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GLOSSARY

| Abbreviation | Definition |
|--------------|---|
| BA | Basic Assessment |
| BESS | Battery Energy Storage System |
| CA | Competent Authority |
| CAA | South African Civil Aviation Authority |
| DEA | Department of Environmental Affairs |
| DEDECT | Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism |
| DFFE | Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment |
| EA | Environmental Authorisation |
| EAP | Environmental Assessment Practitioner |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| ESIPPPP | Energy Storage Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme |
| ESKOM | Electricity Supply Commission |
| GN | Government Notice |
| HV | High Voltage |
| I&APs | Interested and Affected Parties |
| IPP | Independent Power Producer |
| NEMA | National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) |
| PPA | Power Purchase Agreement |
| PPP | Public Participation Process |
| PV | Photovoltaic |
| REDZ | Renewable Energy Development Zone |
| RI&APs | Registered Interested and Affected Parties |
| RfP | Request for Proposal |
| RF | Ring Fenced |



| Abbreviation | Definition |
|--------------|---|
| SAHRA | South African Heritage Resources Agency |
| SAWS | South African Weather Service |
| SEF | Solar Energy Facility |
| SER | Stakeholder Engagement Report |
| SPV | Special Purpose Vehicle |
| VRFB | Vanadium Redox Flow Battery |
| WSP | WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd |

1 INTRODUCTION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Basic Assessment (BA) to meet the requirements under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), for the proposed Sendawo Overhead Powerline (OHPL) and associated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facility and Substation (hereafter referred to as the “Proposed Project”) located in the Naledi Local Municipality and Dr Ruth Segomotsi District Municipality in the North West Province (**Figure 1-1**).

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

BioTherm Energy, under its Special Purpose vehicle (SPV); Sendawo BESS (RF) (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as “Sendawo BESS”), proposes to construct and operate a 132kV OHPL and associated up to 153 MW BESS Facility and Substation located approximately 6km South of Vryburg in the North West Province. The Proposed Project will allow for the previously authorised Sendawo Solar Energy Facilities (SEF) to be connected to the Eskom grid, whilst the BESS Facility will provide peak shifting power with a capacity of up to 153 MW and output of up to 612 MWh to be evacuated to the Eskom grid.

The transmission line will be a 132kV steel single or double structure with kingbird conductor. The powerline towers will either be steel lattice or monopole structures. It is anticipated that towers will be located approximately 200m to 250m apart, with a 100m corridor on either side of the centerline.

The proposed BESS Facility will utilize either of the two BESS technology options; Liquid Cooled Lithium-ion batteries; or Vanadium Redox Flow batteries (VRFB), required for applications set out in the Energy Storage Independent Power Producer's Procurement Programme (ESIPPPP) Request for Proposal (RfP), as issued by the Independent Power Producer (IPP) office. The batteries will be charged via the Eskom grid and energy will be discharged back to the grid according to a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Eskom.

On 16 February 2018, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), now the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), gazetted the Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ) and Strategic Transmission Corridors and procedures for the assessment of large-scale wind and solar photovoltaic energy development activities (Government Notice (GN) 114) and grid infrastructure (GN 113). The Proposed Project falls within the Northern Strategic Transmission Corridor as well as the Vryburg REDZ.

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1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

There is one application associated with the Proposed Project as indicated in **Table 1-1**.

Table 1-1 – Sendawo BESS Environmental Application

| Project | Details | Environmental Process |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|
| Sendawo BESS | Sendawo 132kV OHPL and associated up to 153 MW BESS Facility and Substation | BA Process |

1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Process for the proposed project. This Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) was compiled as part of the EA Process and must be read in conjunction with the BA application. **Table 1-2** details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

Table 1-2 – Details of the EAP

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
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| Email: | Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com |
| EAP Qualifications: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Masters in Environmental Management, University of the Free State ■ B Tech, Nature Conservation, Technikon SA ■ National Diploma in Nature Conservation, Technikon SA |
| EAPASA Registration Number: | EAPASA (2019/1005) |

To adequately identify and assess potential environmental impacts, the EAP was supported by a number of specialists, the details of which are provided in the applicable BA Report.

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

Neither WSP nor any of the authors of this Report have any material present or contingent interest in the outcome of this Report, nor do they have any business, financial, personal or other interest that could be reasonably regarded as being capable of affecting their independence. WSP has no beneficial interest in the outcome of the assessment.

1.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is understood to be a series of inclusive and culturally appropriate interactions aimed at providing stakeholders with opportunities to express their views, so that these can be considered and incorporated into the decision-making process. Effective public participation requires the prior disclosure of relevant and adequate project information to enable stakeholders to understand the risks, impacts, and opportunities of the proposed Project.

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the Public Participation Process (PPP):

- The environment is held in public trust; therefore, use of environmental resources is everyone's concern;
- To ensure that projects meet the citizens' needs and are suitable to the affected public;
- The project carries more legitimacy, and less hostility, if interested and affected parties (I&APs) are able to influence the decision-making process; and
- The final decision is deemed informed when local knowledge and values are included and when expert knowledge is publicly examined.

1.4.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the PPP can be summarised as follows:

- Identify relevant individuals, organisations and communities who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project;
- Clearly outline the scope of the Proposed Project, including the scale and nature of the existing and proposed activities;
- Identify viable proposed Project alternatives that will assist the relevant authorities in making an informed decision;
- Identify shortcomings and gaps in existing information;
- Identify key concerns, raised by I&APs that should be addressed in the subsequent specialist studies;
- Highlight the potential for environmental impacts, whether positive or negative; and
- To inform and provide the public with information and an understanding of the proposed Project, issues and solutions.

1.4.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

An I&AP is defined as any person, group of persons or organisations interested in or affected by an activity, and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity.

The difference between an I&AP and a registered I&AP:

- An I&AP can be directly or indirectly impacted on by a proposed activity.
- A registered I&AP is a person whose name has been placed on the register of registered I&APs. According to the PPP Guidance document, 2017, only registered I&APs will be notified:
 - Of the availability of reports and other written submissions made to the Competent Authority (CA) by the Applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions; and
 - Of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision.

For the purpose of this report, registered I&APs will be referred to as Stakeholders.

Rights, Roles and Responsibilities of the Stakeholders

Stakeholders have the right to bring to the attention of the CA any issues that they believe may be of significance to the consideration of the application. The rights of stakeholder are qualified by certain obligations, namely:

- Stakeholders must ensure that their comments are submitted within the timeframes that have been approved by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE), or within any extension of a timeframe agreed by the Proponent, EAP or competent authorities;
- Serve a copy of the comments submitted directly to the competent authorities, the Proponent or the EAP; and
- Disclose to the EAP any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they might have in the approval or refusal of the application.

The roles of stakeholders in a public participation process usually include one or more of the following:

- Assisting in the identification and prioritisation of issues that need to be investigated;
- Making suggestions on alternatives and means of preventing, minimising and managing negative impacts and enhancing proposed Project benefits;
- Assisting in or commenting on the development of mutually acceptable criteria for the evaluation of decision options;
- Contributing information on public needs, values and expectations;
- Contributing local and traditional knowledge; and
- Verifying that their issues have been considered.

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

- Become involved in the process as early as possible;
- Advise the EAP of other stakeholders who should be consulted;
- Contribute towards the design of the public participation process (including timeframes) to ensure that it is acceptable to all stakeholders;
- Follow the process once it has been accepted;
- Read the material provided and actively seek to understand the issues involved;
- Give timeous responses to correspondence;
- Be respectful and courteous towards other stakeholders;
- Refrain from making subjective, unfounded or ill-informed statements; and
- Recognise that the process is confined to issues that are directly relevant to the application.

1.5 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our approach to stakeholder engagement is based on the following principles:

- Undertake meaningful and timely participation with stakeholders;
- Focus on important issues during the process;
- Undertake due consideration of alternatives;
- Take accountability for information used;
- Encourage co-regulation, shared responsibility and a sense of ownership over the proposed Project lifecycle;
- Apply “due process” particularly with regard to public participation as provided for in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations; and

- Consider the needs, interests and values of stakeholders.

The Public Participation guideline in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, drafted by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (now DFFE) in 2017, tabulates the level of Public Participation required for various levels of anticipated project impacts. This table has been used to identify additional Public Participation methods which are required for the Project. Highlighted cells (red) indicate the applicable response to the anticipated impacts. Results of the process are shown in **Table 1-3**.

Table 1-3 – Level of Public Participation as per Public Participation Guideline (DEA, 2017)

| Scale of Anticipated Impacts | Recommended Response | |
|--|---|--|
| | If “Yes” | If “No” |
| Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality? | Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP. | No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA must be met. |
| Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province? | Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP. | No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA must be met. |
| Is the project a greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)? | Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) or environmental problems (e.g. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these? | Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more information on both the socio-economic and environmental problems. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socio-economic and ecological)? | Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |

| Scale of Anticipated Impacts | Recommended Response | |
|---|--|---|
| | If “Yes” | If “No” |
| Public and environmental sensitivity of the project: | | |
| Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project? | Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs? | There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant? | Consultation with the private landowner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)? | Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Potentially affected parties: | | |
| Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area? | More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict? | Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs? | Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.t.o. socio-economic status, language or culture)? | Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past? | PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Is there a high level of unemployment in the area? | The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. |

| Scale of Anticipated Impacts | Recommended Response | |
|--|--|--|
| | If “Yes” | If “No” |
| | any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts. | |
| Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)? | Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance with the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP. |

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was formally requested with the DFFE for the week of 20 March 2023. After further written and telephonic discussions, on the 3rd of April 2023 the DFFE stated that “*you are advised to submit the application instead of a meeting as there are no issues of concern*”. The application phase therefore consisted with consultation with DFFE and subsequently completing the appropriate application form as well as the submission and registration of the application for EA with the DFFE. The written correspondence regarding the pre-application meeting with DFFE is included in **Appendix C.1** Error! Reference source not found.. The application form will be submitted to the DFFE with the Draft BAR. An application reference number will be included in the Final BAR following acknowledgment of receipt from the DFFE.

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Section 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) states that written notices must be given to identified stakeholders as outlined in **Table 2-1**.

Relevant authorities (Organs of State) have been automatically registered as stakeholders. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), all other persons must request in writing to be placed on the register, submit written comments, or attend meetings to be registered as stakeholders, and included in future communication regarding the Proposed Project.

Table 2-1 – Interested and Affected Parties

| NEMA Requirement | Discussion |
|--|---|
| (i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land | <p>The project activity is located within privately owned and municipal land. The landowners have been included in the stakeholder database. The land portions associated with the Proposed Project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Portion 1 of Farm Edinburgh 735 ■ Portion 0 of Farm Frankfurt 672 ■ Portion 0 of Farm Rosendal 673 ■ Portion 4 of Farm Waterloo 730 ■ Remainder of Farm Waterloo 730 |
| (ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken | The landowner has been contacted to confirm whether there are any occupiers on the land portion. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database. |
| (iii) owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken | Adjacent landowner details were collected and have been included on the stakeholder database. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database. |
| (iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated | Ward Councillor of Naledi Ward 5 (Naledi Local Municipality) (Pitso Gert Court Gulane) has been included in the stakeholder database. |

| NEMA Requirement | Discussion |
|--|--|
| and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area | |
| (v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area | The project is located in the Naledi Local Municipality and Dr Ruth Segomotsi District Municipality. Both Local and District Municipalities have been included in the stakeholder database. |
| (vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity | DFFE has been, and will continue to be, consulted. The North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT) has been included in the stakeholder database as a commenting authority. |
| (vii) any other party as required by the competent authority. | <p>All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included in the stakeholder database, inclusive of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS); ■ Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT); ■ Department of Public Works; ■ Department of Defence; ■ National Department of Transport; ■ South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL); ■ South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); ■ South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA); ■ Dr Ruth Segomotsi District Municipality; and ■ Naledi Local Municipality. <p>For a full list of registered stakeholders please refer to Appendix A.</p> |

Appendix A provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholder database will be updated throughout the EA process.

2.3 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

AUTHORITY CONSULTATION

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DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed Project will be issued to potential and existing Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e., site notices, emails, SMSes, etc.). Proof of notification will be included in the SER post the public review period.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of GNR 982, as amended, the proposed project will be advertised in one local newspaper in two languages. The purpose of the advertisement is to notify the public about the proposed project and to invite them to register as stakeholders. A copy of the advertisement is included in **Appendix B.1**. The advertisement publication details are provided in **Table 2-2**. Proof of placement will be included in the SER post the public review period.

Table 2-2 – Dates on which the advert will be published

| Newspaper | Distribution Area | Language | Publication Date |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| Stellalander | Vryburg, Amalia, Bloemhof, Bray, Christiana, Delareyville, Hartswater, Hertzogville, Hoopstad, Hotazel, Jan Kempdorp, Kameel, Kathu, Kuruman, Leeudoringstad, Louwna, Magogong, Makwassie, Migdol, Mothibistad, Ottosdal, Piet Plessis, Reivilo, Schweizer-Reneke, Stella, Taung, Tosca, Vaalharts, Van Zylsrus, Warrenton, Wolmaranstad. | English and Afrikaans | 3 May 2023 |

SITE NOTICES

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices have been prepared (see **Appendix B-2**) and will be placed at strategic points in close proximity to the Proposed Project site, as well as the Naledi Local Municipality, Department of Home Affairs, Vryburg Library and Huhudi Library, within the Naledi Local Municipality. Proof of placement will be included in the SER post the public review period.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BAR REPORT

The Draft BAR Report will be placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **03 May 2023 to 02 June 2023**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Vryburg Library;
- Hard Copy: Huhudi Library; and
- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>).

The Draft Reports were also made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link ([Sendawo BESS - For Public Review](#)).

2.4 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

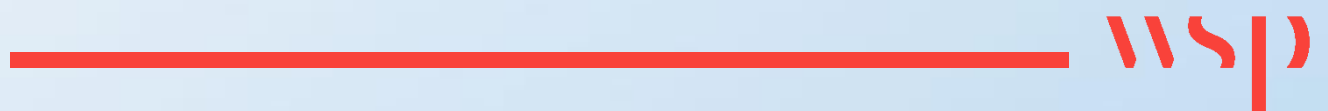
All I&APs that either call in or send written correspondence, such as emails, fax, or post, to the EAP will be added to the database and their comments and/or queries will be responded to.

2.5 COMMENTS RECEIVED

All concerns, comments, viewpoints, and questions (collectively referred to as 'issues') received during the comment period will be documented and responded to adequately in a Comments and Responses table. No comments have been received to date.

Appendix A

STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



| Company/Organisation | Name | Surname | Position | Tel | Cell | Email1 | Emails 2 |
|--|----------|--------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------|
| National Authority | | | | | | | |
| Department of Forestry Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) | Kevin | Mathebula | Case Officer: Impact Assessment Division | 012 399 9216 | | KLMathebula@dffe.gov.za | |
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| WESSA: National | Patrick | Dowling | Chairperson | 021 701 1397 | | patrick@tops.org.za | |
| DFFE Biodiversity Management and Permitting | Skumsa | Ntshanga | Chief Directorate | 012 399 9514 | | snshanga@dffe.gov.za | |
| Provincial Authority | | | | | | | |
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| North West Department: Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs | Dineo | Thapelo | | 018 388 2891 | 072 218 2559 | Dthapel@nwpg.gov.za | |
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| North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism | Elise | Thebe | Deputy Director: Environmental Quality Management | 018 389 5099 | 082 805 9591 | | |
| North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism | | | Environmental Section | 018 389 5929 | | dedect@nwpg.gov.za | |
| Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS): North West Region: Regional Manager | Chadwick | Lobakeng | | 018 387 9547/ 9504 | 060 981 9832 | | |
| Department of Community and Transport Roads Management | Alphus O | Koonyadiitse | | 080 20 4992/018 200 8057/018 200 8003 | | okoonyadiitse@nwpg.gov.za | |
| North West Public Works and Roads | Karabo | Shabala | | 018 388 1377 | | krshabala@gov.za | |

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|---|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| North West Heritage Resources Authority | Mosiame | Mothabane | | 018 388 2860/2826 | | mosiamem@nwhg.gov.za | |
| Department of Mineral Resources & Energy (DMRE): North West | Desmond | Makamu | Head of Environmental Section | 018 487 9830 | 082 411 2541 | Desmond.Makamu@dmre.gov.za | |
| SA Civil Aviation Authority | Doris | Khoza | | 011 545 1000 | 083 451 2643 | Khoza@CAA.co.za | |
| RFI - Vryburg | Patrick | | RFI Vryburg Representative | 011 869 9285 | | vryburg_sec@gmail.com | rf-sales@rfind.co.za |
| Local Authority | | | | | | | |
| Naledi Local Municipality | Atwell | Sehlapelo | Communication Officer | 053 928 2325/ 3326 | 066 117 4802 | sehlapelo@gmail.com | |
| Naledi Local Municipality | | | Environmental section | 053 928 2300 | 064 526 0288 | | |
| Naledi Local Municipality | Thompson | Segapo | Municipal Manager | | | municipalmanager@naledi.gov.co.za | segapod@gmail.com; sohmile0103@gmail.com |
| Naledi Local Municipality | Joseph | Gioap | Mayor | | | gioap01@gmail.com | |
| Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality | Joseph | Mothasedi | | 053 928 6400 | 071 913 2548 PA | mo@asedi@bophirima.co.za | |
| Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality | Itumeleng | Jonas | Municipal Manager | 053 928 6400 | 067 401 7037 PA | itumelengmontenyane@gmail | |
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| Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality | Pitsso | Gulane | Ward 5 Councillor | 053 928 2300 | 071 634 1547 | Pitsso.gulane568@gmail.com | |
| Other Associations/Interested Parties | | | | | | | |
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| Agri South Africa | Kobus | Visser | | 012 643 3400 | | Kobus@AgriSA.co.za | |
| Air Traffic Navigation Services | Percy | Morokane | Communication Officer | 011 607 1000/ 086 0286 726 | 071 445 9812 | PercyMO@atns.co.za | |
| BirdLife South Africa | Melissa | Lewis | | 011 789 1122 | | Melissa.lewis@birdlife.org.za | |
| North West Parks Board | Florida | Nchoe | | 018 397 1500 | | fnchoe@nwpb.pw.gov.za | |
| South African Weather services | | | | | | info4@wensatrsa.co.za | general.enquiries@wensatrsa.co.za |
| Other Associations/Interested Parties | | | | | | | |
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| CSIR | Aadla | Omarjee | | 0312422362 | 082 404 3898 | aomarjee@csir.co.za | |
| Vryburg Tourism | | | | | | lecong@bophirima.co.za | |
| Cape Nature | Lee | Schoonraad | | 087 087 3192 | | lschoonraad@capenature.co.za | |
| Air Traffic Navigation Services | Itumeleng | Phathwe | Communication Officer | 011 607 1000 | | itumeleng@atns.co.za | |
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| SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ROADS AGENCY LTD | Vicotria | Bota | | 012 844 8031 | | bctav@rra.co.za | |
| DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI MOMPATI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY | Joseph | Mothasedi | | 053 928 6400 | 071 913 2548 | molihasedji@bophirima.co.za | |
| Eskom - servitude | Sibongo | Simelane | Senior Advisor IPPs | 0836849028 | | simela15@eskom.co.za | |
| South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) | Thato | Nape | Permit coordinator | 072 118 6684 | | thapc@rsa.ac.za | |
| SLAPs | | | | | | | |
| Vryburg High School | | | | 053 927 3938 | | admin@vryburg.net | |
| Motsathai Farming Enterprise | Oferitse | Motsamai | Owner | | 081 751 6635 | info.motsathai@gmail.com | |
| Eskom | Nandi | Mbili | | 039 315 4723 | 0767087415 | MbiliNa@eskom.co.za | |
| Remmogo Electrical Maintenance And Construction | Thuso | Monna | | | 073 432 9696 | Thusomonna@gmail.com | |
| Joe Morolong Hospital | Shadrak | Montshiwagae | | | 053 928 9000 | mmontshiwagae@NwPG.gov.za | |
| Kismet Secondary School | L | Boshoff | | 052 927 2023 | 0824468304 | | |
| Bersteb Trading (Pty) Ltd | Benson T | Tshegetso | | | 0723024123 | berstebtrading@gmail.com | |
| Vryburg Public Library | Nare | Moloto | Manager | 053 928 2270 | | | |
| Huhudi Library | Vuyo | Mosiapoa | Librarian | 053 928 2251 | | | |
| Surrounding Landowners | | | | | | | |
| RETREAT 671 - Edinburgh trust | Adèle | Lake Oberholzer | | | 082 338 6196 | | |
| NAZARETH 665 | G | van Heerden | | | 083 264 2748 | | |
| BRUSSELS 736 - Kromkroof trust | Jill | Wheeler | | | 072 218 6183 | | |
| HARTSBOOM 734 | Nico | van Rooyen | | | 083 306 5775 | | |
| CHAMPIONS KLOOF 731 | | | | | | | |

Appendix B

NOTIFICATIONS



Appendix B.1

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BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENDAWO 132 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE AND ASSOCIATED UP TO 153 MW BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITY AND SUBSTATION WITHIN THE NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND THE DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY NEAR VRYBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of:

Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983 (as amended), GNR 984 (as amended) and GNR 985 (as amended)

APPLICANT:

Sendawo BESS (RF) (Pty) Ltd

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Sendawo BESS (RF) (Pty) Ltd (a subsidiary of BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd) proposes to develop a 132kV Overhead Powerline (OHPL) and associated up to 153 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facility and substation located approximately 6km South of Vryburg in the North West Province. The proposed OHPL will connect the proposed substation and BESS to the existing Eskom Mookodi substation. The proposed OHPL falls within the Northern Strategic Transmission Corridor (Government Notice Regulation No. 113), and the BESS Facility will form part of the Energy Storage Independent Power Producer's Procurement Programme (ESIPPPP) issued via a Request for Proposal by the Department of Mineral Energy Resources in March 2023. The proposed Project requires an application for environmental authorisation subject to a Basic Assessment Process:

| Proponent | Project | Process | Property Details |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------|--|
| Sendawo BESS (RF) (Pty) Ltd | Sendawo 132kV OHPL and associated up to 153 MW BESS Facility and Substation | Basic Assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portion 1 of Farm Edinburgh 735• Portion 0 of Farm Frankfurt 672• Portion 0 of Farm Rosendal 673• Portion 4 of Farm Waterloo 730• Remainder of Farm Waterloo 730 |

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Project is reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Consultant, details provided below.

| Project Name | Listing Notice | Applicable triggers | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|----|----|----|--|
| Sendawo BESS | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 27 | |
| | GNR 984 | N/A | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 12(h)(vi) | | | | |

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the EAP by BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd, to manage the BA process. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the Proposed Project are requested to forward their full contact details to the consultant at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Basic Assessment Report will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **03 May 2023 to 02 June 2023**.

| Area | Venue | Street Address | Contact No |
|-------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Vryburg | Vryburg Library | 68 Stella Street | 053 928 2270 |
| | Huhudi Library | 2661 Mosiapo Street | 053 928 2251 |
| WSP Website | https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents | | |

WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I & AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I & AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.

The contact details of the consultant are:

Name: Jared Padavattan
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BASIESE ASSESSERING (BA) PROSES

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE SENDAWO 132 KV OORHOOFSE KRAGLYN EN GEPAARDGAANDE BATTERY ENERGIE STOORSTELSEL FASILITEIT (TOT EN MET 153 MW) EN SUBSTASIE BINNE DIE NALEDI PLAASLIKE MUNIKAPLITEIT EN DIE DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI DISTRIK MUNISIPALITEIT, GELEE NABY VRYBURG. NOORD-WES PROVINSIE

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982 (soos gewysig) gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir indiening van aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging (EA) t.o.v. aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983 (soos gewysig), GNR 984 (soos gewysig) en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)

AANSOEKER:

Sendawo BESS (RF) (Edms.) Bpk

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Sendawo BESS (RF) (Edms) Bpk.(n Filiaal van BioTherm Energy (Edms.) Bpk) stel voor om 'n 132kV oorhoofse kraglyn (OHPL) en gepaardgaande tot 153 MW Battery Energie Stoorstelsel (BESS) Fasiliteit en substasie geleë ongeveer 6 km Suid van Vryburg in die Noordwes Provinsie te ontwikkel. Die voorgestelde OHPL sal die voorgestelde substasie en BESS met die bestaande Eskom Mookodi substasie verbind. Die voorgestelde OHPL val binne die Noordelike Strategiese Transmissiekorridor (Regeringskennisgewing Regulasie No. 113), en die BESS Fasiliteit sal deel vorm van die Energieberging Onafhanklike Kragproducent se Verkrygingsprogram (ESIPPPP) wat uitgereik word deur 'n Versoek om Voorstel deur die Departement van Minerale Energie Hulpbronne in Maart 2023. Die voorgestelde Projek vereis 'n aansoek om omgewingsmagtiging onderhewig aan 'n Basiese Evalueringsproses:

| Voorstander | Projek | Proses | Eiendomsbesonderhede |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| Sendawo BESS (RF) (Edms.) Bpk | Sendawo 132kV OHPL en geassosieerde tot 153 MW BESS Fasiliteit en Substasie | Basiese Assessering | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gedeelte 1 van plaas Edinburgh 735Gedeelte 0 van Plaas Frankfurt 672Gedeelte 0 van Plaas Rosendal 673Gedeelte 4 van Plaas Waterloo 730Restant van Plaas Waterloo 730 |

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die verwagte gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die Voorgestelde Projek geassosieer word, word in die tabel hieronder aangedui. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie gelyste aktiwiteite wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingskonsultant, besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

| Projek Naam | Noteringskennisgewing | Toepaslike snellers | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----|----|----|--|
| Sendawo BESS | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 27 | |
| | GNR 984 | NVT | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 12(h)(vi) | | | | |

REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur BioTherm Energy (Edms) Bpk as die WHP aangestel om die BA-proses te bestuur. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbendes wil registreer om hul kommentaar oor die Voorgestelde Projek te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die konsultant te stuur by die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregistreerde belanghebbendes sal alle toekomstige korrespondensie aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

KONSEP BASIESE ASSESSERINGSRAPPORT OORSIGTYDPERK

Die Konsep Basiese Asseseringsverslag sal vir 30 dae vanaf **03 Mei 2023 tot 02 Junie 2023** by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar.

| Gebied | Lokaal | Straatadres | kontaknommer |
|-------------|---|----------------------|--------------|
| Vryburg | Vryburg Biblioteek | 68 Stella Straat | 053 928 2270 |
| | Huhudi Biblioteek | 2661 Mosiapoa Straat | 053 928 2251 |
| WSP webwerf | https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents | | |

WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n I&AP vir doeleindes om jou registrasie moontlik te maak as 'n B & GP en vir doeleindes om jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor. WSP gebruik hierdie besonderhede om jou te kontak oor ander toekomstige projekte. WSP sal altyd jou persoonlike inligting verwerk in ooreenstemming met die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting 4 van 2013. Jy is geregtig om jou regte as 'n datasubjek uit te oefen en ons te laat weet as jy as 'n I&AP gederegistreer wil word of as jy nie meer wil hê dat jou kontakbesonderhede op ons databasis ingesluit moet word nie.

Die kontakbesonderhede van die konsultant is:

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Appendix B.2

SITE NOTICES



BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENDAWO 132 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE AND ASSOCIATED UP TO 153 MW BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FACILITY AND SUBSTATION WITHIN THE NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND THE DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY NEAR VRYBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended), published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983 (as amended), GNR 984 (as amended) and GNR 985 (as amended)

BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

Sendawo BESS (RF) (Pty) Ltd (a subsidiary of BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd) proposes to develop a 132kV Overhead Powerline (OHPL) and associated up to 153 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facility and Substation located approximately 6km South of Vryburg in the North West Province. The proposed OHPL will connect the proposed substation and BESS to the existing Eskom Mookodi substation. The proposed OHPL falls within the Northern Strategic Transmission Corridor (Government Notice Regulation No. 113), and the BESS Facility will form part of the Energy Storage Independent Power Producer's Procurement Programme (ESIPPPP) issued via a Request for Proposal by the Department of Mineral Energy Resources. The table and figure below outline the location and details of the proposed project:

| Proponent | Affected Properties | Project | Technology | Environmental Process |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|
| Sendawo BESS (RF) (Pty) Ltd | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Portion 1 of Farm Edinburgh 735Portion 0 of Farm Frankfurt 672Portion 0 of Farm Rosendal 673Portion 4 of Farm Waterloo 730Remainder of Farm Waterloo 730 | Sendawo 132kV OHPL and associated up to 153 MW BESS Facility and Substation | Transmission Line and associated Battery Energy Storage System (Liquid cooled Lithium-ion or Vanadium Redox Flow batteries) Facility and Substation | Basic Assessment |

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Project is reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Consultant, details provided below.

| Project Name | Listing Notice | Applicable triggers | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|----|----|----|--|
| Sendawo BESS | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 27 | |
| | GNR 984 | N/A | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 12(h)(vi) | | | | |

A Basic Assessment (BA) process will therefore be followed as outlined in Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is the Competent Authority in respect of this application for Environmental Authorisation.

DRAFT BA REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft BA Report will be made available at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **03 May 2023 to 02 June 2023**.

| Area | Venue | Street Address | Contact No |
|-------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
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| WSP Website | https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents | | |

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified EAP by BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd to manage and undertake the BA process. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties (IAPs) in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the proposed project, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered IAPs will be forwarded all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process. Please register as an interested and affected party with the EAP (details below) to receive more information.

Name: Jared Padavattan | Tel: (031) 240 8830 | E -mail: Jared.Padavattan@wsp.com | PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I & AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I & AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.

BASIESE ASSESSERING (BA) PROSES

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE SENDAWO 132 KV OORHOOFSE KRAGLYN EN GEPAARDGAANDE BATTERY ENERGIE STOORSTELSEL FASILITEIT (TOT EN MET 153 MW) EN SUBSTASIE BINNE DIE NALEDI PLAASLIKE MUNIKAPLITEIT EN DIE DR RUTH SEGOMOTSI DISTRIK MUNISIPALITEIT, GELEE NABY VRYBURG. NOORD-WES PROVINSIE

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AGTERGROND EN LIGGING

Sendawo BESS (RF) (Edms) Bpk. (n Filiaal van BioTherm Energy (Edms.) Bpk) stel voor om 'n 132kV oorhoofse kraglyn (OHPL) en gepaardgaande tot 153 MW Battery Energie Stoorstelsel (BESS) Fasiliteit en Substasie geleë ongeveer 6 km Suid van Vryburg in die Noordwes Provinsie te ontwikkel. Die voorgestelde OHPL sal die voorgestelde substasie en BESS met die bestaande Eskom Mookodi substasie verbind. Die voorgestelde OHPL val binne die Noordelike Strategiese Transmissiekorridor (Regeringskennisgewing Regulasie No. 113), en die BESS Fasiliteit sal deel vorm van die Energieberging Onafhanklike Kragproducent se Verkrygingsprogram (ESIPPPP) wat uitgereik word deur 'n Versoek om Voorstel deur die Departement van Minerale Energie Hulpbronne. Die tabel en figuur hieronder skets die ligging en besonderhede van die voorgestelde projek:

| Voorstander | Geaffekteerde eiendomme | Projek | Tegnologie | Omgewingsproses |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|
| Sendawo BESS (RF) (Edms.) Bpk | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gedeelte 1 van plaas Edinburgh 735Gedeelte 0 van Plaas Frankfurt 672Gedeelte 0 van Plaas Rosendal 673Gedeelte 4 van Plaas Waterloo 730Restant van Plaas Waterloo 730 | Sendawo 132kV OHPL en geassosieerde tot 153 MW BESS Fasiliteit en Substasie | Transmissielyn en gepaardgaande battery-energiebergingstelsel (vloeistofverkoelde litiumioon- of vanadiumredoksvloeibatterye) Fasiliteit en substasie | Basiese Assessering |

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSING

Die verwagte gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die Voorgestelde Projek geassosieer word, word in die tabel hieronder aangedui. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie gelyste aktiwiteite wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingskonsultant, besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

| Projek Naam | Noteringskennisgewing | Toepaslike aktiwiteitsnommers | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----|----|----|--|
| Sendawo BESS | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 27 | |
| | GNR 984 | NVT | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 12(h)(vi) | | | | |

'n Basiese Assessering (BA) proses sal gevolglik gevolg word soos uiteengesit in Regulasie 19 van die OIB-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig). Die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DFFE) is die Bevoegde Owerheid ten opsigte van hierdie aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging.

KONSEP BA VERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

Die konsep BA Verslag sal vanaf **3 Mei 2023 tot 02 Junie 2023** by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar .

| Gebied | Lokaal | Straatadres | kontaknommer |
|-------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Vryburg | Vryburg Biblioteek | 68 Stella Straat | 053 928 2270 |
| | Huhudi Biblioteek | 2661 Mosiapo Straat | 053 928 2251 |
| WSP webwerf | https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents | | |

REGISTRASIE

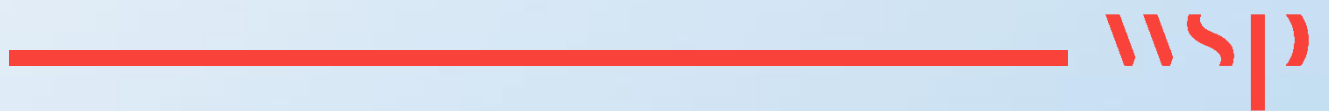
WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur BioTherm Energy (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike en toepaslik gekwalifiseerde Omgewingskonsultant (WHP) aangestel om die BA-proses te bestuur en te onderneem. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye (BBP's) wil registreer om meer inligting te ontvang en/of hul kommentaar(s) oor die voorgestelde projek te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die WHP te stuur en hul direkte besigheid bekend te maak, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belang in die projek. Enige kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek kan by die WHP ingedien word via die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregistreerde IAP's sal alle toekomstige projekverwante korrespondensie aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem. Registreer asseblief as 'n belangstellende en geaffekteerde party by die WHP (besonderhede hieronder) om meer inligting te ontvang.

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WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n I&AP vir doeleindes om jou registrasie moontlik te maak as 'n B & GP en vir doeleindes om jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor. WSP gebruik hierdie besonderhede om jou te kontak oor ander toekomstige projekte. WSP sal altyd jou persoonlike inligting verwerk in ooreenstemming met die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting 4 van 2013. Jy is geregtig om jou regte as 'n datasubjek uit te oefen en ons te laat weet as jy as 'n I&AP gederegistreer wil word of as jy nie meer wil hê dat jou kontakbesonderhede op ons databasis ingesluit moet word nie.

Appendix C

MEETINGS



Appendix C.1

DFFE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING CORRESPONDENCE



Padavattan, Jared

From: Kevin Mathebula <KLMathebula@dfpe.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, 03 April 2023 14:43
To: Padavattan, Jared
Subject: FW: 2023-03-0021 Pre-application Meeting

Importance: High

From: Olivia Letlalo <OLetlalo@dfpe.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 2:10 PM
To: Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com
Cc: Kevin Mathebula <KLMathebula@dfpe.gov.za>; Mahlatse Shubane <MSHUBANE@dfpe.gov.za>
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Dear Ashlea,

My apology again for contacting you while on leave, however, as per your indication that the line falls within the EGI and 57 days will apply, there are no issues that need to be clarified. Regarding the timeline of expediting the project, please note that as per the EIA Regulations, the abovementioned timeline will be applicable for the application once the final report is submitted.

Therefore, you are advised to submit the application instead of a meeting as there are no issues of concern.

Regards
Olivia

From: Kevin Mathebula <KLMathebula@dfpe.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, 03 April 2023 14:01
To: Olivia Letlalo <OLetlalo@dfpe.gov.za>
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Good day Olivia,

Please find below email communication with the EAP.

Kind regards,
Kevin

From: Padavattan, Jared <Jared.Padavattan@wsp.com>
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 2:24 PM
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>; Kevin Mathebula <KLMathebula@dfpe.gov.za>
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Hi Kevin,

Hope you are well.

Please can you indicate whether we can arrange a pre-app meeting for the 2nd or 3rd of April from 10:00-11:00?

As mentioned in the mail below, the project is linked to the latest BESS RFP that is due for Bidding in July and its imperative that we submit the EA application within the next few weeks as there are some very specific timeframes that need to be discussed and agreed with the DFFE as the competent authority.

Kind regards,



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From: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 06:58

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As discussed previously, the project is linked to the latest BESS RFP that is due for Bidding in July. Therefore, there are some very specific timeframes that need to be discussed and agreed with the DFFE as competent authority. Therefore, we see that the pre-application meeting is indeed required.

Further to our discussion yesterday – I believe that the DFFE are not available this week – could we then propose the morning of the 27th or 28th of March from 10:00 – 11:00.

Kind regards



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From: Kevin Mathebula <KLMathebula@dffe.gov.za>

Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 14:37

To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Cc: Mahlatse Shubane <MSHUBANE@dffe.gov.za>

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Good day Ashlea Strong,

Pre-application meeting for the Proposed Sendawo 132 kV OHPL and an associated up to 153 MW Battery Energy Storage System Facility.

For the abovementioned proposed development are there any concerns or issues that need to be discussed via pre-application meeting?

Kind regards

Mr. Kevin Mathebula

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