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1 INTRODUCTION

Changes made from the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) have been underlined in this Final SER for ease of reference to the updates made in the report.

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The proponent is proposing the development of a Camden Renewable Energy Complex within the vicinity of the Camden Power Station in Mpumalanga. The Complex consists of eight distinct projects referred to as:

- Camden I Wind Energy Facility (up to 200MW) (subject to a S&EIR process);
- Camden I Wind Grid Connection (up to 132kV) (subject to a Basic Assessment (BA) Process);
- Camden Grid Connection and Collector substation (up to 400kV) (subject to a S&EIR process);
- Camden I Solar (up to 100MW) (subject to a S&EIR process);
- Camden I Solar Grid Connection (up to 132kV) (subject to a BA Process);
- Camden II Wind Energy Facility (up to 200MW) (subject to a S&EIR process);
- Camden II Wind Energy Facility up to 132kV Grid Connection (subject to a BA Process); and
- Camden Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Facility, including grid connection infrastructure (subject to a S&EIR process).

The Complex (except for the Green Hydrogen and Ammonia project) is being developed in the context of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy's (DMRE Integrated Resource Plan, and the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPP).

The focus of this Stakeholder Engagement Report is the proposed Camden I SEF project.

The proposed project will be operated under a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), and the Project Applicant is Camden I Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd. The proposed SEF will connect to the nearby Camden Collector substation through an up to 132kV powerline either single or double circuit (subject to a separate BA process, as mentioned above) between the grid on-site IPP substation for the solar facility and that of the Camden Collector substation. The broader Camden developments (i.e. seven of the abovementioned subprojects) will connect to the Camden Power Station substation through an up to 400kV powerline (either single or double circuit) (subject to a separate Scoping and EIR process).

In order for the proposed project to proceed, it will require an Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Competent Authority (CA) (i.e. the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, (DFFE)).

1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent EAP to undertake the S&EIA processes for the proposed Project. This Stakeholder Engagement Report was compiled as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and must be read in conjunction with the EIA Report in support of the EA application. **Table 1.1** details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

Table 1.1 Details of the EAP

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

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

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

1.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the EIA Process:

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

1.3.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the public participation process (PPP) can be summarised as follows:

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

1.3.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

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

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

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

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

RIGHTS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STAKEHOLDERS

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

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

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

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

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

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

1.4 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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

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

The Public Participation guideline in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, drafted by the DEA (now DFFE) in 2017, tabulates the level of Public Participation required for various levels of anticipated project impacts. This table has been used to identify additional Public Participation methods which are required for the Project. Highlighted cells indicate the applicable response to the anticipated impacts. Results of the process are shown in **Table 1.2** below.

Table 1.2 Level of Public Participation as per Public Participation Guideline (DEA, 2017)

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality?	Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met.
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province?	Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met.
Is the project a greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)?	Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project to in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) or environmental problems (e.g. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these?	Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more information on both the socio-economic and environmental problems.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socio-economic and ecological)?	Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Public and environmental sensitivity of the project:		
Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project?	Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs?	There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant?	Consultation with the private land owner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)?	Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Potentially affected parties:		
Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area?	More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict?	Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs?	Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.t.o. socio-economic status, language or culture)	Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past?	PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high level of unemployment in the area?	The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)?	Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance to the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP.

1.5 COVID-19 SCENARIO

Given the spread of the COVID-19 virus to various parts of the world, including to South Africa, on 15 March 2020, in terms of Section 27 of the Disaster Management Act (Act 57 of 2002) (DMA), President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a national state of disaster in South Africa. From 01 May 2020 the Alert Level has been adjusted according to the risk-adjusted strategy, as and when required reflecting the level of risk associated with Covid-19 infections throughout the country.

Due to the restrictions imposed by the various Alert Levels, restrictions were imposed on public participation associated with COVID-19 on 31 March 2020, which meant that the PPP required by Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) could not reasonably be adhered to. On 05 June 2020, new Directions were issued by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*”, in respect of the undertaking and administration of EIA and related processes during Lockdown Alert Level 3. The Directions of 05 June 2020 repealed the Directions of 31 March 2020. On 09 September 2020, new Directions were again issued by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment in respect of the undertaking and administration of EIA and related processes during Lockdown Alert Level 2 and lower.

It is now possible to proceed with public participation in accordance with the “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*” (GN 650) published on 05 June 2020 and the “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*” (GN 970) published on 09 September 2020.

Annexure 2 of the Directions require that “*At all times it must be ensured that reasonable opportunity is provided for public participation and that all administrative actions are reasonable. While the COVID-19 pandemic is a unique circumstance, the specific circumstances in each case must be considered in order to determine what will*

be reasonable. If in the circumstances of a particular case reasonable alternative methods to give notice to potential interested and affected parties are available, then the relevant competent authority can be approached for an agreement in this regard as provided for in regulation 41(2)(e) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.”

In line with the Directions, a public participation plan was compiled and presented to DFFE for approval at the outset of the assessment process (as detailed in **Section 1.6**). Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, as far as possible, the focus of the PPP has shifted from physical public engagements to digital and electronic communication (including e-mail and websites). No provision has been made for public or focus group meetings due to current COVID-19 restrictions as well as past experience with projects of this nature. Should significant interest be obtained in this Project, a public meeting will be included as part of the PPP, should COVID-19 protocols and regulations permit.

1.6 APPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

As part of the pre-application consultation meeting held with DFFE on 19 October 2021, the proposed plan for public participation was discussed. A public participation plan was subsequently submitted to DFFE, along with the meeting minutes, for approval on **16 November 2021**. The minutes of the meeting and the public participation plan were approved on **18 November 2021** and **22 November 2021** respectively. **Table 1.3** below outlines the approved Public Participation Plan for the Camden Renewable Energy Complex.

Table 1.3 Approved Public Participation Plan

SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)	PLAN/ACTIVITIES
39 (1) If the proponent is not the owner or person in control of the land on which the activity is to be undertaken, the proponent must, before applying for an environmental authorisation in respect of such activity, obtain the written consent of the landowner or person in control of the land to undertake such activity on that land.	— Landowner consent letters will be obtained for each of the farm’s portions where the proposed activities will be undertaken. Consent letters will be included in the Application forms for Environmental Authorisation.
39 (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in respect of— a) linear activities; b) activities constituting, or activities directly related to prospecting or exploration of a mineral and petroleum resource or extraction and primary processing of a mineral or petroleum resource; and c) strategic integrated projects as contemplated in the Infrastructure Development Act, 2014.	— Landowner Consent Letters are not required for linear activities. — Notification letters of the Environmental Assessment Processes undertaken for the linear projects will be distributed via email and/or hand delivery (as required) to the directly impacted landowners or occupiers of the land.

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<p>40 (1) The public participation process to which the—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) basic assessment report and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, submitted in terms of regulation 19; and b) scoping report submitted in terms of regulation 21 and the environmental impact assessment report and EMPr submitted in terms of regulation 23; <p>was subjected to must give all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on each of the basic assessment report, EMPr, scoping report and environmental impact assessment report, and where applicable the closure plan, as well as the report contemplated in regulation 32, if such reports or plans are submitted at different times.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Notification of the availability of the Scoping and Environmental Impact (S&EIA) and Basic Assessment (BA) Reports as relevant for the relevant Camden Renewable Energy Complex projects, as well as the period for review will be sent to all identified and registered stakeholders via email and sms. — The Draft Reports will be made available to all stakeholders for a 30-day comment period as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — From WSP on request and electronic copies can be shared via secure links that will be emailed. — On the WSP website as well as on a data free website1 for download. — Hard copies of the Reports will be placed at the relevant public places such as libraries, community halls, ward councillor offices etc. — CDs and/or Hard Copies submitted to the relevant Organs of State. — Submitted to the DFFE via the DFFE online portal. <p><i>Note: Should the COVID-19 level be level 3 or higher at time of disclosure, WSP will confirm with the local libraries, as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review. In the event that public places are not available due to COVID restrictions WSP will provide the Local Ward Councillors with copies of the reports to ensure that I&APs without access to the internet are provided access to the required documentation. Furthermore, the data free website will be available to all I&APs</i></p>
<p>40 (2) The public participation process contemplated in this regulation must provide access to all information that reasonably has or may have the potential to influence any decision with regard to an application unless access to that information is protected by law and must include consultation with—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the competent authority. b) every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation. c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and d) all potential, or, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Provision has been made to ensure all project information will be made available to all I&APs, and that they are afforded the opportunity to participate in the projects, as well as submit comments and raise any concerns and/or issues with regards to the proposed projects. This will include: — Identification of stakeholders with a potential interest in the project will be at the outset of the project. — All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the S&EIA and BA processes. — The stakeholder database will include all relevant authorities (government departments and relevant district and local municipalities), ward councillors, relevant conservation bodies and non-governmental organisations (NGO's), as well as neighbouring landowners and the surrounding community. — General communication (written notification) with identified stakeholders (public and other government departments/authorities) on the proposed projects. — Distribution of the Background Information Document (BID), inclusive of a Registration and Comments Form, to allow stakeholders to register and ensure all comments and queries regarding the projects are captured for inclusion in the relevant Stakeholder Engagement Reports. — Consultation of relevant communities via the Ward Councillor and/or community representative, in a manner determined and/or required during stakeholder engagement.
<p>40 (3) Potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Reports will be made available to all potential or registered I&APS following the submission of the applications to the DFFE, that is during the legislated relevant report

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<p>and plans contemplated in subregulation (1) prior to submission of an application but must be provided with an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the competent authority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Reports will be available on request, on the WSP website, and in hard copy at appropriate public places in the study area such as public libraries and municipal officers. — All I&APs will be provided an opportunity to comment on the reports and submit comments directly to the EAP. Comments can be submitted in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Comments Forms via comment form booklets at public places or via fax or email — Written comments via email or fax — Telephonically for capturing by the EAP; and — Via Whatsapp or SMS (including the use of “please call me”).
<p>41(2) The person conducting a PPP must give notice to all potential I&APs by-</p> <p>a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of—</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">I. the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">II. any alternative site;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Placement of site notices (in English, Afrikaans and IsiZulu) at appropriate locations on site (at the wind and solar facilities and at various points along the OHPL routes) and in the surrounding area. — This will include the boundary/access road to the sites, as well as additional public places within the greater Ermelo area, such as grocery stores, municipality, and/or local public libraries.
<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <p>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;</p> <p>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</p> <p>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</p> <p>(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — A written notification (in English ,Afrikaans, and Isizulu) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project sites, municipality ward councillors, local and district municipality, and relevant state departments. — General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the respective environmental impact assessment (EIA) and basic assessment (BA) processes. — Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other</p>	<p>An advert will be published in relevant local newspapers (in English, Afrikaans and IsiZulu), formally announcing the commencement of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) applications, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft Scoping, EIA and BA Reports for public review and comment.</p>

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<p>submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	
<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken.</p>	<p>It has been established that advertising in provincial and national newspapers is not required as the impact of the activities do not extend beyond the boundaries of the district municipality or province in which the Project will be undertaken.</p>
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. illiteracy; II. disability; or III. any other disadvantage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — A consolidated I&AP database will be compiled for the project. Any existing I&AP databases for other projects in the area known to the applicant will be utilised as a basis for the database. These I&APs will be contacted to request formal consent to be included in the projects’ database, in line with the POPI Act. As part of the verification process, existing I&APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of communication. — The relevant ward councillors will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members. — Virtual focus group meetings will be held in each phase of the project. — In the event that face-to-face meetings are requested, these will be arranged on a case by case basis, taking into account the relevant COVID restrictions at the time of the request. — I&APs will be able to contact the EAP via email, fax, telephone, WhatsApp or SMS (Including the use of “please call me”).
<p>41 (3) A notice, notice board or advertisement referred to in subregulation (2) must—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) give details of the application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation; and (b) state— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. whether basic assessment or S&EIR procedures are being applied to the application; ii. the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates; iii. where further information on the application or proposed application can be obtained; and iv. the manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application or proposed application may be made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — An advert will be published in relevant local newspapers (in English, Afrikaans and IsiZulu), formally announcing the commencement of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) applications, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft Scoping, EIA and BA Reports for public review and comment. — Site notices (in English, Afrikaans and IsiZulu) will be placed at appropriate locations on site) and in the surrounding area. The size and content of the site notices will be in line with Regulation 41 (3) and 41(4) as contained herein.
<p>41 (4) A notice board referred to in subregulation (2) must—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be of a size of at least 60cm by 42cm; and (b) display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority. 	
<p>41 (5) Where public participation is conducted in terms of this regulation for an application or proposed application, subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d) need</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — If the revised reports are required to undergo additional review, the requirements of Regulation 41(5) will be followed.

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<p>not be complied with again during the additional public participation process contemplated in regulations 19(1)(b) or 23(1)(b) or the public participation process contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d), on condition that—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) such process has been preceded by a public participation process which included compliance with subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d); and b) written notice is given to registered interested and affected parties regarding where the— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. revised basic assessment report or, EMPr or closure plan, as contemplated in regulation 19(1)(b); ii. revised environmental impact assessment report or EMPr as contemplated in regulation 23(1)(b); or iii. environmental impact assessment report and EMPr as contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d); <p>may be obtained, the manner in which and the person to whom representations on these reports or plans may be made and the date on which such representations are due.</p>	
<p>41 (6) When complying with this regulation, the person conducting the public participation process must ensure that—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application is made available to potential interested and affected parties; and b) participation by potential or registered interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all potential or registered interested and affected parties are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the application or proposed application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Provision has been made to ensure all project information will be made available to all I&APs, and that they are afforded the opportunity to participate in the projects, as well as submit comments and raise any concerns and/or issues with regards to the proposed projects. — A Notification Letter and BID will be compiled to provide preliminary information regarding the project and its location, as well as to invite comments from I&APs during the 30-day public review period of the Draft Reports. — All registered I&APs will be included in any communication regarding the application processes for the projects throughout the respective S&EIA and BA processes.
<p>41 (7) Where an environmental authorisation is required in terms of these Regulations and an authorisation, permit or licence is required in terms of a specific environmental management Act, the public participation process contemplated in this Chapter may be combined with any public participation processes prescribed in terms of a specific environmental management Act, on condition that all relevant authorities agree to such combination of processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Applications for the proposed projects will also be made under the National Water Act (NWA), through a Water Use Licence Application (WULA) or General Authorisation (GA) processes as applicable for the purposes of Water Use Authorisation under the National Water Act. A Public Participation Process (PPP) in terms of the EIA Regulations (contained herein) and the NWA will be undertaken
<p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project will be identified at the outset of the Project and will include all relevant authorities (government departments and the local and district

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<p>competent authority, which register must contain the names, contact details and addresses of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) all persons who, as a consequence of the public participation process conducted in respect of that application, have submitted written comments or attended meetings with the proponent, applicant or EAP; b) (b) all persons who have requested the proponent or applicant, in writing, for their names to be placed on the register; and c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates. 	<p>municipalities), relevant conservation bodies and non-governmental organisations (NGO's), as well as landowners, neighbouring landowners and the surrounding community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — This stakeholder database will be updated on an ongoing basis as new stakeholders request to be registered. — All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the EIA and BA processes. — The EAP will continue to ensure that individuals/organisations from referrals and networking are notified of the proposed project.
<p>(43) (1) A registered interested and affected party is entitled to comment, in writing, on all reports or plans submitted to such party during the public participation process contemplated in these Regulations and to bring to the attention of the proponent or applicant any issues which that party believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, provided that the interested and affected party discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application. (2) In order to give effect to section 240 of the Act, any State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment must be requested, subject to regulation 7(2), to comment within 30 days.</p>	<p>All Draft Reports will be made available to all stakeholders for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP. As a result, the Draft Reports will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — From WSP on request and electronic copies can be shared via secure links that will be emailed. — On the WSP website and on a data free website for download. — Hard copies of the Reports will be placed at the relevant public places such as libraries, community halls, ward councillor offices — CDs and/or Hard Copies submitted to the relevant Organs of State. — Submitted to the DFFE via the DFFE online portal. <p>Comment forms (in a bound booklet) will be placed with the Draft Reports at the abovementioned public places. These booklets will be collected at the end of the public review period as required. In addition, the contact details of EAP will be provided should the I&AP wish to contact the EAP directly.</p> <p><i>Note: Should the COVID-19 level be level 3 or higher at time of disclosure, WSP will confirm with the local libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review. In the event that public places are not available due to COVID restrictions WSP will provide the Local Ward Councillors with copies of the reports to ensure that I&APs without access to the internet are provided access to the required documentation. Furthermore, the data free website will be available to all I&APs.</i></p> <p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final Reports for consideration by the competent authority.</p>
<p>44 (1) The applicant must ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports and plans and that such written comments, including responses to such comments and records of meetings, are attached to the reports and plans that are submitted to the competent authority in terms of these Regulations.</p> <p>(2) Where a person desires but is unable to access written comments as contemplated in subregulation (1) due to—</p>	<p>All I&APs will be able to submit comments directly to the EAP in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Comments Forms via comment form booklets at public places or via fax or email — Written comments via email or fax — Telephonically for capturing by the EAP; and — Via WhatsApp or SMS. <p>Comments received telephonically will be transcribed and captured as formal comments in the Comments and Responses Report. I&APs that do not have access to internet or emails will also be able to submit</p>

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<p>a) a lack of skills to read or write; b) disability; or c) any other disadvantage; reasonable alternative methods of recording comments must be provided for.</p>	<p>via the consultation process that includes engaging with the Ward Councillor and/or Community Representative.</p>
<p>Regulation 44 (2) The applicant must, in writing, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the application ensure that—</p> <p>a) all registered interested and affected parties are provided with access to the decision and the reasons for such decision; and b) the attention of all registered interested and affected parties is drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, if such appeal is available in the circumstances of the decision.</p>	<p>Written notification of the decision on the EAs will be sent to all registered I&APs, as well as communicated via Ward Councillors to I&APs that do not have access to internet and emails. Registered I&APs will be informed of the appeal procedure as well as advised that copies of the EA decisions can be provided on request.</p>

Table 1.4 Meetings

PROJECT MEETINGS

<p>Pre-Application Meeting</p>	<p>A pre-application consultation with DFFE was held on 19 October 2021 to discuss the proposed projects, proposed approach, and confirm the processes.</p>
<p>Public and/or Focus Group Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — No Virtual focus group meetings have been requested during the Scoping Phase by the I&APs as stipulated in the BID and other notification documents. — A public meeting will be held during the 30 day Public Review Period of the Draft EIR. — A telephonic conversation was held with the ward councillor. Comments raised by the councillor are captured Table 2.5.

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on 19 October 2021 with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting are included in **Appendix C-1**.

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Section 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) states that written notices must be given to identified stakeholders as outlined in **Table 2.1**.

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

Table 2.1 Interested and Affected Parties

NEMA REQUIREMENT	DISCUSSION
<i>(i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land</i>	The project activity is located on various portions of privately owned land. The landowners have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken</i>	All landowners have been contacted to confirm whether there are any occupiers on the land portions. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
<i>(iii) owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken</i>	Adjacent landowner details were collected and have been included on the stakeholder database. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
<i>(iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area</i>	Ward Councillors of Ward 7 and Ward 11 have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area</i>	The Msukaligwa Local Municipality, which is located in the Gert Sibande District Municipality (Mpumalanga Province), both Local and District Municipalities have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity</i>	DFFE has been, and will continue to be, consulted. The Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) has been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority.</i>	All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included on the stakeholder database. Inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) — Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DWS) — Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs — Department of Rural Development and Land Reform — Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)

NEMA REQUIREMENT	DISCUSSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation: Oliphant's Proto-CMA – Mpumalanga Department of Social Development – Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWR) – Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs – Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority – Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga – South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) – Gert Sibande District Municipality – Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality – Msukaligwa Local Municipality – Transnet Freight Rail – Eskom – BirdLife South Africa – South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) – Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency

Appendix A provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholders along with the date on which they registered and reference to comments received, where applicable, are indicated in **Table 2.5** and **Table 2.6**. The stakeholder database has been updated throughout the EIA process.

2.2.1 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to potential Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e. SMSs and e-mail) on **24 February 2022**. The notification letter that was circulated is included in **Appendix B-3** of this report. Proof of e-mail and SMS notification are included in **Appendix B-4** and **Appendix B-5**.

ADVERTISEMENT

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to the general public via an advertisement on **25 February 2022**. The purpose of the advertisement was to notify the general public of the proposed application and provide an opportunity to register on the Project database and provide input into the process. A copy of the advertisements and proof of their publication are included as **Appendix B-1**. The advertisement publication details are provided in **Table 2.2**.

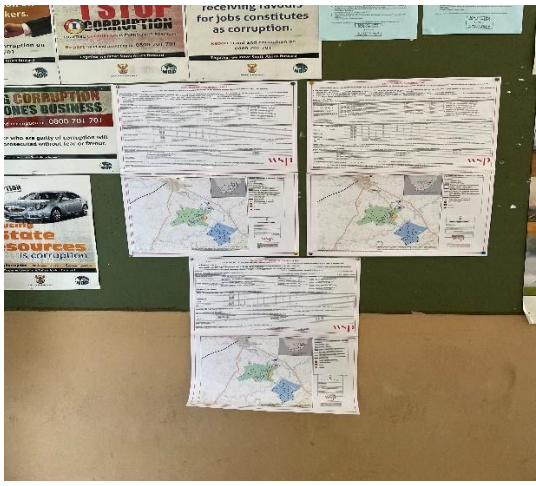
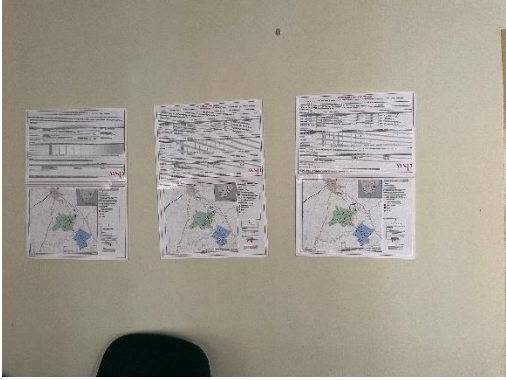
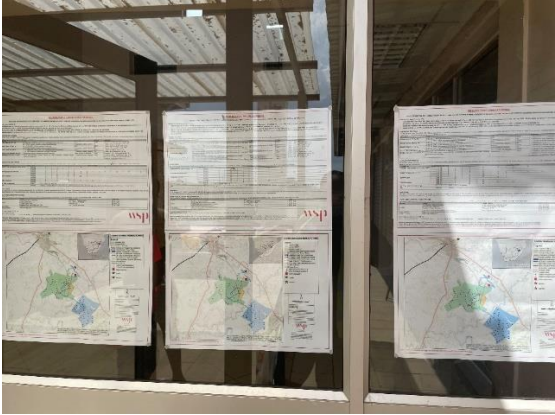
Table 2.2 Dates on which the advert was published




NEWSPAPER	PUBLICATION DATE
Highvelder Newspaper	25 February 2022
Standerton Newspaper	25 February 2022

SITE NOTICES

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices were developed (see **Appendix B-2**) and placed at Six (6) strategic points in close proximity to the proposed site, as well as public places within the Msukaligwa Local and Govern Mbheki Local Municipalities. The site notices were placed on site on 24 February 2022. **Table 2.3** below shows details and proof of display of site notices.

Table 2.3 Site Notice Locations

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
Muskwaligwa Local Municipality –	26°31'39.48"S 29°29'59"20.68"E	
Ermelo Regional Library	26°31'39.48"S 29°59'20.68"E	
Thusville Public Library	26° 31'40.70" S 29° 59'19.63" E	

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
Gert Sibande District Municipality	26° 31'20.41" S 29° 53'18.78" E	
Site Notice Placed adjacent to the property boundary of the proposed project and the N2 Ermelo / Piet Retief (2 locations)	26° 35'53.95" S 30° 6'14.30" E	
Site Notice Placed adjacent to the property boundary of the proposed project and the N11 Hendrina/Ermelo Road (3 locations)	26° 37'34.87" S 29° 58'23.53" E	

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
Camden Power Station Entrance	26°35'17.40"S 30° 5'18.48"E	

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

The Draft Scoping Report was placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **25 February 2022 to 28 March 2022**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Gert Sibande District Municipality (Cnr Joubert & Oosthuise Streets, 017 801 7000);
- Hard Copy: Ermelo Public Library (Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street, 017 801 3500);
- Hard Copy: Thusiville Public Library (Wesselton Ext 2, 082 797 5119);
- Hard Copy: Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ermelo Office (Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street, 017 801 3500);
- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>) ; and
- Electronic Copy: Data Free Website (<https://wsp-engage.com/>).

The Draft Reports will also made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link ([Camden Public Review](#)).

Proof of display of the Draft Scoping Report is provided in **Appendix B-6**.

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT

The final report was submitted to the DFFE on 8 April 2022 and was made available to registered I&APs on the WSP website and the data free website.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT

The Draft EIA Report was placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **07 September 2022 to 10 October 2022**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Gert Sibande District Municipality (Cnr Joubert & Oosthuise Streets, 017 801 7000);
- Hard Copy: Ermelo Public Library (Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street, 017 801 3500);
- Hard Copy: Thusiville Public Library (Wesselton Ext 2, 082 797 5119);
- Hard Copy: Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ermelo Office (Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street, 017 801 3500);
- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>) ; and
- Electronic Copy: Data Free Website (<https://wsp-engage.com/>).

The Draft EIA Reports were also made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link ([Camden Public Review](#)).

AVAILABILITY OF FINAL EIA REPORT

The Final EIA Report will be submitted to the DFFE and will be made available on the following websites:

- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>) ; and
 - Electronic Copy: Data Free Website (<https://wsp-engage.com/>).
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2.2.2 CAMDEN PUBLIC OPEN DAY

A public open day was held in Ermelo at the NG Kerk on 29 September 2022 from 3 PM to 6 PM. **Table 2.4** shows the posters put up for the Public Open Day showing the Camden Renewable Energy Complex. The attendance register is included in **Appendix C-3**.

Table 2.4: Camden Public Open Day

LOCATION

PHOTOGRAPH

Welcome Notice at the entrance of the church hall

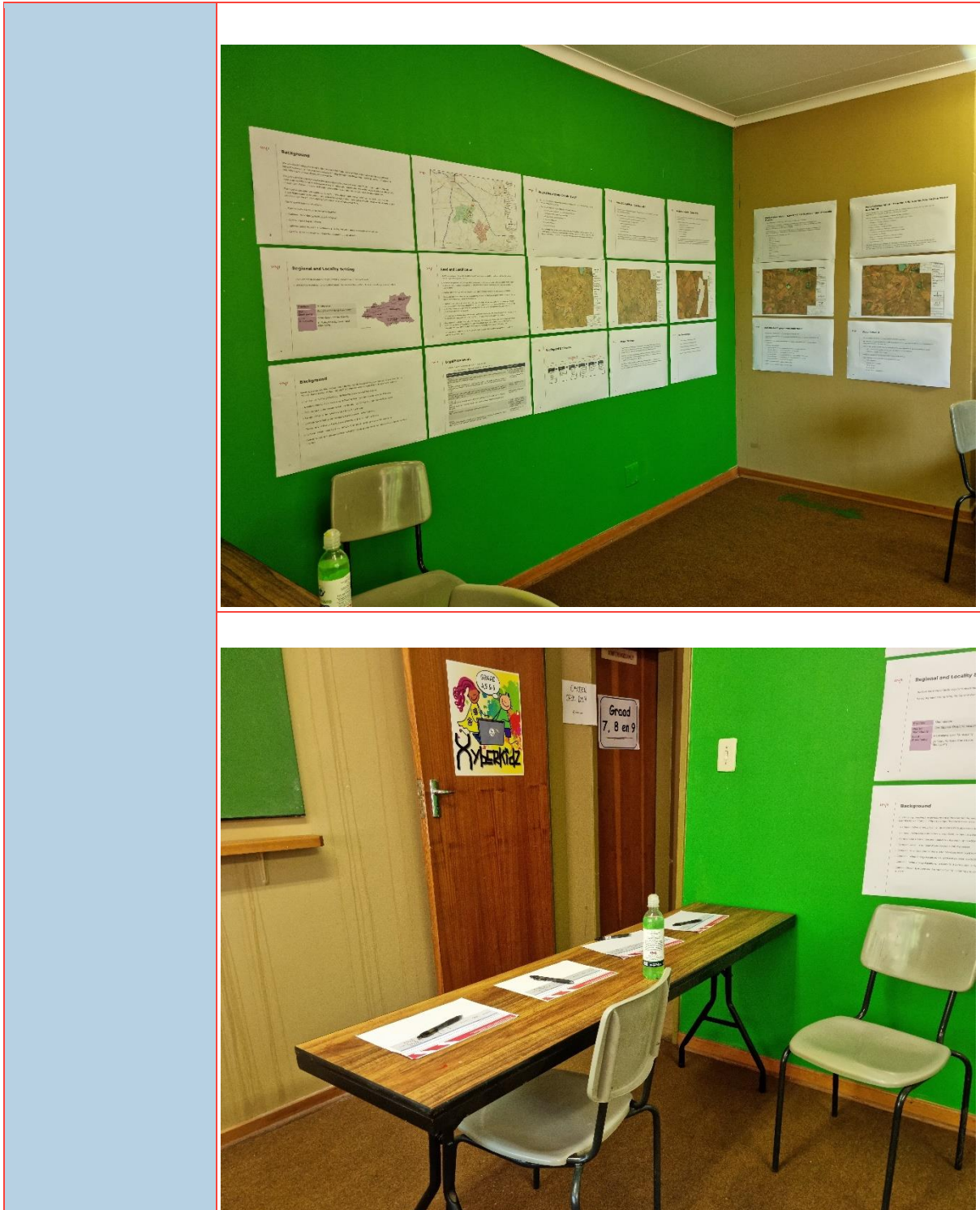


Posters showing the overview of the Camden Renewable Energy Project.



LOCATION

PHOTOGRAPH



2.2.3 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

All stakeholders that either called in or sent written correspondence, such as emails, fax, or post, to the EAP have been added to the database and their comments and/or queries have been responded to.

2.3 COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments received from registered stakeholders to date have been captured and responded to within the comments and response tables **Table 2.5**, **Table 2.6** and **Table 2.7**. The original comments and responses are included in **Appendix D**.

2.3.1 DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

Table 2.5 Comments received from Draft Scoping Report

DATE OF COMMENT, FORMAT OF COMMENT, NAME OF ORGANISATION/I&AP	COMMENTS	RESPONSE	REPORT REFERENCE
Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ward Councillor: Ward 11			
24 February 2022, Telephone call Sibusiso Patrick Khalishwayo. Ward 11 Councillor	<p>The councillor indicated that he does not have any issues with the project and stated that as long as proper processes are followed. Additionally, he added that as long as the projects lead to employment for the community (local residents).</p> <p>He further indicated that proper process should be followed during recruitment. He lastly noted that it is his understanding that renewables are good for the environment, and he is therefore happy with the projects.</p>	<p>EAP: The comment was noted and recorded during the telephone call for incorporation into this SER.</p> <p>Socio-economic impacts will be identified and assessed during the EIA phase. This includes creation of local employment, training, and business opportunities for the local area. Aspects to be assessed in the EIA phase have been detailed in the Plan of Study included in the Scoping Report for this project.</p>	Section 7.43 of Final Scoping Report
Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality			
24 February 2022 Email communication Mahanbahleka Mawela.	This correspondence seems to be directed to an incorrect recipient – Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality.	<p>EAP: The feedback has been noted.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that a portion of the Camden II Wind Energy Facility falls within the Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality and therefore a number of stakeholders within the municipality are included in the Database and were notification of the project.</p>	Appendix A of SER
Prokureurs/ Attorneys Notarisse/Notaries			
24 February 2020 Email conversation.	Kindly take note that the report is not available on the website.	<p>EAP: A response was provided via email as follows: Dear Jolande</p>	Appendix D of SER

**DATE OF COMMENT,
FORMAT OF
COMMENT, NAME OF
ORGANISATION/I&AP**

COMMENTS

RESPONSE

**REPORT
REFERENCE**

Jolandé de Jager – Bester		<p>Thank you for your email – My apologies – the date in the email is an error – please refer to the notification letters that were attached – the reports will be available from 25 February 2022.</p> <p>Thank you for notifying us of this – we have resent the notification email with the corrected date.</p> <p>Kind regards.</p>	
The Department of Water and Sanitation			
24 February 2022 Email communication Pieter Ackerman – Chief Landscape Architect	We will comment on the WULA when submitted.	<p>EAP:</p> <p>The EAP takes note of the DWS’s comment and will notify them as soon as the WULA has been submitted.</p>	-
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity and Conservation			
24 February 2020 Email Communication Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko.	<p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Camden Renewable Energy complex, Mpumalanga Province. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms Makitla and Ms Maifo (both copied on this email).</p> <p>Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP confirm receipt of the email and await comments from Ms Makitla or Ms Maifo.</p>	-

**DATE OF COMMENT,
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COMMENT, NAME OF
ORGANISATION/I&AP**

COMMENTS

RESPONSE

**REPORT
REFERENCE**

<p>28 March 2022 comment received via email</p> <p>Case officer Portia Makitla</p>	<p>Comments on the draft scoping report for the proposed Camden I Solar Energy Facility.</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conversation has reviewed and evaluated the report.</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conversation has reviewed and evaluated the report and does not have any objections to the Draft Scoping Report and Plan of Study provided that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be considered in the final report.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledge the Directorates statement of no objection. In addition, WSP confirm that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be considered in the final report.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 3 of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) for the current governance framework. This section will be updated as required during the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Section 3 of the FSR</p>
	<p>The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conversation at email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledge this statement.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE): Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p>			
<p>22 March 2022 Comment received via email Mr Sabelo Malaza Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. Case officer: Ms Makhosazane Yeni</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>Listed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Department has noted that activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and activity 10 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for as it relates to the installation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). Therefore, you are required to indicate whether the BESS will be assembled on site or pre-assembled. Additionally provide reasons for applying for the above mentioned activity even though the BESS is not regarded as a facility or infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods. In addition, it is noted that fuel, cement and chemical storage onsite will be greater than 80m³ but not exceeding 500m³. As such, please ensure that the 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can now confirm that the BESS components will be pre-assembled and not assembled on site. Therefore, reference to the BESS in Activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and Activity 10 of Listing Notice 3 has been removed from the amended application to be submitted with the FSR.</p> <p>Furthermore, WSP confirm that the environmental impacts of fuel, cement and chemical storage will be fully assessed during the EIA phase (see Section 6.6 of the FSR) and mitigation measures will be provided in the EMP.</p>	<p>Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 6.6 of the FSR</p>

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	environmental impacts of fuel, cement and chemical storage are fully assessed and mitigation measures are provided.		
	- It has been noted that words such as should have been used in the description of the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates. Please refrain from using these words.	EAP: WSP can confirm that the use of the word “Should” has been removed from the application form and the description of the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.	Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR
	- The Department has noted that activities 12, 27 and 28 of Listing Notice 1 and activities 12, 14, 18 and 23 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for as it relates to the footprint of the access road and non-linear activities, while the application form on page 12 of 37 indicated that the total footprint will be confirmed once final design have been provided or subject to finalisation based on technical, final design and environmental requirements. Please ensure that clarity regarding the total footprint of the access road and non-linear activities are included in the final SR and the amended application form as confirmation of the activities triggered by the proposed development.	EAP: WSP can confirm that clarity regarding the total footprint of the access roads and non-linear activities have been included in the FSR and the amended application form as confirmation of the activities triggered by the proposed development.	Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR Section 2 of the FSR
	- It is noted that activity 30 of Listing Notice 1 has been applied for and the motivation is that the ‘facility infrastructure is located within, and will require vegetation clearance or disturbance of, Eastern Highveld Grassland’, etc. It is unclear as to which process or activity identified in terms of Section 53(1) of NEM:BA is required. As such, you are requested to clarify or provide information regarding the process or activity identified in terms of NEM:BA.	EAP: WSP confirm that the development will be located within the Eastern Highveld Grassland, Eastern Temperate Freshwater Wetlands and Chrissiesmeer Panveld. All three ecosystems are confirmed to be listed in the National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and in Need of Protection (as indicated in GNR 1002 of 9 December 2011). Due to the fact that these ecosystems are listed as threatened it is assumed that various threatened or protected species may be found within the development area. The restricted activity of “cutting, chopping off, uprooting, damaging or destroying, any specimen” has been identified in terms of NEM:BA and is therefore applicable to the vegetation clearance that will be required to	Appendix D of SER Appendix I of the FSR

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		<p>construct the development. In light of this, Activity 30 is considered applicable.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that protected species have been identified on site and are listed in the Terrestrial Ecology Scoping Study included in Appendix I of the FSR.</p> <p>Furthermore, the associated impacts on threatened and protected species will be assessed during the EIA Phase, and relevant mitigation and management measures provided in the EMPr.</p>	
	<p>- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. In addition, the onus is thus on the applicant and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all relevant listed activities have been applied for. Furthermore, the descriptions of applicability in the amended application form and Table 3-1 of the FSR are specific and have been linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.</p>	<p>Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR</p>
	<p>- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>Although the activities do not differ, WSP can confirm that an amended application form has been submitted as the activity applicability descriptions have been updated as requested.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p>	<p>Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR</p>
	<p>BESS Alternative</p> <p>- Page 6 of 37 of the application form included BESS as part of the component for the proposed development and trigger listed activity 14 of LN 1 and activity 10 of LN 3 is included on page 12 and 15 of 37. However, it has been noted on page 31 of the DSR that BESS technologies such as Lithium Battery</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the risks associated with the BESS technologies will be assessed through a Qualitative Risk Assessment to be undertaken in the EIA phase. This study will also indicate how impacts will be minimised.</p>	<p>Section 7.5 of the FSR</p>

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	Technologies, such as Lithium Iron Phosphate, Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt oxides or Vanadium Redox flow technologies will be considered as the preferred battery technology, however the specific technology will only be determined following Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC). Therefore, you are advised to assess the risk associated with the technologies and indicate how impacts will be minimised.		
	- Further note that the preferred alternative for the BESS must be clearly determined and give clear information on whether the BESS will be assembled on site or pre-assembled for this project.	EAP: WSP can confirm that the risks associated with the BESS technologies will be assessed through a Qualitative Risk Assessment to be undertaken in the EIA phase. This study will also indicate how impacts will be minimised. The preferred alternative for the BESS will be identified during the EIA phase.	Section 7-5 of the FSR
	Alternatives Appendix 7: Locality Map highlights 2 location alternatives for the substation and BESS, however they are not discussed in report. Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of GN R.982 of 2014 (as amended).	EAP: WSP can confirm that two location alternatives for the substation and BESS have been identified. Both alternatives are considered feasible and reasonable with no apparent advantages and disadvantages. Additional text to this effect has been included in Section 2.5 of the FSR as required. Both alternatives will be assessed during the EIA Phase where the preferred alternative will be confirm.	Section 2.5 of the FSR
	Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.	EAP: WSP can confirm that two location alternatives for the substation and BESS have been identified. Both alternatives are considered feasible and reasonable with no apparent advantages and disadvantages. Additional text to this effect has been included in Section 2.5 of the FSR as required.	Section 2.5 of the FSR

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		Both alternatives will be assessed during the EIA Phase where the preferred alternative will be confirm.	
	<p>Public Participation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state (including this Department’s Biodiversity and Protected Areas Section), which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in the SER and adequately addressed and responded to.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that comments from the Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were received and are included in the SER. Furthermore, consultation with the Protect Areas Directorate has been undertaken and they will be provided with a copy of the FSR. Any further comments from these two DFFE Directorates received post submission of the FSR will be considered and adequately addressed during the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Section 2.3 of the SER</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER.</p>	<p>Appendix B of the SER</p> <p>Appendix D of the SER</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended</p>	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 2.3 of the SER.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Section 2.3 of the SER</p>

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		WSP can confirm that the SER will also be submitted as a separate report.	
	- Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.	EAP: WSP confirm that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised.	Appendix D of the SER Section 2.3 of the SER
	- The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development particularly the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the District and Local Municipalities.	EAP: WSP confirms that the FSR provides evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development including Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the District and Local Municipalities.	Appendix A of the SER Appendix D of the SER Section 2.3 of the SER
	Layout & Sensitivity Maps - A copy of the layout and environmental sensitivity map must be submitted with the final SR and all available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of these maps.	EAP: A layout (Figure 2.2) and environmental sensitivity map (Figure 5-28) have been included in the FSR	Section 2 and 5-4 of the FSR
	- The layout map must indicate the following: - Positions of the solar facility and all associated infrastructure (includes the coordinates of each infrastructure); - All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed); - Permanent laydown area footprint;	EAP: A layout map of the development is included in Figure 2-2 of the FSR. The co-ordinates of the development area and relevant infrastructure are included in Table 2-2 and Table 2-3 of the FSR. This layout map will be updated as require in the EIA phase. Please note that corridors have been included for the connection routes as pylon positions will only be confirmed subject to micro-siting and final design.	Figure 2-2 of the FSR Table 2-2 and Table 2-3 of the FSR.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint; - Proposed infrastructure related to the proposed development; - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and - All existing infrastructure on the site. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; - Buffer areas; and - All “no-go” areas 	<p>EAP: An environmental sensitivity map (Figure 5-28) has been included in the FSR</p>	<p>Section 5-4 of the FSR Figure 5-28 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The above layout maps must have a clear legend with information communicating with that on the map, be overlain with the sensitivity map which shows neighbouring energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. 	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that both the layout and sensitivity map have clear legends. Furthermore, both maps include the relevant requested information.</p>	<p>Section 2 and 5.4 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to the Biodiversity map on page 100 of the DSR, the proposed development is located within the Protected Area National Park and Nature Reserve. You are required to provide details of the National Park or Nature Reserve. Furthermore, proof of approval in terms of Section 50 of NEM:PA obtained before submission of the application of the proposed development must be submitted with the final SR. 	<p>EAP: The Protected Area reference on page 100 of the DSR refers to the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve. It has been confirmed that this Nature Reserve was gazetted with no 3256 of 1967 and notice 61. This reserve is however noted as having farming activity present, and is currently managed actively and entirely for livestock and crop agriculture. The management and land use thereof is therefore inconsistent with the Private Nature Reserve status and has not, and continues to not be, managed and utilised as a private nature reserve. The landowner further disputes the nature reserve status of the properties and intends to utilise any suitable</p>	<p>Appendix C-2 of the SER</p>

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		<p>legal avenues available to continue operation of the properties for the current land use of agriculture, in conjunction with the planned Renewable Energy land use subject to this application.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the relevant approval is being obtained in terms of Section 50 of NEM:PAA. As agreed during the consultation meeting dated 31 March 2022 with the Competent Authority, this approval will be available during the course of the EIA phase. The minutes of the meeting have been included in Appendix C-2 of this SER.</p>	
	<p>- It has been noted that the location of the proposed development is situated in an area with Eastern Highveld Grassland, which is endangered and or vulnerable. Therefore, you are required to explain why the site is considered suitable for the proposed development.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>It should be noted that even though the development is located within the vulnerable Eastern Highveld Grassland, the conditions on site are not considered pristine. The proposed development area is largely utilised for agricultural activities with large portions being cultivated, and others subject to cattle grazing.</p> <p>Section 2.6 of the FSR outlines the need and desirability of the project which includes the benefits of the location close to the Camden Power Station and ash dump including other collieries in the area, which has been listed for decommissioning in the coming years. The location of the development will also allow for the use of the existing power transmission infrastructure that would otherwise become defunct post decommissioning.</p> <p>The terrestrial ecologist notes that the project study area consists largely of natural habitat within a rural area. Currently, the rates of transformation within the vegetation in this general region is moderately high, although on-site habitats have not been transformed to as high degree as surrounding areas. The ecologist further noted that it is possible that sensitive habitats on site can be minimised or avoided with the application of appropriate mitigation or management measures, and therefore that the development is not considered fatally flawed and should be subjected to further study in accordance with the specialist Plan of Study.</p>	<p>Section 2.6 of the FSR</p>

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		<p>Subsequently, the layout of the development will be updated such that high sensitivity areas and buffers are avoided as far as possible in consideration of the specialist sensitivity findings.</p> <p>Considering all of the above and in conjunction with layout consideration of the highly sensitive areas determined by the ecological specialist, suitable area within the Eastern Highveld Grassland habitats may be utilised towards development.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The delineated water-bodies (Figure 5-16) on page 95 of the DSR indicate the sensitive areas with buffer according to the legend, however, the buffers of those areas are not indicated on the map. Please ensure that the legend of the maps are clear and communicate with the details of the maps. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>It must be noted that the sensitive areas reflected on Figure 5-16 outline the relevant delineated surface water structure inclusive of the buffer, thereby indicating that the surface water body together with the buffer is considered the sensitive area. The legend therefore correctly communicates the detail of the map and is inclusive of the buffer.</p>	Figure 5-16 of the FSR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to figure 5-14, the site is located within the Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas (FEPA), therefore, you are required to indicate the impacts of the area by the proposed development. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>Potential impacts on the Aquatic Environment are indicated in Section 6.4 of the FSR. These impacts will be assessed during the EIA Phase.</p>	Section 6.4 of the FSR
	<p>Specialist Assessments</p> <p>The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of 30 October 2020). Therefore, the requested information will be included.</p>	Section 7.5 of the FSR
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>All relevant specialist assumptions and limitations have been included Section 1.6. These will be updated as required during the EIA Phase.</p>	Section 1.6 of the FSR

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas. 	<p>EAP: WSP acknowledge the DFFE’s definition of ‘No-go’ areas. No-go areas will be re-evaluated and assessed during the EIA phase, based on further specialist field assessments. Where specialist definitions of ‘no-go’ areas differ from the Department’s definition; these will be clearly indicated.</p> <p>To date, specialists have clearly indicated where it is suitable for linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, powerline infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area where required.</p>	<p>Section 5 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Department’s definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA. 	<p>EAP: All specialist studies to be appended to the Final EIA Report will be final. Specialist reports will provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and will not recommend further studies to be completed post EA with the exception of pre-construction walkthroughs, search and rescue and micro-siting. The Specialist Studies will sufficiently inform the EA decision phase.</p>	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated. 	<p>EAP: All specific mitigation measures, will be clearly indicated and included in the EMPr during the EIA Phase.</p>	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice. 	<p>EAP: In the EMPr, WSP will clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons should any specialist recommendations be contradictory. To date no contradictory recommendations have been received.</p>	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified 	<p>EAP:</p>	<p>Section 7.5 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Environmental Themes (as per the Screening Report), which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with the requirements of these protocols.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes (as per the Screening Report), which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”) are being considered as applicable.</p>	
	<p>- In addition, the Specialist Declaration must also indicate the name of scientific organisation/council and member number and the status of the registration/membership of each specialist.</p>	<p>EAP: Specialist Declarations included in the FSR do indicate the name of scientific organisation/council and member number and the status of the registration/membership of each specialist.</p>	<p>Appendix C of the FSR</p>
	<p>Cumulative Impact Assessment Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site and or in this case all the proposed Camden Energy Facilities, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</p> <p>- Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.</p>	<p>EAP: Through the use of the DFFE web-based environmental screening tool as well as the Environmental Geographical Information System (E-GIS), WSP have confirmed that there are no similar projects within 30km radius of the development to date. WSP confirm that cumulative impacts will be considered in the EIA phase. This will be re-affirmed during the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Appendix E of the FSR</p>
	<p>- Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist’s recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</p>	<p>EAP: This information will be included in the EIA Report to be compiled in the EIA Phase, along with the related impact and cumulative assessments, and concluding remarks.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>- The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</p>	<p>EAP:</p>	<p>-</p>

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		This information will be included in the EIA Report to be compiled in the EIA Phase, along with the related impact and cumulative assessments, and concluding remarks.	
	- A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.	EAP: This information will be included in the EIA Report to be compiled in the EIA Phase, along with the related impact and cumulative assessments, and concluding remarks.	-
	Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) - Ensure that the generic EMPr is submitted for the management of impacts of the substation that will be constructed as part of this development.	EAP: This information will be included in the EMPr to be compiled in the EIA Phase.	-
	- The EMPr for the facility must comply with the requirements of Appendix 4 in the EIA Regulation, as amended.	EAP: WSP confirm that the EMPrs to be submitted in the EIA phase, will comply with the requirements of Appendix 4 in the EIA Regulation, as amended	-
	Specific comments You are requested to submit the application form signed by both the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and the Applicant. The application form must be submitted with the final SR.	EAP: WSP confirm that a signed amended application form will be submitted with the FSR	-
	General You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that: <i>“If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit</i>	EAP: WSP confirms that the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE within 44 days of the receipt of the application, in line with the regulated timeframes.	-

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	<i>to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”</i>		
	You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping report in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.	EAP: WSP confirm that the FSR complies with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping report in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Please refer to Table 1-5 of the final Scoping Report for the checklist against the regulatory requirements.	Table 1-5 of the FSR
	Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).	EAP: WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.	-
	You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department	EAP: WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.	-
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Air Quality			
24 February 2022 Email Communication Mthobisi Ngcobo	Greetings to you all. Thanks for the information I will attend to it accordingly.	EAP: WSP acknowledge receipt of the email and await comments.	-
25 March 2022 Email Communication	Kindly note that Air Quality Comments/Inputs will only reach yourself after the closing date.	EAP:	-

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Edward Mahosi	I will select projects that have air quality issues and only make comments/inputs on them.	WSP acknowledge receipt of the email and await comments.	
Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency			
24 February 2022 Email communication Frans Krige MTPA	Dear Me. Strong please deliver a hard copy of this proposal to Thabile Mnisi at MTPA Scientific Services for registration and commenting purposes.	EAP: A response was provided via email as follows: Just to confirm – the hard copies were couriered on Wednesday evening – so should have arrived at your offices already – or will be there early next week at the latest	Appendix D of SER
28 March 2022 Comment received on email Mr JJ Eksteen MTPA	Comments on the Draft Scoping Report for the propose Camden I Solar Energy Facility. The MPTA is concerned about the layout of this proposal. Portion 1 of the Farm Welgelegen 322 IS, is part of a proclaimed private nature reserve. Langcarel Private Nature Reserve was gazzetted with no 3256 of 1967 and notice 61. A copy of the proclamation is attached	WSP can confirm that the proposed project will be undertaken on Portion 1 and 2 of the farm Welgelegen 322 IS which is part of the proclaimed private nature reserve. Langcarel Private nature reserve which was gazetted with no 3256 of 1967 and notice 61. WSP has engaged the DFFE protected area section on the status of the private nature reserve. The meeting was held on the 31st of March 2022. The meeting minutes of the meeting held with DFFE are attached as Appendix C-2 of this SER.	Appendix C-2 of the SER
	Please consult the DFFE protected area data base. There seems to be confusion about the farm Weltervreden’s numbers.	WSP has engaged the DFFE protected area section on the status of the private nature reserve. The meeting was held on the 31st of March 2022. The meeting minutes of the meeting held with DFFE are attached as Appendix C-2 of this SER.	Appendix C-2 of the SER
	Recommendation: This site layout plan should be redesigned. An alternative layout plan must be found outside the boundaries of the protected area and its 1 km buffer and the CBA areas and wetlands as indicated in the MBSP and based maps.	EAP: <u>Protected Area</u> The Protected Area refers to the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve. This reserve is however noted as having farming activity present, and is currently managed actively and entirely for livestock and crop agriculture. Various historic and current disturbances include: — Manmade dams	Section 2.6 of the FSR

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Historic coal prospecting — ii. Historically cultivated areas — Current cultivates areas — Ongoing grazing and cattle rearing activities — Built up areas (homesteads) — Invasive alien plants for windrows <p>Historic soil borrowing activities leading to exposed soils.</p> <p>The landowner further disputes the nature reserve status of the properties and intends to utilise any suitable legal avenues available to continue operation of the properties for the current land use of agriculture (as is their existing business and income), in conjunction with the planned Renewable Energy land use subject to this application.</p> <p>Furthermore, the site is zoned agricultural, and no restrictive condition or mention of the aforementioned nature reserve is evident in the most recent title deed for the property. There is also no evidence of compliance with the norms and standards for the inclusion of private nature reserves in the register of protected areas of South Africa (GNR 1157 of 3 November 2017).</p> <p>The management and land use of these properties is therefore highly inconsistent with the Private Nature Reserve status and has not, and continues to not be, managed and utilised as a private nature reserve.</p> <p>In addition, section 2.6 of the FSR furthermore outlines the need and desirability of the project which includes the benefits of the location close to the Camden Power Station which has been listed for decommissioning in the coming years. The location of the development will also allow for the use of the existing power transmission infrastructure that would otherwise become defunct post decommissioning. The project will further contribute to local job creation, economic development, renewable energy generation in the context of South Africa's energy insecurity, and sustainable income for the land owners.</p>	
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		<p>The terrestrial ecologist further notes that the project study area consists largely of natural habitat within a rural area. Currently, the rates of transformation within the vegetation in this general region is moderately high, although on-site habitats have not been transformed to as high degree as surrounding areas. The ecologist further noted that it is possible that sensitive habitats on site can be minimised or avoided with the application of appropriate mitigation or management measures. The project is therefore not considered fatally flawed and should be subjected to further study in accordance with the specialist Plan of Study.</p> <p>Given the above, and considering in particular the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — That site land use is currently partially disturbed and highly inconsistent with the private nature reserve declaration; — The aim of the landowner to continue operating the property under a mixed-agricultural and renewable energy use; — The landowner disputing of the nature reserve designation; — The specialists recommendation towards further study in the EIA phase; — The opportunity for simultaneous development and avoidance of ground-truthed sensitive areas determined by the specialist during the EIA phase; and — The clear advantageous nature at a provincial and national scale of the proposed project in light of the need and desirability of project; <p>It is proposed therefore that the designation of the properties as a private nature reserve be investigated further in conjunction with the MTPA and the Competent Authority, including considering of all legal avenues towards withdrawal of the private nature reserve status of the site by the landowner, further specialist investigation as provided for in the current Plan of Study, and consideration of site-specific habitat sensitivities in conjunction with development layout adjustments as far as possible, towards beneficial use of the properties in question.</p> <p><u>CBA areas and wetlands</u></p>	
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		<p>WSP can confirm that the layout of the development will be updated such that wetlands and wetlands buffers are avoided as far as possible. In addition, the EMPr will include relevant mitigation and management measures as required by the specialists. Where unavoidable, such as where access roads and overhead power lines may be required at unavoidable but limited instances in these buffer zones, specialist control and mitigation measures are recommended and will be included verbatim in the EMPr.</p> <p>Furthermore, in all instances where water uses are triggered under the National Water Act, a suitable Water Use Authorisation (General Authorisation or Water Use Licence Application) will be obtained for the water use activities.</p> <p>Critical biodiversity areas will be considered in the impact assessment and sensitivity assessment conducted in the EIA phase ecological and freshwater specialist studies, with specialist recommendations provided for mitigation and/or avoidance implemented as far as possible.</p>	
	<p>Take note of the DFFE screening tool report that indicates a very high sensitivity rating for Aquatic biodiversity and Terrestrial Biodiversity themes amongst others that requires thorough onsite specialist assessments. The findings of very high and high sensitivity status of the habitat by the preliminary David Hoare consulting (2021) study has highlighted the possible occurrence of certain conversation important species that might be affected</p>	<p>EAP: WSP acknowledge this statement.</p> <p>The potential impacts associated with the Aquatic biodiversity and Terrestrial Biodiversity themes will be confirmed and assessed during the EIA phase by the relevant specialists.</p> <p>The layout of the development will be updated such that very high sensitivity areas and buffers are avoided as far as possible.</p>	<p>Appendix H of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix I of the FSR</p>
	<p>The onsite status of species such as the different Crane species, Secretary bird, black-footed Cat, African Stripped Weasel, south African Hedgehog, Swamp /Musk shrew, any Reptiles and Amphibians such as the Giant Bullfrog and flying mammals must be determined.</p>	<p>EAP: The studies being undertaken are as per the sensitivity screening of the DFFE and the requisite protocols. In addition, it can be confirmed that an initial site assessment was undertaken (Feb 2020) (summer), and that an EIA phase field assessment will be done (Apr/May 2022) (winter), with further field walkdowns to be conducted on the final layout once the project commences to financial close.</p>	<p>-</p>

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		WSP can also confirm that the required 12 months of avifauna and bat pre-construction monitoring has being undertaken.	
	The MTPA requires at least three onsite flora studies must be done, to cover the growing season plants, the geophytes included.	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that at least three onsite flora studies will be done, to cover the growing season plants, the geophytes included.</p> <p>Ecology Specialist: The lack of seasonal coverage was specified as a limitation in the Biodiversity Scoping report. However, the recommendation was that this should be undertaken once final infrastructure positions had been determined so that specific areas could be surveyed in detail, rather than general surveys over wide areas. Additional floristic field surveys in Spring and late Summer are required to address this requirement. The original Screening assessment was undertaken in early February, which covers the main part of the summer growing season.</p>	Section 7.5 of the FSR
	The applicable Environmental legislation with specific reference to the Activities in Listing Notice 3: GNR 985 must be adhered to, especially in the light that Langcarel PNR does exist.	<p>EAP: WSP confirm that all relevant listed activities in Listing Notice 3 have been included in light of the presence of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve.</p>	Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR
	1. No facilities without approval within the PA and 1km buffer.	<p>EAP: The Protected Area refers to the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve. This reserve is however noted as having farming activity present, and is currently managed actively and entirely for livestock and crop agriculture. Various historic and current disturbances include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Manmade dams — Historically cultivated areas — Historic coal prospecting — Current cultivates areas 	Section 2.6 of the FSR

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		<p>sensitive habitats on site can be minimised or avoided with the application of appropriate mitigation or management measures. The project is therefore not considered fatally flawed and should be subjected to further study in accordance with the specialist Plan of Study.</p> <p>Given the above, and considering in particular the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — That site land use is currently partially disturbed and highly inconsistent with the private nature reserve declaration; — The aim of the landowner to continue operating the property under a mixed-agricultural and renewable energy use; — The landowner disputing of the nature reserve designation; — The specialists recommendation towards further study in the EIA phase; — The opportunity for simultaneous development and avoidance of ground-truthed sensitive areas determined by the specialist during the EIA phase; and — The clear advantageous nature at a provincial and national scale of the proposed project in light of the need and desirability of project; <p>It is proposed therefore that the designation of the properties as a private nature reserve be investigated further in conjunction with the MTPA and the Competent Authority, including considering of all legal avenues towards withdrawal of the private nature reserve status of the site by the landowner, further specialist investigation as provided for in the current Plan of Study, and consideration of site-specific habitat sensitivities in conjunction with development layout adjustments as far as possible, towards beneficial use of the properties in question.</p>	
	<p>2. No development within CBA irreplaceable areas.</p>	<p>Critical biodiversity areas will be considered in the impact assessment and sensitivity assessment conducted in the EIA phase ecological and freshwater specialist studies, with specialist recommendations provided for mitigation and/or avoidance implemented as far as possible.</p>	-
	<p>3. Development permissible within CBA optimal areas under certain conditions</p>		

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	<p>1. Avoid the Aquatic FEPA critical biodiversity river with a 1km buffer.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that the layout of the development will be updated such that wetlands and wetlands buffers are avoided as far as possible, based on specialist delineations and habitat sensitivity assessments in the EIA phase.</p> <p>In addition, the EMPr will include relevant mitigation and management measures as required by the specialists. Where unavoidable, such as where access roads and overhead power lines may be required at unavoidable but limited instances in these buffer zones, specialist control and mitigation measures are recommended and will be included verbatim in the EMPr.</p> <p>Furthermore, in all instances where water uses are triggered under the National Water Act, a suitable Water Use Authorisation (General Authorisation or Water Use Licence Application) will be obtained for the water use activities.</p>	-
	<p>2. .Avoid the ESA wetlands and pans with 100m buffers.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that the layout of the development will be updated such that wetlands and wetlands buffers are avoided as far as possible, based on specialist delineations and habitat sensitivity assessments in the EIA phase. It is noted that the specialist recommended buffers for the various aquatic features range from 62 to 105 m and include in-field delineations.</p>	-
	<p>3. Maintain the ESA Important sub catchment in a natural state without lowering its PES.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that the layout of the development will be updated such that wetlands and wetlands buffers are avoided as far as possible, based on specialist delineations and habitat sensitivity assessments in the EIA phase.</p> <p>In addition, the EMPr will include relevant mitigation and management measures as required by the specialists. Where unavoidable, such as where access roads and overhead power lines may be required at unavoidable but limited instances in these buffer zones, specialist control and mitigation measures are recommended and will be included verbatim in the EMPr.</p> <p>Furthermore, in all instances where water uses are triggered under the National Water Act, a suitable Water Use Authorisation (General Authorisation or Water Use Licence Application) will be obtained for the water use activities.</p>	-

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Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)							
24 February 2022 Email Communication. Barbara De Lange	<p>Hope you are well</p> <p>Can you please provide the department with the following outstanding documents of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex?</p> <p>Title deed</p> <p>Motivation</p> <p>Lay Out Plan of proposed development</p> <p>Your quick respond will be highly appreciated.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>A response was provided via email as follows:</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>With regards to your request below I an provide the following feedback:</p> <p>Title deed: We do not have the title deeds for the properties affected. We currently believe that all the properties are zoned for agricultural use. However please find a list of the properties and their relevant SG codes for each of the 5 projects included in Section 2.1 of each of the Draft Scoping Reports.</p> <p>Motivation: The motivation for each of the 5 projects is clearly outlined in Section 2.6 of each of the Draft Scoping Reports. These reports can be obtained on the following links:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>WSP Website</td> <td>https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Datafree Website</td> <td>https://wsp-engage.com/</td> </tr> </table> <p>Lay Out Plan of proposed development: Again the layout plans for each of the 5 projects are included in Section 2.1 of each of the Draft Scoping Reports.</p> <p>You are welcome to contact us should you have any additional queries.</p>	WSP Website	https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents	Datafree Website	https://wsp-engage.com/	Appendix D of SER
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Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA)			
29 March 2022 Email communication and formal letter Sindisiwe Mbuyane Control Environmental Officer Grade B	Find attached for your attention.	EAP: A response was provided via email as follows: Thank you for the comments provided. Just to check, will you be issuing comments on the other projects (i.e. Camden I WEF, Camden II WEF, Camden I SEF and Camden 400 kV Powerline and Collector Substation) as the Commenting Authority?	Appendix D of SER
	Have you submitted them to our Department for comments.	EAP: A response was provided via email as follows: We submitted a hard copy (by hand) of each report to your department on 25 February 2022 and provided electronic access via both a website and a one drive link – these link were sent via email. The links are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One Drive (Camden Public Review) 2. WSP website (https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents) 	Appendix D of SER
	Good day Ashlea, Apologies, I just got back from site and rechecked the documents. I think it was an oversight on our side. May I request that we do not comment since commenting period has ended we will however comment on the Draft/Final EIAR as soon as it is available for comments. Apologies for the inconveniences.	Hi Sindi A response was provided via email as follows: Thank you for your feedback. Agreed – we will receive your comments in the EIA phase. Kind regards	Appendix D of SER

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Civil Aviation Authority			
<p>23 March 2022 Email communication Lizell Stroh Civil Aviation Authority</p>	<p>Please find new procedure and process to follow towards Renewable Energy projects. http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Default.aspx .http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Obstacles/Urgent-notices.aspx SACAA Page - Main Content Section Obstacle Notice 1/2022 – Appointment of New Windfarm and Solar Obstacle Application Service Provider</p>	<p>EAP: The requirements outlined by the CAA are acknowledged. The required permits related to obstacles will be obtained prior to the development of the project. According to the DFFE Screening Tool Report, civil aviation is regarded as having low sensitivity. The proposed development site is located between 8 and 15 km from any civil aviation aerodromes. The project area is not located on the extended runway centreline and is located more than 3km from the nearest aerodrome and therefore, a glint and glare study will not be required.</p>	-
	<p>Kindly be advised, Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) has been appointed as the Obstacle application Service Provider for Windfarms on 1 May 2021. They will be also responsible for Solar Obstacle Applications from the 1st of February 2022. All new Solar applications must be lodged to obstacles@atns.co.za Their responsibility would pertain to the assessments, maintenance, and all other related matters in respect to Windfarms and Solar assessments</p>		
	<p>Obstacle Notice 3/2020 (Replacement for 17/11/2017): Additional Requirements for Solar Project Applications Kindly note that with immediate effect, A Glint & Glare Assessment will be required as soon as the proposed site is located on the extended runway centreline within the ICAO Annex 14 Approach Surface, Take-Off Climb Surface & Departure Surface, and within 3km radius around an Aerodrome/helistop as pe Part 139.01.30 (3).</p>		
	<p>The new solar project applications must be accompanied by a Glint & Glare Impact Assessment Report with specific relevance to aviation &</p>		

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	<p>aircraft operations. It is recommended that a Glint & Glare Impact Assessment Report be obtained for solar project applications which have already been submitted to the SACAA.</p> <p>There are various organisations who can perform glint & glare impact assessment. It is however recommended that a credible organisation be utilised for this purpose.</p> <p>Please note that the cost for any Impact Assessment Report will be for the account of the applicant.</p> <p>Any structure exceeding 45 m above ground level, or structures where the top of the structure exceeds 150 m above the MEAN ground level, like on top of a hill, the mean ground level considered to be the lowest point in a 3 kilometre radius around such structure. Structures lower than 45 m, which are considered as a danger or a potential danger to aviation, shall be marked as such when specified.</p> <p>Overhead wires, cables, etc., crossing a river, valley or major roads shall be marked and in addition, their supporting towers marked and lighted if an aeronautical study indicates that it could constitute a hazard to aircraft.</p>		
Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)			
<p>1 April 2022 Email communication Dr. Ian T. Little EWT</p>	<p>Dear Ashleigh and Babalwa</p> <p>Please register the EWT as an I&AP for this development.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>A response was provided via email as follows:</p> <p>Dear Ian</p> <p>We can confirm that you have been added to the stakeholder database for the Camden Projects.</p>	<p>Appendix D of SER</p>

2.3.2 FINAL SCOPING REPORT

Table 2.6 Comments received from Final Scoping Report

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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)			
Monday May 23, 2022 Formal letter regarding FSR Nokukhanya Khumalo Heritage Officer	<p>Interim Comment</p> <p>In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)</p> <p>Attention: Camden I Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd</p> <p>The proponent is proposing to develop the Camden I Solar Energy Facility (SEF), located approximately 10km south of Ermelo (near Camden) in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa. The proposed Camden I SEF will be developed within a project area of approximately 695 hectares (ha). Within this project area the extent of the project footprint will be approximately 310 hectares (ha), subject to finalization based on technical and environmental requirements. The proposed SEF is located south-west of Ermelo, in Mpumalanga and falls within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality.</p> <p>Camden I Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd have appointed WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment application process in support for an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act no 107 of 1998 (NEMA) as amended, for activities that trigger the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) 2014 Regulations, as amended.</p> <p>Camden I Solar in conjunction with Enertrag (Pty) Ltd, Camden I and II Wind Energy RF, and Camden II Solar RF are proposing to construct a renewable energy facility consisting of 8 projects within the existing Eskom Camden Power Station in Mpumalanga Province.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP hereby acknowledges this comment and confirms that a suitably qualified heritage and palaeontology specialist has been appointed to conduct the further assessment on the proposed site. This has been included as Appendix H-11 and Appendix H-12 of the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>Appendix D of SER</p> <p>Appendix H-11 and Appendix H-12 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<p>The Solar Energy renewable energy facility application case ID is 18082, the Wind 1 and Wind 2 facility applications are case ID 18077, and case ID 18087 respectively, and the green energy facility application case ID is 18081. A 400kV power line and common collector substation for their new energy facility to be connected to the National Grid application is case ID is 18080. This application is for the Camden Solar I facility RF, and the facility will be 297 ha in extent located on Portion 1 of the farm Welgelegen 322, in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality of Mpumalanga Province. The facility consisting of admin and construction laydown area, 4m wide internal roads, 6.5ha of the BESS and 1.5 ha of the IPP portion of the substation, AC/DC cables connecting the solar panels.</p> <p>A Heritage Scoping report by Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd has been submitted to SAHRA for commenting in terms of section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, no. 25 of 1999 (NHRA).</p> <p>Van der Walt, J. October 2021. HERITAGE SCOPING REPORT For the Proposed Camden I Solar Energy Facility (100MW), Mpumalanga Province, South Africa.</p> <p>The author undertook an assessment of the available documentation on the history of the development area. The author notes that the area has previously been assessed and identified historical homesteads and farmsteads. No archaeological sites and graves have been identified in the study area but due to the nature of heritage resources occurring underground there is potential of unknown sites being uncovered. The study area has negligible palaeontological significance as seen on the SAHRIS palaeomap and the palaeomap policy. The author recommends a field assessment during the EIA phase to assess the development footprint for any potential heritage resources.</p> <p>Interim Comment</p> <p>The Archaeology, Palaeontology, Meteorites (APM) notes the submission of the Scoping Report and Heritage Scoping Report and</p>		
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	<p>endorses the recommendation for a field survey by a suitably qualified archaeologist as part of a Heritage Impact Assessment report.</p> <p>SAHRA will provide further comments on the proposed development once the draft EIAr and the HIA report is submitted to the case.</p> <p>SAHRA grants the development an exemption from undertaking a Palaeontological Impact Assessment as the development area is located in a region mapped on the palaeomap as being of negligible palaeontological significance. The palaeomap policy does not require an assessment of impacts for zones of negligible palaeontological significance.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Nokukhanya Khumalo Heritage Officer South African Heritage Resources Agency Phillip Hine Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit South African Heritage Resources Agency</p>		
Department of Defence			
<p>Wednesday 25 May 2022</p> <p>Email communication</p> <p>Captain (SAN) Adri Liebenberg Pr Sci Nat</p>	<p>To Ashlea Strong</p> <p>Your correspondence to Lt Col Thagwana from the Regional Works Unit Limpopo as an interested and affected party (I&AP) on your database on 13 April 2022 refers.</p> <p>As a national government department, the Department of Defence consist of different levels or tiers of mandated decision making in</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the land use is agricultural and the entire site is located in a low defence sensitivity as indicated in the DFFE Screening Tool (Appendix E of the Draft EIR). The Department of Defence still applies these sensitivities in areas outside the REDZ focus areas.</p>	<p>Appendix A of SER</p> <p>Appendix D of SER</p> <p>Appendix E of the Draft EIR</p>

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<p>SSO MIEM Defence Works Formation</p>	<p>respect of providing and confirming the impacts adjacent developments would have on the department as a whole through the current EIA process. This internal situation within the military is sometimes very confusing and cumbersome to the various environmental assessment practitioners (EAPs) as it relates to the identification of the I&AP within the Department of Defence.</p> <p>For the purpose of the process to be followed for any renewable energy projects, the requirements stipulated in the Strategic Environmental Assessment for Wind and Solar Photovoltaic Energy in South Africa, 2015 (Part 3 Section 8) related to sensitivity areas are applied. See attachment. This geospatial information has been included in the Environmental Screening Tool to be utilised by EAPs. However, the geospatial information only relates to the identified 9 REDZ focus areas but the Department of Defence still applies these sensitivities in areas outside these focus areas. For this reason, a protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental and other impacts on defence installations have been gazetted on 20 March 2020. See attachment.</p> <p>In terms of this protocol, EAPs are required to verify the site sensitivity in the form of a report to confirm the current land use and environmental sensitivity as per section 2 of the protocol. In accordance with section 3, a specialist assessment and minimum report requirement should consist of a Defence Compliance Statement which would require a comment, in writing, from the Department of Defence confirming no unacceptable impact on military areas of interest and if needed further assessment with mitigating measures as per para 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 of the protocol.</p> <p>In terms of the various levels of military mandate, the appointed military environmental officer within the province will be the point of liaison in terms of the I&AP process on your database, however for the purposes of written comment required from the Department of Defence the mandate lies at a higher level. For obtaining written comment, the developer or the EAP will have to personally request</p>	<p>In accordance with the protocols, no requirement is identified for low sensitivity zones, and therefore no study is required.</p> <p>In addition, a request has been submitted by the proponent to the Department of Defence (May 2021) towards confirmation or comment on any potential defence impact, which is presently still pending with no formal response from the Department of Defence.</p>	
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	<p>written comment from the Director Facilities at the Logistics Division of the Department of Defence at email clogfac@gmail.com for incorporation into the Defence Compliance Statement.</p> <p>I hope this will assist you in your process going forward.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>		
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment			
<p>25 May 2022</p> <p>Email communication</p> <p>Lydia Kutu</p> <p>Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p>	<p>Good day.</p> <p>Please find herein the attached letter for the above mentioned.</p> <p>I hope you find all in order.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>		
	<p>Dear Ms Strong</p> <p>ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 1 OF WELGELEGEN FARM NO. 322, NEAR ERMELO WITHIN MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</p> <p>The final Scoping Report (FSR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated 08 April 2022 and received by the Competent Authority (CA) on 08 April 2022, refer.</p> <p>The CA has evaluated the submitted FSR, and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated 08 April 2022 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as</p>		

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	<p>amended. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1) (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required to be incorporated in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):</p>		
	<p>Listed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are discrepancies identified regarding to the listed activities and sub-activities as well as the description of the activities in the application form and FSR that really need to be addressed. In the comments dated 25 March 2022, you were advised to ensure that only relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructures as described in the project description. This is the responsibility of the EAP to ensure only relevant information is included in the report. Please ensure the EIAR reflect only listed activities and sub-activities applied for. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>The Listed Activities captured in the FSR and amended Application Form were as set out in the relevant Listing Notices. However, based on this comment, these have been further evaluated and updated accordingly. It can be confirmed that only the applicable activities and sub-activities have been included in the draft EIR and amended Application Form, to ensure that the relevant sub-activities triggered by the project are applied for. Please refer to Section 2.1 of the draft EIR for the updated description of the activities and sub-activities applicable to the proposed development..</p>	<p>Section 2.1 of the EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is noted that on activity 11 of Listing Notice 1, the capacity of the onsite substation, including cabling (buried or overhead) will be between 33kV and 132kV. Please ensure that the exact capacity of the proposed onsite substation is clarified in the EIA phase. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>It is important to note that a detailed project description, particularly exact specifications of the project components will be based on the approved scope of EPC Contractor. and cannot be determined at this stage. It has been confirmed by the Proponent that the capacity of the on-site substation will be 33/132 kV. A condition to this effect has been incorporated into the EMPr for consideration during final design phase and site establishment.</p>	<p>Appendix I of EIR</p>

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	<p>- For activity 12 of Listing Notice 1, you are required to provide the total footprint of the proposed infrastructure in square meters.</p>	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that the total physical footprint has been provided in square metres as required and has been updated accordingly in the relevant Listed Activity contained in Section 2.1 as well as the amended Application Form.</p>	<p>Section 2.1 of the EIR</p>
	<p>- On the comments of the draft SR dated 22 March 2022, bullet number 1 (Listed Activities) you were requested to assess the environmental impacts and provide mitigation measures of fuel, cement and chemical storage. In your response (Appendix G), dated April 2022 you indicated that the environmental impacts of fuel, cement and chemical storage will be fully assessed during the EIA phase and mitigation measures will be provided in the EMPr. Please ensure that the above is adhere with.</p>	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that the risks associated with the storage and handling of hazardous materials/dangerous goods have been assessed through a Qualitative Risk Assessment undertaken as part of the EIA phase for this project. The Risk Assessment provides detailed preventative and mitigation measures for potential impacts associated with dangerous goods. Furthermore, the EMPr (included in Appendix I of the draft EIR) identifies anticipated impacts associated with hazardous materials and recommends relevant mitigation and management measures.</p>	<p>Appendix I of EIR</p>
	<p>- In activity 24 of Listing Notice 1, it is noted that the internal access road required by the facility will be between 5m and 8m. It is unclear whether this activity is listed or not, since the relevant listed activity require the width of the road to be wider than 8 metres and the exact values will be confirmed once final designs have been provided. Please clarify?</p>	<p>EAP: Please note the FSR indicated that Internal access roads required by the Facility will be between 5m and 8m wide, and approximately 8km in length. Where required for turning circle/bypass areas, however, access or internal roads may be up to 20m to allow for larger component transport. The exact values will be confirmed once final designs have been provided, but they will not exceed 20 m.</p>	<p>Section 2.1 of the EIR</p>
	<p>- It is noted that for activity 23 of Listing Notice 3, in the initial application form included the threshold. However, the updated application form does not include the threshold (i.e. exceed 10m²), you are advised to provide updated information in the EIA Phase and ensure that the application form is updated/amended as well.</p>	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that the total physical footprint has been provided in square metres as required and has been updated accordingly in the relevant Listed Activity contained in Section 2.1 as well as the amended Application Form.</p>	<p>Section 2.1 of the EIR</p>

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	<p>- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. In addition, the onus is thus on the applicant and the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application.</p>	<p>EAP: The listed activities applied for have been further revised in the draft EIR to ensure that only applicable activities and sub-activities have been applied for.</p> <p>Furthermore, the descriptions of applicability have been updated and are specific (where possible) and have been linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. Please refer to Section 2.1 of the draft EIR for the updated description of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.</p>	<p>Section 2.1 of the EIR</p>
	<p>- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link: https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.</p>	<p>EAP: The listed activities initially applied for have been further revised in the draft EIR to ensure that only applicable activities and sub-activities have been applied for. WSP can confirm that an amended Application Form has been submitted as the activity applicability descriptions have been updated as requested in these comments.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p>	<p>Section 2.1 of the EIR</p>
	<p>Project Description</p> <p>- It is noted that the project description in the application form and FSR are not the same. For instance, page 7 of the application form included the following components “Fencing and lighting, Lightning protection, Telecommunication infrastructure, Storm water channels, Water pipelines, Offices, Operational control centre, Operation and Maintenance Area / Warehouse / workshop, Ablution facilities, a gate house, Control centre, offices, warehouses, Security building, a visitor’s centre; and Substation building”, whereas the FSR does not include the components. Please ensure that the project description in the application and</p>	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that an amended Application Form has been submitted as the project description has been updated as requested in these comments.</p>	<p>Application Form</p>

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	<p>draft EIAR (including the final EIAR) are the same prior submitting to the CA for consideration.</p>		
	<p>- It is noted that listed activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and activity 10 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for as it relates to the infrastructure for the storage and handling of dangerous goods, in which fuel, transformer oil, cement and chemical storage onsite will be greater than 80m³ but not exceeding 500m³. However, section 5 of the application form on page 6 of 36 does not provide any description of the infrastructure for the storage and handling of dangerous goods. As such, you are requested to provide the exact type and capacity of the dangerous goods applicable to the proposed development.</p>	<p>EAP: Please note that based on the comments on the FSR, the listed activities initially applied for have been reviewed. With regards to the description of infrastructure on the Application Form, additional text to this effect has been included in Section 5 of the Application Form, as well as in section 6.3 of the draft EIR. It is important to note that a detailed project description, particularly exact specifications of the project components will be based on the approved scope of EPC Contractor. and cannot be determined at this stage. It has been confirmed by the Proponent that the total combined storage capacity on site will not exceed 500 m3. A condition to this effect has been incorporated into the EMPr for consideration during final design phase and site establishment.</p>	<p>Section 2.1 of the EIR</p>
	<p>BESS Alternative</p> <p>- Page 31 of the FSR indicated, “It is proposed that Lithium Battery Technologies, such as Lithium Iron Phosphate, Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt oxides or Vanadium Redox flow technologies will be considered as the preferred battery technology however the specific technology will only be determined following Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) procurement”. Please ensure that the final EIAR indicate the preferred BESS technology and the assessment of the risk associated with the preferred technology, and indicate how impacts will be minimised.</p>	<p>EAP: The Proponent is considering two types of preferred battery technologies for the BESS. These are Vanadium Redox flow technologies and Lithium battery technologies. WSP can confirm that the risks and/or impacts associated with the two technologies being considered have been assessed through a Qualitative Risk Assessment undertaken as part of the EIA phase for this project. The Risk Assessment provides detailed preventative and mitigation measures for potential impacts associated with each preferred technology. The Qualitative Risk Assessment is included in Appendix H-15 of the draft EIR. All mitigation measures recommended in the various Specialist studies for this project, including those applicable to the BESS, have been incorporated into the EMPr (included in Appendix I of the draft EIR). Both BESS technologies were assessed and no fatal flaws were identified. However, the SSL technology is preferred.</p>	<p>Appendix H-15 of the EIR Appendix I of the EMPr</p>

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	<p>Public Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state (including this Department’s Biodiversity and Protected Areas Section), which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAR. 	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the DSR and draft EIR, as well as those received on the FSR, from registered I&APs and organs of state (including those mentioned in this comment) have been and will be included in the final EIR and adequately addressed and responded to.</p>	<p>Section 2.3 of SER Appendix D of SER</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. 	<p>EAP: Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER and will be included in the final EIR.</p>	<p>Appendix B and Appendix D of SER</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. 	<p>EAP: WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report. 	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 2.3 of the SER. WSP can confirm that the SER will also be submitted as a separate report.</p>	<p>Section 2.3 of SER Appendix D of EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments. 	<p>EAP: WSP confirm that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised.</p>	<p>Appendix D of SER</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The final EIA must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development particularly the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Langcarel Private Nature Reserve, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) and the District and Local Municipalities. 	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that final EIR will provide evidence that all identified and relevant authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development including Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Langcarel Private Nature Reserve (via the respective landowner), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the District and Local Municipalities.</p>	<p>Appendix B and Appendix D of SER</p>
	<p>Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A copy of the layout and environmental sensitivity map must be submitted with the final EIA and all available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of these maps. 	<p>EAP: A conceptual layout map (Scoping Phase), as well as the optimised/revised layout map (EIA Phase) have been included in the draft EIR. This layout map will be updated as required in the final EIR phase. A revised layout and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.15 respectfully of the draft EIR.</p>	<p>Section 6 and Section 10 of the EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The layout map must indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Positions of the facility and all associated infrastructure; ➤ All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed); ➤ Permanent laydown area footprint; ➤ Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint; ➤ Proposed infrastructure related to the proposed development; ➤ Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and 	<p>EAP: The revised layout and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.15 respectfully of the draft EIR, and includes all the relevant detail as required in this comment. Please note that corridors have been included for the connection routes as pylon positions will only be confirmed subject to micro-siting and final design.</p>	<p>Section 6 and Section 10 of the EIR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All existing infrastructure on the site. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; ➤ Buffer areas; i.e., 1km of the Protected Area, etc, and ➤ All “no-go” areas. 	<p>EAP: A consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been compiled based on the sensitivities and buffers outlined in the relevant specialist studies. Please refer to Figure 10-15 of the draft EIR for the relevant sensitivity map.</p>	<p>Section 10 of the EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The above layout map must have a clear legend with information communicating with that on the map, be overlain with the sensitivity map which shows neighboring energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. 	<p>EAP: WSP can confirm that both the layout and sensitivity map have clear legends. Furthermore, both maps include the relevant requested information.</p>	<p>Section 6 and Section 10 of the EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Habitat sensitivity of the study area, including CBAs, with the Solar PV and avifaunal sensitivities as depicted respectively in Figure 5-22 (page 107) and 5-23 (page 116) of the FSR must be considered in the layout map. This must consider the buffer zone of the sensitive area as well. 	<p>EAP: An environmental sensitivity map (Figure 10.15) has been included in the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Section 10 of the EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has been mentioned that development layout map will be confirmed in the EIA phase. Please ensure it considers the buffers of the sensitive areas 	<p>EAP: The Proponent has revised the project layout based on findings and input in terms of sensitivity and associated buffer recommendations from the relevant Specialists during Scoping phase. Detailed maps indicating the revised layout and sensitivity are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.15 respectfully of the draft EIR.</p>	<p>Section 6 and Section 10 of the EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The colors used on page 129 (Figure 5-28) of the FSR, the Site Layout overlain onto a Preliminary Consolidated Environmental 	<p>EAP:</p>	<p>Section 10 of the EIR</p>

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	<p>Sensitivity Map, are very similar, making it difficult to differentiate between High and medium high as well as medium-low and medium. Please ensure that different colours are used instead of similar colours.</p>	<p>The colours on the environmental sensitivity map (Figure 10.15 have been amended.</p>	
	<p>Specialist assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Soils and Agricultural Potential Assessment; ➤ Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Assessment; ➤ Palaeontology Impact Assessment; ➤ Visual Impact Assessment; ➤ Biodiversity Impact Assessment (inclusive of terrestrial biodiversity, plant species and animal species); ➤ Freshwater Assessment; ➤ Avifauna Impact Assessment; ➤ Social Impact Assessment; ➤ Qualitative Risk Assessment (specific to the BESS); ➤ Desktop Geotechnical Assessment; and ➤ Desktop Traffic Assessment. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the Specialist Assessments, as outlined in this comment, have been included as part of the EIR. Please refer to Appendix H of the EIR for the relevant Specialist Reports.</p>	<p>Appendix H of EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes (as per the Screening Report), which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. “the 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all applicable Specialist Assessments were conducted in line with the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes (as per the Screening Report), which were promulgated in Government Notice No.</p>	

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	<p>Protocols”), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with the requirements of these protocols. For instance, Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) Theme is rated as high and Landscape sensitivities is rated as very high by the screening report dated 14 September 2021 this study is not included in the studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase.</p>	<p>320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”).</p> <p>The South African Weather Service (SAWS) was consulted regarding the confirmation of any Radio Frequency Interference impact of the planned Camden I SEF. SAWS confirmed that there is no impact to their infrastructure or its operation and therefore has no objection to the planned SEF.</p> <p>The landscape study is covered under the Visual Impact Assessment (Appendix H-12).</p>	
	<p>- The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies have been undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, or, where relevant, in line with the gazetted specialist protocols of GNR 320 and GNR 1150. All specialist studies include a detailed description of the methodologies, project infrastructure descriptions and locations and recommendations for authorisations.</p>	
	<p>- A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</p>		
	<p>- Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>All specialist assessments include applicable limitations to the studies, as well as the timing/season of the field survey, where applicable, and relevance thereof to the studies/assessments.</p>	<p>Section 1.7 of EIR</p>
	<p>- Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledge the DFFE’s definition of ‘No-go’ areas. The relevant specialist assessments have indicated ‘No-go’ areas, as well as areas where it is suitable for linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, powerline infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area where required. Where specialist deviations or qualifications are applicable, these have been noted in Section 10. 1.</p>	
	<p>- Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Department’s definition; this must be clearly indicated. The</p>		

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	specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable.		
	- All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.	EAP: All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMPr. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 10.3 of the draft EIR. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA. The Terrestrial Biodiversity Specialist has recommended a walk-through survey of footprint areas prior to the commencement of construction. The Avifauna Specialist has also recommended a pre-construction inspection (avifaunal walk-through) to identify SCC that may be breeding within the infrastructure footprints.	Appendix H of EIR Section 10.3 of EIR
	- Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.	EAP: All specific mitigation measures, will be clearly indicated and included in the EMPr during the EIA Phase.	Appendix I (EMPR) of EIR
	- Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.	EAP: The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.	
	- It has been noted that the conclusions by the Terrestrial Ecological specialist on page 53 with the use of the word “may” and the Aquatic specialist on page 30 indicating that “once the layout design has been finalised, the EIA phase of the assessment will continue” indicate that at this stage adequate assessment has not been undertaken and the area is not suitable for the proposed	EAP: This comment is noted and relates to the Specialist inputs (reports) for the Scoping Phase of the proposed SEF project. Once the FSR was approved the proposed SEF project proceeded into a detailed EIA phase which involved detailed specialist assessments. WSP can confirm that detailed assessments (including terrestrial biodiversity and aquatic assessments)	Appendix H of EIR

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	<p>development. Therefore, ensure detailed assessment is undertaken and submitted in the final report.</p>	<p>have been undertaken during the EIA Phase of the proposed SEF and the specialist assessments area included the draft EIR.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - According to information contained on page 91 to 93 of the FSR, the aquatic environment for the study area has a High Sensitivity due to presence of Wetlands (as depicted on figure 5-13), Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) (as depicted on figure 5-15), Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas (FEPA) (as depicted on figure 5-14), therefore, you are required to indicate the impacts on the area by the proposed development as well as their mitigation measures. 	<p>EAP: The impact on the aquatic environment has been assessed in the Draft EIR (Section 8.6) and mitigation measures proposed by the specialist have been included.</p>	<p>Section 8.6 of EIR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Page 98 of the FSR indicated that the location of the proposed development is situated in an area with Eastern Highveld Grassland, Eastern Temperate Freshwater Wetlands and Chrissiesmeer Panveld, all three ecosystems of which are listed in the National List of Ecosystems that are threatened and in need of Protection (GNR 1002 of 9 December 2011), and subsequently listed in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004). In addition, Figure 8 in the Terrestrial assessment report shows that the proposed development will occur within PA National Park and Nature Reserves. - Therefore, you are required to explain why the site is considered suitable for the proposed development and specialists' findings must be considered while addressing this issue. 	<p>EAP: It should be noted that even though the development is located within the vulnerable Eastern Highveld Grassland, the conditions on site are not considered pristine. The proposed development area is largely utilised for agricultural activities with large portions being cultivated, and others subject to cattle grazing. Section 2.6 of the FSR outlines the need and desirability of the project which includes the benefits of the location close to the Camden Power Station and ash dump including other collieries in the area, which has been listed for decommissioning in the coming years. The location of the development will also allow for the use of the existing power transmission infrastructure that would otherwise become defunct post decommissioning. According to the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment, the proposed layout for solar panels has a moderately small footprint area relative to the entire cluster of projects. Those natural areas that are affected are generally in relatively poor condition due to overgrazing. It has been calculated here that if all infrastructure components are placed within natural areas (worst-case scenario) then it affects a total of 117 hectares of natural habitat of a total of 3222 hectares of natural habitat on the site of the entire cluster of</p>	<p>Appendix H-5 of EIR</p>

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		<p>projects (approximately 3.5%). The solar project therefore potentially has a very small footprint area which results in a limited spatial impact.</p> <p>Furthermore, in terms of the assessed terrestrial impacts, the extent of the impact on the loss of indigenous natural vegetation is negligible. On this basis, the Ecological specialist deems the project as acceptable from a terrestrial biodiversity perspective and recommends that Environmental Authorisation is granted. It is important to note that further investigation and engagement with the MTPA regarding the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve has been conducted. The MTPA have furthermore confirmed their intent to de-proclaim the nature reserve and the process is currently in the early stages.</p>	
	<p>Cumulative Impact Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cumulative impacts of the proposed development must be undertaken as per the requirements of the EIA Regulations. 	<p>EAP:</p> <p>In assessing the cumulative impacts of the proposed Camden I SEF, renewable energy projects within a 30km radius of the proposed project, that have received an EA or have a Basic Assessment (BA) or EIA process in progress have been considered. Through the use of the DFFE web-based environmental screening tool as well as the Environmental Geographical Information System (E-GIS), WSP have confirmed that there are no similar projects within 30km radius of the development to date.</p> <p>Therefore, with the exception of the other proposed Camden developments forming part of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex, no other renewable energy projects within a 30km radius have been considered in this S&EIA process. Please refer to Section 9 of the EIR for the assessment of the cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development. The specialists assessments also include a detailed assessment of the identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed Camden I SEF, as detailed in the relevant specialist reports.</p>	<p>Appendix J of EIR</p>
	<p>Issues regarding S50 approval in terms of NEM: PAA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In terms of the listed activities applied for as well as on Figure 8 on page 29 of the Terrestrial assessment report, it has been 	<p>EAP:</p>	<p>Appendix C-2 of SER</p>

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	<p>confirmed that the site falls within the a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA. Hence, in the comments dated 25 March 2022, you were advised to obtain approval in terms of S50 of NEM: PAA to be submitted with the FSR, considering that Section 50 (5) of NEM: PAA says that “no development, construction or farming may not be permitted in a nature reserve without written approval of the management authority”. Therefore, you are advised to obtain approval to be submitted with the final report.</p>	<p>At the time of lodging the Application for EA together with the DSR submission, the Landowner of the project properties declared as Private Nature Reserve (Langcarel Nature Reserve) was not aware of the Protected Area status of the properties. In addition, the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report did not confirm the proclamation status of the Nature Reserve. However, comments received on the DSR from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) confirmed the gazetting of the Langcarel Nature Reserve. Furthermore, discussions with the DFFE Protected Areas Directorate, the Management Authority (Landowner) of the area declared as a Private Nature Reserve, as well as the MTPA were undertaken in confirming the validity of the Protected Area, as well as the requirements of approval in terms of Section 50 of NEMP:AA. It is important to note that the Project Proponent is engaging with the MTPA and the Management Authority (Landowner/s) to investigate the best way forward regarding the Langcarel Nature Reserve. The MTPA has undertaken a site visit on 01 June 2022. The MTPA has submitted a letter to the Department (letter dated, 20 June 2022) of the intent to issue a notice to withdraw the declaration of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve in terms of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act (Act No. 10 of 1998). Available information on the Nature Reserve (i.e., de-proclamation or removal of Nature Reserve status) will be submitted to the Department once available, possibly together with the FEIR</p>	
	<p>- During the meeting held on 31 March 2022, you indicated that the landowner is not aware that the site is located within the Nature Reserves, notwithstanding the concerns raised even by various specialists e.g. Visual Impact Specialist on page 61: “One formal protected area (Langcarel Private Nature Reserve) was identified within the study area, although there is some doubt as to the present status of this nature reserve”. The MTPA also mentioned</p>	<p>EAP: At the time of lodging the Application for EA together with the DSR submission, the Landowner of the project properties declared as Private Nature Reserve (Langcarel Nature Reserve) was not aware of the Protected Area status of the properties. In addition, the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report did not confirm the proclamation status of the Nature</p>	<p>Appendix C-2 of SER</p>

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	<p>in their comments dated 25 March 2022, that the site is located within the Nature Reserve, therefore, it is your responsibility (as an EAP on behalf of the Applicant) to determine whether the site falls within the Nature Reserve or not. You were further advised (by DFFE: Protected Area officials) that comments from MTPA would not be disregarded, therefore, this matter must be addressed accordingly prior submission of the EIA report.</p>	<p>Reserve. However, comments received on the DSR from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) confirmed the gazettement of the Langcarel Nature Reserve. Furthermore, discussions with the DFFE Protected Areas Directorate, the Management Authority (Landowner) of the area declared as a Private Nature Reserve, as well as the MTPA were undertaken in confirming the validity of the Protected Area, as well as the requirements of approval in terms of Section 50 of NEMP:AA. It is important to note that the Project Proponent is engaging with the MTPA and the Management Authority (Landowner/s) to investigate the best way forward regarding the Langcarel Nature Reserve. The MTPA has undertaken a site visit on 01 June 2022. The MTPA has submitted a letter to the Department (letter dated, 20 June 2022) of the intent to issue a notice to withdraw the declaration of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve in terms of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act (Act No. 10 of 1998). Available information on the Nature Reserve (i.e., de-proclamation or removal of Nature Reserve status) will be submitted to the Department once available, possibly together with the FEIR.</p>	
	<p>- You further indicated when describing why listed activities are triggered, that the facility is located within a protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA and within 5km of Portion 1 of Farm No. 322 (Welgelegen), which is declared Private Nature Reserve (Langcarel Private Nature Reserve) under the Game Ordinance, 1949 (No. 23 of 1949) and the Native Flora Protection Ordinance, 1940 (No. 9 of 1940). As such, you are required to provide proof that the site is not located within the Nature Reserve or affected by such.</p>		
	<p>- Considering that the gazette dated 15 February 1967 (Gazette No 3256) confirmed that the area falls within the Nature Reserve, this shows that detailed investigation was not undertaken by the EAP on behalf of the Applicant, confirming that the site falls within the Nature Reserve.</p>		
	<p>Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)</p> <p>- Ensure that generic EMPr is submitted for the management of impacts of the infrastructure related to the transmission and distribution of energy.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>The generic EMPr for the development and expansion for overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure has been included for the Camden I SEF powerlines; and the Development and Expansion of Substation Infrastructure for the Transmission and Distribution of Electricity, and overhead powerline infrastructure has been included for the Camden I SEF onsite substation. Please refer to Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr (Appendix I).</p>	<p>Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr (Appendix I of EIR)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAR for the facility. 	<p>EAP: WSP confirm that the EMPr includes mitigation and monitoring measures specific to construction and operational phases in compliance with this requirement.</p>	Appendix I (EMPr) of EIR
	<p>Additional Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should there be a similar project in a close proximity, in terms of Appendix 2 (1) (h) (k) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, you are required to provide information on the potential wake effects of the proposed development. 	<p>EAP: Through the use of the DFFE web-based environmental screening tool as well as the Environmental Geographical Information System (E-GIS), WSP have confirmed that there are no similar projects within 30km radius of the development to date. Furthermore, wake effect refers to wind energy. This application is for a Solar PV Facility.</p>	Appendix J of EIR
	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended, regarding the time allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations. 	<p>EAP: The reminder to meet timeframes stipulated Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended, is noted. An extension request, in terms of the provision within EIA Regulation 3(7), has been submitted to the Department and subsequently approved for extension to the submission deadline of the FEIR by 60 days. The final EIR is due to the DFFE by 02 November 2022.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department. 	<p>EAP: WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p>	
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd			
<p>Wednesday, 08 June 2022</p> <p>Email communication</p>	<p>Dear Ashlea,</p> <p>I trust you are doing very well. I would like to kindly request that myself, Colette Stander, with e-mail address, eia@g7energies.com, be</p>	<p>EAP: Dear Colette</p>	Appendix A of SER

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<p>Colette Alisha Stander Environmental Project Developer</p>	<p>registered as an I&AP in the Camden Renewable Energy Complex, consisting of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Camden I WEF and Associated Grid Connection – Camden II WEF and Associated Grid Connection – Camden I Solar and Associated Grid Connection – Camden Grid Connection and Collector Substation – Camden Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Facility and Associated Grid Connection <p>If I could please request to be registered for each project included above, that would be greatly appreciated. May I also ask that confirmation of registration be sent through once done.</p> <p>Thank you very much, with kind regards</p>	<p>Thank you for your email. We can confirm that you have been added to the project database for each of the projects below.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	
<p>South African Weather Service</p>			
<p>Wednesday, 27 July 2022 Electronic Letter Zamikhaya Magogotya</p>	<p>Impact of the proposed Camden I Solar PV Facility on the South African Weather Service RADAR Infrastructure, Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province (DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2136).</p> <p>Dear Makhosazane Yeni,</p> <p>ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ESA), via the SPV Camden I Solar (RF) Pty Ltd, have engaged the South African Weather Service (SAWS) towards confirmation of any Radio Frequency Interference impact of the planned Camden I Solar PV Facility near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province. This facility will have a planned maximum panel height of 10m (inclusive of supporting structures) in order to implement conventional Solar PV or agrivoltaics (where plant design indicates it is desirable and feasible) of up to 100MW capacity.</p>	<p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the DFFE Screening Tool indicates that the RFI sensitivity is high (Appendix E of the Draft EIR). However as per the comment received from SAWS there is no impact to their infrastructure or its operation and therefore SAWS has no objection to the planned Solar PV Facility. Furthermore, the proposed development area is not located within any Astronomy Advantage Area.</p>	<p>Appendix D of SER</p>

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	<p>SAWS hereby confirm that there is no impact to our infrastructure or its operation and therefore SAWS has no objection to the planned Solar PV Facility.</p> <p>Recommender Zamikhaya Magogotya Radar Specialist: Technical Services</p> <p>Final Approver Bernard Petlane Senior Manager: Technical Services</p>		
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Table 2.7 Comments received from Draft EIA Report

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<u>Mpumalanga Province, Co-Operative Governance & Traditional Affairs</u>			
29 August 2022 Official Letter Communication Mr S Ngubane Co-Operative Governance & Traditional Affairs	Please note that the Head: Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs has supported the application in terms of Camden renewable energy complex on various portions and various farms to be used to establish wind energy facility, solar energy facility and green energy, subject to.	<u>EAP:</u> These comments are duly noted. All applicable and relevant regulatory requirements will be met by the proponent prior to commencement of construction.	=
	Consent from the Municipality in terms of Spluma By—law and LUS be obtained.	<u>EAP:</u> It is noted that a rezoning application is already underway for the proposed project, however, can only be complete once the EA is issued. All applicable and relevant regulatory requirements will be met by the proponent prior to commencement of construction, including all municipal approvals and zoning requirements as requested here.	
	The applicant must comply with the stipulations of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).	<u>EAP:</u> The requirement to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) will be adhered to as per Section 2.1 of the Final EIAR.	<u>Section 2.1 of the Final EIAR</u>
	The applicant must comply with the stipulations of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).	<u>EAP:</u> The requirement to comply with the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) will be adhered to. As per Section 2.1 of the EIR, certain Section 21 water uses of the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998) are applicable for the proposed project. An application for water use authorisation is currently underway for this project.	<u>Section 2.1 of the Final EIAR</u>

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	<p><u>All conditions imposed by the local municipality and other Government Departments must be adhered to.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The Proponent’s responsibilities to comply with the legal requirements applicable to the project are specified in the EMPr. This includes ensuring that any conditions of the relevant licence/s, specifically with regards to the environment, are adhered to. All applicable and relevant regulatory requirements will be met by the proponent prior to commencement of construction.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 2 and 4.2 of EMPr (Appendix I of the Final EIAr)</u></p>
	<p><u>Access to the proposed portion of land must be to the satisfaction of the local municipality or relevant road authority.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>A Transport Impact Assessment was undertaken for the proposed project. Refer to Appendix H-9 of the Final EIAr. The study included an assessment of the required access as well as recommendations/conclusions with regards to the traffic and transport related mitigation required. The study recommends that site access to the Facility is obtained via either the D260 or D1107 off the N11 or the D1264 off the N2. These routes have accesses to the Class 1 National road network. The use of these roads and accesses off the national roads will not require an application for temporary or permanent access of the National roads. The Assessment also includes recommendations to improve the safety of the access intersections off the N11 and N2 during the construction and operation phases, pending the final increased traffic volumes from the various Camden I facilities. The proponent is committed to undertaking these upgrades, if permitted to do so by the relevant authorities.</u> <u>Furthermore, all necessary permits, such as the application for oversized or abnormal loads, will be lodged during the detailed design phase prior to construction.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix H-9 of the Final EIAr</u> <u>Section 7.3.2 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>A site development plan must be submitted to the local municipality for approval.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p>	<p>=</p>

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		<p><u>This comment is noted. The relevant approvals that fall outside EA and S&EIR process will be facilitated by the Proponent and must be obtained prior to construction, where and as required.</u></p>	
	<p><u>The registered owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of the whole development on the property. If the local municipality is of the opinion that the property or any portion of the development is not satisfactorily maintained, such maintenance will be at the cost of the registered owner.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The proponent has taken note of this requirement.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>This is noted and the proponent will adhere to Eskom's requirements, as required.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>Negative impact of the atmospheric emission and delivery of the renewable energy complex on existing high potential agricultural soils must be mitigated.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>Impacts relating to atmospheric emissions, as well as recommended mitigation measures, have been adequately addressed in the EIAR (Section 8.2) and the EMPr (Section 6 (Air Quality Management of Appendix I). Please however note that this application does not trigger any permitting requirements under the Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act 39 of 2004).</u> <u>Furthermore, the agricultural impact assessment found that the proposed development will exclude an insignificantly small proportion of the land (0.8%) from agricultural production. In addition, the proposed development will generate a reliable additional income that will improve the financial security for farming operations on the site, without significantly compromising the existing farming production or income. It is the net sum of positive and negative effects that determines the overall agricultural impact. Tiny losses of agricultural land are likely to be more than compensated for by the positive impacts, so that the net overall impact is likely to be positive.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.2 of the Final EIAR</u> <u>Section 6 (Air Quality Management and Soil, Land and Agricultural Management) of the Final EMPr</u></p>

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		<p><u>The specialist therefore found that the impact of the proposed development on the agricultural production capability of the site was assessed as being acceptable because of the factors summarised here (and detailed in the agricultural specialist assessment). Therefore, from an agricultural impact point of view, it was recommended that the development be approved on condition of implementation of the provided mitigation measures, which have been incorporated into the project specific EMPr (Section 6: Soil, Land And Agricultural Management)</u></p>	
	<p><u>The stipulations of the Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act 39 of 2004) must be complied with, where applicable.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The potential impact of air emissions have been assessed for this project. The proposed project may have a temporary impact on the local air</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.2 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>Mitigation measures must be taken to limit noise and dust as to neighbours.</u></p>	<p><u>quality associated with land clearing, drilling, and blasting, ground excavation, cut and fill operations and the movement of heavy construction vehicles on temporary roads. Although the increased dust and emissions from construction activities may not significantly impact</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix H-11 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>People living on the mentioned farm, under Extension of Security of Tenure Act, 1997 (Act 62 of 1997) must be accommodated in terms of the regulations and procedures of the said Act.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards,</u> <u>Mr S Ngubane</u> <u>Head: Co-Operative Governance & Traditional Affairs</u> <u>Date: 29/08/2022</u></p>	<p><u>air quality, increased dust can be a nuisance to the nearby receptors and site workers. As such appropriate control measures recommended in the EMPr (Section 6 (Air Quality Management of Appendix I) will need to be implemented to reduce the impact on neighbouring sensitive receptors. Please however note that this application does not trigger any permitting requirements under the Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act 39 of 2004).</u></p> <p><u>Environmental Noise Regulations, as governed by NEMAQA, must also be adhered to. The potential noise impacts during the construction and operational phases of the project were assessed as part of the EIA (Environmental Acoustic Impact Assessment (Appendix H-11) and Section 8.2 of the EIR). The Assessment considered sensitive receptors in the project area. Various mitigation measures to minimise acoustic impacts from the construction phase of the proposed project have been</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix I of the Final EIAr</u></p>

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		<p><u>recommended in Appendix H-11 and the EMPr (Section 6 (Noise Management of Appendix I) and must be complied with.</u></p> <p><u>All applicable and relevant regulatory requirements will be met by the proponent prior to commencement of construction. Please further note that the project does not require relocation or resettlement of any occupiers of the land.</u></p>	
<u>DFFE</u>			
<p><u>06 October 2022</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p> <p><u>Olivia Letlalo</u></p> <p><u>Integrated Environmental Authorisations</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ashlea,</u></p> <p><u>Kindly find attached approved comments for the application with the abovementioned reference number.</u></p> <p><u>Please do not be surprised, should you receive another email with the same comments from Lydia, there is error that need to be fixed, hence sending the comments to prevent the delay or comments been send after due date.</u></p> <p><u>Regards</u></p> <p><u>Olivia</u></p>	<p><u>Comment noted. No further action required.</u></p>	
<p><u>06 October 2022</u></p> <p><u>Letter (via Email)</u></p> <p><u>Vusi Skosana</u></p> <p><u>Integrated Environmental Authorisations</u></p>	<p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 1 OF WELGELEGEN FARM NO. 322, NEAR ERMELO WITHIN MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</u></p> <p><u>The application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) and draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) received by the Competent Authority (CA) on 06 September 2022, refer.</u></p>	<p><u>Comment noted. No further action required.</u></p>	

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	<p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAR:</u></p>		
	<p><u>Project Description</u> <u>You are requested to provide in the table format all the technical details for the proposed facility specifying the description and/or dimensions of each. This must be included in the final EIAR.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>A summary of the technical details of the proposed infrastructure has been included as Table 6.4 of the Final EIAR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6.3 of the Final EIAR</u></p>
	<p><u>It has been noted that the project area is approximately 695 hectares (ha), however, the proposed development footprint will be approximately 280ha. Therefore, clarify the reason why the development footprint will be ≈280 and whether the remaining area is sensitive or will be considered for development in future.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The project area of 695 hectares was allowed and assessed to ensure that if there are constraints the development can be adjusted and moved within the 695 hectares. The layout map and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.15 respectfully of the Final EIAR which shows the final placement of the development footprint. The development infrastructure will however only occupy a footprint of ≈280ha, cited as per the layout map and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.15 respectfully.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 10 of the Final EIAR</u></p>
	<p><u>Listed Activities</u> <u>Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The listed activities applied for are included in Section 2.1 of the Final EIAR and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. Only applicable activities and sub-activities have been applied for.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 2.1 of the Final EIAR</u></p>
	<p><u>If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following linkhttps://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The listed activities applied for mentioned in the Final EIAR do not differ from the activities applied for in the application form. WSP can confirm that the most recent application form template was utilised.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 2.1 of the Final EIAR</u></p>

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	<p><u>Specialist Assessments</u></p> <p><u>It is acknowledged that specialists undertaken for the proposed development considered the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols unless proof is provided to demonstrate that the specialist assessments were commissioned prior to 50 days after the promulgation of GN 320 and after promulgation of GN1150 (30 October 2020).</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>WSP can confirm that all applicable Specialist Assessments were conducted in line with the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes (as per the Screening Report), which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”). The assessment protocols followed are indicated in Table 4.4 of the Final EIAr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>Cumulative Assessment</u></p> <p><u>Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>– Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.</u> <u>– Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist’s recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</u> 	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>In assessing the cumulative impacts of the proposed Camden I SEF, renewable energy projects within a 30km radius of the proposed project, that have received an EA or have a Basic Assessment (BA) or EIA process in progress have been considered. It is noted that there is a proposed Wind Energy Facility (Umbila Emoyeni), located within 28 – 32km from the Camden I SEF. Information on the proposed Umbila Emoyeni WEF was obtained during the 30-day review period of the Draft EIAr for this project. The Final EIAr and Specialist studies for this project (Camden I SEF) has thus considered the proposed Umbila Emoyeni WEF in the Cumulative Impact Assessment.</u></p> <p><u>The Department’s guiding principle (this comment) on the cumulative impact assessment is duly noted and has been adhered to. Please refer to Section 9 of the Final EIAr for the assessment of the cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development. The specialist assessments also include a detailed assessment of the identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed Camden I SEF, as detailed in the relevant</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9 of the Final EIAr</u></p> <p><u>Appendix H of the Final EIAr</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u> – <u>A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</u> 	<p><u>specialist reports. Where applicable, the specialist reports include an addendum as to whether the proposed Ummbila Emoyeni WEF will have a significant impact on the environmental aspects assessed for the Camden projects.</u></p>	
	<p><u>It has been noted that the closest known project and approved renewable energy project of a solar PV plant is located approximately 47km southwest of the proposed Camden I SEF. However, you are advised to consider similar development that may be in the 30km radius and consider them during the assessment of cumulative impact.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>It is noted that there is a proposed Wind Energy Facility (Ummbila Emoyeni), located beyond a 30km radius of the Camden I SEF. Information on the proposed Ummbila Emoyeni WEF was obtained during the 30-day review period of the Draft EIR for this project. The Final EIAr and Specialist studies for the Camden I SEF has thus considered the proposed Ummbila Emoyeni WEF in the Cumulative Impact Assessment.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>Layout & Sensitivity Maps</u> <u>A copy of the layout and environmental sensitivity map must be submitted with the final EIAr and all available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of these maps.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The layout map and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.15 respectfully of the Final EIAr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 10 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>The layout map must indicate the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>> Positions of the facility and all associated infrastructure related to the proposed development e.g., roads (existing and proposed)</u> <u>> Permanent laydown area footprint.</u> <u>> Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint.</u> 	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The revised layout and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.15 respectfully of the Final EIAr, and includes all the relevant detail as required in this comment.</u> <u>Please note that corridors have been included for the connection routes as pylon positions will only be confirmed subject to micro-siting and final design.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 10 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>> The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;</u> 	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The layout and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2, Figure 10.17 and Figure 7.18 (showing CBAs) respectfully of the Final EIAr and includes all the relevant detail as required in this comment.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 10 of the Final EIAr</u></p>

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	<p>> <u>Buffer areas, i.e., 1km of the Protected Area, etc, and</u></p> <p>> <u>All “no-go” areas.</u></p>	<p><u>Please note that corridors have been included for the connection routes as pylon positions will only be confirmed subject to micro-siting and final design.</u></p>	
	<p><u>The above layout map must have a clear legend with information communicating with that on the map, be overlain with the sensitivity map which shows neighbouring energy developments and existing grid infrastructure.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP can confirm that the layout (Figure 6.2) and environmental sensitivity map (Figure 10.15) have clear legends. Furthermore, both maps have included the relevant requested information.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 10 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>Figure 10-3 on page 334 of the draft EIAr, depicts the delineated waterbodies inclusive of the respective buffer distances. Therefore, you are required to ensure that these delineated waterbodies and its buffer zone are highlighted as delineated (no-go areas) in the overlain sensitivity map</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The environmental sensitivity map included in Figure 10.15 of the Final EIAr includes all the relevant detail as required in this comment. Please note however that the aquatic specialist demarcated no-go areas have all been adhered to in the final layout, however the aquatic specialist considered linear infrastructure (roads, underground cables, pipelines) acceptable within these areas where existing crossings could be utilised or these areas were already impacted.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>It has been noted that the design of the site for the proposed development differs i.e., figure 10.7, figure 10.10 and figure 10.17. Therefore, you are advised to ensure that the design of site for the proposed development are the same in the final EIAr and specialist studies.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The development footprint illustrated in Figure 10.7 and 10.17 are the same. Figure 10.10 of the Final EIAr illustrates the total area investigated for the SEF development by the Avifaunal specialist. The total infrastructure footprint of the development is as indicated in the layout map (Figure 6.2) and environmental sensitivity map (Figure 10.17), located within the assessed area, and put forward for consideration in the final EIA submission.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 10 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>In addition, the information included in the combined sensitivity map of the study area, as depicted in figure 10.17 on page 349 of the draft EIAr and attached as appendix E of the draft EIAr must be considered and included in the final layout map. Please ensure that the layout map</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>The layout map (Figure 6.2) has been updated throughout the project based on the specialist findings and buffer zones of sensitive areas. The sensitivity map (Figure 10.17) includes all buffers recommended by specialists and this has been considered in the Layout map (Figure 6.2.)</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 10 of the Final EIAr</u></p>

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	<u>to be submitted with the final EIAR incorporates the buffer zones of the sensitive areas as recommended by various specialists.</u>		
	<u>Environmental Management Programme</u> <u>The EMPr must also include the following:</u> <u>All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the final EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the final EIAR have been included in Section 6 of the EMPr.</u>	<u>Section 6 of the EMPr (Appendix I of the EIAR)</u>
	<u>An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>A consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been compiled based on the sensitivities and buffers outlined by the relevant specialist studies during the assessment process. Please refer to Figure 1.19 of the EMPr.</u>	<u>Section 1 of the EMPr (Appendix I of the EIAR)</u>
	<u>Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>Detailed mitigation measures to avoid and/or protect very high sensitive systems, i.e. hydrological features, and to reduce the potential overall impact and risk to aquatic resources have been recommended in the Aquatic Impact Assessment as well as the EMPr (Appendix I).</u>	<u>Section 6 of the EMPr (Appendix I of the EIAR)</u>
	<u>In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended for the solar facility.</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>Table 1.2 of the EMPr contains the legislative requirements for Appendix 4 of GNR 326, and cross references the relevant sections in the EMPr.</u>	<u>Section 1.3 of the EMPr (Appendix I of the EIAR)</u>
	<u>Ensure that generic EMPr for the 33/132kV substation is compiled and submitted as the proposed development triggers activity 11 of Listing Notice 1 of NEMA EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.</u>	<u>EAP:</u> <u>The generic EMPr for the Development and Expansion of Substation Infrastructure for the Transmission and Distribution of Electricity has been compiled for the Camden I SEF onsite substation. Please refer to Appendix D of the EMPr (Appendix I). The up to 132 kV powerline component is being assessed as part of a separate application and BA</u>	<u>Appendix D of the EMPr (Appendix I of the EIAR)</u>

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		<p>process. The associated generic EMPr will therefore be included in that separate BA submission.</p>	
	<p><u>Public Participation Process</u></p> <p><u>The CA acknowledge that the proponent engaged with the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) and the letter dated 20 June 2022 indicating the intention to withdraw the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve has been included in the draft EIAr, however, you are advised that the letter indicating that the aforesaid Nature Reserve has been withdrawn must be submitted with the final EIAr as indicated in the comments and response report, page 90 of the draft EIAr.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>It is important to note that the de-proclamation/withdrawal of the Protected Area is being addressed by the MTPA as part of ongoing province-wide reserve verification efforts by the provincial authorities. The MTPA has submitted a letter to the Department (letter dated, 20 June 2022) of the intent to issue a notice to withdraw the declaration of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve in terms of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act (Act No. 10 of 1998). Furthermore, the MTPA have included the following towards confirmation of ongoing deproclamation/withdrawal in their comments on the draft EIA and associated report ("The MTPA is not concerned about the locality within a Protected Area because the areas has not been managed accordingly and need to be de-proclaimed.").</u> It is understood that this is a fairly long process, inclusive of a public participation and authorisation obtained from the Minister/Member of Executive Council (MEC) to have the Protected Area withdrawn or deproclaimed (wholly or partially) as may be the case. The timeframes for this process are anticipated to be longer than those within the remit of the EIA process and scope. The withdrawal letter is therefore not available at this stage for submission with the Final EIR, as the withdrawal process has not been concluded.</p> <p><u>Notwithstanding the above, WSP can confirm that Consent letters to the withdrawal/de-proclamation have been received from the Landowner/s for those farm portions that that are directly affected by the proposed project, and have been submitted to the Competent Authority as part of this application. These letters give consent of the respective Langcarel Private Nature Reserve properties to be withdrawn and/or de-proclaimed as a nature reserve by the relevant Mpumalanga MEC. These letters have also been provided to the MTPA towards the de-proclamation/withdrawal process.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>

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	<p><u>Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the CA with the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Planning and Conservation at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za and Protected Area Section; Department of Human Settlements, Water And Sanitation; Department of Mineral Resources and Energy; Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA); Land Claims Commission; South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); Mpumalanga Public Works, Roads & Transport; Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA); South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA); National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA); Gert Sibande District Municipality, Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>All comments received to date from relevant stakeholders are included in this SER. Please refer to the Comments and Responses tables (this Section), as well as Appendix B and Appendix D of this SER for all correspondence sent to stakeholders and government departments. Comments have been received from the following stakeholders and authorities, as captured in this Section:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>Department of Water and Sanitation</u> – <u>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Planning and Conservation</u> – <u>DFFE Directorate: Air Quality</u> – <u>Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency</u> – <u>Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development</u> – <u>Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs</u> – <u>Civil Aviation Authority</u> – <u>South African Heritage Resources Agency</u> – <u>Department of Defence</u> – <u>Co-operative Governance & Traditional Affairs: Mpumalanga Province</u> – <u>DFFE: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness</u> 	<p><u>Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>Furthermore, ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the DSR and draft EIR, as well as those received on the FSR, from registered I&APs and organs of state (including those mentioned in this comment) have been included in the final EIR and adequately addressed and responded to.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 2.3 of SER</u> <u>Appendix D of SER</u></p>

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	<p><u>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report. This must indicate that this draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix B and Appendix D of SER</u></p>
	<p><u>The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process has been conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Specific Comments</u> <u>It has been noted on page 336 of the draft EIAR, “Figure 10.5: Habitat sensitivity of the study area, including consideration of CBAs”, that both substation alternatives are within the high sensitivity areas.</u> <u>You are required to clarify why these sensitive areas are deemed best suitable for the proposed infrastructure.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>According to the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment, the amount of grassland (High sensitivity) affected by the substation and BESS Alternative 1 is 10.46 hectares of a total of 2390 hectares (approximately 0.4%). Alternative 2 affects 10.55 hectares of a total of 2390 hectares (approximately 0.4%). These alternatives do not constitute a significant footprint area. It is noted that according to the Biodiversity Assessment, natural grassland on site is in moderate to poor condition, primarily due to heavy overgrazing. There are significant areas of low grass cover and bare areas, and plant species composition has been degraded by grazing effects. Furthermore, the proposed layout avoids sensitivities to a large degree.</u> <u>The Biodiversity Specialist has calculated that the entire project, including a 3m buffer area around all proposed infrastructure for possible edge effects, only affects a total of 65 hectares of natural habitat of a total of 3222 hectares of natural habitat on site (approximately 2%). The entire project has a total footprint area (all sensitivity classes) of around 115 hectares within a site that is 6712 hectares in size. The project therefore has a very small footprint area which results in an insignificant impact. Furthermore, in terms of the assessed terrestrial</u></p>	

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		<p><u>impacts, the extent of the impact on the loss of indigenous natural vegetation is negligible. On this basis, the Biodiversity Specialist deems the project as acceptable from a terrestrial biodiversity perspective and recommends that Environmental Authorisation is granted.</u></p> <p><u>The avifaunal specialist assessed the substation footprint and alternative and concluded that both options are acceptable, due to the low impact of the small footprint.</u></p> <p><u>The location as presented is also considered technically optimal as relates to the PV footprint and likely grid connection requirements. From a technical perspective the footprint supplied is therefore optimal considering all currently available information.</u></p>	
	<p><u>The combined sensitivity map of the study area, as depicted in figure 10.17 (page 349) and attached as appendix E of the draft EIAR shows that the project infrastructure falls within high sensitivity in terms of bats, grassland avifaunal, as well as within Protected Area National Parks & Nature Reserves. You are required to clarify why these sensitive areas are deemed best suitable for the proposed infrastructure.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>The bat specialists has concluded that the sensitivity map was drawn up indicating potential roosting and foraging areas and the High Bat Sensitivity areas are expected to have elevated levels of bat activity and support greater bat diversity; however the proposed layout adheres to the sensitivity map provided and avoids areas of high bat sensitivity.</u></p> <p><u>The avifaunal specialist concluded that no fatal flaws were discovered during the onsite investigations And found the following considering the layout as presented:</u></p> <p><u><i>The proposed solar energy facility will have a moderate impact on priority avifauna which, in most instances, could be reduced to a low impact through appropriate mitigation, although some instances moderate residual impacts will still be present after mitigation. No fatal flaws were discovered during the onsite investigations. The proposed SEF development is therefore supported, provided the mitigation measures listed in this report are strictly implemented.</i></u></p> <p><u>The layout presented therefore considers specialist sensitivities across all disciplines, technical and design considerations whilst ensuring no</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10.3 of the Final EIAR</u> <u>Appendix H-7 and Appendix H-8 of the Final EIAR</u></p>

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		<p><u>unacceptable impact as determined by the relevant specialists, including avifaunal and bat specialists</u></p>	
	<p><u>General</u></p> <p><u>Please also ensure that the final EIAR includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>The Environmental Authorisation period is included in Section 10.6 of the Final EIR. The EA is required to be valid for a period of 10 years from the date of issuance of the EA. This is considered a reasonable period to allow the Applicant time to conduct relevant internal processes which can only begin after issuance of the EA.</u></p> <p><u>The date on which the activity will commence cannot be confirmed at this stage as it will be based on external factors such as obtaining finance and other timeframes dictated by off taker and/or tender processes. The project will therefore require, at minimum, a 20 year validity and the environmental authorisation (EA) should remain valid for at least ten (10) years prior to the activity commencing. In addition, the anticipated construction period will be an additional 2 years. It is requested that all of the above be taken into consideration within the EA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10.6 of the EIAR (Appendix I of the EIAR)</u></p>
	<p><u>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: “The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority -</u></p> <p><u>(a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.”</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>The DFFE acceptance of the Final Scoping Report and authorisation to proceed with EIA was received on 24 May 2022 (letter dated, 23 May 2022) (Appendix G of the EIR). A request for extension to the submission deadline of the Final EIR was submitted to the DFFE in terms of EIA Regulation 3(7). A 60-day extension was approved by the DFFE on 24 June 2022. According to the extension approval letter, the new deadline for submission of the FEIR is 02 November 2022.</u></p> <p><u>WSP can confirm that the Final EIR inclusive of all applicable Specialist Reports and EMPr will be submitted to the DFFE on or before 02 November as required.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAR or EMPr which changes or information was not</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p>	

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	<p><u>contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: “The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days”.</u></p>	<p><u>No significant changes or new information has been added to the EIAr or EMPr. Changes made from the Draft EIAr and EMPr have been underlined in this Final EIAr and EMPr for ease of reference to the updates made in the reporting.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</u></p>	
	<p><u>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p> <p><u>Yours sincerely</u></p> <p><u>Mr Vusi Skosana</u></p> <p><u>Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations</u></p> <p><u>Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment</u></p> <p><u>Signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo</u></p> <p><u>Designation: Deputy Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</u></p>	

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<u>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation</u>			
<p><u>20 September 2022</u> <u>Email</u> <u>Mashudu</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Sir/Madam</u> <u>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs Makitla and Ms Mudau (Both copied on this email).</u> <u>Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota</u> <u>Regards,</u> <u>Mashudu</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>This comment is acknowledged. The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity were submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation as requested.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix B-4</u> <u>of the SER</u></p>
<p><u>06 October 2022</u> <u>Email</u> <u>Portia Makitla</u></p>	<p><u>Good day</u> <u>Attached please find Biodiversity Conservation Directorate comments for your processing.</u> <u>Ms. Mashienyane Portia Makitla</u> <u>CBO: Biodiversity Mainstreaming & EIA</u> <u>Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment</u></p>	<p>=</p>	
<p><u>06 October 2022</u> <u>Letter (via Email)</u> <u>Seoka Lekota</u></p>	<p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</u> <u>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the report. According to Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>These comments are acknowledged however no specific action is requested.</u> <u>Many of the anticipated project specific impacts during the construction and operational phases and cumulative impacts with mitigation measures</u></p>	

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	<p><u>Plan (MBSP), CBAs are areas that are required to meet biodiversity targets (for biodiversity pattern and ecological process features) and should remain in a natural state.</u></p>	<p><u>can be successfully mitigated to moderate, low and very low impact significance and are thus considered acceptable. as correct.</u></p>	
	<p><u>They are areas of high biodiversity value which are usually at risk of being lost and usually identified as important in meeting biodiversity targets, except for Critically Endangered Ecosystems or Critical linkages. It is noted that a significant part of the project area falls within CBA (Irreplaceable and Optimal (and a large wetland area adjacent and to the north of the Vaal River (near the southern part of the site) is mapped as an Ecological Support Area (ESA).</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>These comments are acknowledged however no specific action is requested.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Many of the anticipated project- specific impacts during the construction and operational phases and cumulative impacts with mitigation measures can be successfully mitigated to moderate, low and very low impact significance, and are thus considered acceptable.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>These comments are acknowledged however no specific action is requested.</u></p>	
	<p><u>It should be noted that any development within a very highly sensitive area that will result with significant negative residual impacts after mitigation is not supported. CBA: Irreplaceable must be demarcated as a No-Go area.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>This comment is noted. Specialist findings confirmed no significant residual impacts following implementation of mitigation and therefore no unacceptable impacts associated with the development. In addition, all specialist no-go zones have been adhered to in the current layout.</u></p> <p><u>It should be further noted that no-go zones determined by the biodiversity specialists have been avoided in the layout. Regions on which planned infrastructure will be located and have been deemed ‘degraded’, ‘old lands’, ‘grasslands’ and ‘current cultivation’ primarily. The development is not located on any CBA: Irreplaceable based on the current extents depicted in the MBSP, but rather on a private nature reserve designation, which is currently undergoing a separate process to have the area withdrawn (partially or wholly) as part of ongoing province-wide reserve verification efforts by the provincial authorities (MTPA).</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10.2</u> <u>of the Final</u> <u>EIAr</u></p>

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		<p><u>Many of the anticipated project- specific impacts during the construction and operational phases and cumulative impacts with mitigation measures can be successfully mitigated to moderate, low and very low impact significance, and are thus considered acceptable</u></p>	
	<p><u>NB: The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</u></p> <p><u>Yours faithfully</u></p> <p><u>Mr Seoka Lekota</u></p> <p><u>Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation</u></p> <p><u>Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment</u></p> <p><u>Date: 06/10/2022</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>This comment is acknowledged. The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity were submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation as requested.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix B-4</u> <u>of the SER</u></p>

DFFE Directorate: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness

<p><u>10 October 2022</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p> <p><u>Magodi Rofhiwa</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ashlea</u></p> <p><u>The Directorate: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness, would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the above-mentioned report and supporting documents. The comments and advice we provided during the pre-application meeting held on the 31st of March 2022 with the directorate of Integrated Environmental Authorisation (IEA) still stand.</u></p> <p><u>We indicated that the proposed project is within the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve, subsequently, approval in terms of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA), Act No. 57 of 2003, Section 50 (5) must be obtained from the management</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>This comment is acknowledged.</u></p> <p><u>It is noted that there is a proclaimed protected area (Private Nature Reserve) on site, the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve. The proclaimed area has not, and continues to is not being managed as a protected area, and following engagements with the MTPA and the relevant authorities, the MTPA has submitted a letter to the Department (letter dated, 20 June 2022) of the intent to issue a notice to withdraw the declaration of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve in terms of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act (Act No. 10 of 1998). There is currently a separate process underway to have the area withdrawn (partially or wholly) as part of ongoing province-wide reserve verification efforts by the provincial</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of</u> <u>this final SER</u></p>
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	<p><u>authority of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve before commencement with any of the proposed activities.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards,</u></p> <p><u>Magodi Rofhiwa</u></p> <p><u>Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness</u></p>	<p><u>authorities. Subject to the successful conclusion of this process, a Section 50 approval will not be applicable for this project, as the private nature reserve status will no longer be in effect.</u></p> <p><u>Notwithstanding the above, WSP can confirm that Section 50 Approvals have been received from the Management Authority (Landowner/s) for those farm portions that are directly affected by the proposed project, and have been submitted to the Competent Authority as part of this application. The Project Developer is currently engaging with the Landowner in obtaining Section 50 Approval for the remaining three land portions located outside of the project footprint but which also constitute the Langcarel Nature Reserve. Where required, further engagement between the MTPA, the proponent and the remaining landowners will be conducted towards withdrawal or deproclamation of the private nature reserve.</u></p>	
<u>Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs</u>			
<p><u>10 October 2022</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p> <p><u>Whitney Tshimbana</u></p>	<p><u>Good morning,</u></p> <p><u>Please find attached for your attention.</u></p> <p><u>Kind regards,</u></p> <p><u>Whitney Tshimbana</u></p>		
<p><u>06 October 2022 (Received 10 October 2022)</u></p> <p><u>Letter (via Email)</u></p> <p><u>SB Mbuyane</u></p>	<p><u>DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY WITHIN THE VICINITY OF THE CAMDEN POWER STATION, ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY</u></p> <p><u>The draft environmental impact assessment report which was submitted by you on respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 07 September 2022 refers. The</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u></p> <p><u>This comment is noted. The MTPA has been included on the stakeholder database (Appendix A) and has been, to date, provided with written notification on the release of the relevant reports throughout the S&EIR process. WSP can confirm that this stakeholder was additionally provided with hard copies of the relevant reports during the associated 30-day public review periods for this project. Comments from MTPA were received via email on 13 October 2022. The comments from MTPA and WSP's response are included in this Comments and Responses Table</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>

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	<p>Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:</p> <p>1. In accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) must have been provided written notice of the application, and must be provided with a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on all reports (where such period is applicable after the submission of an application form as per the requirement of Regulation 40 (3)).</p>	<p>(Table 2-7). Refer to Appendix D for a copy of comments received from MTPA.</p>	
	<p>2. MTPA’s comments on this application are particularly critical given that the site according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan: ARC GIS Viewer falls within a Critical Biodiversity Area: Irreplaceable.</p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> WSP can confirm that comments were sought from MTPA accordingly during the 30-day public review periods for this project. Comments received to date from this stakeholder have been captured in the Comments and Responses Report (i.e., this Report). A copy of the comments received from MTPA is included in Appendix D of this SER.</p>	<p><u>Table 2-5 and Table 2-7 of the SER</u> <u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>
	<p>3. The Agricultural Agro-Ecosystem Specialist Assessment advises on acquiring the ‘no-objection’ letter for change in land use, please ensure and provide proof that the application is in process and that consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) is done to ensure that the development will not affect future agricultural production.</p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> It is noted that a rezoning application is already underway for the proposed project, however, can only be complete once the EA is issued (i.e., an EA is a precondition for submission of the completed application). All applicable and relevant regulatory requirements will be met by the proponent prior to commencement of construction, including all municipal approvals and zoning requirements as requested here.</p> <p><u>All comments received to date from relevant stakeholders are included in this SER. Please refer to the Comments and Responses tables (this Section), as well as Appendix B and Appendix D of this SER for all correspondence sent to stakeholders and government departments, which includes correspondence to and comments from the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD).</u></p>	<p><u>Section 1.6 of the Final EIAr</u></p>

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	<p>4. The final layout plan that will be included on the final EIAR must clearly delineate all the watercourses and high sensitivity areas include the buffer zones between the watercourse and development edges.</p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> The environmental sensitivity map is included in Figure 10.17 of the Final EIAR, and adhered to the requirements of this comment.</p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the Final EIAR</u></p>
	<p>5. The Aquatic Impact Assessment identified localised impacts that may result on some areas of the site on page 25 of the assessment study, mitigation measures for the said impacts must be included on the final EIAR and incorporated on the EMPr.</p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> Mitigation measures proposed by the Aquatic Ecologist have been included in Section 8.6 of the Final EIAR and Section 6: Biodiversity Management of the EMPr.</p>	<p><u>Section 8.6 of the Final EIAR</u> <u>Section 6 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p>6. The recommendations and mitigation measures advised on the various assessment studies conducted must be incorporated on the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).</p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> All recommendations and mitigation measures put forward by the various specialists have been included in Section 6 of the EMPr.</p>	<p><u>Section 6 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p>7. The final EIAR must provide proof that all potential and registered I&AP's, including the Organs of State, were provided with access to and an opportunity to comment on the draft EIAR following submission of the application form (Regulation 40(3)).</p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> This comment is acknowledged. The draft EIAR has been sent to all potential and registered I&AP's including the Organs of State. Appendix B of this final SER shows all the proof of notifications sent to all I&AP.</p>	<p><u>Appendix B of this final SER</u></p>
	<p>8. The final EIAR must include issues and responses of the report, as well as copies of and responses to comments received from all I&APs, including these comments.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>MS SB MBUYANE</p> <p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT</u></p> <p>DATE: 06/10/2022</p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> This comment is noted, all comments and responses received from I&APs have been included in Appendix D and Section 2.3 of this Final SER</p>	<p><u>Section 2.3 of this final SER and Appendix D of this final SER</u></p>
<p><u>Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency</u></p>			

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<p><u>13 October 2022</u> <u>Email</u> <u>Phumla Nkosi</u></p>	<p><u>Good Afternoon Ms. Strong</u> <u>Attached, please find MTPA's comments on the draft EIA report for the various Camden I projects.</u> <u>Kind Regards</u> <u>Phumla Nkosi</u></p>		
<p><u>13 October 2022</u> <u>Letter (via Email)</u> <u>MH Vilakazi</u></p>	<p><u>SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY FOR THE ENERTRAG – CAMDEN I SOLAR (RF) (PTY) LTD PROJECT NEAR ERMERLO IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER 14/12/16/3/3/2/2136</u> <u>With reference to your correspondence reference WSP ref: 41103247 of date September 2022 our comments:</u> <u>The MTPA is not concerned about the locality within a Protected Area because the area has not been managed accordingly and need to be de-proclaimed.</u> <u>The various specialist assessments were done very professionally. The loss of viable habitat for many Conservation important species will be lost which will be displaced by the Solar Photo Voltaic facilities. The proposed PV facilities will be placed within largely degraded agricultural fields but also partly within high sensitivity grasslands. The High sensitivity grasslands should be avoided by the infrastructure zone and an offset strategy investigated.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP acknowledge this statement.</u> <u>EAP:</u> <u>This comment is acknowledged, however specialist findings confirmed no significant residual impacts following implementation of mitigation and therefore no unacceptable impacts associated with the development. In addition, all specialist no-go zones have been adhered to in the current layout.</u> <u>The avifaunal specialist concluded that no fatal flaws were discovered during the onsite investigations And found the following considering the layout as presented: <i>The proposed solar energy facility will have a moderate impact on priority avifauna which, in most instances, could be</i></u></p>	

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		<p><u>reduced to a low impact through appropriate mitigation, although some instances moderate residual impacts will still be present after mitigation. No fatal flaws were discovered during the onsite investigations. The proposed SEF development is therefore supported, provided the mitigation measures listed in this report are strictly implemented.</u></p> <p><u>The Biodiversity Specialist has calculated that the entire project, including a 3m buffer area around all proposed infrastructure for possible edge effects, only affects a total of 65 hectares of natural habitat of a total of 3222 hectares of natural habitat on site (approximately 2%). The entire project has a total footprint area (all sensitivity classes) of around 115 hectares within a site that is 6712 hectares in size. The project therefore has a very small footprint area which results in an insignificant impact. Furthermore, in terms of the assessed terrestrial impacts, the extent of the impact on the loss of indigenous natural vegetation is negligible. On this basis, the Biodiversity Specialist deems the project as acceptable from a terrestrial biodiversity perspective and recommends that Environmental Authorisation is granted.</u></p> <p><u>The layout presented therefore considers specialist sensitivities across all disciplines, technical and design considerations whilst ensuring no unacceptable impact as determined by the relevant specialists, including impacts on grassland areas of the site.</u></p> <p><u>The location as presented is also considered technically optimal as relates to the PV footprint and likely grid connection requirements. From a technical perspective the footprint supplied is therefore optimal considering all currently available information.</u></p>	
	<p><u>The use of Agrivoltaics where Agrivoltaic installations are combined with PV systems will be a trade-off for the loss of agricultural</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP acknowledge this statement. An alien Invasive Plant Management Plan is included in Section 7.2 of the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7.2 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>productive lands. The use of non-invasive plant species should be investigated.</u></p>		
	<p><u>The fire hazards should be addressed with an effective fire suppression system and the local firefighters made aware of the damage that excessive water and water hydrants and foam could cause. The risk of large amounts of contaminated and hazardous water runoff leaving the site must be mitigated. The prevention of contaminated water reaching any seepage wetlands must be mitigated by a pollution prevention water management system. The siltation of ground water during the construction phase must be managed.</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP can confirm that impact management actions/measures against the risk of fire are included in Section 6 of the EMPr. A Fire Management Plan is also included in Section 7.5 of the EMPr.</u> <u>Section 8.6 of the Final EIAr contains mitigation measures for the management of aquatic ecology; and Section 6 of the EMPr (Water Management) contains impact management actions/measures specific to the management of surface water and the containment of contaminated surface water.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 7.5 of the EMPr</u> <u>Section 8.6 of the Final EIAr</u></p>
	<p><u>No category 1 or 2 Alien invader plants will be allowed within the Camden 1 Solar PV facilities, as a result of recruitment during construction or thereafter. An alien invasive species (AIS) management plan should be drafted and implemented. In the event where existing alien trees are used for wind barriers it needs to be described in the EMP report.</u></p> <p><u>Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards</u></p> <p><u>MR MH VILAKAZI</u></p> <p><u>ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u></p> <p><u>DATE: 13/10/2022</u></p>	<p><u>EAP:</u> <u>WSP can confirm that specific mitigation and management measures for alien invasive species control (in line with this comment), as well as the requirement to compile and implement an alien management plan, are included in the EMPr for this project. Please refer to Section 6 (Biodiversity Management) and Section 7.2 of the EMPr (Appendix I).</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 and Section 7.2 of the EMPr</u></p>

APPENDIX

A STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



Camden Renewable Energy Cluster - Stakeholder Database	
COMPANY/PROPERTY OWNED	POSITION
LAND OWNERS	
Camden 1	
Portion 1- Farm No 422 (Lease & Servitude)	Lood De Jager Trust
Portion 3- Farm No 293 (Lease & Servitude)	Lood De Jager Trust
Portion 2- Farm No 292 (Lease & Servitude)	Lood De Jager Trust
Portion 14- Farm No 290 (Lease & Servitude)	Lood De Jager Trust
Portion 10- Farm No 292 (Lease & Servitude)	Lood De Jager Trust
Portion 2- Farm No 292 (Lease & Servitude)	Lood De Jager Trust
Portion 0- Farm No 422 (Lease & Servitude)	Zeelie Broers CC
Portion 3- Farm No 422 (Lease & Servitude)	Zeelie Broers CC
Portion 1 - Farm No 322 (Lease & Servitude)	Patronella Reyneke
Portion 2 - Farm No 322 (Lease & Servitude)	Patronella Reyneke
Portion 3 - Farm No 295 (Lease & Servitude)	Patronella Reyneke
Portion 12- Farm 292 (Servitude)	Transnet Freight Rail
Portion 20- Farm 290 (Servitude)	Transnet Freight Rail
Camden 2	
Portion 0 - Farm No 295 Servitude only	Mooiplats Colliery
Portion 1- Farm No 296 (Lease & Servitude)	Lood De Jager Trust
Portion 3- Farm No 327 (Lease & Servitude)	Hein Buhmann
Portion 0- Farm No 296 (Lease & Servitude)	Rassie Saaiman Trust
Portion 2- Farm No 296 (Lease & Servitude)	Smuts Estate
Portion 2- Farm No 296 (Lease & Servitude)	Smuts Estate
Portion 3- Farm No 297 (Lease & Servitude)	Van Der Meulen Trust
Portion 4- Farm No 297 (Lease & Servitude)	Van Der Meulen Trust
Portion 5- Farm No 297 (Lease & Servitude)	Van Der Meulen Trust
Portion 3- Farm No 296 (Lease & Servitude)	Van Der Meulen Trust
Portion 5- Farm No 326 (Lease & Servitude)	Van Der Meulen Trust
Portion 6- Farm No 327 (Lease & Servitude)	Van Der Meulen Trust
WARD COUNCILLORS	
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Ward 11 Councillor
Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Municipality	Ward 7 Councillor
COMMENTING AUTHORITIES	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Protected Areas
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Protected Areas
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Air Quality
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Air Quality
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact Management

Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Environmental officer- EIA
NATIONAL AUTHORITIES	
Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWR) (National)	Chief Director in the Office of the DG
Department of Minerals and Resources (DMR) (National)	Director General's Office
Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Director: Water Allocation
Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Deputy Director: Compulsory Licensing
Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) Head Office: Resource Protection & Waste	Deputy Director: Resource Protection & Waste
Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Instream Water Use Section
South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	Heritage Officer: Archaeology
South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	The Provincial Manager
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Air Quality Directorate
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Climate Change & Air Quality Management
Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	Directorate: Land Use and Soil Management
PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES	
Department of Mineral Resources (DMR)	Sub-Directorate: Mine Environmental Management
Mpumalanga Department of Minerals and Resources (DMR)	Regional Manager – Mpumalanga Region
Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	Acting Chief Director
Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	Control Officer
Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	Regional Director: Mpumalanga
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact Management
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Environmental officer- EIA
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Head of Department
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Chief Director (Environmental Services)
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Chief Director: Land Restitution Support
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Director: Quality Assurance
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Information Management Support
Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact Management
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Regional Land Claims Commissioner Mpumalanga
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Chief Directorate: Climate Change Monitoring, Evaluation and Mitigation
Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation: Oliphant's Proto-CMA	Directorate: IE Water Quality Management
Mpumalanga Department of Social Development	Head of Department
Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWR)	Head of Department
Mpumalanga Department of Public Works Road and Transport	Public Works
Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Head of Department
Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Acting Head of Communications

Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority	Provincial Heritage Resources Officer
Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Agency	Heritage Officer
Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Development Assessment Officer
Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Control Scientist for Biodiversity Planning
Department of Defence Mpumalanga	Director Facilities: Logistics Division
Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga	Officer Commanding
LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES	
MSUKALIGWA	
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Executive Mayor
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Speaker
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	MMC for Planning and Economic Development
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	MMC Community Development
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	MMC for Technical Services
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Manager Local Economic Development (LED)
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	IDP Manager
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Universal Coordinator (Office of the Chief Whip)
Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Town Planning Department
Dr PIXLEY KA SEME	
Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality	Executive Mayor
Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality	Acting Municipal Manager
Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality	Speaker
Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality	MMC for Planning and Development
Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality	MMC Community Development
Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality	MMC for Technical Services
Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality	Manager Local Economic Development (LED) & IDP
DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY	
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Executive Mayor
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Municipal Manager
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Environmental Officer/ Air Quality
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Air Quality Official
Gert Sibande District Municipality	District Air Quality Officer
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Manager: Planning & Economic Development
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Manager: Municipal Health and Environmental Services
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Manager Council Support
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Gert Sibande: Speaker
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Environmental Officer: Municipal Health and Environmental Services
Gert Sibande District Municipality	Manager: Municipal Environmental Services
TRIBAL AUTHORITIES	
Gert Sibande Local House of Traditional Leaders	Secretary
Mpumalanga Provincial House of Traditional Leaders	Acting Chief Director
ORGANS OF STATE / PARASTATALS	
Transnet Freight Rail	Senior Manager: Risk Management / Coal BU / Transnet Freight Rail

Transnet Freight Rail	Co-ordinator
Eskom Transmission Grid Planning Land and Rights	Senior Consultant Environmental Management
Eskom Transmission Land and Rights	Mpumalanga Co-ordinator
Telkom/Blue Tech part of Telkom	Area Manager
Camden Power Station	
BUSINESSES	
WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd	Project Developer
WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd	
GreenCape	
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	Environmental Project Developer
NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS	
Federation of Sustainable Environment (FSE) & Mpumalanga Lakes District Protection Group	Representative
Federation of Sustainable Environment (FSE)	Chief Executive Officer
BirdLife South Africa	Head of Department
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Chief Executive Officer
Endangered Wildlife Trust	
Endangered Wildlife Trust	
Endangered Wildlife Trust	
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Highland Grassland Field Officer
Mpumalanga Agri SA	
Mpumalanga Landbou Unie	Chief Executive Officer
Transvaal Landbou Unie	
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) : Northern Region	
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
Mpumalanga Wetland Forum	Chairperson
South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)	Chairperson
Waterval Forum	
Olifants River Forum	Olifants River Forum Coordinator
Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Areas (CMA)	Chief Executive Officer
Inkomati Usuthu Catchment Agency (IUCMA)	Environmental Office: Water Resources Utilization
Inkomati Usuthu Catchment Agency (IUCMA)	Scientist
Mpumalanga District Farmers Association	
PUBLIC PLACES	
Gert Sibande District Municipality Library	Manager - Nosipho
Dr Pixley Ka Seme Municipality Library	Librarian
Msukaligwa Local Municipality Library (Wesserton, Trustville, Casseim Park Libraries) under Msukaligwa	Manager (Christna Librarian)
CELL PHONE COMPANIES	
Vodacom	Regional Manager
MTN	Head of Department
Cell C	Area Manager
AIR TRAFFIC AND WEATHER COMPANIES	
Obstacle Inspector	
Executive Engineering	
Head of Technical Services	
MINING RIGHT HOLDERS	

Langcarel (Pty) Ltd (Mooiplaats Colliery) MC Mining	CEO Mooiplaats Colliery
Anker Coal	Community Investment Holdings
Anker Coal	Environmental Officer
Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga	Legal Asset and Property Management
South 32	
Kangra Coal	Legal Adviser for Canyon Coal
Kangra Coal	Environmental Manager for Canyon Coal
Hoyohoyo Mining (Pty) Ltd	
Bulemin Resources	
Bulemin Resources	
Bulemin Resources	

ADJACENT LANDOWNERS (Camden I)

David Themba	Langa
David Themba	Langa
Lwazi	Mabuza
Petronella	Reyneke
Patricia Siphwe	Mabuza
Lood	De Jager
Given	Mongwe
Johannes Lodewicus	Van Staden
Phahla	Nthlane
Sonja	Liebenberg
Alysha	Singh
Roan	Hirthowidz
Carel Gert	Steenkamp
Bernard	Scheepers
David	Zeelie
Werner	Greyling
Petronella	Reyneke
Bernard	Scheepers
David	Zeelie
Werner	Greyling
Petronella	Reyneke
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	
TRANSNET LTD	

ADJACENT LANDOWNERS (Camden II)

Lwazi	Mabuza
Pale	Saila
Malebo	Baloi
Gideoni	Huber
	Buhrmann
Willem	Buhrmann
Gideoni	Huber

Lettie	Buhrmann
Pale	Saila
Patricia Sipiwe	Mabuza
Lwazi	Mabuza
Patricia Sipiwe	Mabuza
Lwazi	Mabuza
HUBER FAMILIE TRUST	
Ria	Barkhuizen
Busi	Mlambo
Judy	Marx
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ROADS AGENCY SOC LTD	
TRANSNET LTD	
TRANSNET LTD	
Rassie Saaiman Trust	

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B NOTIFICATIONS



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B-1 ADVERTISEMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Notice is given in terms of:

- Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended)
- Section 39 or 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a General Authorisation (GA) or Water Use Licence (WUL) Application (as applicable)
- Section 38(3)(b) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEM: AQA) of an invitation to register comments with regards to an application for an Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), proposes to establish a renewable energy complex, comprising various applications for environmental authorisation, near Ermelo in Mpumalanga. The proposed authorisations includes the following Basic Assessment (BA) and Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes:

Proponent	Project	Technology	Process	Farm Names
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 210 MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF) including associated infrastructure	Wind	S&EIR	• Portion 0, 1 and 3 of Klipfontein Farm No. 442
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	• Portion 1 and 2 of Welgelegen Farm No. 322
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 210MW WEF including associated infrastructure	Wind	S&EIR	• Portion 2 and 10 of Uitkomst Farm No. 292
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	• Portion 3 of Langverwach Farm No. 293 • Portion 3 of Klipbank Farm No. 295
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 100MW Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure	Solar	S&EIR	• Portion 14 of Mooiplaats Farm No. 290
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	• Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adrianople Farm No. 296
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Hydrogen and Ammonia Plant and associated infrastructure	Green hydrogen and Ammonia	S&EIR	• Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhmansvallei Farm No. 297
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Up to 400kV Powerline, Common Collector and Main Transmission Substation including associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	S&EIR	• Portion 3 and 6 of De Emigrate Farm No. 327 • Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Projects are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

Project Name	Listing Notice	Applicable triggers							
		11	12	19	24	27	28		
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983	11	12	19	24	27	28		
	GNR 984	1	15						
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	GNR 983	9	11	12	13	14	19	25	27
	GNR 984	4	6	15	16				
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
400kV Powerline	GNR 983	12	19	27	28				
	GNR 984	9	15						
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
132kV Powerlines	GNR 983	11	12	19	27	28			
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
GA / WUL (as applicable)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) and 21 (g)							
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IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

ISAZISO NGENTUTHUKO EHLONGOZWAYO YE-CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, EHLANGANISA IZINQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZEMVELO, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- Umthethonqubo 41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichitshiyelwe)
- Isigaba sama-39 noma sama-41(4) soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthunyelwe isicelo sokuGunyazwa Okujwayelekile (GA) noma seLayisense Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba sikhona)
- Isigaba sama-38(3)(b) soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke: UMthetho Wekhwalihi Yomoya, 2004 (uMthetho No. 39 ka-2004) (NEM: AQA) wesimemo sokubhalisa imibono mayelana nesicelo Selayisensi Yokungcoliswa Komoya (i-AEL)

INCAZELO NENDAWO

I-ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), ihlongoza ukusungula inxanxathela yamandla avuselelekayo, ehlanganisa izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo, eduze kwase-Ermelo eMpumalanga. Izigunyazo ezihlongozwayo zihlanganisa lezi zinqubo ezilandelayo Zokuhlola Okuyisisekelo (BA) kanye noMbiko ngokucwaningwa ngokwezemvelo (S&EIR):

Umfakisicelo	iProjekthi	Yobuchwepheshe	Inqubo	Amagama Epulazi
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 210, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Umoya	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 0, 1 and 3 of Klipfontein Farm No. 442 • Portion 1 and 2 of Welgelegen Farm No. 322 • Portion 2 and 10 of Uitkomst Farm No. 292 • Portion 3 of Langverwatch Farm No. 293 • Portion 3 of Klipbank Farm No. 295 • Portion 14 of Mooiplaats Farm No. 290 • Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adrianople Farm No. 296 • Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhrmansvallei Farm No. 297 • Portion 3 and 6 of De Emigrate Farm No. 327 • Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326
	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	BA	
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 210, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Umoya	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 3 of Langverwatch Farm No. 293 • Portion 3 of Klipbank Farm No. 295 • Portion 14 of Mooiplaats Farm No. 290 • Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adrianople Farm No. 296 • Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhrmansvallei Farm No. 297 • Portion 3 and 6 of De Emigrate Farm No. 327 • Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326
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Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngelanga (WEF) esikhqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 100, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Ilanga	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhrmansvallei Farm No. 297 • Portion 3 and 6 of De Emigrate Farm No. 327 • Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326
	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	BA	
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Isikhungo se-Hydrogen and Ammonia kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	I-hydrogen eluhlaza ne-ammonia	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwinqubo elingu 400kV, kuhlanganise nengqalasizinda ehlobene (i-Common Collector kanye ne-Main Transmission Substation, nokunye)	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	S&EIR	

IZICELO ZEMVELO

Uhlu lwezikhombo ezithintekayo ngalama-Projekthi zivezwe kwi tafula elilandelayo ngezansi. Uma ufisa ukuthola ikhophi epehelele yale misebenzi esohlwini, sicela uthinte I-Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), imininingwane enikezwe ngezansi.

Igama leprojekthi	Isaziso Sohlu	Izibangeli ezisebenzayo							
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983	11	12	19	24	27	28		
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	GNR 985	4	12	14					
Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	GNR 983	9	11	12	13	14	19	25	27
	GNR 984	4	6	15	16				
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
400kV Ulayini wamandla	GNR 983	12	19	27	28				
	GNR 984	9	15						
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
132kV Izintambo zikagesi	GNR 983	11	12	19	27	28			
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
GA / WUL (njengoba kufanele)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) and 21 (g)							
AEL	GNR 893	Isigaba sesi-7: Isigaba Somkhakha Wamakhemikhali Angaphili 7.1: Ukukhiqizwa kanye noma Ukusetshenziswa Ekukhiqizeni I-Amonia, I-Fluorine, Inhlanganisela Ye-Fluorine, I-Chlorine, ne-Hydrogen Cyanide							

UKUBHALISA

I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) iqokwe njenge-EAP yi-ENERTRAG, ukuphatha izinqubo ze-BA kanye ne-S&EIR ezifanele. Abantu abafisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza ukuze babeke imibono yabo mayelana Nemiklamo Ehlongozwayo bayacelwa ukuba bathumele imininingwane yabo egcwele ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ababambiqhaza ababhalisiwe bazothunyelwa zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo futhi baziswe ngamunye ngamunye amathuba okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlobo.

ISIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZWA KWESIKOPI ESALUNGILE

Imibiko Esalungiswa Yokuhlelwa Kwendawo izotholakala kwa-WSP ngesicelo kanye/noma ezindaweni ezingezansi ukuze ibuyekwezwe futhi kuphawulwe ngayo izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu (30 days) kusukela **25 February 2022 kuya ku-28 March 2022**.

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OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE CAMDEN HERNUBARE ENERGIEKOMPLEKS, WAT SAL BESTAAN UIT VERSKEIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

- **Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982 (soos gewysig) gepubliseer in terme van artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir die indiening van verskeie aansoeke vir omgewingsmagtigings (EA's) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983, GNR 984 en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)**
- **Artikel 39 of 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (36 van 1998) (NWA), vir die indiening van 'n Algemene Magtiging (GA) of Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) Aansoek (soos van toepassing)**
- **Artikel 38(3)(b) van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Luggehalte, 2004 (Wet No. 39 van 2004) (NEM: AQA) om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer met betrekking tot 'n aansoek vir 'n Atmosferiese Emissielisensie (AEL)**

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

ENERTRAG Suid-Afrika (Edms) Bpk (ENERTRAG), stel voor om 'n hernubare energiekompleks, bestaande uit verskeie aansoeke om omgewingsmagtiging, naby Ermelo in Mpumalanga te vestig. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Basiese Evaluering (BE) en Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIR) prosesse in:

Proponent	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Plaasname
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 210 MW Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) insluitend verwante infrastruktuur	Wind	S&OIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gedeelte 0, 1 en 3 van Klipfontein Plaas No. 442 • Gedeelte 1 en 2 van Welgelegen Plaas No. 322 • Gedeelte 2 en 10 van Uitkomst Plaas No. 292 • Gedeelte 3 van Langverwach Plaas No. 293 • Gedeelte 3 van Klipbank Plaas No. 295 • Gedeelte 14 van Mooiplaats Plaas No. 290 • Gedeelte 0, 2 en 3 van Adrianople Plaas No. 296 • Gedeelte 3, 4 en 5 van Buhmansvallei Plaas No. 297 • Gedeelte 3 en 6 van De Emigrate Plaas No. 327 • Gedeelte 5 van Klipfontein Plaas No. 326
	Tot en met 132kV Kraglynn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissie lyn en substasie	BE	
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	Tot en met 132kV Kraglynn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissie lyn en substasie	BE	
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 100MW sonkragfasiliteit (SEF) insluitend verwante infrastruktuur	Sonkrag	S&OIR	
	Tot en met 132kV Kraglynn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissie lyn en substasie	BE	
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Waterstof- en Ammoniaakaanleg en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur	Green hydrogen and Ammonia	S&OIR	
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 400kV-kraglynn, gemeenskaplike versamelaar en hooftransmissiesubstasie insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Transmissie lyn en substasie	S&OIR	

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die verwagte gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word in die tabel hieronder weerspieël. Indien u die volledige bewoording van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingsevalueringpraktisyn (OEP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

Projek Naam	Noteringskennisgewing	Toepaslike snellers									
		11	12	19	24	27	28				
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132kV Kragdrade	GNR 983	11	12	19	27	28					
	GNR 985	4	12	14							
GA / WUL (soos van toepassing)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) en 21 (g)									
AEL	GNR 893	Kategorie 7: Anorganiese chemikalieë-industrie Subkategorie 7.1: Produksie en of gebruik in die vervaardiging van ammoniak, fluor, fluorverbindinge, chloor en waterstofsianied									

REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur ENERTRAG as die OEP aangestel om die onderskeie BA- en S&OIV-prosesse te behartig. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbendes wil registreer om hul kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projekte te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die OEP te stuur by die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregistreerde belanghebbendes sal alle toekomstige korrespondensie aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

Die Konsep Omgewingsbestekverslae sal vir hersiening en kommentaar beskikbaar gestel word op versoek vanaf WSP en by die lokale hieronder, vir 30 dae vanaf 25 Februarie 2022 tot 28 Maart 2022.

Gebied	Lokaal	Straat Adres	Kontak No
Ermelo	Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit	Hoek van Joubert & Oosthuise Strate	017 801 7000
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Neville Ritchie meet en pas op Saterdag 19 Februarie met Thouns Adendorff wat toekyk.

68 hengelaars vang meer as 'n duisend vis

Meyerville Hengelklub het onlangs 'n naweekkompetisie aangebied waar die vis van die dag aan die swaarste sak modderbek gegaan het.

Aansaa 68 hengelaars, waarvan ses besoekers, het 1 026 vis, 'n gewig van 629.98kg, vasgekap.

Danie Human was onoorwonne in die meestersafdeling met 46 vis van 24.260kg, gevolg deur Koos van Rensburg met 18 vis van 40.240kg en Dougie Douglas met 28 vis van 25.020kg.

Human het die vis van die dag gevang.

Graham Douglas het in die seniorafdeling geseëvier met 54 vis van 45.760kg, gevolg deur Shawn Munro met 65 vis van 31.540kg en Peter Munro met 45 vis van 23.720kg.

Munro het die vis van die dag ingewoeg.

Elain Munro het eerste in die vroue-afdeling geëindig met 33 vis van 33.240kg, Letitia van der

Merwe was tweede met 24 vis van 11.100kg en Zandile Radebe derde met 19 vis van 13.160kg.

Van der Merwe het die vis van die dag inkatrol.

Ruan van Zyl het die juniorafdeling gewen met 21 vis van 9.920kg, gevolg deur Germaine Pretorius met 18 vis van 8.200kg en JT Pretorius met ses vis van 5.340kg.

Pretorius het die vis van die dag gevang.

Ty Mortlock was eerste in die penkopafdeling met 10 vis van 2.600kg, gevolg deur Wianco Lottering met sewe vis van 5.380kg en Ricardo van Wyngaard met 10 vis van 2.360kg.

Lottering het die vis van die dag vasgekap.



Foto vir illustrasiedoeleindes.

Delmas klop Standerton

Standerton se mansspelers het op Saterdag 19 Februarie die knie teen Delmas gebuig. Hulle het by die Standerton Buiteklub meeding en die besoekers het 5-3 aangeteken. Ghoifspelers het hul nie deur die vroegoggend reën bui laat afsit nie.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Notice is given in terms of:

- Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No.107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended)
- Section 39 or 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a General Authorisation (GA) or Water Use Licence (WUL) Application (as applicable)
- Section 38(3)(b) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No.39 of 2004) (NEM:QA) of an invitation to register comments with regards to an application for an Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), proposes to establish a renewable energy complex, comprising various applications for environmental authorisation, near Ermelo in Mpumalanga. The proposed authorisations includes the following Basic Assessment (BA) and Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (SAEIR) processes:

Proponent	Project	Technology	Process	Farm Names
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 210MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF) including associated infrastructure Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Wind	SAEIR	• Portion 0, 1 and 3 of Klopfontein Farm No.442 • Portion 1 and 2 of Weigelen Farm No.322 • Portion 2 and 10 of Ulkroon Farm No.293
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 210MW WEF including associated infrastructure Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Wind	SAEIR	• Portion 3 of Langewach Farm No.293 • Portion 3 of Klopfontein Farm No.295
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 100MW Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Solar	SAEIR	• Portion 14 of Mookop Farm No.290 • Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adriaanse Farm No.297 • Portion 3, 4 and 5 of Buhmansville Farm No.297 • Portion 3 and 6 of De Ermigte Farm No.327
Camden Green Energy (Pty) Ltd	Hydrogen and Ammonia Plant and associated infrastructure	Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	SAEIR	• Portion 3, 4 and 5 of Buhmansville Farm No.297 • Portion 3 and 6 of De Ermigte Farm No.327
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Up to 400kV Powerline, Common Collector and Main Transmission Substation including associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	SAEIR	• Portion 5 of Klopfontein Farm No.308

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Projects are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

Proponent	Listing Notice	Applicable Triggers
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983 GNR 984 GNR 985	11 12 19 24 27 28
Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	GNR 983 GNR 984 GNR 985	11 12 13 14 18 25 27 28
400kV Powerline	GNR 983 GNR 984 GNR 985	12 19 27 28
132kV Powerline	GNR 983 GNR 984 GNR 985	4 12 14 19 27 28
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	Thabatha Public Library	Chr. Inza S & Kerk Street	017 801 3660
	Mookop Local Municipality Ermelo Office	Wasselon C12	082 787 5118
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Isaziho sikhawwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- Umthetho no-41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba uchithiyelewe) oshicilelwe ngaphandle kweigaba 24 no-34D soMithetho Wokuphatwa Kwemvelo Kuzwelonke (No.107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba uchithiyelewe) ukuze kuthinywe izicelo ezihlukahlukane zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemiqondiso ehlukile ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba uchithiyelewe)
- Iigaba sama-38 noma sama-41(a) soMithetho Wamanzi Kuzwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthinywe izicelo sokuDunyazwa Okujikelelele (GA) noma Selayisense Yokusebenza Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba alihlona)
- Iigaba sama-38(3)(b) soMithetho Wokuphatwa Kwemvelo Kuzwelonke: Umthetho Wokwahlithi Yomoya, 2004 (uMthetho No.39 ka-2004) (NEM:QA) wesimemo sokubhalisa imibono mayelana nesicelo Selayisani Yokungcolawa Komoya (A-EL)

INCAZELO NENDAWO

I-ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), ihlongoza ukusungula inkamathole yamandla avuselelekayo, ehlanganisa izicelo ezihlukahlukane zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo, eduze kwase-Ermelo eMpumalanga. Izigunyazo ezihlongozwayo zihlanganisa izicelo ziziqubo ezilandelayo. Zokuhlola Okujikeleleko (BA) kanye nokhulko ngokucwangcisa ngokwezemvelo (SAEIR):

Umthetho/izicelo/Projekthi	Yokuzwephele	Inqubo	Amagama Epulazi
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukuxhathisa kwekhubungo esiphahle ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhawwa nangama-MW afika ku 210, kanye nengqubo ezilandelayo ezibandela Uyayini odibisa ugesi ofika ku nani elingu 132kV, kanye nokhulko kanye nengqubo ezilandelayo ezibandela	Uyayini Nesithi	SAEIR
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukuxhathisa kwekhubungo ngomoya ngomoya (WEF) esikhawwa nangama-MW afika ku 210, kanye nengqubo ezilandelayo ezibandela Uyayini odibisa ugesi ofika ku nani elingu 132kV, kanye nokhulko kanye nengqubo ezilandelayo ezibandela	Uyayini Nesithi	SAEIR
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukuxhathisa kwekhubungo ngomoya ngomoya (SEF) esikhawwa nangama-MW afika ku 100, kanye nengqubo ezilandelayo ezibandela Uyayini odibisa ugesi ofika ku nani elingu 132kV, kanye nokhulko kanye nengqubo ezilandelayo ezibandela	Uyayini Nesithi	SAEIR
Camden Green Energy (Pty) Ltd	Izikhungo ze-Hydrogen and Ammonia kanye nengqubo ezilandelayo ezibandela	Hydrogen okhulaza ne-ammonia	SAEIR
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Uyayini odibisa ugesi ofika we-400kV, i-hlanganisa nengqubo ezilandelayo (i-common Collector kanye ne-Main Transmission Substation, nokanye)	Uyayini	SAEIR

IZICELO ZEMVELO

Uluhu lweziKhombo ezithintekayo ngaluma-Projekthi ziveze kwi tafu elandelayo ngezansi. Uma ufisa ukuthola ikhophi ephelile yeke mibandela esikhawwa, sicela uthintela i-Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), imininingwane enikezwe ngezansi

Iigama leProjekthi	Isaziho Sakhulu	Iibangeli ezibandelayo
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983 GNR 984 GNR 985	11 12 19 24 27 28
Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	GNR 983 GNR 984 GNR 985	11 12 13 14 18 25 27 28
400kV Ulayini wamandla	GNR 983 GNR 984 GNR 985	12 19 27 28
132kV Iintambo zikagesi	GNR 983 GNR 984 GNR 985	4 12 14 19 27 28
GA WUL (njengoba kufanele)	Section 21 Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (j) and 21 (g)
AEL	GNR 983	ngaba use-7: Iigaba Sakhulu Wokuhlathisa ngomoya / 7.1: Ukuxhathisa kanye noma Ukuxhathisa kwekhubungo ngomoya, Fluorine, Fluorine compounds, Chlorine, and Hydrogen Cyanide

UKUBHALISA

I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) ipokewe njenge-SAP yi-ENERTRAG, ukuphatla izinqubo ze-BA kanye ne-SAEIR ezifanele. Abantu abafisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababandela iqhaza uluho babeki imibono yabo mayelana NemaKoma ehlongozwayo bayacelwa ukuba bahlathise imininingwane yabo ngomoya ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Abantabandela ababhalisela bazokuthinywa zonke izicelo ezithintekayo futhi bazivume ngaminye ngaminye amathuba okubamba iqhaza kulo hlobo.

IBIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKIWE KWESIKOPI ESALINGILE

Imibono Esalungile Yokuzwela Kwendawo Izothakalisa kwi-WSP ngiceliso kanyehona ezindaweni ezizangezansi uluho kuyakwaziwa kuthi kufunyanwe ngayo izinsuku ezizangamshumi amathathu (30 days) kusukela 25 February 2022 kuya ku-28 March 2022.

Indawo	Venue	Ikhethi	Ulingo
Ermelo	Gert Sibande District Municipality (Smith Public Library)	Chr. Jouber & Oosthuize Streets	017 801 7000
	Thabatha Public Library	Chr. Inza S & Kerk Street	017 801 3660
	Mookop Local Municipality Ermelo Office	Wasselon C12	082 787 5118
		Chr. Inza S & Kerk Street	017 801 3660

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 Ikhethi: PO Box 98867, Sionne Park, 2152

APPENDIX

B-2 *SITE NOTICES*

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Notice is given in terms of:

- Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended)
- Section 39 or 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a General Authorisation (GA) or Water Use Licence (WUL) Application (as applicable)
- Section 38(3)(b) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEM: AQA) of an invitation to register comments with regards to an application for an Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), proposes to establish a renewable energy complex, comprising various applications for environmental authorisation, near Ermelo in Mpumalanga. The proposed authorisations includes the following Basic Assessment (BA) and Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes:

Proponent	Project	Technology	Process	Farm Names
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 210 MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF) including associated infrastructure	Wind	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 0, 1 and 3 of Klipfontein Farm No. 442 • Portion 1 and 2 of Welgelegen Farm No. 322 • Portion 2 and 10 of Uitkomst Farm No. 292 • Portion 3 of Langverwatch Farm No. 293 • Portion 3 of Klipbank Farm No. 295 • Portion 14 of Mooiplaats Farm No. 290 • Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adrianople Farm No. 296 • Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhmansvallei Farm No. 297 • Portion 3 and 6 of De Emigrate Farm No. 327 • Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 210MW WEF including associated infrastructure	Wind	S&EIR	
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 100MW Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure	Solar	S&EIR	
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Hydrogen and Ammonia Plant and associated infrastructure	Green hydrogen and Ammonia	S&EIR	
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Up to 400kV Powerline, Common Collector and Main Transmission Substation including associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	S&EIR	

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Projects are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

Project Name	Listing Notice	Applicable triggers							
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983	11	12	19	24	27	28		
	GNR 984	1	15						
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	GNR 983	9	11	12	13	14	19	25	27
	GNR 984	4	6	15	16				
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
400kV Powerline	GNR 983	12	19	27	28				
	GNR 984	9	15						
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
132kV Powerlines	GNR 983	11	12	19	27	28			
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
GA / WUL (as applicable)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) and 21 (g)							
AEL	GNR 893	Category 7: Inorganic Chemicals Industry Subcategory 7.1: Production and or Use in Manufacturing of Ammonia, Fluorine, Fluorine Compounds, Chlorine, and Hydrogen Cyanide							

REGISTRATION

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

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Environmental Scoping Reports will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **25 February 2022 to 28 March 2022**.

Area	Venue	Street Address	Contact No
Ermelo	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Cnr Joubert & Oosthuise Streets	017 801 7000
	Ermelo Public Library	Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street	017 801 3500
	Thusiville Public Library	Wesselton Ext 2	082 797 5119
	Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ermelo Office	Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street	017 801 3500
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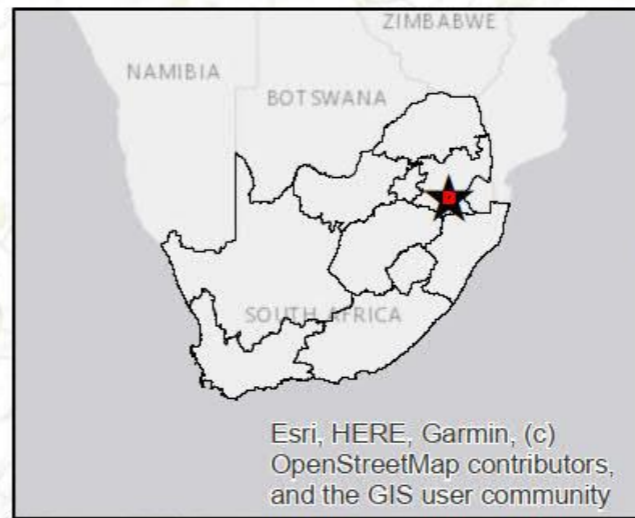
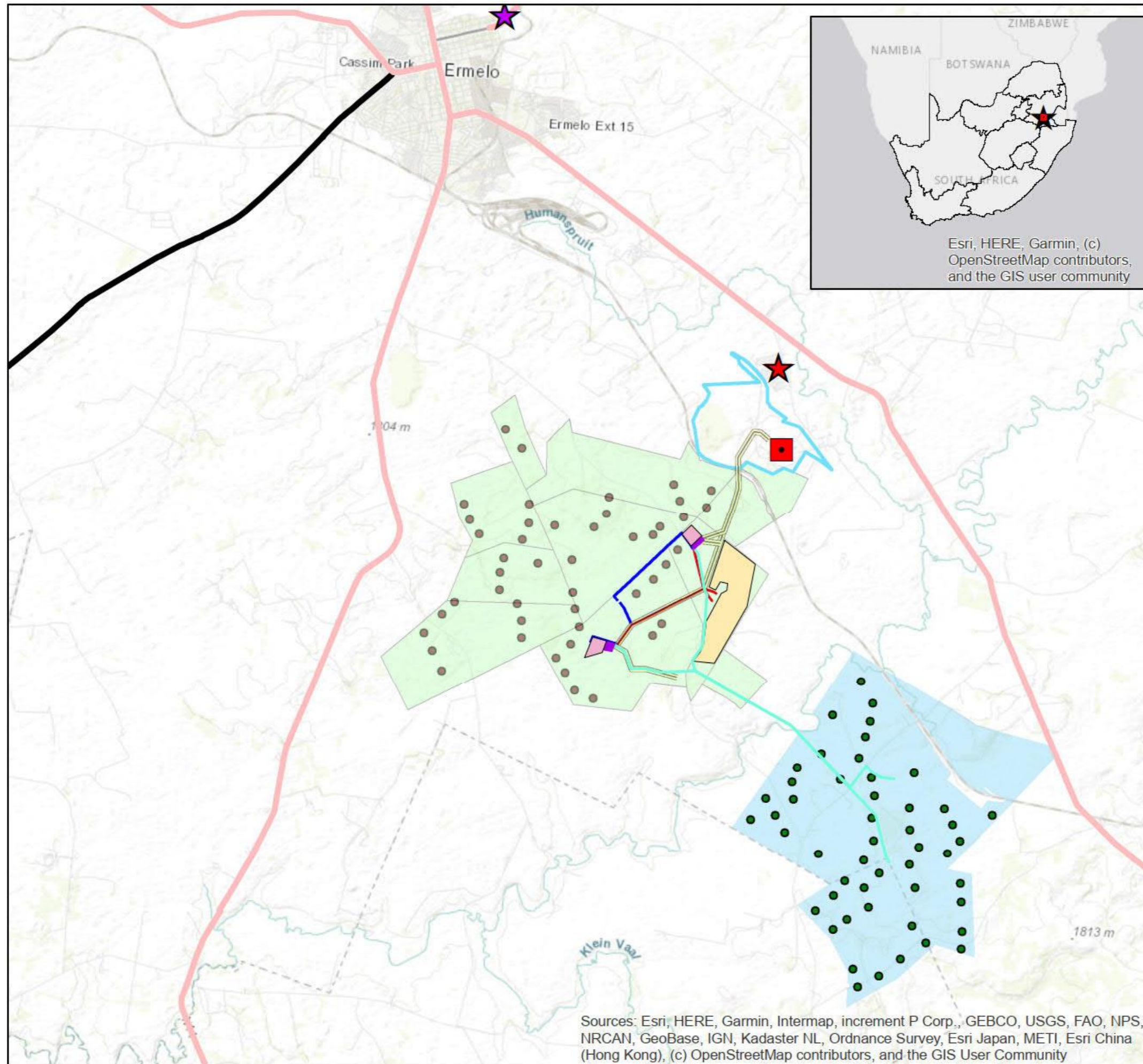
The contact details of the EAP are:

Name: Babalwa Mqokeli

Tel: 031 240 8804 **Fax:** 011 361 1381 **E-mail:** babalwa.mqokeli@wsp.com **Address:** PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

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

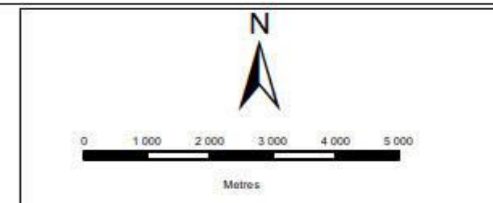




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- Turbine Positions (Camden I)
- Turbine Positions (Camden II)
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- Ermelo
- Camden



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PROJECT TITLE: ENERTRAG MPUMALANGA EIA
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Figure 1: Camden Renewable Energy Cluster showing the respective projects comprised thereof.

IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

ISAZISO NGENTUTHUKO EHLONGOZWAYO YE-CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, EHLANGANISA IZINQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZEMVELO, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- Umthethonqubo 41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichitshiyelwe)
- Isigaba sama-39 noma sama-41(4) soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthunyelwe isicelo sokuGunyazwa Okujwayelekile (GA) noma seLayisense Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba sikhona)
- Isigaba sama-38(3)(b) soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke: UMthetho Wekwalithi Yomoya, 2004 (uMthetho No. 39 ka-2004) (NEM: AQA) wesimemo sokubhalisa imibono mayelana nesicelo Selayisensi Yokungcoliswa Komoya (i-AEL)

INCAZELO NENDAWO

I-ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), ihlongoza ukusungula inxanxathela yamandla avuselekayo, ehlanganisa izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo, eduze kwase-Ermelo eMpumalanga. Izigunyazo ezihlongozwayo zihlanganisa lezi zinqubo ezilandelayo Zokuhlola Okuyisisekelo (BA) kanye noMbiko ngokucwaningwa ngokwezemvelo (S&EIR):

Umfakisicelo	iProjekthi	Yobuchwepheshe	Inqubo	Amagama Epulazi
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 210, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Umoya	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 0, 1 and 3 of Klipfontein Farm No. 442 • Portion 1 and 2 of Welgelegen Farm No. 322 • Portion 2 and 10 of Uitkomst Farm No. 292 • Portion 3 of Langverwach Farm No. 293 • Portion 3 of Klipbank Farm No. 295 • Portion 14 of Mooiplaats Farm No. 290 • Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adrianople Farm No. 296 • Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhrmansvallei Farm No. 297 • Portion 3 and 6 of De Emigrate Farm No. 327 • Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326
	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	BA	
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 210, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Umoya	S&EIR	
	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	BA	
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngelanga (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 100, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Ilanga	S&EIR	
	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	BA	
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Isikhungo se-Hydrogen and Ammonia kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	I-hydrogen eluhlaza ne-ammonia	S&EIR	
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwinani elingu 400kV, kuhlanganise nengqalasizinda ehlobene (i-Common Collector kanye ne-Main Transmission Substation, nokunye)	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	S&EIR	

IZICELO ZEMVELO

Uhlu lwezikhombo ezithintekayo ngalama-Projekthi zivezwe kwi tafula elilandelayo ngezansi. Uma ufisa ukuthola ikhophi ephelele yale misebenzi esohlwini, sicela uthinte I-Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), iminingwane enikezwe ngezansi.

Igama leprojekthi	Isaziso Sohlu	Izibangeli ezisebenzayo							
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983	11	12	19	24	27	28		
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GA / WUL (njengoba kufanele)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) and 21 (g)							
AEL	GNR 893	Isigaba sesi-7: Isigaba Somkhakha Wamakhemikhali Angaphili 7.1: Ukukhiqizwa kanye noma Ukusetshenziswa Ekukhiqizeni I-Amonia, I-Fluorine, Inhlanganisela Ye-Fluorine, I-Chlorine, ne-Hydrogen Cyanide							

UKUBHALISA

I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) iqokwe njenge-EAP yi-ENERTRAG, ukuphatha izinqubo ze-BA kanye ne-S&EIR ezifanele. Abantu abafisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza ukuze babeke imibono yabo mayelana Nemiklamo Ehlongozwayo bayacelwa ukuba bathumele iminingwane yabo egcwele ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ababambiqhaza ababhalisiwe bazothunyelwa zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo futhi baziswe ngamunye ngamanye amathuba okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlelo.

ISIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZWA KWESIKOPI ESALUNGILE

Imibiko Esalungiswa Yokuhlelwa Kwendawo izotholakala kwa-WSP ngesicelo kanye/noma ezindaweni ezingezansi ukuze ibuyekizwe futhi kuphawulwe ngayo izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu (30 days) kusukela **25 February 2022 kuya ku-28 March 2022**.

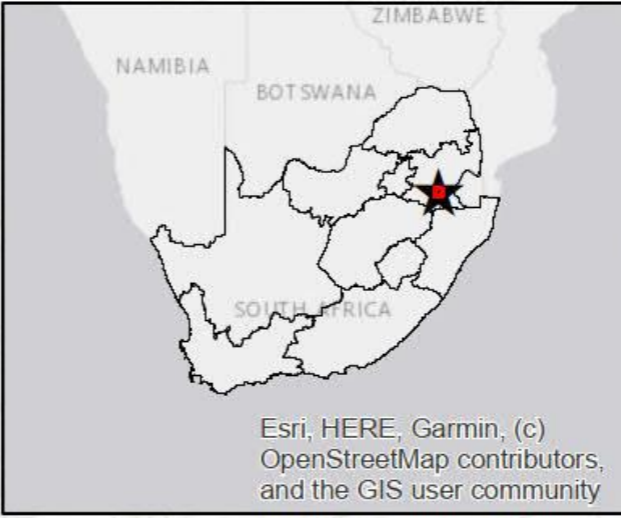
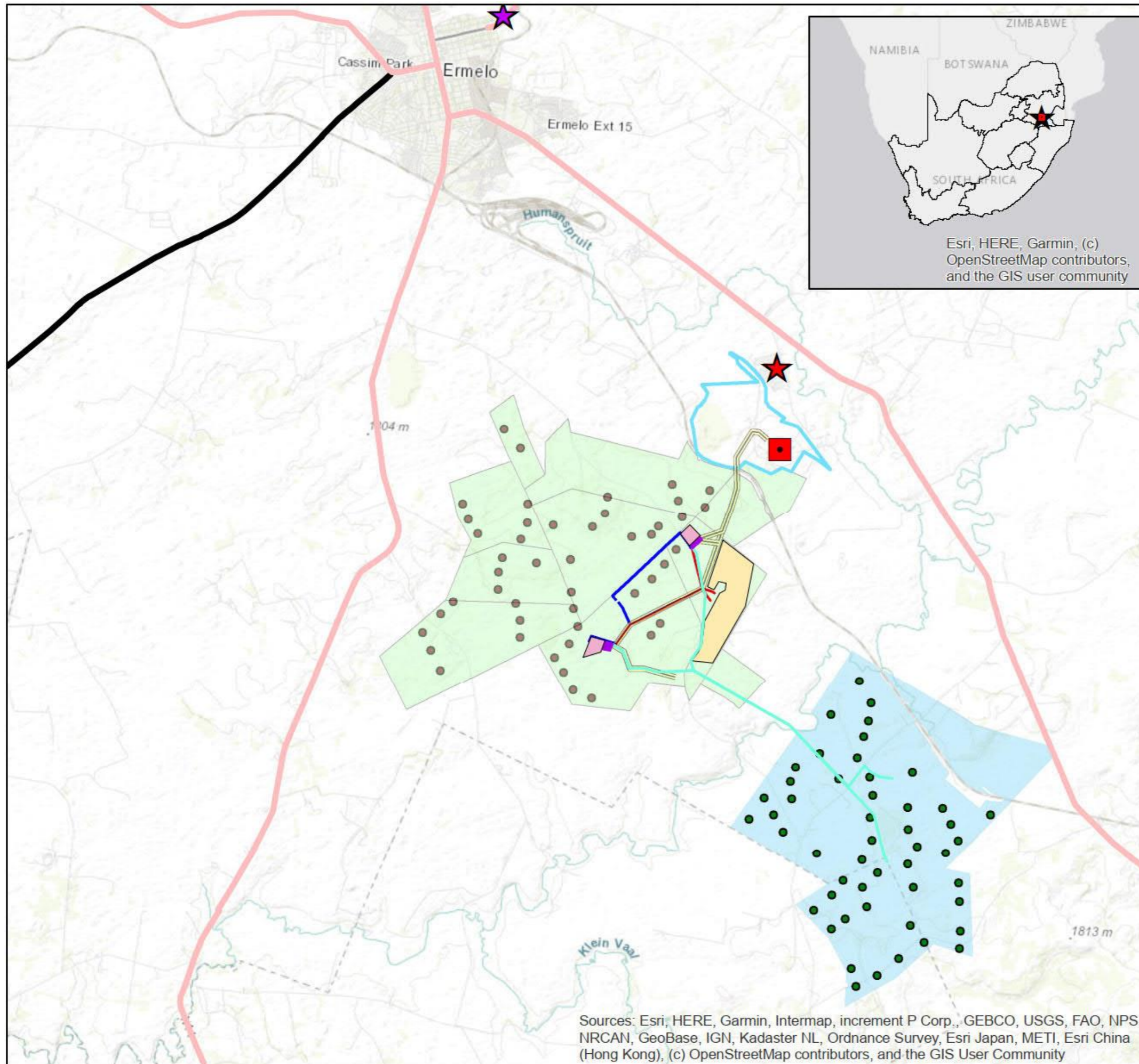
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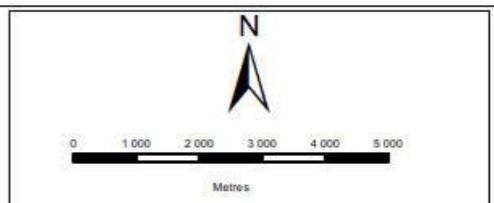
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OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE CAMDEN HERNUBARE ENERGIEKOMPLEKS, WAT SAL BESTAAN UIT VERSKEIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

- Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982 (soos gewysig) gepubliseer in terme van artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir die indiening van verskeie aansoeke vir omgewingsmagtigings (EA's) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983, GNR 984 en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)
- Artikel 39 of 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (36 van 1998) (NWA), vir die indiening van 'n Algemene Magtiging (GA) of Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) Aansoek (soos van toepassing)
- Artikel 38(3)(b) van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Luggehalte, 2004 (Wet No. 39 van 2004) (NEM: AQA) om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer met betrekking tot 'n aansoek vir 'n Atmosferiese Emissielisensie (AEL)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

ENERTRAG Suid-Afrika (Edms) Bpk (ENERTRAG), stel voor om 'n hernubare energiekompleks, bestaande uit verskeie aansoeke om omgewingsmagtiging, naby Ermelo in Mpumalanga te vestig. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Basiese Evaluering (BE) en Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIR) prosesse in:

Proponent	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Plaasname
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 210 MW Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) insluitend verwante infrastruktuur	Wind	S&OIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gedeelte 0, 1 en 3 van Klipfontein Plaas No. 442 • Gedeelte 1 en 2 van Welgelegen Plaas No. 322 • Gedeelte 2 en 10 van Uitkomst Plaas No. 292 • Gedeelte 3 van Langverwach Plaas No. 293 • Gedeelte 3 van Klipbank Plaas No. 295 • Gedeelte 14 van Mooiplaats Plaas No. 290 • Gedeelte 0, 2 en 3 van Adrianople Plaas No. 296 • Gedeelte 3,4 en 5 van Buhrmansvallei Plaas No. 297 • Gedeelte 3 en 6 van De Emigrate Plaas No. 327 • Gedeelte 5 van Klipfontein Plaas No. 326
	Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissielyn en substasie	BE	
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 210 MW WEF insluitend verwante infrastruktuur	Wind	S&OIR	
	Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissielyn en substasie	BE	
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 100MW sonkragfasiliteit (SEF) insluitend verwante infrastruktuur	Sonkrag	S&OIR	
	Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissielyn en substasie	BE	
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Waterstof- en Ammoniakaanleg en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur	Green hydrogen and Ammonia	S&OIR	
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 400kV-kraglyn, gemeenskaplike versamelaar en hooftransmissiesubstasie insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Transmissielyn en substasie	S&OIR	

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die verwagte gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word in die tabel hieronder weerspieël. Indien u die volledige bewoording van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgewingsevalueringpraktisyn (OEP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

Projek Naam	Noteringskennisgewing	Toepaslike snellers							
		11	12	19	24	27	28		
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983	11	12	19	24	27	28		
	GNR 984	1	15						
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	GNR 983	9	11	12	13	14	19	25	27
	GNR 984	4	6	15	16				
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
400kV Kraglyn	GNR 983	12	19	27	28				
	GNR 984	9	15						
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
132kV Kragrade	GNR 983	11	12	19	27	28			
	GNR 985	4	12	14					
GA / WUL (soos van toepassing)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) en 21 (g)							
AEL	GNR 893	Kategorie 7: Anorganiese chemikalieë-industrie Subkategorie 7.1: Produksie en of gebruik in die vervaardiging van ammoniak, fluor, fluorverbinding, chloor en waterstofsianied							

REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur ENERTRAG as die OEP aangestel om die onderskeie BA- en S&OIV-prosesse te behartig. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbendes wil registreer om hul kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projekte te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die OEP te stuur by die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregistreerde belanghebbendes sal alle toekomstige korrespondensie aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

Die Konsep Omgewingsbestekverslae sal vir hersiening en kommentaar beskikbaar gestel word op versoek vanaf WSP en by die lokale hieronder, vir 30 dae vanaf **25 Februarie 2022 tot 28 Maart 2022**.

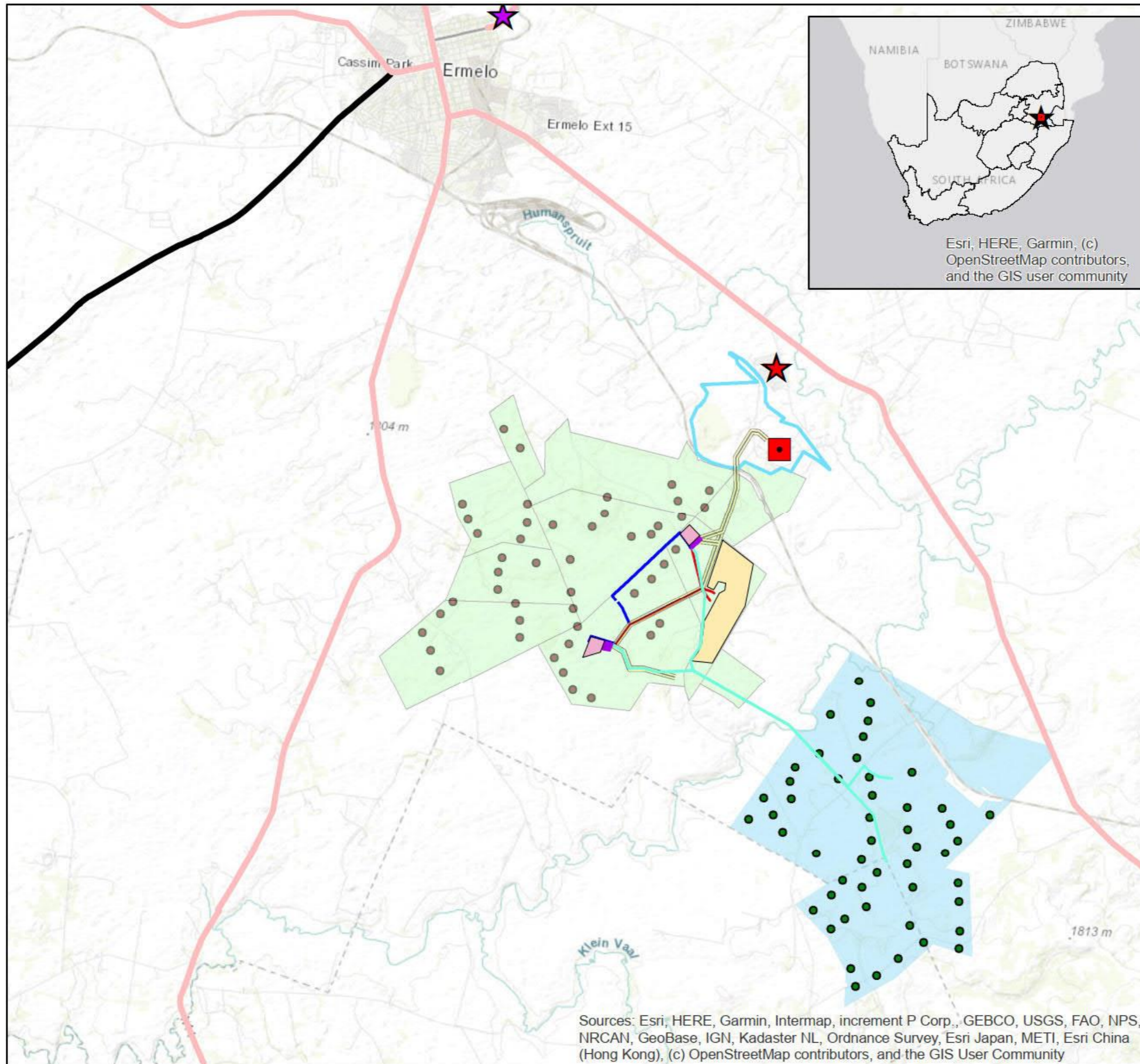
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	Thusiville Publieke biblioteek	Wesselton Ext 2	082 797 5119
	Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit Ermelo Kantoor	Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Straat	017 801 3500
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Die kontakbesonderhede van die OEP is:

Naam: Babalwa Mqokeli **Tel:** 031 240 8804 **Fax:** 011 361 1381 **E-pos:** babalwa.mqokeli@wsp.com **Adres:** Posbus 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

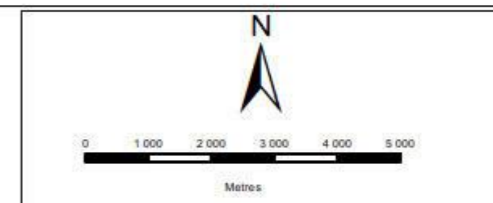
Beskerming van persoonlike inligting: WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party (B&GP) verwerk vir doeleindes om jou registrasie as 'n B&GP moontlik te maak en jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor, indien jy daartoe instem. WSP sal hierdie besonderhede gebruik om jou te kontak oor ander relevante projekte in die toekoms. WSP sal altyd jou persoonlike inligting verwerk in ooreenstemming met die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting 4 van 2013. Jy is geregtig om jou regte as 'n datasubjek uit te oefen en ons te laat weet as jy as 'n B & GP gederegistreer wil word of as jy geen langer wil hê dat u kontakbesonderhede op ons databasis ingesluit moet word.





CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER

- Legend**
- Camden I WEF
 - Camden II WEF
 - Camden I Solar PV
 - Ammonia & Hydrogen Plant Alternatives
 - Eskom Camden Power Station
 - Collector & Switching SS Alternatives
 - CD I WEF 132kV Powerline Alternatives
 - CD II WEF 132kV Powerline Alternatives
 - Solar Grid up to 132kV Alternatives
 - Up to 400kV Grid Connection Alternatives
 - National Roads
 - Arterial Roads
 - Turbine Positions (Camden I)
 - Turbine Positions (Camden II)
 - Eskom Substation
 - Ermelo
 - Camden



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PROJECTION: UTM Zone 35S (WSG1984)

PROJECT TITLE: ENERTRAG MPUMALANGA EIA
PROJECT NO: 41103247

SCALE: 1:151 400 DATE: 2021/12/10

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Figuur 1: Camden Renewable Energy Cluster wat die onderskeie projekte toon wat daaruit bestaan.

APPENDIX

B-3 NOTIFICATION LETTER



Client ref.: Camden Renewable Energy Complex
WSP ref.: 41103247

25 February 2022

Dear Stakeholder

Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Notice is given in terms of:

- Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended)
- Section 39 or 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a General Authorisation (GA) or Water Use Licence (WUL) Application (as applicable)
- Section 38(3)(b) of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) (NEM: AQA) of an invitation to register comments with regards to an application for an Atmospheric Emissions Licence (AEL)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), proposes to establish a renewable energy complex, comprising various applications for environmental authorisation, near Ermelo in Mpumalanga. The proposed authorisations includes the following Basic Assessment (BA) and Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes:

PROPONENT	PROJECT	TECHNOLOGY	PROCESS	FARM NAMES
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 200 MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF) including associated infrastructure	Wind	S&EIR	• Portion 0, 1 and 3 of Klipfontein Farm No. 442
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	• Portion 1 and 2 of Welgelegen Farm No. 322
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 200MW WEF including associated infrastructure	Wind	S&EIR	• Portion 2 and 10 of Uitkomst Farm No. 292
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	• Portion 3 of Langverwatch Farm No. 293 • Portion 3 of Klipbank Farm No. 295 • Portion 14 of Mooiplaats Farm No. 290
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Up to 100MW Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure	Solar	S&EIR	• Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adrianople Farm No. 296
	Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	BA	• Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhrmansvallei Farm No. 297 • Portion 3 and 6 of De Emigrate Farm No. 327
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Hydrogen and Ammonia Plant and associated infrastructure	Green hydrogen and Ammonia	S&EIR	• Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Up to 400kV Powerline, Common Collector and Main Transmission Substation including associated infrastructure	Transmission Line and Substation	S&EIR	

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ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The anticipated listed activity numbers associated with the Proposed Projects are reflected in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), details provided below.

PROJECT NAME	LISTING NOTICE		APPLICABLE TRIGGERS									
	GNR	Activity	11	12	14	15	16	19	24	25	27	28
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983		11	12	14	15	16	19	24	25	27	28
	GNR 984		1	15								
	GNR 985		4	12	14							
Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	GNR 983		9	11	12	13	14	19	25	27	28	
	GNR 984		4	6	15	16						
	GNR 985		4	12	14							
400kV Powerline	GNR 983		12	19	27	28						
	GNR 984		9	15								
	GNR 985		4	12	14							
132kV Powerlines	GNR 983		11	12	19	27	28					
	GNR 985		4	12	14							
GA / WUL (as applicable)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) and 21 (g)										
AEL	GNR 893	Category 7: Inorganic Chemicals Industry Subcategory 7.1: Production and or Use in Manufacturing of Ammonia, Fluorine, Fluorine Compounds, Chlorine, and Hydrogen Cyanide										

REGISTRATION

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

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Environmental Scoping Reports will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **24 February 2022 to 28 March 2022**.

AREA	VENUE	STREET ADDRESS	CONTACT NO
Ermelo	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Cnr Joubert & Oosthuise Streets	017 801 7000
	Ermelo Public Library	Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street	017 801 3500
	Thusiville Public Library	Wesselton Ext 2	082 797 5119
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Protection of Personal Information: *WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I&AP and storing of your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP will use these details to contact you about other relevant projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.*

Kind regards,

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Client ref.: Camden Renewable Energy Complex
WSP ref.: 41103247

25 February 2022

Lunga Lomphakathi Elikhethekile

Subject: ISAZISO NGENTUTHUKO EHLONGOZWAYO YE-CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, EHLANGANISA IZINQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZEMVELO, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- **Umthethonqubo 41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichtshiyelwe)**
- **Isigaba sama-39 noma sama-41(4) soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthunyelwe isicelo sokuGunyazwa Okujwayelekile (GA) noma seLayisense Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba sikhona)**
- **Isigaba sama-38(3)(b) soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke: UMthetho Wekhwalthi Yomoya, 2004 (uMthetho No. 39 ka-2004) (NEM: AQA) wesimemo sokubhalisa imibono mayelana nesicelo Selayisensi Yokungcoliswa Komoya (i-AEL)**

INCAZELO NENDAWO

I-ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), ihlongoza ukusungula inxanxathela yamandla avuselelekayo, ehlanganisa izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo, eduze kwase-Ermelo eMpumalanga. Izigunyazo ezihlongozwayo zihlanganisa lezi zinqubo ezilandelayo Zokuhlola Okuyisisekelo (BA) kanye noMbiko ngokucwaningwa ngokwezemvelo (S&EIR):

UMFAKISICELO IPROJEKTHI

YOBUCHWEPHESHE INQUBO AMAGAMA EPULAZI

Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 200, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Umoya	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 0, 1 and 3 of Klipfontein Farm No. 442 • Portion 1 and 2 of Welgelegen Farm No. 322 • Portion 2 and 10 of Uitkomst Farm No. 292 • Portion 3 of Langverwatch Farm No. 293 • Portion 3 of Klipbank Farm No. 295 • Portion 14 of Mooiplaats Farm No. 290 • Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adrianople Farm No. 296 • Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhrmansvallei Farm No. 297
	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	BA	
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 200, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Umoya	S&EIR	
	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	BA	
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngelanga (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 100, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	Ilanga	S&EIR	

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	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	BA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 3 and 6 of De Emigrate Farm No. 327 • Portion 5 of Klipfontein Farm No. 326
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Isikhungo se-Hydrogen and Ammonia kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene	I-hydrogen eluhlaza ne-ammonia	S&EIR	
ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwinani elingu 400kV, kuhlanganise nengqalasizinda ehlobene (i-Common Collector kanye ne-Main Transmission Substation, nokunye)	Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane	S&EIR	

IZICELO ZEMVELO

Uhlu lwezikhombo ezithintekayo ngalama-Projekthi zivezwe kwi tafula elilandelayo ngezansi. Uma ufisa ukuthola ikhophi ephelele yale misebenzi esohlwini, sicela uthinte I-Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), iminingwane enikezwe ngezansi.

IGAMA
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LEPHROJEKTHI
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IZIBANGELI EZISEBENZAYO

Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983	11	12	19	24	27	28			
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400kV Ulayini wamandla	GNR 983	12	19	27	28					
	GNR 984	9	15							
	GNR 985	4	12	14						
132kV Izintambo zikagesi	GNR 983	11	12	19	27	28				
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GA / WUL (njengoba kufanele)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) and 21 (g)								
AEL	GNR 893	Isigaba sesi-7: Isigaba Somkhakha Wamakhemikhali Angaphili 7.1: Ukukhiqizwa kanye noma Ukusetshenziswa Ekukhiqizeni I-Amonia, I-Fluorine, Inhlanganisela Ye-Fluorine, I-Chlorine, ne-Hydrogen Cyanide								

UKUBHALISA

I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) iqokwe njenge-EAP yi-ENERTRAG, ukuphatha izinqubo ze-BA kanye ne-S&EIR ezifanele. Abantu abafisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza ukuze babeke imibono yabo mayelana Nemiklamo Ehlongozwayo bayacelwa ukuba bathumele iminingwane yabo egcwele ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ababambiqhaza ababhalisiwe bazothunyelwa zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo futhi baziswe ngamunye ngamunye amathuba okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlelo.

ISIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZWA KWESIKOPI ESALUNGILE

Imibiko Esalungiswa Yokuhlelwa Kwendawo izotholakala kwa-WSP ngesicelo kanye/noma ezindaweni ezingezansi ukuze ibuyekezwe futhi kuphawulwe ngayo izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu (30 days) kusukela **25 February 2022 kuya ku-28 March 2022**.

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Ukuvikelwa kweMniningwane yoMuntu Siqu: I-WSP izocubngula imininingwane ethile ngawe njengomuntu onentshisekelo noma othintekayo (I&AP) ngezinjongo zokukubhalisa njenge I&AP nokugcina imininingwane yakho kusizindalwazi lwethu, uma usivumela ukwenza njalo. I-WSP izosebenzisa le mininingwane ukuze ixhumane nawe mayelana namanye amaphrojekthi abalulekile esikhathini esizayo. I-WSP izohlezi icubungula imininingwane yakho ngokuhambisana noMthetho Wokuvikela Iminingwane Yomuntu Siqu 4 ka 2013. Unelungelo lokusebenzisa amalungelo akho njengomuntu obhalisile ukuba usazise uma ufisa ukukhishwa kwababhalisiwe njenge-I & AP noma usufuna imininingwane yakho yokuxhumana ikhishwe kusizindalwazi sethu.

Ozithobayo,

Ashlea Strong
Associate



Client ref.: Camden Renewable Energy Complex
WSP ref.: 41103247

25 Februarie 2022

Geagte Belanghebbende

Subject: KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE CAMDEN HERNUBARE ENERGIekompleks, WAT SAL BESTAAN UIT VERSKEIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

- **Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982 (soos gewysig) gepubliseer in terme van artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir die indiening van verskeie aansoeke vir omgewingsmagtigings (EA's) ten opsigte van aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983, GNR 984 en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)**
- **Artikel 39 of 41(4) van die Nasionale Waterwet (36 van 1998) (NWA), vir die indiening van 'n Algemene Magtiging (GA) of Watergebruiklisensie (WUL) Aansoek (soos van toepassing)**
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ENERTRAG Suid-Afrika (Edms) Bpk (ENERTRAG), stel voor om 'n hernubare energiekompleks, bestaande uit verskeie aansoeke om omgewingsmagtiging, naby Ermelo in Mpumalanga te vestig. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Basiese Evaluering (BE) en Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIR) prosesse in:

PROPONENT	PROJEK	TEGNOLOGIE	PROSES	PLAASNAME
Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 200 MW Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) insluitend verwante infrastruktuur	Wind	S&OIR	• Gedeelte 0, 1 en 3 van Klipfontein Plaas No. 442
	Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissielyn en substasie	BE	• Gedeelte 1 en 2 van Welgelegen Plaas No. 322
Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 200 MW WEF insluitend verwante infrastruktuur	Wind	S&OIR	• Gedeelte 2 en 10 van Uitkomst Plaas No. 292
	Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissielyn en substasie	BE	• Gedeelte 3 van Langverwach Plaas No. 293 • Gedeelte 3 van Klipbank Plaas No. 295
Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd	Tot en met 100MW sonkragfasiliteit (SEF) insluitend verwante infrastruktuur	Sonkrag	S&OIR	• Gedeelte 14 van Mooiplaats Plaas No. 290
	Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur	Transmissielyn en substasie	BE	• Gedeelte 0, 2 en 3 van Adrianople Plaas No. 296
Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd	Waterstof- en Ammoniakaanleg en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur	Green hydrogen and Ammonia	S&OIR	• Gedeelte 3,4 en 5 van Buhrmansvallei Plaas No. 297 • Gedeelte 3 en 6 van De Emigrate Plaas No. 327
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PROJEK NAAM	NOTERINGSKENNISGEWING	TOEPASLIKE SNELLERS								
Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF	GNR 983	11	12	19	24	27	28			
	GNR 984	1	15							
	GNR 985	4	12	14						
Green Hydrogen and Ammonia	GNR 983	9	11	12	13	14	19	25	27	28
	GNR 984	4	6	15	16					
	GNR 985	4	12	14						
400kV Kraglyn	GNR 983	12	19	27	28					
	GNR 984	9	15							
	GNR 985	4	12	14						
132kV Kragdrade	GNR 983	11	12	19	27	28				
	GNR 985	4	12	14						-
GA / WUL (soos van toepassing)	Section 21	21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) en 21 (g)								
AEL	GNR 893	Kategorie 7: Anorganiese chemikalieë-industrie Subkategorie 7.1: Produksie en of gebruik in die vervaardiging van ammoniak, fluor, fluorverbindinge, chloor en waterstofsianied								

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Vriendelike groete,

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Associate



PROPOSED CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX

Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

INTRODUCTION

Enertrag South Africa (Enertrag) is a subsidiary of the German-based Enertrag AG, a hydrogen and renewable energy developer founded in 1992. Enertrag propose to develop the Camden Renewable Energy Complex, near Ermelo in the Mpumalanga Province. The Complex is being developed in tandem with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy's (DMRE) Integrated Resource Plan, and the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPP), along with suitable private off-take agreements where feasible.

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

This background information document (BID) introduces all stakeholders to the proposed developments. This document forms part of the respective environmental authorisation processes undertaken as a component of the stakeholder consultation process and is intended to provide stakeholders with adequate information to comment on the development.

The BID details the development, the environmental authorisation processes, the role of stakeholders in the process as well as to encourage stakeholders to comment on the development, ask questions and raise issues that should be included in the various project documentation. Aside from this document, at various stages of the respective environmental authorisation processes, information and reports will be made available for stakeholders to comment on.

WSP Group Africa (WSP) has been appointed by Enertrag as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the environmental authorisation processes for the project and to facilitate a consolidated stakeholder engagement process.

To become a registered stakeholder and ensure all comments and queries regarding this project are accurately documented and addressed, please forward your contact details and comments on the attached response sheet to:

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Camden Renewable Energy Complex is situated in the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality of the Gert Sibande District Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province. The locality of the complex is illustrated in **Figure 1**. The Complex includes eight (8) respective projects, namely:

- Camden I Wind Energy Facility (WEF) (up to 210MW);
- Camden I Solar Energy Facility (SEF) (up to 100MW);
- Camden II WEF (up to 210MW);
- Camden Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Facility;
- Camden I WEF Grid Connection (up to 132kV);
- Camden I SEF Grid Connection (up to 132kV);
- Camden II WEF Grid Connection (up to 132kV); and
- Camden Collector Substation and up to 400kV Grid Connection.

Renewable Energy Facilities

Table 1 provides a high-level project summary of the proposed Renewable Energy Facilities.

Table 1: High-level Project Summary – Renewable Energy Facilities

	CAMDEN I WEF	CAMDEN I SEF	CAMDEN II WEF
Extent	Approximately 6 475 ha	Approximately 307 ha	Approximately 4 835 ha
Buildable Area	Approximately 200 ha	Approximately 280 ha	Approximately 200 ha
Capacity	Up to 210 MW	Up to 100MW	Up to 210 MW
Technology	Wind	Solar Photovoltaic (PV)	Wind
Number of Turbines	Up to 47	-	Up to 50
Turbine Hub height	Up to 200m	-	Up to 200m
Rotor Diameter	Up to 200m	-	Up to 200m

Additional associated infrastructure will include:

- Construction camps and temporary laydown areas;
- Operations and maintenance (O&M) Buildings (including O&M, workshop and stores);
- Batching Plants;
- Internal roads and cables;
- Onsite substations with Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS);
- Water pipeline and associated infrastructure;
- Electrical Grid Infrastructure (up to 400kV as required), including collector substation, to connect the respective facilities to the national grid.

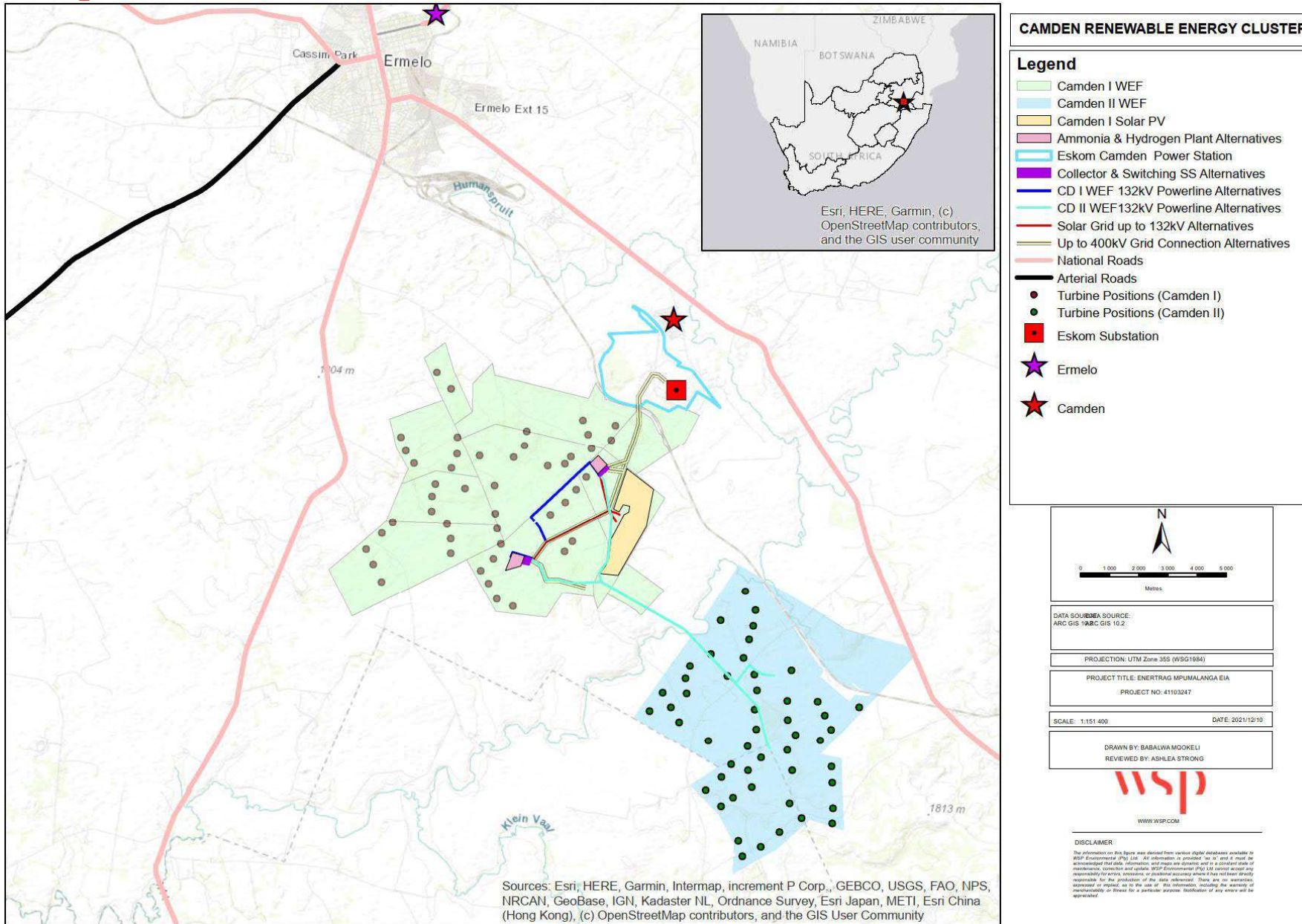


Figure 1: Camden Renewable Energy Cluster showing the respective projects comprised thereof.



Electrolyser Facility

The green hydrogen and ammonia facility will encompass approximately 25 hectares of land. “Green” hydrogen and ammonia production differs from traditional production technologies in that the process relies exclusively on renewable resources (renewable energy) and input of air and water (feedstock), to produce commercially usable green hydrogen and ammonia. The only solid waste stream is the production of brine from the water treatment plant.

A gaseous ‘waste’ is oxygen generated from the electrolyses process. Another source of gaseous ‘wastes’ is from the Air Separation Unit. This is where nitrogen is removed from the air and the other natural gases initially extracted from the air, expelled back to the same environment.

Traditional hydrogen and ammonia are produced through the burning of fossil fuels (coal or natural gas) to provide the required energy needed for their production. This method of production results in ‘brown’ hydrogen / ammonia as fossil fuels are used (i.e. carbonised sources).

Commercially, hydrogen is used as a fuel for transport in hydrogen fuel cells. Alternatively, hydrogen is used for welding and in the production of other chemicals such as methanol and hydrochloric acid and also has other commercial uses like the filling of balloons. It is also a primary input to the production of ammonia. Ammonia in turn is primarily used in the production of ammonium nitrate (fertiliser) and is also used as refrigerant gas and the manufacture of plastics, explosives, textiles, pesticides and other chemicals. Ammonia can also be used as a stable ‘carrier’ of hydrogen, allowing hydrogen to be readily stored and transported.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

In terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the amended Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GNR 982 of 2014, as amended), an Environmental Authorisation (EA) is required for all eight projects forming part of the Renewable Energy cluster, as they all include activities that are listed in the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The respective projects trigger activities from Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983), Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984) and Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985) and therefore five Full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) processes (**Figure 3**) and three Basic Assessment (BA) processes (**Figure 4**) will be undertaken.

In addition, the National Water Act (Act No.36, 1998) (NWA) aims to control the use of water, which may affect water resources through the licencing of specific water uses in terms of Section 21 of the act. The proposed projects will require an authorisation in terms of Water Use Licences (WUL) or General Authorisations (GA) from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). The WUL application processes will be undertaken concurrently with the S&EIA and BA processes as far as possible.

The overarching piece of legislation that governs air quality management in South Africa in the National Environmental Management Air Quality Act, 39 of 2004 (NEMA:QA). Listed activities and associated minimum emission standards (MES) were published in Government Notice 893 of 2013 (as amended). Given the proposed Electrolyser facilities, the activity will produce ammonia, Category 7: Inorganic Chemicals Industry, Subcategory 7.1: Production and or use in manufacturing of ammonia, fluorine, fluorine compounds, chlorine and hydrogen cyanide, as listed in Section 21 of NEMAQA will therefore apply. This activity requires that any ammonia production facility producing more than 100tpa of ammonia apply for an Atmospheric Emission License (AEL).

Below is a depiction of the timeframes applicable to the respective Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment and Basic Assessment processes.

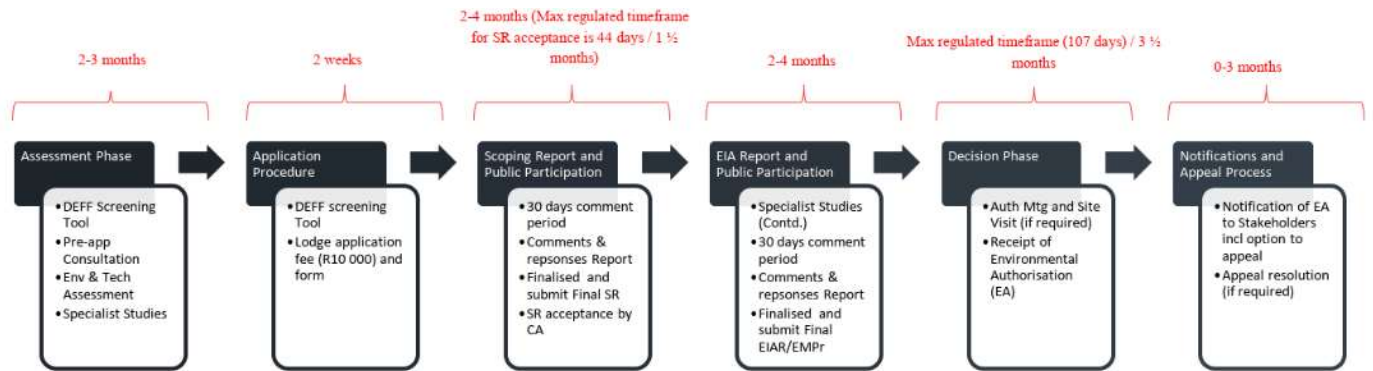


Figure 3: S&EIA Process

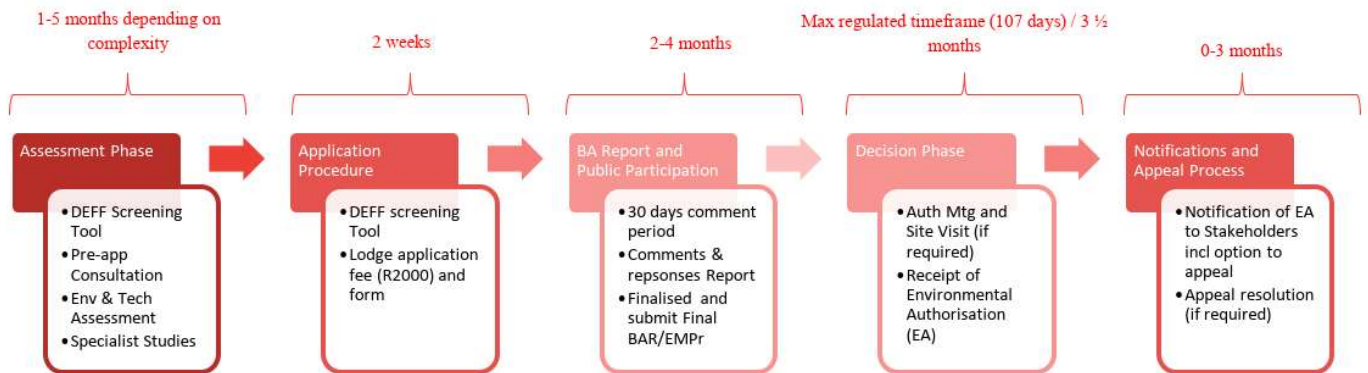


Figure 4: BA Process

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The purpose of stakeholder engagement is to consult with interested and affected parties in the public and private sectors as part of the decision-making process on projects which may affect them. The process aims to develop and maintain open channels of communication between the project team and stakeholders. This process provides stakeholders with the opportunity to express their views and concerns regarding the proposed project through project correspondence. The environmental assessment practitioner documents the views and concerns of stakeholders, and makes the project team and relevant authorities aware of issues that need to be considered during the compilation and evaluation of the potential risks and impacts associated with the project.

Who is a Stakeholder?

Any person, group of persons or organisation interested and/or affected by the proposed development.

Register your interest by completing and returning the Registration and Comments Form attached herewith.

The first steps are to notify the public and previously identified stakeholders of the proposed project. Notification is accomplished by various means to ensure a transparent process and will include details of the project as well as instructions on how to register as a stakeholder. WSP will notify stakeholders by means of advertisements and site notices which are to be placed in and around the project area in clearly visible locations. Additionally, notification emails and this BID will be distributed to surrounding landowners and stakeholders.

Furthermore, the draft Scoping, EIA and BA Reports will be released for 30-day public review periods during the course of the respective processes.



PROPOSED CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

Your comments are an important contribution into this authorisation process. We would like to interact directly with you and encourage you to register as a stakeholder so that we can keep you updated as this project moves forward and respond to any questions or concerns that you may wish to raise.

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Please insert your personal details below:

Name:		
Organisation & Designation:		
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Telephone;		
Mobile:		
E-mail:		
LANDOWNERS:		
If your property is adjacent to Project Area, please tell us your farm name and erf/portion number		
WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY?		
Please register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for this project so that I may receive further information and notifications as the project develops	YES	NO
Please include my details on WSP's database to contact me about future projects in my area	YES	NO
In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), I disclose below any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that I may have in the approval or refusal of the application:	Date	
	Signature	

Please ask the following of my colleagues / friends to register as Interested and Affected Persons for this environmental authorisation process:

NAME	CONTACT DETAILS

APPENDIX

B-4 E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS

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