

Appendix C5:
Stakeholder Correspondence

Notification of Environmental Impact
Assessment Report available for review and
comment

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

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

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.

Infrastructure associated with each solar PV facility will include:

- » Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the two Environmental Impact Assessment Reports are available for your review and comment from **Friday, 30 April 2021** until **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**. The final date to submit comments is **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**.

As per our approved public participation plan submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), the Impact Assessment 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/>. 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 Impact Assessment Reports by **Tuesday, 01 June 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
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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 Impact Assessment Reports for submission to the DFFE 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.

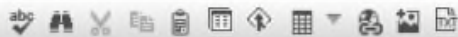
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Please find attached the notification letter in which you, as a registered Stakeholder and/or Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), is informed that the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) for the Vrede Solar PV & BESS Facility and the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

The EIARs are available for download from Savannah Environmental's stakeholder engagement platform at [click here](#)

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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Department of Energy	Masipa	Pheladi	
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Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Mahlatji	Khomotso	
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Dept of Environment, Small Business Dev, Tourism & Environmental Affairs	Nokwequ	M	
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Endangered Wildlife Trust	Hoogstad	Constant	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Geeringh	John	
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Free State - DWS	Ratau	Sputnik	
Free State - Heritage Resources Authority (FSHRA)	Nel	Jeane	
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Moqhaka Local Municipality	Mqwathi	Simon	
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Moqhaka Local Municipality	Ramantso	Keke	
Moqhaka Local Municipality	Thompson	Rentina	
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Cc: Nicolene Venter; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Rondavel and Vrede Solar PV facilities
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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.

Please also be informed that the draft Scoping Reports are available for download from Savannah Environmental's stakeholder engagement platform at [click here](#) and the release code is: 2g4JyG

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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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- 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 Uiteval 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.

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 **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**.

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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Documents for public review are available for download.

If you have already registered your interest click on "View Downloads".

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Vrede Solar Energy Facilities

Environmental Impact Assessment Report

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Appendix N - DFFE National web-based Screening Report

Appendix O - Specialist Declarations

Appendix P - Animal and Plant species Protocol Letter

Appendix Q - Project Coordinates

Appendix R - Generic Environmental Management Programme (on-site substation)

EIAr review and comment period ending soon

Reminder

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From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
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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 Tuesday, 01 June 2021.

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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 Tuesday, 01 June 2021.

The EIARs are available for download from our public participation platform [click here](#) and can be requested to be made available via WeTransfer, Dropbox or CD.

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	Motingoe	Refiloe	
	Ndhlovu	John	
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	Tshesane	Rebone	
Afriforum	Grobler	Gabrie	
Agri Free State	Van Niekerk	Waldo	
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Notification of commencement of
Environmental Impact Phase

16 April 2021

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicolene Venter".

Nicolene Venter

Public Participation and Social Consultant

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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.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Nicolene Venter
Subject: VREDE PV SEF & BESS and RONDAVEL PV SEF & BESS PROJECTS: Invitation to Public Participation Process Meeting
Attachments: SE2716-PublicProcessMeeting_Invite-FINAL.pdf; SE2716-PublicProcessMeeting_Registration_Form-FINAL.pdf

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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 **96** 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 [click here](#). The review and comment period is ending on **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**.

Kind regards,



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South African Civil Aviation Authority	Vilakazi	Zwelithini	
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From: Savannah Public Process
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:10 AM
To: Vuka SafeHaven
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

Dear Morena,

Thank you for the information provided below.

Please receive herewith confirmation that you have been registered on the project database as the Founder of Moqhaka Community Forum and will receive all future correspondences regarding these two applications.

Kind regards,



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From: Vuka SafeHaven
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To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
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

Thnx so much for this information.

We would like to be involved in any way possible going forward.

There's also another community forum in Moqhaka that can be key stakeholder on this project:

Moqhaka Community Forum

Hope you find this in order

Kind regards

On Apr 16, 2021 3:18 PM, Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> wrote:

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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)

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: publicprocess@savannahsa.com on behalf of Savannah Environmental
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Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 4:26 PM
To: savannahpublicprocess@gmail.com
Subject: Savannah Environmental - Public Participation Registration

FirstName: Marius
LastName : Otto

Project: Vrede and Rondavel PV Solar Energy Facility

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LastName : Van Niekerk

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From: Maki Liphoko
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 9:05 AM
To: Savannah Public Process
Subject: Re: Vrede & Rondavel: Public Participation Registration
Attachments: image002.gif

Yes, I confirm.

On Thu, 13 May 2021, 04:10 Savannah Public Process, <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please confirm that your name and surname are Dimakatso.

Kind regards,



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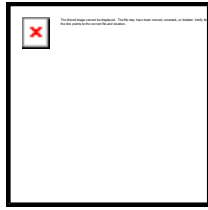
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 3:23 PM
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From: Savannah Public Process
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 5:53 PM
To: keke moeketsi
Subject: RE: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Focus Group Meeting Presentation

Dear Keke,

Please receive herewith confirmation that you and the four (4) community members listed below have been registered for Thursday, 20 May 2021 public participation process meeting starting at 18h00 at Cynthia Hall, Kroonstad.

Kind regards,



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From: keke moeketsi
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Subject: Re: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Focus Group Meeting Presentation

good day madam wonderful meeting i would like to register for thursday meeting and i have other community members that would like to participant

- 1.Moeketsi Ramantso
- 2.Kenneth
- 3Thabang
- 4 Lawranc Matlabe

thanks see you on thursday

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 11:48 AM Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> wrote:

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

Dear Spiro and Executive Members
Moqhaka for the People

As requested and promised at this morning's meeting, please find attached the presentation.

Kind regards,



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From: Savannah Public Process
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Wouter Du Randt [MTN South Africa]; Justice Molebatsi [MTN South Africa]; Tessa Smith [MTN South Africa]; Hendry Karstel [MTN South Africa]
Cc: Nondumiso Bulunga
Subject: RE: VREDE PV SEF & BESS and RONDAVEL PV SEF & BESS PROJECTS: EIARs commending period ending soon
Attachments: Rondavel Development Area.kml; Vrede Development Area.kml

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	Tessa Smith [MTN South Africa]	
	Hendry Karstel [MTN South Africa]	
	Nondumiso Bulunga	Read: 6/1/2021 11:15 PM

Dear Wouter,

Apologies, I did not attached the updated .KMZ.

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To: 'Wouter Du Randt [MTN South Africa] ; Justice Molebatsi [MTN South Africa]
Tessa Smith [MTN South Africa] Hendry Karstel [MTN South Africa]
Cc: Nondumiso Bulunga <Nondumiso@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: VREDE PV SEF & BESS and RONDAVEL PV SEF & BESS PROJECTS: EIARs commending period ending soon

Dear Wouter,

Thank you for your request below.

Please be informed that the development areas were refined (see attached updated .KMZ) following specialists input in the EIA process.

For some background to the project, please find attached the Background Information Document that was e-mail in November 2020.

MTN can also access the EIARs on our website: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/> and the release code is: 2g4JyG

It will be appreciated if MTN can inform us whether written comments will still be submitted on the Reports and if so, we kindly request to receive it by COB tomorrow, Wednesday, 02 June 2021.

Should these proposed development not hold any impacts on your infrastructure, it would be appreciated if you confirm in writing.

Kind regards,



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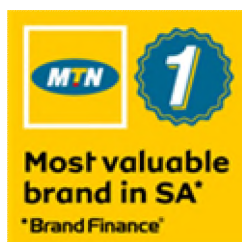
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From: Wouter Du Randt [MTN South Africa]
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Justice Molebatsi [MTN South Africa] ; Tessa Smith [MTN South Africa]
_____ ; Hendry Karstel [MTN South Africa] <_____> ; Savannah Public
Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: VREDE PV SEF & BESS and RONDAVEL PV SEF & BESS PROJECTS: EIARs commencing period ending soon

Yello Nicolene

Can you please provide us with more details on the proposed project?



Warm regards,
Wouter Du Randt
Manager: Radio Planning and Quality

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From: Justice Molebatsi [MTN South Africa]
Sent: Monday, 31 May 2021 14:33
To: Tessa Smith [MTN South Africa] ; Hendry Karstel [MTN South Africa]
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Subject: FW: VREDE PV SEF & BESS and RONDAVEL PV SEF & BESS PROJECTS: EIARs commencing period ending soon

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Warm regards,
Justice Molebatsi
Senior Regional Manager

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From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>

Sent: Monday, 31 May 2021 12:18

To: Justice Molebatsi [MTN South Africa]

Subject: VREDE PV SEF & BESS and RONDAVEL PV SEF & BESS PROJECTS: EIARs commencing period ending soon

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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 Tuesday, 01 June 2021.

The EIARs are available for download from our public participation platform [click here](#) and can be requested to be made available via WeTransfer, Dropbox or CD.

Kind regards,

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From: Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Anton Meyer; Spiro Khoury
Cc: Nicolene Venter
Subject: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Request for Focus Group Meeting (EIARs Presentation)

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

Dear Anton,

Thank you for taking my call yesterday afternoon, Wednesday, 12 May 2021, during which we discussed a possible date to hold a Focus Group Meeting with Moqhaka for the People.

It will be greatly appreciated if you can discuss the following dates and time with the Chairman and confirm as soon as possible:

Tuesday, 18 May 2021:

Between 09h00 and 14h00

Virtual Platform: Zoom or MS Teams

Wednesday, 19, May 2021

Between 13h00 and 16h00

Friday, 21 May 2021 at 09h00 or 10h00

Face-to-Face Meeting

If Maqhaka for the People can arrange a venue where we can meeting your members, that would be greatly appreciated

We will need a white wall or screen to present on

Looking forward to hear from you and your assistance is appreciated.

Kind regards,



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Subject: Vrede SEF and Rondavel SEF Projects: Invitation to on-line Focus Group Meeting (EIARs Presentation)
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Start: Tue 5/18/2021 9:00 AM
End: Tue 5/18/2021 10:30 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Meeting organizer
Organizer: Nicolene Venter
Required Attendees: cc: spiro khoury; Braam Visagie; Anton B Meyer; Gideon Raath; Mmakoena Mmola; Gesie Theron;

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Dear Mr Khoury,

Thank you for the confirmation of the Executive Committee's availability for Focus Group Meeting to present a summary of the content of the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports for the above-mentioned projects.

The purpose of the Focus Group Meeting is to present the following:

- brief background to the proposed projects;
- the EIA process being undertaken for the two projects;
- a key summary of the environmental findings as documented in the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports; and
- provide the Moqhaka for the People an opportunity to seek clarity and raise comments and/or concerns.

Please note that the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports was made available from **Friday, 30 April 2021** and will end on **Tuesday, 01 June 2021**. The reports are available for downloading from our website at <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/> and the release code is: **2g4JyG**.

Would you please be so kind and forward the invitation to your Executive Members.

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 a fruitful meeting.

Kind regards,



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To: Anton Meyer; Braam Visagie; Braam Visagie; Keke Ramantso; Spiro Khoury
Cc: Nicolene Venter
Subject: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF: Focus Group Meeting Presentation
Attachments: Vrede Rondavel DEIR FGM Presentation 17.05.2021.pdf

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Dear Spiro and Executive Members
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As requested and promised at this morning's meeting, please find attached the presentation.

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SCOPING PHASE

18 November 2020

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 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 project-related 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.
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- » Provides a resilient solution to a public consultation process.

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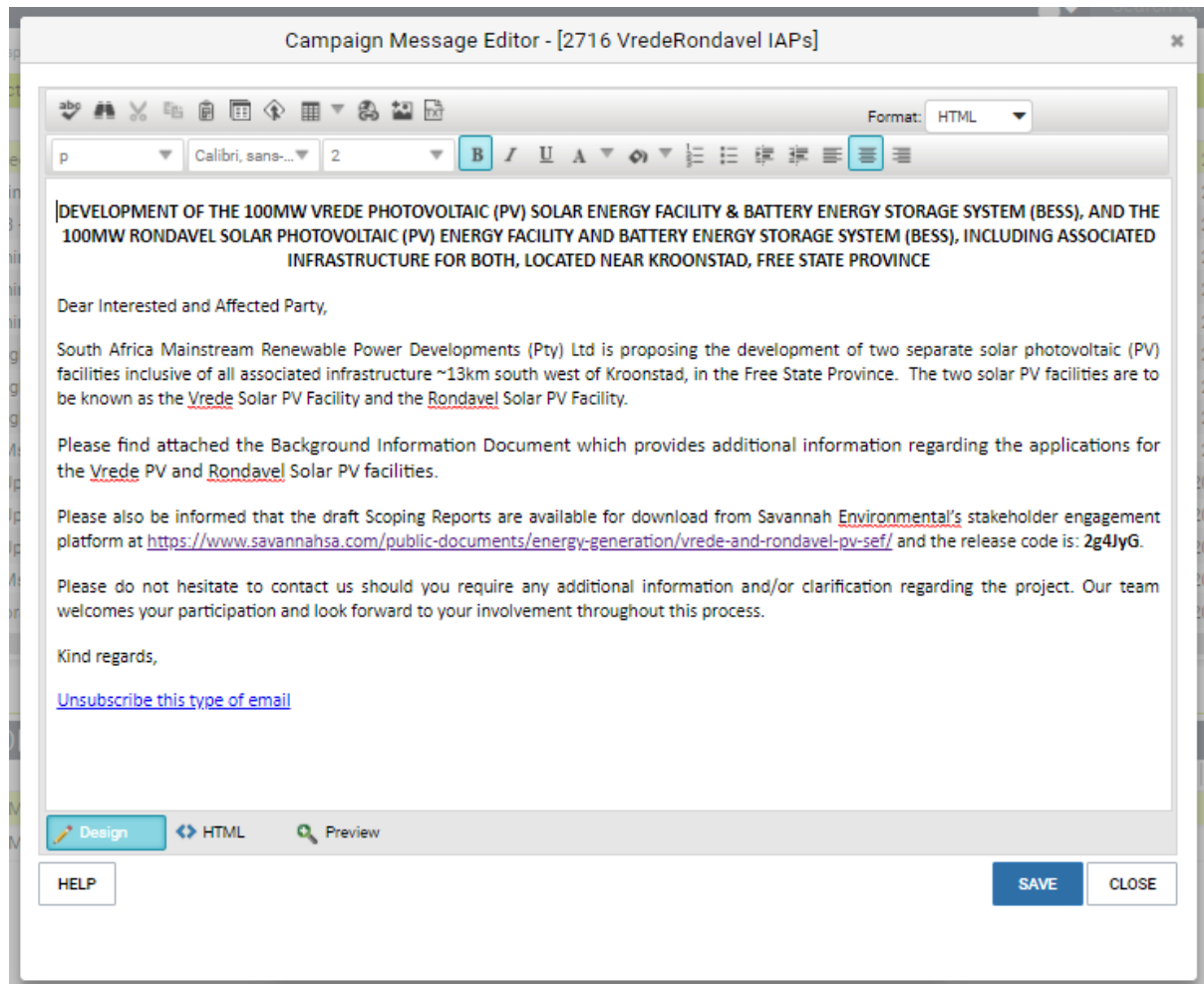
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Cell C	Kasseepursad	Harish	
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Farmprops 19 (Pty) Ltd	Crous	Adriaan	
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KEY STAKEHOLDERS

18 November 2020

Dear Key Stakeholder,

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152; » Portion 1 of the farm Uitval No. 1104. 	100MW Solar PV	Scoping/EIA
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- » Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- » Inverters and transformers.
- » Cabling between the project components.
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- » 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.

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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 project-related information.
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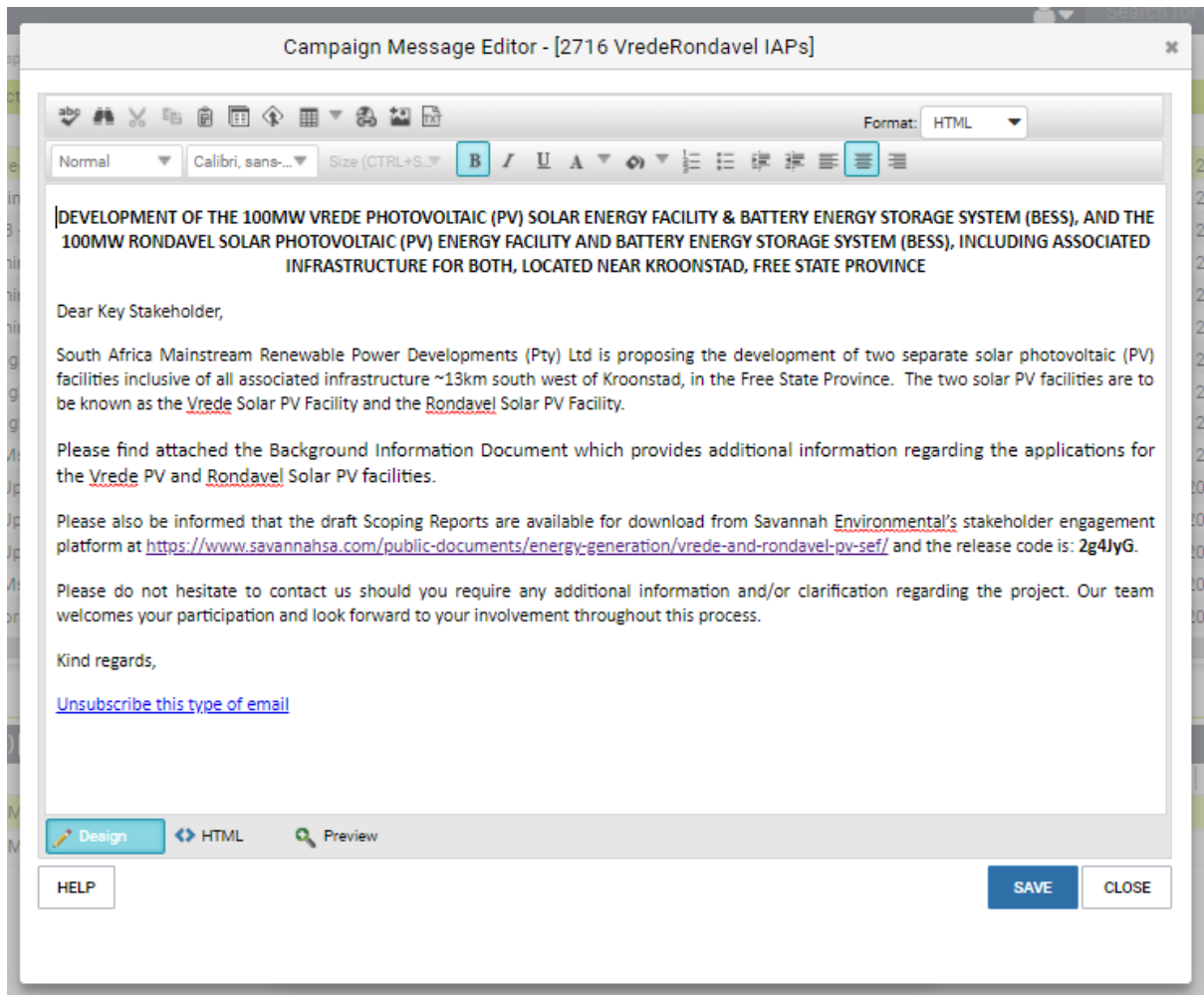
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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Grobbelaar	Nico	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Khanye	Nondwe	
Sentech Ltd	Koegelenberg	Johan	
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South Africa Weather Services	Magogotya	Zamikhaya	
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Pretorius	Marie	
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Stroh	Lizell	
South African Heritage Resources Agency	Higgitt	Natasha	
South African National Roads Agency Limited	Abrahams	Nicole	
South African National Roads Agency Ltd	Mabaso	Nxobile	
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Matlhane	Selaelo	
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Sithole	Busang	
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Tiplady	Adrian	
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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

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- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
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- 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.

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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.

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Correspondence

Ronald Baloyi

From: Anton B Meyer
Sent: Wednesday, 13 January 2021 11:25
To: Savannah Public Process
Subject: Re: SE2716: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF - Clarification re attendance register

Correct, our attendance register is Ward driven, registered to vote in, I did the courtesy of assisting copied email addresses on email sent to info on 10 January 2021, Pls read & revert soonest if you have any questions.
Anton

On Wed, 13 Jan 2021, 11:19 Savannah Public Process, <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> wrote:

Thank you Anton – is my assumption then correct that where the Executive Member indicated “Ward 10” that he is a resident / registered voter in that Ward and not a Ward Councilor?

Also, can you please check your members’ names & their email addresses. Unfortunately it is not clear on the written attendance register.

Kind regards,

From: Anton B Meyer
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Subject: Re: SE2716: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF - Clarification re attendance register

Hi Savannah, Nicolene,

I am registered voter in Ward16, Kroonstad, Moqhaka District Municipality,

I serve Moqhaka for the People, (MFP) in the function of Administrative Secretary.

Regards, Anton B Meyer

On Wed, 13 Jan 2021, 10:39 Savannah Public Process, <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> wrote:

Apologies Anton, you are *MFP Administrative Secretary & Ward Councilor (W16)*

From: Savannah Public Process

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:33 AM

To: Anton B Meyer

Cc: Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>

Subject: SE2716: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF - Clarification re attendance register

Morning Anton,

Hope you are keeping well!

Anton, would you please be so kind and confirm that we are capturing the MFP's Executive Members details correctly:

NAME / SURNAME	REPRESENT / WARD
Spiro Khoury	MFP Chairman
Braam Visagie	MFP Secretary
M. Ramontso	MFP Chairman
M./C Mohande	MFP Member
Doctor Motsapele	MFP Member & Ward Councilor (W14)
Anton Meyer	MFP Member & Ward Councilor (W16)
Dawid George	MFP Member & Ward Councilor (W9)
Paul Pie	MFP Member & Ward Councilor (W10)
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Kind regards,

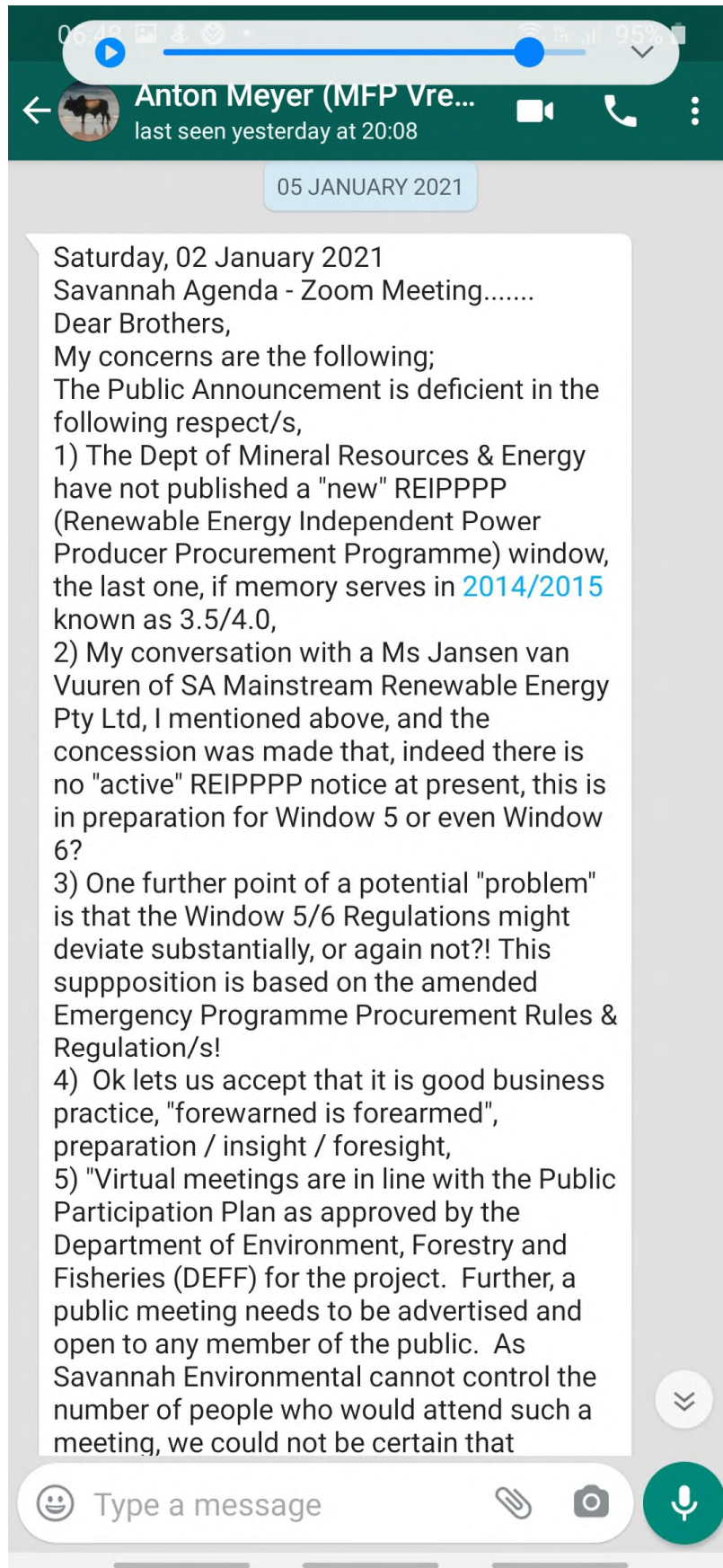
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6) In my conversation with Savannah, via Skype / WhatsApp I mentioned, asked a question about the present usage / state of the Agricultural Land earmarked for the project/s, in terms of Dept of Agriculture policy, CARA regulations etc....., I did not receive definitive answer?
7) "We are open to holding a public meeting later in the EIA process should the COVID-19 risks be reduced and the Regulations allow for this." (See Point/s 9 - 10 - 11 below
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Regards, Anton B Meyer

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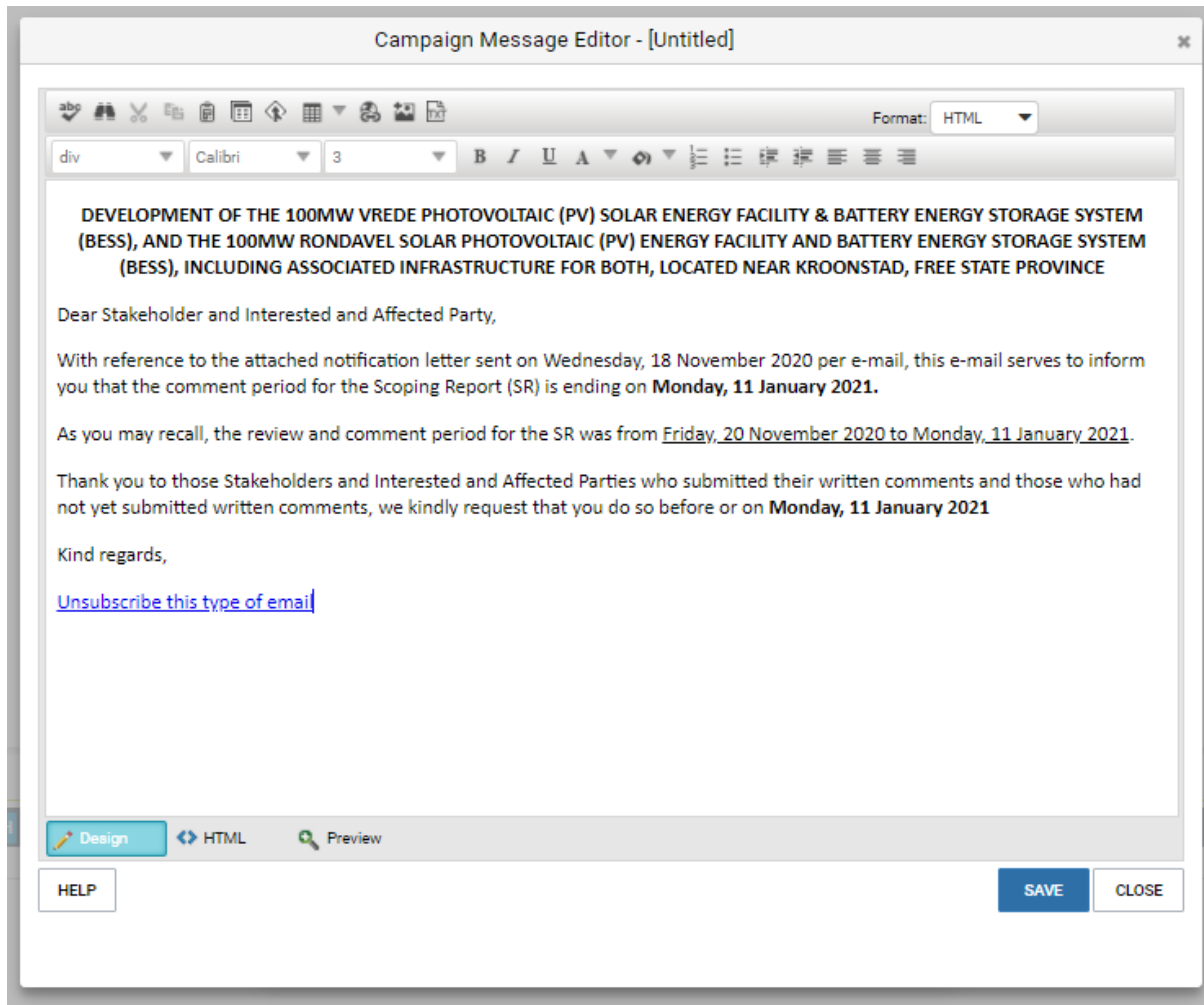
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Dear Stakeholder and Interested and Affected Party,

With reference to the attached notification letter sent on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 per e-mail, this e-mail serves to inform you that the comment period for the Scoping Report (SR) is ending on **Monday, 11 January 2021**.

As you may recall, the review and comment period for the SR was from Friday, 20 November 2020 to Monday, 11 January 2021.

Thank you to those Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties who submitted their written comments and those who had not yet submitted written comments, we kindly request that you do so before or on **Monday, 11 January 2021**

Kind regards,

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Dear Chairman and Executive Members of the Moqhaka for the People,

Please find attached the minutes of the meeting held last week Wednesday, 06 January 2020 for your perusal.

Kind regards,



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