

Stakeholder Engagement Process

Basic Assessments (BAs) for Solar Energy Facilities in the Stilfontein Cluster, Stilfontein, North West Province (SRK Project No: 581887)

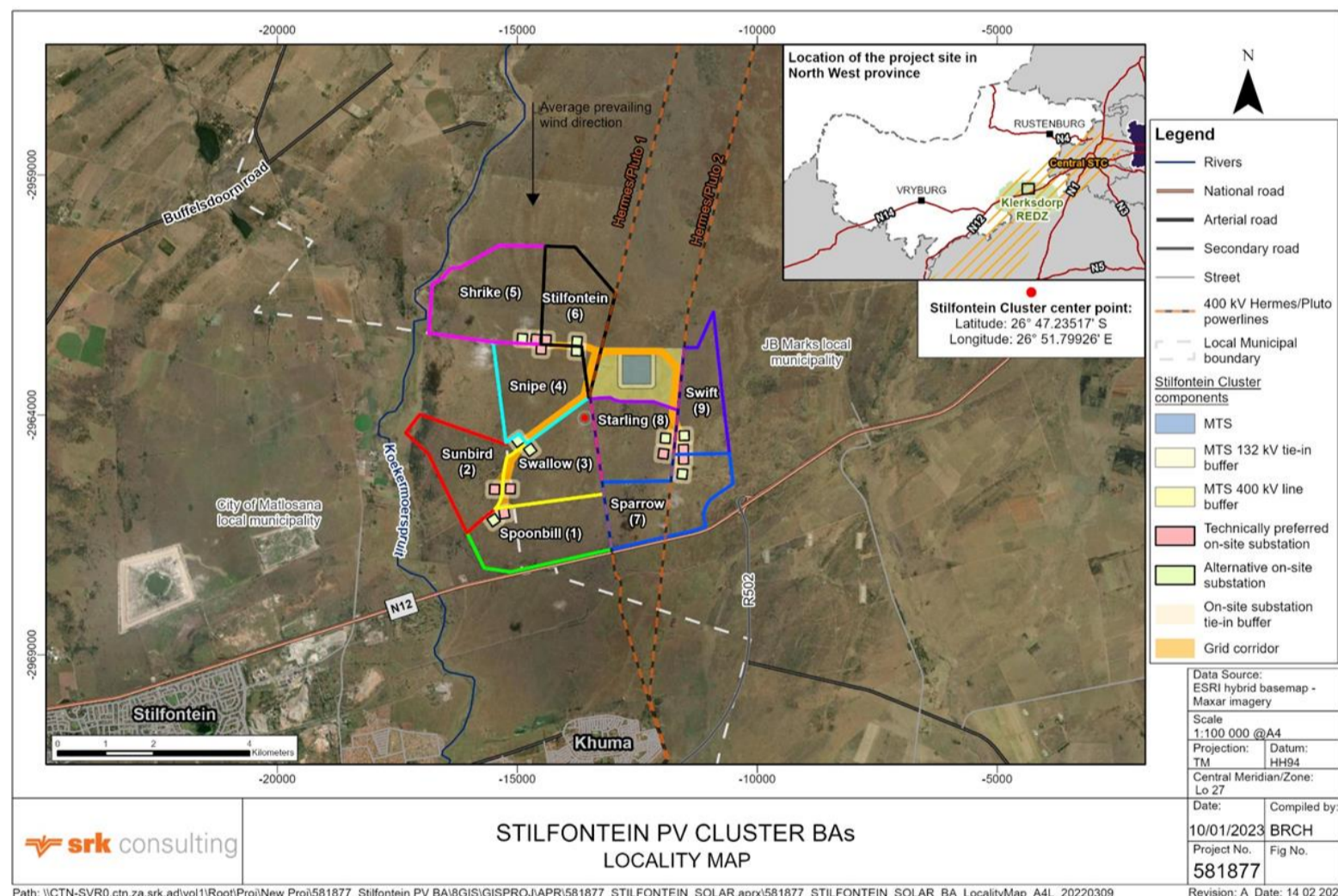
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Project: South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd (Mainstream) proposes to construct up to nine Photovoltaic (PV) facilities with a capacity of up to 150MW and associated grid infrastructure. Nineteen separate BA processes are underway as follows:

- 9 x PV facility BAs, including 11-33kV transmission lines, each including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and Independent Power Producer (IPP)-side on-site substations;
- 9 x Grid Connection BAs, including Eskom-side on-site substations and 132kV transmission lines to the Main Transmission Station (MTS); and
- 1 x Grid Connection BA, including MTS and 400kV transmission lines to existing Hermes Pluto transmission:

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).



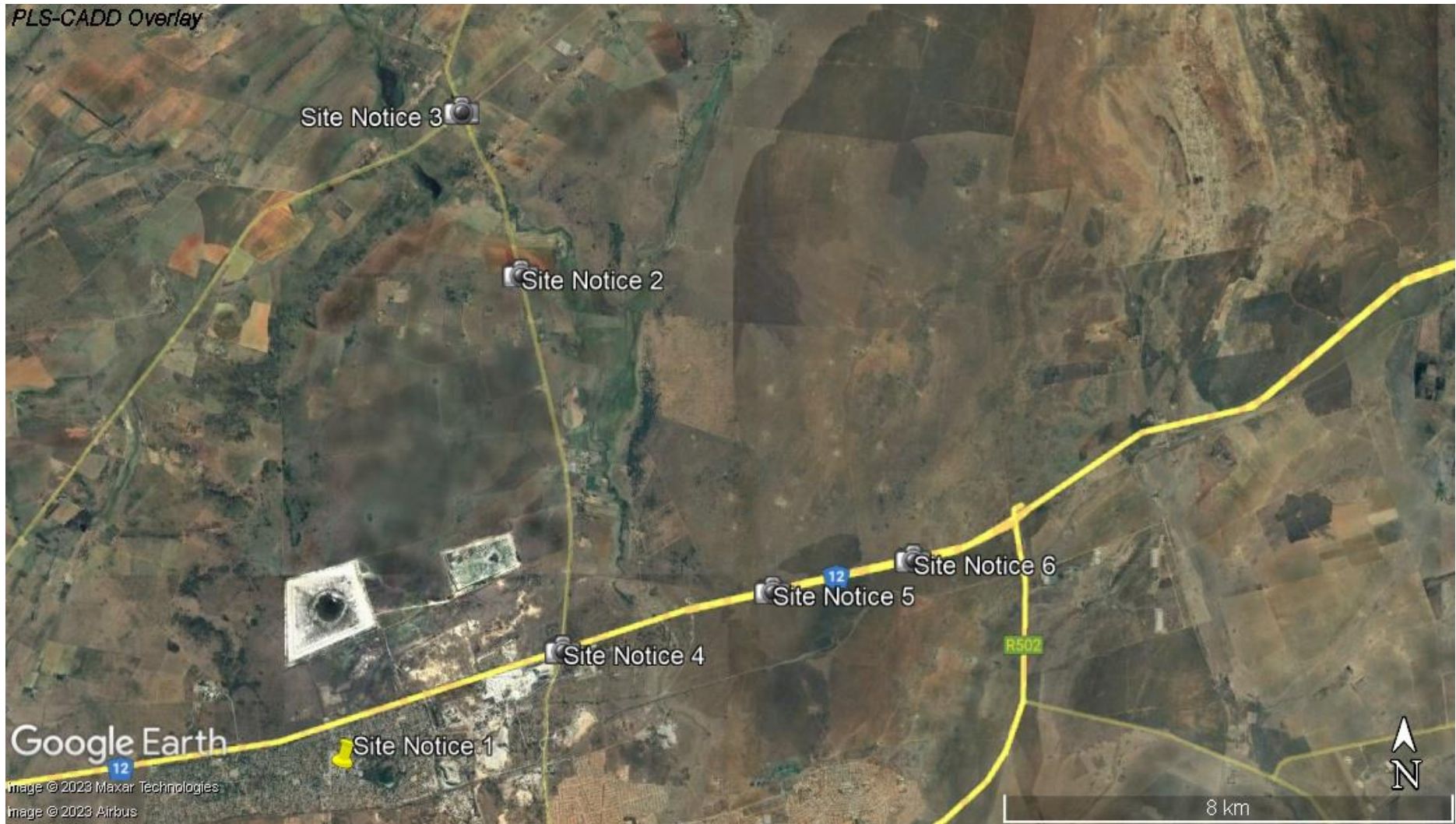
Opportunity to register and comment on the Draft BA Reports for the PV Facility BAs: The BA Reports will be available for public review and comment from **14 April 2023 until 16 May 2023** on SRK's website, www.srk.co.za (via the 'Knowledge Centre' and 'Public Documents' links). Should you require a 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: 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.**

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

By registering as a stakeholder you voluntarily consent to SRK, the Project Proponent and the Competent Authority processing and selectively disclosing your personal data (including contact details), in fulfilment of the requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014, and the National Appeal Regulations, 2014.


Site Notice Placement - May 2022



No	PICTURES	AREA	Coordinates
<p>Site Notice 1 and letter drop</p>		<p>Stilfontein Library – 14 letters and 1 site notice</p>	<p>GPS did not record</p>
<p>Site Notice 2</p>		<p>Rietfontein RE/388</p>	<p>-26.765102057°, 26.807609768°</p>





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Site Notice 3		Corner of Buffelsdoorn Road and Local Road	<p>-26.739156284°, 26.797075064°</p> <p>-26.739165623°, 26.797064619°</p>
Site Notice 4		MMC Motors	<p>-26.824984348°, 26.815038650°</p> <p>-26.824995198°, 26.815023118°</p>

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Site Notice 5		Witstinkhoutbaken 1/409	<p>-26.815523239°, 26.852510757°</p> <p>-26.815527820°, 26.852528136°</p>

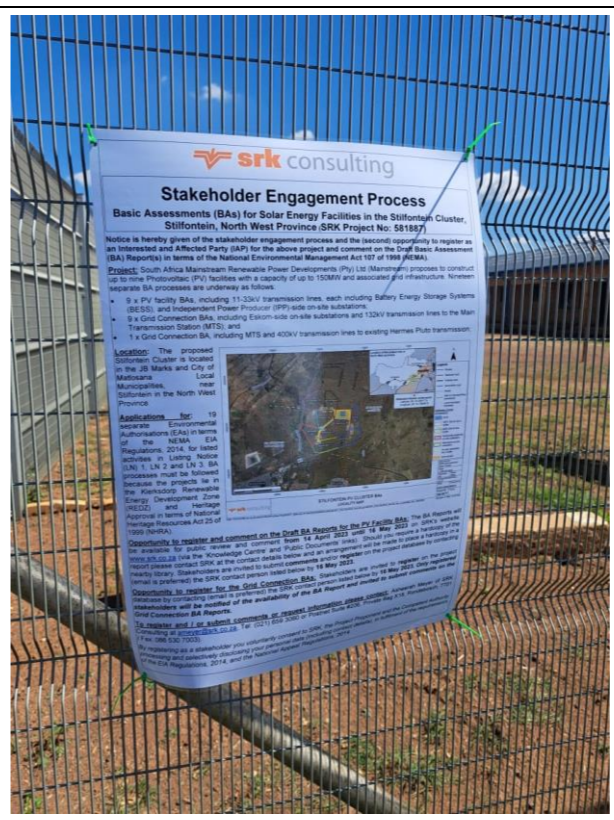



No	PICTURES	AREA	Coordinates
Site Notice 6		Site Notice at Doornplaat RE3/410	-26.810456004°, 26.877606286°

Site Notice Placement - April 2023



Site Notice No	Coordinates		Description/Motivation	Photos	
	Latitude	Longitude			
1	26°45'49.35"S	26°54'42.04"E	Site Notice was placed at gate of farm closest to the MTS site. No access to the site was available from the North and no owners were home to request access.		
2	26°46'57.33"S	26°54'11.01"E	Site Notice 2 was also placed at a farm gate closest to Swift. No owners were present to request access from. Other farm gates did not go as close to the site as this particular road.		

3	26°44'22.48"S	26°50'8.15"E	<p>Site notice 3 was placed at a farming community in the North of the site. This notice was intended for the Stilfontein site. No roads could be located that provide access to the site. Farming roads in the area are either inaccessible, led to private properties with no opportunity for access, or did not connect to roads surrounding the site.</p>		
4	26°45'39.12"S	26°48'22.92"E	<p>In the same sense of Site Notice 3, access could also not be obtained to Shrike, hence Site Notice 4 was placed on the fence line of farm Rietfontein RE/388 at the entrance to the farm owner's home.</p>		

5	26°46'57.66"S	26°48'42.89"E	Site Notice 5 was placed as close as one could get to Snipe. Farm roads in the surrounding area was restricted and lead to private properties.	 <p>A close-up photograph of a white site notice titled "Stakeholder Engagement Process" by srk consulting. The notice is pinned to a silver metal fence. It contains detailed information about the project, including a map and various sections of text.</p>	 <p>A photograph showing a site notice on a fence. In the background, there is a long, low building with a corrugated metal roof, likely a farm or industrial structure. The ground is dry and dusty.</p>
6	26°47'23.64"S	26°49'33.08"E	Site Notice 6 was placed on the corner boundary of Sunbird; however, it might not be visible to the public. Therefore, Site Notice 7 and 8 was also placed to enhance visibility and knowledge of the project.	 <p>A photograph of a site notice on a fence. The notice is partially obscured by the fence's mesh and is positioned at a corner. The background shows a clear blue sky and some vegetation.</p>	 <p>A photograph showing a site notice on a fence in a field. The fence is made of chain-link mesh. The field is dry with sparse grass. The sky is blue with a few clouds.</p>

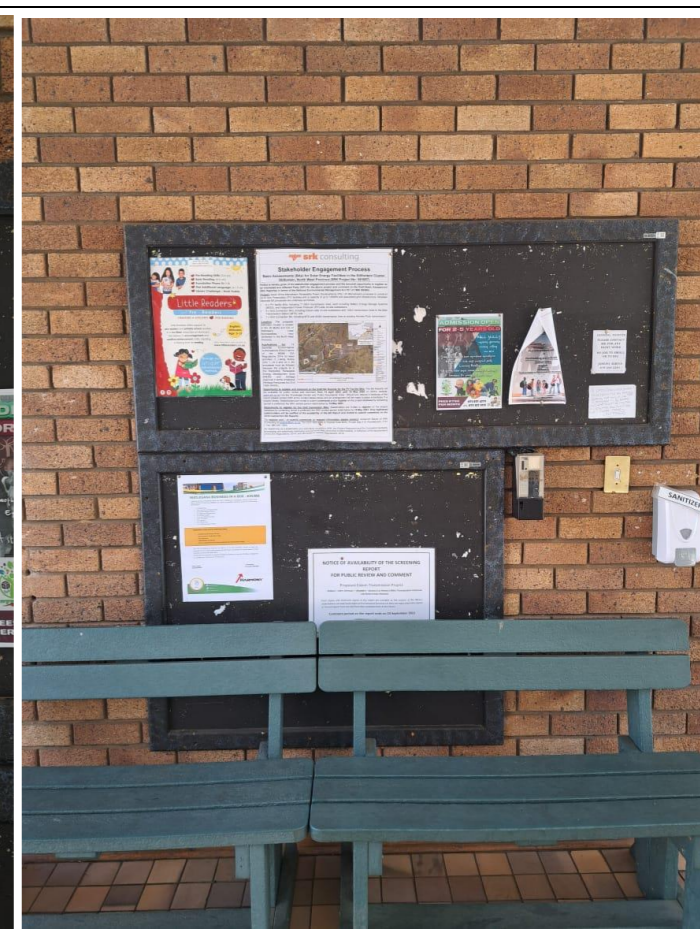
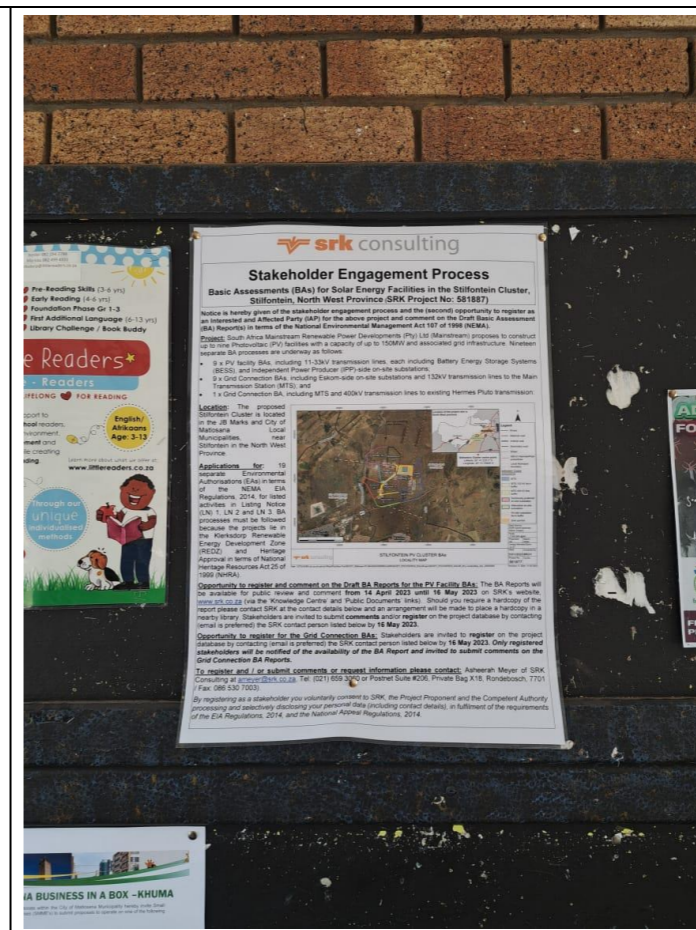
7	26°48'27.36"S	26°48'59.60"E	This site notice along with Site Notice 8 was placed next to the main secondary unnamed road on the western side to serve as notification for Swallow (no closer access could be obtained to the site itself). It was also placed in this location to enhance visibility for Site Notice 6 (Sunbird).
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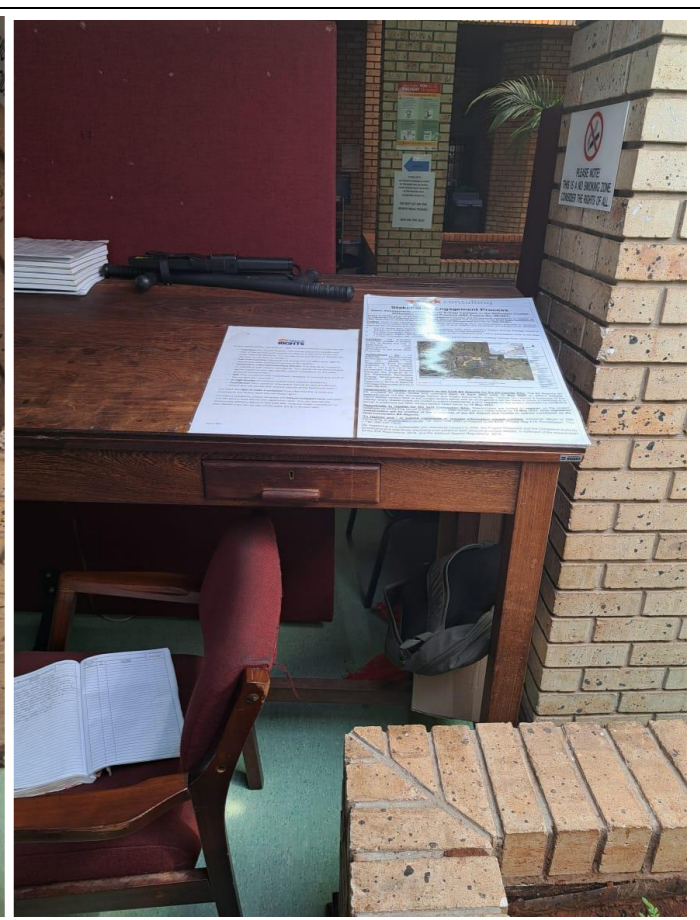
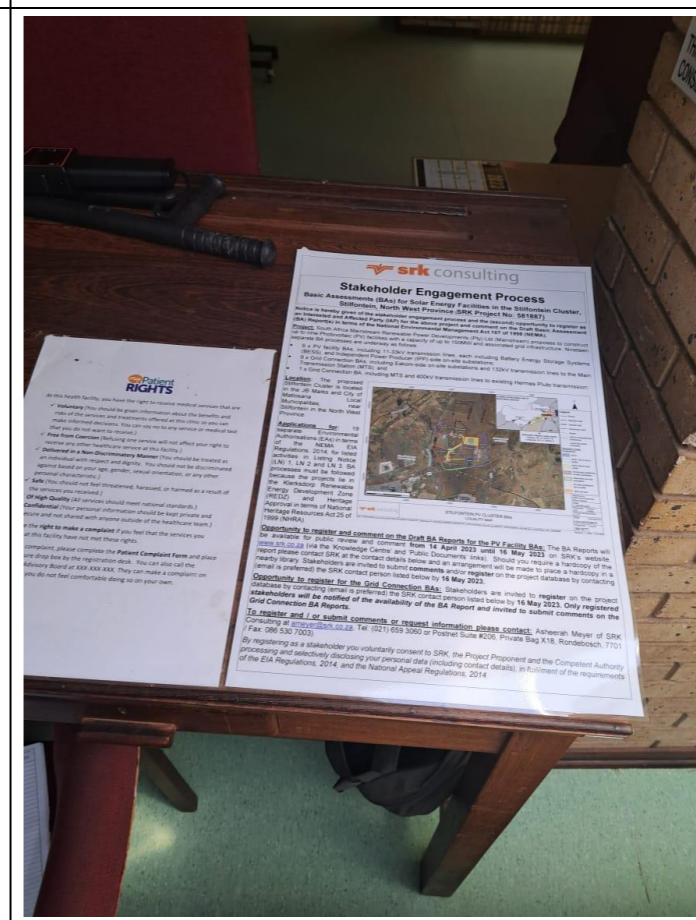
8	26°49'30.10"S	26°48'53.04"E	<p>This site notice along with Site Notice 8 was placed on the corner of the unnamed road and N12 on the western side, across MMU motors to serve as notification for Swallow (no closer access could be obtained to the site itself). It was also placed in this location to enhance visibility for Site Notice 6 (Sunbird).</p>		
9	26°48'58.11"S	26°50'57.74"E	<p>Site Notice 9 was also placed next to the N12 on the boundary (fence line) of Stilfontein 26/408 and consequently, the boundary of Spoonbill.</p>		

10	26°48'39.30"S	26°52'32.02"E	<p>This site notice was placed along the fence line of Doornplaat 3/410 and consequently, the boundary of Sparrow. The site notice is situated beside the N12.</p>	
11	26°48'16.08"S	26°53'41.66"E	<p>This Site Notice was placed on the corner of the N12 – R502 interchange to serve as a notice for Starling as access was restricted from all other roads. This site notice was visible to vehicles travelling from the N12 to the R502.</p>	

12	26°50'43.19"S	26°46'26.98"E	A Site Notice was placed at the entrance of the Stilfontein public library to create awareness of the project to visitors at the library.
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13	26°50'43.00"S	26°46'29.51"E	A site notice was placed on a table at the entrance of the Stilfontein clinic (attached with Prestik) to make visitors and patients aware of the proposed activity.
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14	26°50'39.65"S	26°46'38.80"E	A site notice was placed on the notice board outside the main entrance of the SAPS Stilfontein Police Station.	<p>srk consulting</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement Process</p> <p>Basic Assessments (BAs) for Solar Energy Facilities in the Stilfontein Cluster, Stilfontein, North West Province (SRK Project No: 581887)</p> <p>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) Reports in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA).</p> <p>Project: South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (PV) Ltd (Mainstream) proposes to construct 10 new Photovoltaic (PV) facilities with a capacity of up to 150MW and associated grid infrastructure. Nineteen separate BA processes are underway as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 x PV facility BAs, including 11-33kV transmission lines, each including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and Independent Power Producer (IPP)-side on-site substations. 9 x Grid Connection BAs, including Eskom-side on-site substations and 132kV transmission lines to the Main Transmission Station (MTS), and 1 x Grid Connection BA including MTS and 400kV transmission lines to existing Hermes Pluto transmission. <p>Location: The proposed Stilfontein Cluster is located in the JB Marks and City of Mafikeng Local Municipalities, near Stilfontein in the North West Province.</p> <p>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 in the Klerksdorp Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) and Heritage Approval in terms of National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).</p> <p>Opportunity to register and comment on the Draft BA Reports for the PV Facility BAs: The BA Reports will be available for public review and comment from 14 April 2023 until 16 May 2023 on SRK's website, report pages marked 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 website by contacting the SRK contact person listed below by 16 May 2023.</p> <p>Opportunity to register for the Grid Connection BAs: Stakeholders are invited to register on the project website by contacting 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.</p> <p>To register and / or submit comments or request information please contact: Ashwath Mooloi of SRK, P.O. Box 68, Pretoria, 0001, Tel: 011 233 2900 or P.O. Box 4058, Private Bag 416, Randfontein, 7701 (Tel: 011 233 2900).</p> <p>By registering as a stakeholder you voluntarily consent to SRK, the Project Proponent and the Competent Authority of the EIA Regulations, 2014, and the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999.</p>	
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