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28 April 2021

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW VREDE PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW RONDAVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS), INCLUDING ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATED NEAR KROONSTAD, FREE STATE PROVINCE

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E-mail:

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29 April 2021

Ms Lindi Molibeli Municipal Manager Fezile Dabi District Municipality

E-mail:

Dear Ms Molibeli,

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29 April 2021

Dr Keabetswe Modimoeng Chairperson Independent Communications Authority of South Africa

E-mail:

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29 April 2021

Mr André Kotze Manager Spatial Planning Moqhaka Local Municipality

E-mail:

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Vrede and Rondavel PV Solar Energy Facility

Vrede and Rondavel Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System and Associated Infrastructure, Free State Province

Applicant: South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Activity: The development of two solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities namely, Vrede 100MW Solar PV Facility and Rondavel 100MW Solar PV Facility, including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and associated infrastructure located at each facility. Infrastructures associated with each solar PV will include:

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- Stormwater channels; and water pipelines.

Project Location: The PV solar energy facilities are located -6km and -11km from Kroonstad in the Moghaka Local Municipality and within the Fezile Dabi District Municipality, Free State Province.

Vrede PV Solar Energy Facility	Rondavel PV Solar Energy Facility
Remaining Extent of the Farm Vrede No. 1152	Remaining Extent of the Farm Rondavel Noord No. 1475
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Application for Environmental Authorisation: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and 2014 EIA Regulations (GNR 326), as amended, are being undertaken for the projects. Each application is being supported by a separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process.

Environmental Impact Assessment Reports available for review: The Environmental Impact Assessment Reports and associated documents are available for download. The 30-day review and comment period is from Friday, 30 April 2021 until Tuesday, 01 June 2021. The final date to submit comments is <u>Tuesday, 01 June 2021</u>.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

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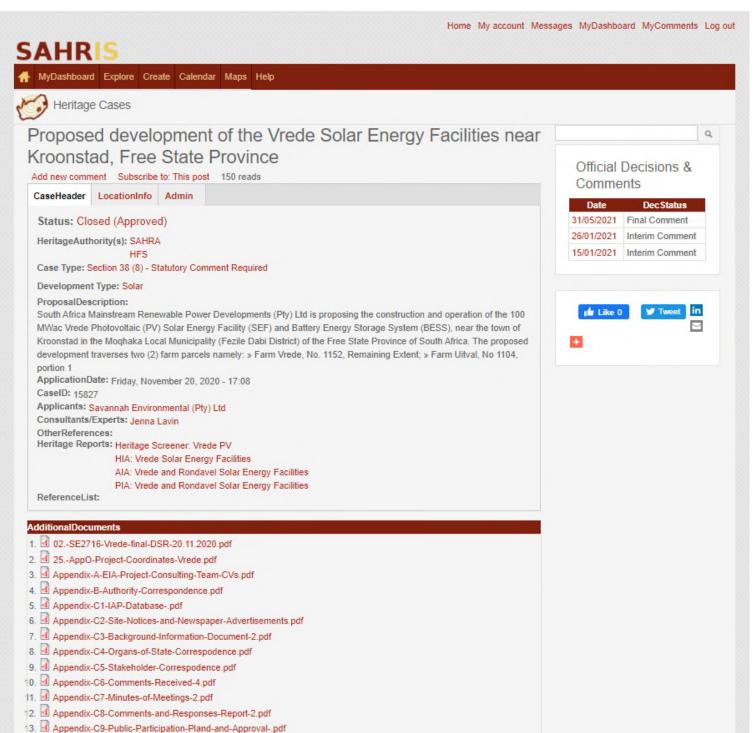
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DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW VREDE PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW RONDAVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS), INCLUDING ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATED NEAR KROONSTAD, FREE STATE PROVINCE (DFFE Ref.Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 respectively)

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

With reference to our email dated 28 April 2021 in which we notified registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) are available for review and comment from **Friday, 30 April 2021** until **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**.

This e-mail serves to remind you that the review and comment period of the EIARs is ending tomorrow, **Tuesday**, **01 June 2021**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the EIARs and we kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the EIARs to do so before or on <u>Tuesday</u>, 01 June 2021.

The EIARs are available for download from our public participation platform <u>click here</u> and can be requested to be made available via WeTransfer, Dropbox or CD.

Kind regards,

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South African Heritage Resources Agency	Higgitt	Natasha
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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW VREDE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITY & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS), AND THE 100MW RONDAVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS), INCLUDING ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION SOLUTIONS FOR BOTH, LOCATED NEAR KROONSTAD, FREE STATE PROVINCE

(DEFF Reference Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 (Vrede) and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 (Rondavel) respectively)

NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd, the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) notified you as a registered interested and affected party (I&APs) in November 2020 of the availability of the Scoping Report for the above-mentioned projects for your review and comments. The final Scoping Reports for both projects were submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) on 15 January 2021.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you, as registered interested and affected party (I&AP), that:

- The DEFF has accepted the final Scoping Reports, inclusive of the Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) in terms of Regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The letters in this regard were received, on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 (Vrede) and Thursday, 25 February 2021 (Rondavel).
- Savannah Environmental has commenced with the EIA processes in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Studies for EIA as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- The final EIA reports, inclusive of the specialist studies, record of the public participation undertaken, and the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPr) are due for submission to DEFF, as per the EIA Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, within 106 days the Scoping Reports' acceptance.

Although there are various timeframes associated with the environmental authorisation process, it is important to note that the public participation is an on-going process, allowing I&APs to interact with the project team and to submit queries or comments throughout the environmental authorisation process. We encourage you to contact our team with any queries or comments regarding the project at any time during the process.

We have developed a public participation process in line with the requirements of the approved Public Participation Plans for these projects and the relevant Regulations in place to limit the risks associated with COVID-19. In this regard, virtual meetings will be held as applicable using an appropriate platform.

Registered I&APs will receive a notification once the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) are available for your review and comment. In addition, the availability of the Reports will be advertised in a local community newspaper.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding these projects. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards,

Nicolene Venter Public Participation and Social Consultant E-mail: <u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>

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We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the DFFE has accepted the final Scoping Report and approved the Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in terms of Regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The letters in this regard was received on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 (Vrede) and Thursday, 25 February 2021 (Rondavel).

Please find attached letter for further details regarding the commencement of the EIA processes.

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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Please find attached your invitation to the Public Participation Process Meeting for the Vrede Solar PV Facility and Rondavel Solar PV Facility projects that is taking place as follows:
Date: Thursday, 20 May 2021
Time: 18h00
Venue: Constantia Hall, Kroonstad (Coordinates: 27°39'59.3"S 27°10'51.8"E)

A registration form is also attached as the number of physical attendees at the Public Participation Process Meeting are limited to <u>96</u> people in order to ensure compliance with the COVID-19 Regulations.

Also, please remember your face mask - no mask, no entry.

Availability of the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports:

The Environmental Impact Assessment Reports are available on our website <u>click here</u>. The review and comment period is ending on **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**.

Kind regards,

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	Van Niekerk	Lukas
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Free State - DWS	Ntili	Tseliso
Free State - DWS	Ratau	Sputnik
Free State - Heritage Resources Authority (FSHRA)	Nel	Jeane
Free State Department of Agriculture	Barnes	W
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Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)	Modimoeng	Keabetswe
JEM Van Niekerk Trust	Van Niekerk	Kassie
Langkuil Trust	Van Niekerk	Manie
Lechwe Lodge	Wessels	Sarel
Liquid Telecoms	Gengan	Seshni
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Mainstream Renewable South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Theron	Gesie
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Moghaka Community Forum	Thebe	Morena
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Moqhaka Local Municipality	Mgwathi	Simon
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Moqhaka Local Municipality	Thompson	Rentina
Moqhaka Local Municipality	Vosloo	Magdel
MTN	Molebatsi	Justice
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (NCPHRA)	Timothy	Andrew
Northern Free State Caregivers	Combrink	Felicity
Public Works and Rural Development: Free State	Mohlahlo	ME
Rietgat Trust	Wessels	Gert
SANRAL	Abrahams	Nicole
SANRAL	Mabaso	Nxobile
Sentech Ltd	Koegelenberg	Johan
Sentech Ltd	Motlhake	Serame
South Africa Weather Services	Magogotya	Zamikhaya
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Pretorius	Marie
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Stroh	Lizell
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Vilakazi	Zwelithini
South African Heritage Resources Agency	Higgitt	Natasha
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Matlhane	Selaelo
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Sithole	Busang
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Tiplady	Adrian
Telkom SA SOC Ltd	Shaw	Leonard
Transnet SOC Ltd	Njonga	Andiswa
Vuka Safe Haven	Thebe	Morena
Totals:		

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation

From: Sent: To: Subject: Portia Makitla _____ Monday, May 31, 2021 12:02 PM Nicolene Venter FW: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Environmental Impact Assessment Report for review and comment

They are fine thanks



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From: Portia Makitla
Sent: Monday, 31 May 2021 10:11
To: Nicolene Venter <<u>nicolene@savannahsa.com</u>>
Subject: RE: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Environmental Impact Assessment Report for review and comment

Dear Nicolene

Please assist with code for this project.



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From: Aulicia Maifo <<u>amaifo@environment.gov.za</u>
Sent: Thursday, 29 April 2021 09:55
To: Portia Makitla
Subject: FW: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Environmental Impact Assessment Report for review and comment

Good morning madam

Hope you are well.

Kindly note that this project has been allocated to us for review.

From: Public Process [mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 7:38 AM
To: BC Admin
Cc: nicolene@savannahsa.com; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Environmental Impact Assessment Report for review and comment

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW VREDE PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW RONDAVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS), INCLUDING ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATED NEAR KROONSTAD, FREE STATE PROVINCE

(DFFE Ref.Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 respectively)

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Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information and/or clarification regarding the projects.

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From:Portia MakitlaSent:Monday, May 31, 2021 11:42 AMTo:Nicolene VenterSubject:RE: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Environmental Impact Assessment Report for review
and comment

Noted thanks



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From: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, 31 May 2021 11:41
To: Portia Makitla
Subject: RE: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Environmental Impact Assessment Report for review and comment

Hi Portia – I check and it seems there is a technical issue with the project page.

Our Office Administrator is attending to the matter.

Kind regards,

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Nicolene Venter Public Participation & Social Consultant e: nicolene@savannahsa.com

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From: Nicolene Venter
Sent: Monday, Mav 31. 2021 11:37 AM
To: Portia Makitla
Subject: RE: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Environmental Impact Assessment Report for review and comment

Dear Portia,

Herewith the release code: 2g4JyG

I will quickly check the link and come back to you.

Kind regards,



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Dear Aulicia,

Hope you and your colleagues are all keeping well!

Aulicia, I cannot trace DFFE: Directorate Biodiversity Conservation's comments on the EIAr.

Would you please be so kind and resend.

Attached is the notification letter sent to <u>BCAdmin@environment.gov.za</u> dated 20 April 2021.

Kind regards,



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> Thursday, May 13, 2021 7:52 AM Hendrik Thamela Nicolene Venter Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Request for Focus Group Meeting & Commenting Official</publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Importance:	High

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW VREDE PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW RONDAVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS), INCLUDING ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATED NEAR KROONSTAD, FREE STATE PROVINCE

(DFFE Ref. Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 respectively)

Dear Mr Thamela,

Thank you for taking my call yesterday afternoon, Wednesday, 12 May 2021.

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As per our telephone discussion yesterday we tried to reach DESTEA on the various landline numbers we have, including the switchboard, but without any success. Also attempts via e-mail was also made to:

- obtain the details of the Official / Case Officer who will be submitting written comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) for the above-mentioned projects; and
- secure a Focus Group Meeting date to present the content of the EIARs.

I would like to take this opportunity to request a Focus Group Meeting (FGM) with the relevant Officials from DESTEA for any of the following dates and time:

- Tuesday, 18 May 2021: any time between 09h00 and 14h00
- Wednesday, 19 May 2021: any time between 12h00 to 16h00

It is envisaged that the meeting would be approximately 1 hour, depending on the questions from DESTA.

The purpose of the FGM is to present the following:

- brief background to the proposed projects;
- an overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process followed;

• a summary of the key environmental findings as documented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs); and

- an opportunity to seek clarity and raise comments and/or concerns; and
- to record comments raised at the FGM

Availability of the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports

Just a friendly reminder that the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports review and comment period started on Friday, 30 April 2021 and the comment period ends on Tuesday, 01 June 2021.

The EIARs are available on our website: click here and the release code is: 2g4JyG

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (011) 656 3237 / 3256 should you require any additional information.

Kind regards,

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

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From:	Savannah Public Process
Sent:	Wednesday, April 28, 2021 4:31 PM
То:	'Lenong Pule (BFN)'; Nel George
Subject:	VREDE SOLAR PV BESS FACILITY and RONDAVEL SOLAR PV & BESS FACILITY
	PROJECTS: Notification of EIARs available for review and comment

Dear Mr Lenong,

Thank you for the confirmation below.

Would you please be so kind to inform us to whom we need to address the formal notification letter regarding the availability of the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports.

Please be informed that the Reports can be downloaded from our website coming Friday, 30 April 2021 – the link is: https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/

Kind regards,



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From: Lenong Pule (BFN) Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:58 PM To: Nel George Cc: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> Subject: FW: VREDE SOLAR PV BESS FACILITY and RONDAVEL SOLAR PV & BESS FACILITY PROJECTS: Notification of EIARs available for review and comment

Good afternoon Sir George Nel,

Can I humbly request that you assist me with the attached document please?

Nicolene, on behalf of the Provincial Head of the Department of Water and Sanitation: Free State, I hereby would like to acknowledge receipt your mail and its contents with kindness. Your communique is receiving attention.

Clean your hands, stay home, keep social distancing and stay safe!

Thanks and kind regards,

Pule Joseph Lenong (PJL) Office of the Provincial Head Department of Water and Sanitation C/o Eastburger and Charlotte Maxeke Streets Bloem Plaza Building, Second Floor BLOEMFONTEIN 9301



From: Savannah Public Process <<u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>>
Sent: 28 April, 2021 14:46
To: Lenong Pule (BFN)
Subject: VREDE SOLAR PV BESS FACILITY and RONDAVEL SOLAR PV & BESS FACILITY PROJECTS: Notification of EIARs available for review and comment

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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

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Please find attached the notification letter in which you, as a registered Stakeholder and/or Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), is informed that the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) for the Vrede Solar PV & BESS Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV & BESS Facility are available for your review and comments.

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Nicolene Venter

From:	Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com></publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 19, 2021 12:05 PM
To:	Pieter Bredenkamp
Cc:	Nicolene Venter
Subject:	Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Rescheduling of Focus Group Meeting
Importance:	High

Hi Pieter,

Thank you for taking my call this morning and please inform the Municipal Manager that the team understand the technical constraints experienced this morning.

As discussed, the team would appreciate it if we could meet with the Municipal Manager and her Officials on Friday morning, 21 May 2021 at 08h00 at Moqhaka Local Municipality's offices.

Our team consist of five (5) people.

If Friday is not possible, we can reschedule a date and time for a virtual meeting next week.

Kind regards,

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Nicolene Venter

Subject: Location:	Vrede PV and Rondavel PV: Focus Group Meeting (EIARs Presentation) Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: End:	Wed 5/19/2021 10:00 AM Wed 5/19/2021 11:30 AM
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Meeting organizer
Organizer: Required Attendees:	Nicolene Venter Seithati Monyaki; Pieter Bredenkamp; Pieter Bredenkamp; Gesie Theron; Rafeeqah Kamish; Gideon Raath; Mmakoena Mmola

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Ms SJ Monyaki Acting Municipal Manager Moqhaka Local Municipality

Dear Ms Monyaki

Confirmation of Focus Group Meeting: Wednesday, 19 May 2021

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As per our telephone discussion yesterday, Wednesday, 12 May 2021, we would like to confirm the Focus Group Meeting (FGM) taking place on:

DATE: Wednesday, 19 May 2021

TIME: 10h00

VIRTUAL PLATFORM: Microsoft TEAMS

The purpose of inviting the Officials from Moqhaka Local Municipality to attend the FGM is to present the following:

- brief background to the proposed projects;
- an overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process followed;
- a summary of the key environmental findings as documented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs); and
- an opportunity to seek clarity and raise comments and/or concerns; and
- to record comments raised at the FGM

The Moqhaka Municipal Officials that we would like to recommend attending the FGM, but also at the discretion of the Acting Municipal Manager, are:

- Integrated Development Planning Department
- Economic Development & Spatial Development Framework Department
- Land Use & Infrastructure Department

- Electrical Department
- Engineering Department
- Water and Sanitation Department
- Waste Department
- Environmental Department

We encourage the Moqhaka Municipal Officials to attend the FGM and to participate in the Public Participation Process. We would like to thank you in anticipation for your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA processes.

We look forward to meeting you and we are positive for a fruitful Focus Group Meeting.

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Subject: Location:	Vrede PV and Rondavel PV: Focus Group Meeting (ElAr Presentation) https://zoom.us/j/91763256925?pwd=Sno4ZGUxUkYweEs3U2ViSC8ybHZYUT09	
Start: End:	Wed 5/19/2021 9:00 AM Wed 5/19/2021 10:00 AM	
Recurrence:	(none)	
Meeting Status:	Meeting organizer	
Organizer:	Nicolene Venter	Caria Tharan: Dafaagah Kamish: Cidaan Daath:
Required Attendees:	Mmakoena Mmola	Gesie Theron; Rafeeqah Kamish; Gideon Raath;
zmMeetingNum:	91763256925	

Dear Cllr Bolofo,

As requested, due to load shedding, the meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 09h00 via Zoom.

The Zoom link has been updated.

Kind regards,

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW VREDE PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW RONDAVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS), INCLUDING ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATED NEAR KROONSTAD, FREE STATE PROVINCE (DFFE Ref. Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 respectively)

Dear Cllr Bolofo,

Thank you for the discussion yesterday afternoon (Wednesday, 12 May 2021) regarding the confirmed Focus Group Meeting (FGM).

As requested, the FGM will be held on the Zoom platform, which is a more reliable platform to you and the Ward Committee Members. The link and passcode to the meeting are below.

The purpose of inviting you as Ward Councilor representing the community members of Wards 7 to attend the FGM is to present the following:

- brief background to the proposed projects;
- an overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process followed for both the projects;
- a summary of the key environmental findings as documented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports IEIARs); and
- an opportunity to seek clarity and raise comments and/or concerns; and
- to record comments raised at the FGM

As discussed Cllr Bolofo, you will forward this invitation to your Ward Committee Members.

Just a friendly reminder that the EIARs review and comment period started on **Friday, 30 April 2021** and would end on **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**.

The EIARs are available on our website: <u>https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/</u> and the release code is: 2g4JyG

We are looking forward to a fruitful meeting.

Kind regards,

Nicolene Venter Public Participation & Social Consultant

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Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/91763256925?pwd=Sno4ZGUxUkYweEs3U2ViSC8ybHZYUT09

Meeting ID: 917 6325 6925 Passcode: 014028

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From:	Tshidiso Bolofo
Sent:	Monday, May 31, 2021 7:16 PM
То:	Savannah Public Process
Subject:	Re: VREDE PV SEF & BESS and RONDAVEL PV SEF & BESS PROJECTS: EIARs commending period ending soon
Attachments:	0.gif; 1.png

Received, thank you.thank you

Bolofo

On Mon, May 31, 2021, 12:18 Savannah Public Process <<u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>> wrote:

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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

With reference to our email dated 28 April 2021 in which we notified registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) are available for review and comment from **Friday, 30 April 2021** until **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**.

This e-mail serves to remind you that the review and comment period of the EIARs is ending tomorrow, **Tuesday**, **01 June 2021**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the EIARs and we kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the EIARs to do so before or on <u>Tuesday</u>, 01 June 2021.

The EIARs are available for download from our public participation platform <u>click here</u> and can be requested to be made available via WeTransfer, Dropbox or CD.

Kind regards,

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Savannah Public Process

From:	Natasha Higgitt
Sent:	Monday, April 19, 2021 10:41 AM
То:	Savannah Public Process
Cc:	Sityhilelo Ngcatsha
Subject:	RE: VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS (14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 (Vrede)
	& 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 (Rondavel): Commencement of EIA Phase

Importance:

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Good morning,

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Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case application, please ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.

From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: 16 April 2021 15:19
To: Natasha Higgitt
Subject: VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS (14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 (Vrede) & 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 (Rondavel): Commencement of EIA Phase

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(DEFF Reference Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 (Vrede) and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 (Rondavel) respectively)

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd, the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) notified you, as a registered interested and affected party (I&APs), in November 2020 of the availability of the Scoping Report for the above-mentioned projects for your review and comments. The final Scoping Reports for both projects were submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on 15 January 2021.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the DFFE has accepted the final Scoping Report and approved the Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in terms of Regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The letters in this regard was received on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 (Vrede) and Thursday, 25 February 2021 (Rondavel).

Please find attached letter for further details regarding the commencement of the EIA processes.

Kind regards,

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From:	Natasha Higgitt
Sent:	Wednesday, April 28, 2021 2:47 PM
То:	Savannah Public Process
Cc:	Sityhilelo Ngcatsha
Subject:	RE: VREDE SOLAR PV BESS FACILITY and RONDAVEL SOLAR PV & BESS FACILITY
	PROJECTS: Notification of EIARs available for review and comment

Importance:

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From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: 28 April 2021 14:46
To: Natasha Higgitt
Subject: VREDE SOLAR PV BESS FACILITY and RONDAVEL SOLAR PV & BESS FACILITY PROJECTS: Notification of EIARs available for review and comment

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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of two separate solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities inclusive of all associated infrastructure ~13km south west of Kroonstad, in the Free State Province. The two solar PV facilities are to be known as the Vrede Solar PV & BESS Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV & BESS Facility.

Please find attached the notification letter in which you, as a registered Stakeholder and/or Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), is informed that the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) for the Vrede Solar PV & BESS Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV & BESS Facility are available for your review and comments.

The EIARs are available for download from Savannah Environmental's stakeholder engagement platform at <u>click</u> <u>here</u>

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information and/or clarification regarding the projects.

Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your comments on the EIARs.

Kind regards,

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SCOPING PHASE



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18 November 2020

Dear Stakeholder,

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of two separate solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities inclusive of all associated infrastructure ~13km south west of Kroonstad, in the Free State Province. The two solar PV facilities are to be known as the Vrede Solar PV Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV Facility.

Each solar PV facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project and is assessed through a full Scoping and EIA process. Due to the proximity of the solar PV facilities to each other, the public participation processes will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on each of the projects. The details for the respective projects are as follows:

Project name	Affected Properties	Capacity	EIA Process
Vrede Solar PV Facility	 Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152; Portion 1 of the farm Uitval No. 1104. 	100MW Solar PV	Scoping/EIA
Rondavel Solar PV Facility	 Remaining Extent of the farm Rondavel Noord No. 1475; Remaining Extent of the farm Rondavel No. 627. 	100MW Solar PV	Scoping/EIA

Infrastructure associated with each solar PV facility will include:

- » Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- » Inverters and transformers.
- » Cabling between the project components.
- » On-site facility substation to facilitate the connection between the solar PV facility and the Eskom electricity grid.
- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- » Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- » Laydown areas.
- » Access roads, internal distribution roads and fencing around the development area.

Site-specific studies and assessments will delineate areas of potential sensitivity within the identified development areas for both the Vrede Solar PV Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV Facility. Once constraining factors have been confirmed, the layout of the solar PV facilities can be planned to minimise social and environmental impacts.

It is the Developer's intention to bid each solar PV facilities under the Department of Energy's (DoE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. The power generated from each solar PV facilities will be sold to Eskom and fed into the national electricity grid. The development of the facilities will also assist with achieving the energy mix as set out in the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicants require Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) in consultation with the Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DEDTEA) for the development of the proposed projects. In terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA, the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) and Listing Notices (GNR 983, GNR 984, and GNR 985 of 2014 (GNRs 325, 324 and 327, as amended 2017), the two (2) applications for the solar PV facility EAs are subject to the completion of Scoping/EIA processes. Each application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The proponent has appointed Savannah Environmental, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessments for the respective projects to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the projects and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs). As part of the environmental studies, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process being undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

You and/or the organization / company, which you represent, have been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed projects as described above. The nature and extent of the solar PV facilities and the associated infrastructure are explored in more detail in the Background Information Document (BID) which is attached to this letter and is also available for download from the Savannah Environmental public participation platform on https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs
- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project; and

» comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on how public consultation can be conducted as part of a EIA processes. The consultation process for these projects has been designed considering these limitations, and the implementation is in line with our public participation plan (PP Plan), as approved by the DEFF. Savannah Environmental have established an online stakeholder engagement platform, where you are invited to register your interest in the project/s, and view project documentation.

Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project, predominately through our interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person with interest in the project, enabling the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. This online stakeholder engagement platform allows for the sharing of details regarding the project and consultation documentation, including project maps, presentations and posters regarding the project, as well as all reports available for review. The use of online tools enables stakeholders and I&APs to explore the project-specific content in their own time, and allows participation in the consultation process in a meaningful way. The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting.

The benefits of the online stakeholder engagement platform include:

- » Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to projectrelated information.
- » Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for major infrastructure projects.
- » Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- » Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- » Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons accessing the online stakeholder consultation platform.
- » Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually.
- » Provides a resilient solution to a public consultation process.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, provision has been made to facilitate the consultation process through limited one-on-one consultation where sanitary conditions can be maintained, as well as consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the two Scoping Reports are available for your review and comment from **Friday**, **20 November 2020** until **Monday**, **11 January 2021**.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on making hard copies of the Scoping Reports available at public places such as libraries and municipal offices. The Scoping Reports are available on the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform at https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/ (release code: **2g4JyG**). As per our approved public participation plan submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), you can also request that an electronic copy of the Scoping reports be sent to you via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox.

Please submit your written comments on the Scoping Reports by **Monday**, **11 January 2021** via our online stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or:

- » Telephone: 011 656 3237
- » Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including please call me)
- » Fax: 086 684 0547
- » Post: PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157
- » E-mail: <u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>

All comments can be addressed to Nicolene Venter at Savannah Environmental.

All comments received during the 30-day review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final Scoping Reports for submission to the DEFF in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards

Nicolene Venter Public Participation and Social Consultant Email: <u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>

Attached: Background Information Document Registration and Comment Form Proof of email - VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS: Commencement of EIA & Public Participation process and notification of availability of Draft Scoping Reports

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Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> Reply-To: Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> To: Mthetheleli Maphinda Cc: Savannah Environmental <SavannahEnvironmentalSA@gmail.com> Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 1:50 PM

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Please find attached the Background Information Document which provides additional information regarding the applications for the Vrede PV and Rondavel Solar PV facilities.

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Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 Time: 1:52 PM

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Free State Department of Police, Roads & Transportation	Maree	Hannes
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Vrede and Rondavel PV Solar Energy Facility

Vrede and Rondavel Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System and Associated Infrastructure, Free State Province

Applicant: South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Activity: The development of two solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities namely, Vrede 100MW Solar PV Facility and Rondavel 100MW Solar PV Facility, including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and associated infrastructure located at each facility. Infrastructures associated with each solar PV will include:

- Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- Inverters and transformers.
- Underground cabling between the project components and overhead power lines (up to 33kV).
- On-site facility substation to facilitate the connection between the solar PV facility and the Eskom electricity grid.
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- · Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- · Laydown areas and temporary man camp area.
- Access roads, internal distribution roads and fencing around the development area.
- Telecommunication infrastructure;
- Stormwater channels; and water pipelines.

Project Location: The PV solar energy facilities are located ~6km and ~11km from Kroonstad in the Moqhaka Local Municipality and within the Fezile Dabi District Municipality, Free State Province.

Vrede PV Solar Energy Facility	Rondavel PV Solar Energy Facility
Remaining Extent of the Farm Vrede No. 1152	Remaining Extent of the Farm Rondavel Noord No. 1475
Portion 1 of the Farm Uitval No. 1104	Remaining Extent of the Farm Rondavel No. 627
Vrede PV Solar Energy Facility	Rondavel PV Solar Energy Facility
Remaining Extent of the Farm Vrede No. 1152	Remaining Extent of the Farm Rondavel Noord No. 1475
Portion 1 of the Farm Uitval No. 1104	Remaining Extent of the Farm Rondavel No. 627

Application for Environmental Authorisation: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and 2014 EIA Regulations (GNR 326), as amended, are being undertaken for the projects. Each application is being supported by a separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process.

Scoping Reports Available for Review: The Scoping Reports and associated documentation are available for download, review and comment on the Savannah Environmental website. Visit our online stakeholder engagement platform at: https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/. The 30-day review and comment period for the Scoping Reports is from Friday, 20 November 2020 until Monday, 11 January 2020. The final date to submit comments is Monday, 11 January 2020.

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Proposed development of the Rondavel Solar Energy Facilities near Kroonstad, Free State Province

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Status: SUBMITTED

HeritageAuthority(s): SAHRA

HFS

Case Type: Section 38 (8) - Statutory Comment Required

Development Type: Solar

ProposalDescription:

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd is proposing the construction and operation of the 75 MWac Rondavel Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Energy Facility (SEF) and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), near the town of Kroonstad in the Moqhaka Local Municipality (Fezile Dabi District) of the Free State Province of South Africa. The proposed development traverses four (4) farm parcels namely: » Remaining Extent of the farm Rondavel Noord No. 1475 (main site); and » Remaining Extent of the farm Rondavel No. 627 (main and grid site). ApplicationDate: Friday, November 20, 2020 - 17:12

CaseID: 15828

OtherReferences:

Heritage Reports: Heritage Screener: Rondavel PV ReferenceList:

AdditionalDocuments

- 1. 🗟 02.-SE2718-Rondavel-final-DSR-20.11.2020.pdf
- 2. d 25.-AppO-Project-Coordinates-Rondavel.pdf
- 3. Appendix-C1-IAP-Database-1-1.pdf
- 4. Appendix-C2-Site-Notices-and-Newspaper-Advertisements-1.pdf
- 5. Appendix-C3-Background-Information-Document-3.pdf
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- 12. Appendix-C9-Public-Participation-Pland-and-Approval-1-1.pdf
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- 14. d Appendix-E-Avifaunal-Scoping-Study-1.pdf
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- 16. Appendix-H-Visual-Scoping-Study-3.pdf
- 17. d Appendix-I-Agricultural-Scoping-Study-3.pdf
- 18. d Appendix-J-A3-Maps-3.pdf
- 19. Appendix-K-EAP-Affirmation-and-Declaration-of-Independence-2.pdf
- 20. Appendix-L-DEFF-National-web-based-screening-report-2.pdf
- 21. Appendix-M-Specialist-Declarations-3.pdf
- 22. Appendix-N-Animal-Plant-Protocol-Letter-3.pdf

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From:	John Geeringh
Sent:	Thursday, 07 January 2021 11:02
То:	Savannah Public Process
Subject:	RE: VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS - Reminder Notification: Review
	and comment period ending soon

Thanks, appreciated John

From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, 07 January 2021 10:13
To: John Geeringh
Cc: Ronald Baloyi <Ronald@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS - Reminder Notification: Review and comment period ending soon

Dear John,

Our apologies, not sure why the e-mail did not reached your inbox. For ease of reference, please see proof attached.

As requested please find attached the following documents:

- Notification letter of availability of Scoping Report
- Background Information Document
- Registration and Comment Form
- .KMZ for Vrede SEF
- .KMZ for Rondavel SEF
- .KMZ for the proposed Grid Connection (Please note: The Basic Assessment process has not yet commenced for this project).

Thank you for Eskom's general comments for works at or near Eskom infrastructure as well as Eskom's setbacks guideline. These have been forwarded to the applicant.

Kind regards,



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Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Savannah Public Process <<u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>>
Subject: RE: VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS - Reminder Notification: Review and comment period
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Please send me the original notification, BID, etc. for this project. I do not find it anywhere on my system or records. Please find attached Eskom general comments for works at or near Eskom infrastructure as well as the Eskom setbacks guideline for consideration by the IPP. Please send me KMZ files of the affected properties, proposed development areas as well as the proposed grid connection.

Kind regards

John Geeringh (Pr Sci Nat)(EAPASA) Senior Consultant Environmental Management Land and Rights Eskom Transmission Division Megawatt Park, D1Y42, Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill, Sandton.

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Ronald Baloyi

From:	Savannah Public Process
Sent:	Wednesday, 13 January 2021 15:42
То:	BC Admin
Cc:	Aulicia Maifo; Ronald Baloyi
Subject:	RE: Comments on Scoping Report: Vrede SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2038) and Rondavel SEF
	(14-12-16-3-3-2-2039)
Attachments:	SE2716-Vrede&Rondavel SEF - POE DEFF BC (18.11.2020).pdf; VREDE & RONDAVEL
	SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS: Commencement of EIA & Public Participation process and
	notification of availability of Draft Scoping Reports

Dear Seoka,

Thank you for your e-mail below, it is appreciated.

We investigated the matter and please see attached the proof of e-mail.

I hope this will assist you to trace it, if the e-mail is not still in cyber space.

The link to the Scoping Reports is: <u>https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/</u> and the release code is: **2g4JyG**.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

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From: BC Admin <bcadmin@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Aulicia Maifo
Subject: RE: Comments on Scoping Report: Vrede SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2038) and Rondavel SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2039)

Dear Nicolene

Please note that we have not received the required projects for comments.

Regards Seoka From: Aulicia Maifo
Sent: Tuesday, 12 January 2021 05:16
To: BC Admin <bcadmin@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Comments on Scoping Report: Vrede SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2038) and Rondavel SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2039)

Good morning Sir

Please note that we have never received this project, we do not have it on our project's spreadsheet.

Kind regards, Ms. Aulicia Maifo Intern: Biodiversity Mainstreaming EIA Department of Environment, Forestry & Fisheries

From: BC Admin Sent: Monday, 11 January 2021 23:52 To: Aulicia Maifo Subject: FW: Comments on Scoping Report: Vrede SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2038) and Rondavel SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2039)

Dear Aulicia

Please locate the mentioned projects and resend comments to EAP, as soon as possible.

Regards

 From: Public Process [mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com]

 Sent: Monday, 11 January 2021 16:49

 To: BC Admin < bcadmin@environment.gov.za>

 Cc: Portia Makitla
 ________________; Aulicia Maifo <___________; MMatlala Rabothata ronald@savannahsa.com; Nicolene Venter < nicolene@savannahsa.com>

 Subject: Comments on Scoping Report: Vrede SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2038) and Rondavel SEF (14-12-16-3-3-2-2039)

Dear Mr Lekota,

Would you please be so kind and re-send us your Directorate's comments on the above-mentioned proposed project's scoping reports.

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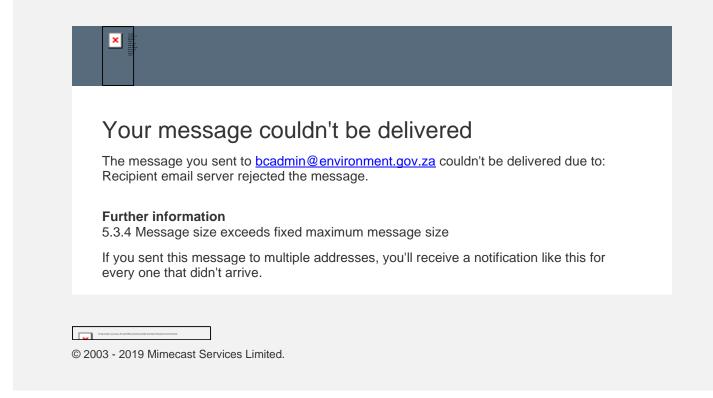
Attached for ease of reference is our reminder e-mail sent to all Organs of State, including your Directorate, on the project's database.

Looking forward to hear from you.

Kind regards,

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Dear André,

Thank you for the comments and information submitted below and is forwarded to the project team for their attention.

We will respond in due course.

Kind regards,



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Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:37 AM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS - Reminder Notification: Review and comment period ending soon

Morning Nicolene,

The owner of the farm (developer) will need to apply to the Municipality for a consent use to conduct a generating works on the properties if it is zoned as "agriculture".

This application is done in terms of the Council's by-laws on land use planning and must be accompanied by inter alia the following documents:

- the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- the Record of Decision (RoD)
- comments from Department of Agriculture

It is suggested that an appointment be made with the Planner of the Municipality and a pre-application consultation be conducted before the application is started with.

Awaiting your response.

Kind regards



André J Kotze (ND Mun Admín, BHonSP, MURP) (SACPLAN Reg no C/8908/2019) Manager Spatial Planning PO Box 302 Kroonstad 9500



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То:	Tessa Smith [MTN South Africa]
Cc:	Justice Molebatsi [MTN South Africa]; Ronald Baloyi
Subject:	RE: VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS - Reminder Notification: Review
	and comment period ending soon

Dear Tessa,

Thank you for the confirmation.

Kind regards,

From: Tessa Smith [MTN South Africa] <Tessa.Smith@mtn.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Justice Molebatsi [MTN South Africa]
Subject: FW: VREDE & RONDAVEL SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS - Reminder Notification: Review and comment period ending soon

Dear Nicolene,

Please find attached the response that was send.

If you need anything else let me know.



Warm regards, **Tessa Smith** Regional Property Lead

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Hello,

Did we reply to this?

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From:	Savannah Public Process
Sent:	Friday, 20 November 2020 08:38
То:	Dennis Govender [MTN South Africa]
Cc:	Gideon Raath; Ronald Baloyi
Subject:	RE: Rondavel and Vrede Solar PV facilities
Attachments:	Rondawel SEF Boundary.kml; Vrede Option.kmz

Dear Dennis,

As requested, herewith the .KMZ files for the two Solar PV facilities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

Kind regards,

From: Dennis Govender [MTN South Africa] <Dennis.Govender@mtn.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Subject: Rondavel and Vrede Solar PV facilities

Good morning Nicolene,

I hope this finds you well. Can you please provide me with KML/KMZ files of the polygons for these facilities. This is related to the email below.

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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of two separate solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities inclusive of all associated infrastructure ~13km south west of Kroonstad, in the Free State Province. The two solar PV facilities are to be known as the Vrede Solar PV Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV Facility.

Please find attached the Background Information Document which provides additional information regarding the applications for the Vrede PV and Rondavel Solar PV facilities.

Please also be informed that the draft Scoping Reports are available for download from Savannah Environmental's stakeholder engagement platform at <u>https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/</u> and the release code is: **2g4JyG**.

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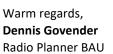
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Dear Lizell,

Thank you for the response below – the requirements are forwarded to the applicant for their attention.

Please find attached the .KMZ for the Vrede SEF and the Rondavel SEF as requested.

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Simphiwe Masilela

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Good day, you would require to follow the SACAA current procedure and processes.

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http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Obstacles/Urgent-notices.aspx

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Kindly provide a .kml (Google Earth) file reflecting the footprint of the proposed development site

please contact the inspectorate if more information are required.

Kind regards



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