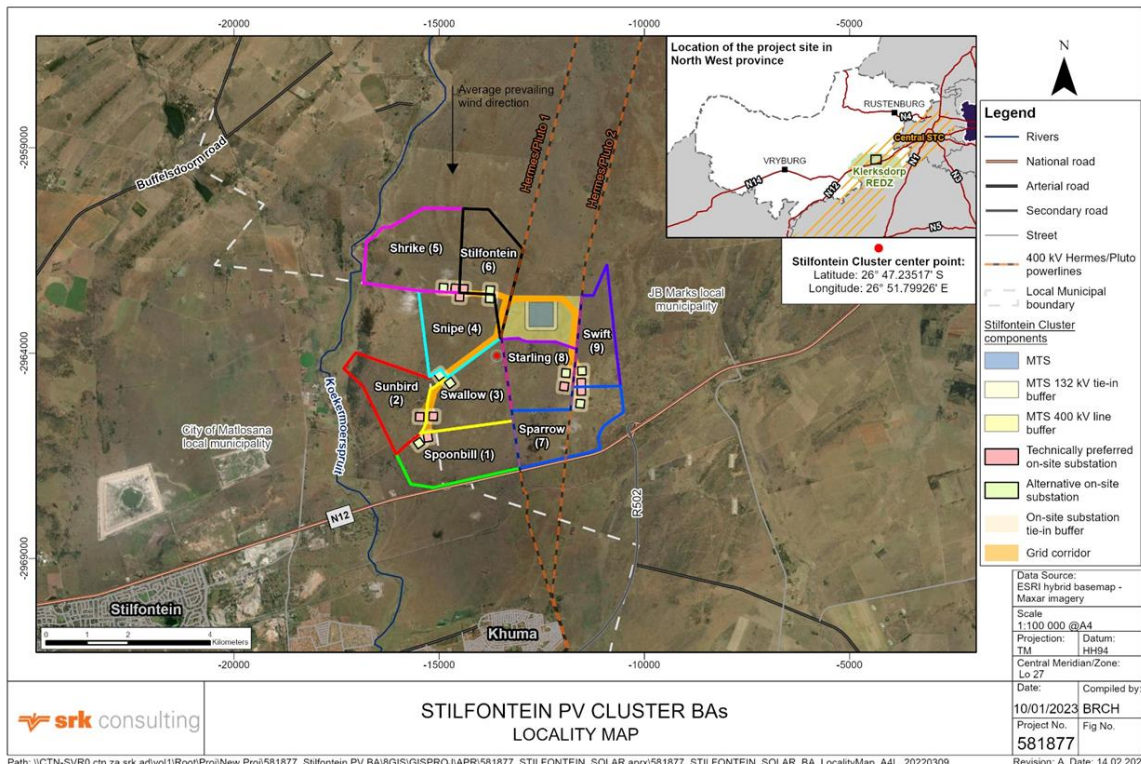
*Deur as 'n belanghebbende te registreer, verleen u vrywillig toestemming aan SRK, die projekvoorsteller en die bevoegde owerheid om u persoonlike data te verwerk en selektief vry te stel (insluitende kontakbesonderhede), ter voldoening aan die vereistes van die OIS-regulasies 2014, asook die Nasionale Appèlregulasies 2014.*

6 April 2023  
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Dear Stakeholder

## Basic Assessments (BAs) for Solar Energy Facilities in the Stilfontein Cluster, Stilfontein, North West Province: Opportunity to Register as an Interested and Affected Party and Release of Basic Assessment Reports for Public Review.

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**Figure 1: Location of Stilfontein Cluster**

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SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (SRK) has been appointed by Mainstream to compile the BA Reports for the PV facilities and associated infrastructure in terms of NEMA and the EIA Regulations, 2014.

Opportunity to Register and Comment on the Draft BA Reports for the PV Facility BAs

The nine BA Reports (and executive summaries) for the PV facility BAs will be available for **public review and comment** electronically on SRK's website, [www.srk.co.za](http://www.srk.co.za) (via the 'Knowledge Centre' and 'Public Documents' links) **from 14 April 2023 until 16 May 2023**. Should you require a hardcopy of the report please contact SRK at the contact details below and an arrangement will be made to place a hardcopy in a nearby library.

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<https://forms.office.com/r/RisvzNuZ6D> and must be received by **16 May 2023**. Alternatively, comments and / or request to register as a stakeholder may be submitted via email to Asheerah Meyer from SRK Consulting: Tel: 021 659 3060; Email: [Ameyer@srk.co.za](mailto:Ameyer@srk.co.za) by **16 May 2023**.

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Yours faithfully,

## SRK Consulting (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

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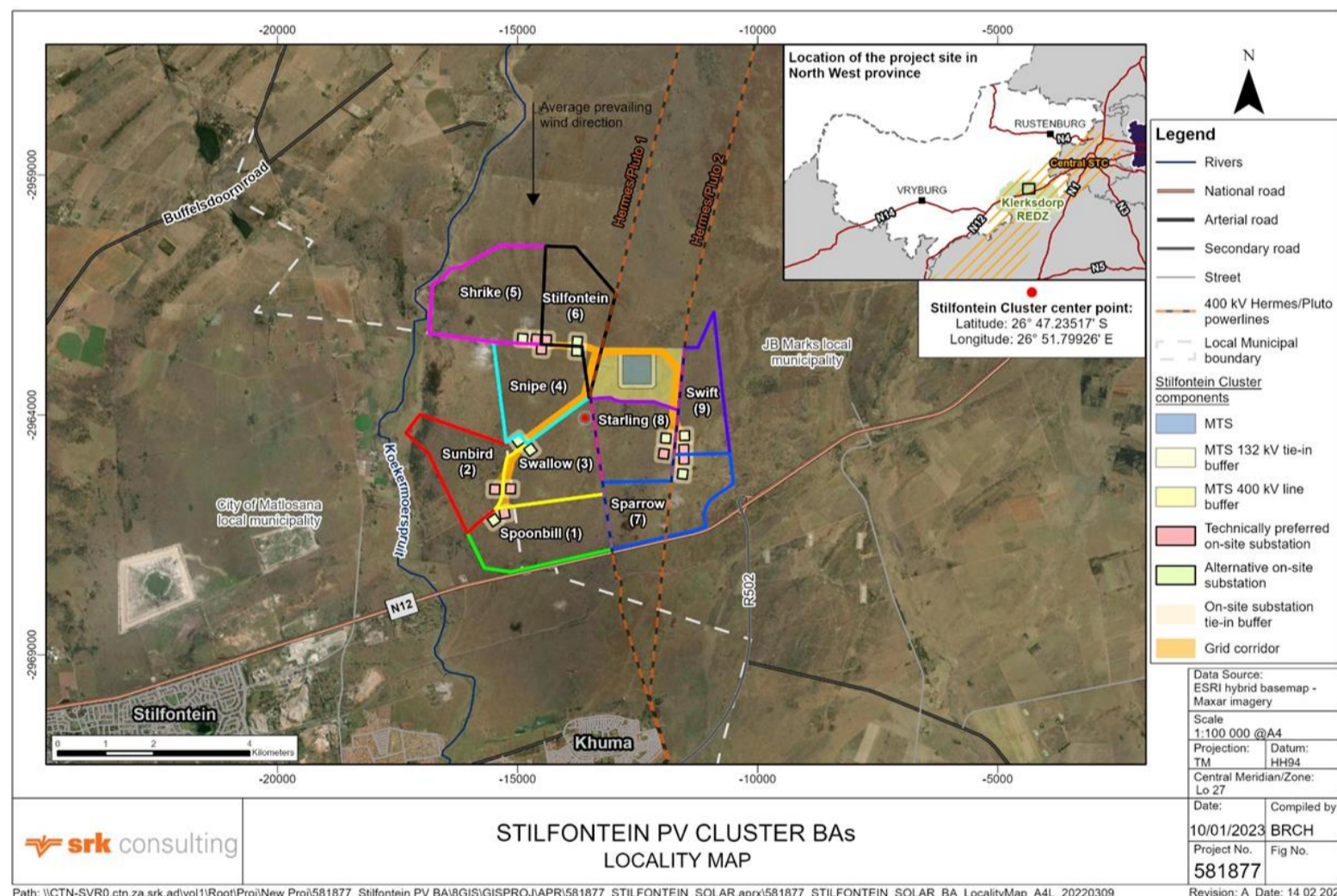
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