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Development Type: Wind
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 The proponent is proposing the development of the Camden II Wind Energy Facility (WEF), located approximately 25km south of Ermelo (near Camden) in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa.
Expanded_Motivation:
 The proposed Camden II WEF will have a project area of approximately 5000 hectares (ha). Within this project area the extent of the buildable area will be approximately 200 ha subject to finalisation based on technical and environmental requirements. The proposed WEF is located south-west of Ermelo, in Mpumalanga and falls within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and the Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality of the Gert Sibande District Municipality.
ApplicationDate: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - 09:47
CaseID: 18087
Applicants: Camden II Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd
Consultants/Experts: Ashlea Strong
OtherReferences:

Dept	CaseReference	DueDate	FinalDecision
DEA	14/12/16/3/3/2/2135	28/03/2022	

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

Development Type: Electrical Infrastructure

ProposalDescription:
The proponent is proposing the development of a 400 KV Grid Connection and Collector substation located approximately 10km south of Ermelo (near Camden) in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa. The broader Camden developments will connect to the Camden Power Station substation through an up to 400kV powerline (either single or double circuit) either directly or via a Loop-In-Loop-Out onto the existing Camden-Incandu 400kV power line.

ApplicationDate: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - 14:21

CaseID: 18080

Applicants: ENERTRAG (Pty) Ltd

Consultants/Experts: Ashlea Strong

OtherReferences:

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Development Type: Solar

ProposalDescription:
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.

ApplicationDate: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - 15:21

CaseID: 18082

Applicants: Camden I Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd

Consultants/Experts: Ashlea Strong

OtherReferences:

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Development Type: Wind

ProposalDescription:
The proponent is proposing the development of the Camden I Wind Energy Facility (WEF), located approximately 10km south of Ermelo (near Camden) in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa.

Expanded_Motivation:
The proposed Camden I WEF will have a project area of approximately 6 700 hectares (ha). Within this project area the extent of the buildable area will be approximately 200 ha subject to finalization based on technical and environmental requirements. The proposed WEF is located south-west of Ermelo in Mpumalanga and falls within the jurisdiction of the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality.

ApplicationDate: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - 12:35

CaselD: 18077

Applicants: Camden I Wind (RF) (Pty) Ltd

Consultants/Experts: Ashlea Strong

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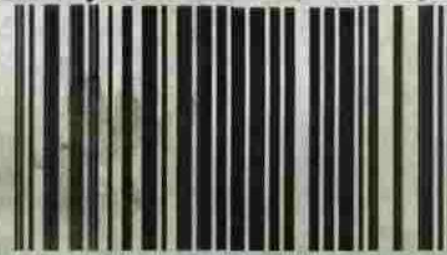
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JOB TITLE	Camden Renewable Energy Complex
PROJECT NUMBER	41103247
DATE	19 October 2021
TIME	10h00 – 11h20
VENUE	Online (MS Teams)
SUBJECT	Pre-Application Meeting with DFFE (Ref: 2021-10-0008)
CLIENT	ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd
PRESENT	Olivia Letlalo (DFFE) – OL Makhosi Yeni (DFFE – MY Thando Booie (DFFE) – TB Mahlatse Shubane (DFFE) – MS Thembisile Hlatshwayo (DFFE) –TH Mmatlala Rabothata (DFFE) – MR Sean Maphosa (ENERTRAG) – SM Zwivhuya Mutele (ENERTRAG) – ZM Gideon Raath (ENERTRAG) – GR Ashlea Strong (WSP) – AS Babalwa Mqokeli (WSP) – BM
APOLOGIES	Portia Makitla (DFFE) Seoka Lekota (DFFE)
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1.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AS welcomed everyone to the conversation. This was followed by a round of introductions and an overview of the meeting agenda. – A presentation was made to all attendees to provide information on the projects. <p><i>*AS received consent from all parties present to record the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>** A copy of the PowerPoint presentation has been attached hereto for reference (Appendix B).</i></p>	
2.0 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION	

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2.1 **Project Background and Description**

- AS provided a brief overview of the proposed Projects (Camden Renewable Energy Complex):
 - identifying the four Special Project Vehicles (SPVs) as the Applicants (i.e., Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd, Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd, Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd and ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd).
 - Outlining that the proposed Projects are being developed in the tandem with the DMRE Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPP)
- The Complex will be divided into seven standalone projects, namely:
 - Camden I Wind Energy Facility (up to 210MW).
 - Camden I Wind Energy Facility up to 400kV Grid Connection
 - Camden I Solar 100MW.
 - Camden I Solar up to up to 400kV Grid Connection.
 - Camden II Wind Energy Facility (up to 210MW).
 - Camden II Wind Energy Facility up to 132kV Grid Connection.
 - Camden Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Facility
- The location of the Project areas was identified as being in the Msukaligwa and Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipalities, within the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province.
- The farm portions affected by the two WEFs and SEF, based on the initial layout, were outlined.
- The location of the Project areas was shown on the maps.
- Typical infrastructure associated with the Wind and Solar projects was outlined.
- Key considerations noted included:
 - the presence of critical biodiversity areas (CBAs), ecological support areas (ESAs), and National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus Areas (NPAES),
 - the project area falls within the Air Quality Highveld Priority Area, and
 - the project area does not fall within any Strategic Transmission Corridor (STC) or Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ).
- TB asked whether there is an approved/adopted Bioregional Plan for Mpumalanga Province, regarding the CBAs and ESAs
 - AS stated, that at this stage that the most recent SANBI BGIS database is being used and have not looked at the Mpumalanga Bioregional Plan as yet
 - GR added that the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan was the basis for the CBA/ESA classifications, and enquired on whether the question relates to the Sector Plan being gazetted
 - TB added that there are implications for the Listed Activities contained in Listing Notice 3 when a Bioregional Plan has been adopted.
 - AS confirmed that preliminary Listed Activities from Listing Notice 3 have been identified as a result of the considered Biodiversity Sector Plan on BGIS. Additionally, the Biodiversity Specialists will also consider the most recent Biodiversity Sector Plans

- DFFE will provide comments on the already submitted PP Plan, and WSP to update and submit final PP Plan for approval

2.2 **Permitting Processes**

- AS ran through the provisional Environmental Authorisation Processes that will be undertaken:
 - Five Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Processes:
 - Camden I Wind Energy Facility (up to 210MW).
 - Camden I Wind Energy Facility up to 400kV Grid Connection
 - Camden I Solar 100MW,
 - Camden I Solar up to up to 400kV Grid Connection (**To be confirmed)
 - Camden II Wind Energy Facility (up to 210MW)
 - Basic Assessment Process:
 - Camden II Wind Energy Facility up to 132kV Grid Connection
 - Water Use Licence / Water Use Authorisation Process will be undertaken in parallel as needed

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- AS ran through the applicable Listed Activities of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) that have been identified to date, noting that Listing Notice 1, Listing Notice 2 and Listing Notice 3 are triggered as applicable for each of the projects.
- AS highlighted that additional Listing Notice 3 Activities may be identified as the BA Scoping Processes progress and will be added to the Application.
 - TB added that Listed Activities section needs to also include detail on how each sub-activity of the Listed Activity is triggered (that is, why each identified Activity is applicable).
 - GR enquired whether omitting the sub-activity or stating the incorrect sub-activity would result in the entire activity not being authorised.
 - TB highlighted that it is important to include all the applicable aspects of the Listed Activity (including sub-Activity) in the Application. Also add information and detail on how/why it is applicable for each aspect of the Activity.
 - MS reiterated that the EAP needs to highlight how each Listed Activity is triggered and that the onus is on the EAP to ensure that all relevant Listed Activities have been identified and are included in the Application form.
 - OL added that all the applicable components of the projects that are relevant to the Listed Activity must be identified/detailed/described. (E.g., if the Activity lists transmission and distribution infrastructure then account for all related infrastructure such as substation – and not only state powerlines)
 - OL also added that the relevant Activity relating to BESS must be included if applicable. Should it not form a triggered Activity then clarity and motivation of same must be included.
 - AS confirmed that the motivation will be included in the relevant Application form.
 - GR enquired on the specific Listed Activity for BESS.
 - OL responded that it is Activity of 14 of Listing Notice 1, however only if assembled on site. Should it be pre-assembled then it won't be applicable.
 - GR confirmed that a pre-assembled structure is currently proposed, however should this change then the relevant Activity will be included.
 - OL stated that the preferred technology for the BESS must be included in the Application, and the assessment and mitigation measure for the preferred and alternative technologies must be clearly indicated and detailed in the report.
 - GR stated that the preferred technology has not been confirmed at this stage and asked whether it would be essential at application stage or can it be included at Reporting phase.
 - OL stated that it is important that all technologies, including the preferred technology, are assessed during the EIA process (i.e., impacts associated with each technology are assessed and the mitigation measures are included). All alternatives must be assessed so that in the event an amendment is required with regards to the technology, the applicant can prove that it was assessed during the initial process.

2.3 **Specialist Assessments**

- AS ran through the identified sensitivities as per the DFFE Online Screening Tool report, and specialist assessments noted therein.
- AS identified the specialist assessments that are to be undertaken as part of the BA and EIA processes, as well as the studies that are not being undertaken as part of the assessments and supporting reasons for their exclusion.
- AS added that the Specialist studies will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Protocols.
AS highlighted the relevant Commenting Authorities for the studies that will not be undertaken (such as Defence, Civil and RFI) will be consulted for comment as part of PPP.

2.4 **Competent Authority**

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- AS indicated that DFFE had been identified as the Competent Authority (CA) and requested DFFE confirmation.
- Clarity was obtained that the provincial department (MDARDLEA) was identified as CA for the ammonia plant.
- TB asked whether the projects would form part of the DMRE IRP bidding process?
 - GR stated that the projects are considered for inclusion in bidding process, with also an option for Private Off take if there is a demand.
- TB confirmed that DFFE is the CA if projects are undertaken as part of the IRP process
- AS stated, that due to the projects being large scale electricity generation projects, DFFE is considered the CA.
- OL requested clarity on whether the intention is to combine the process considering the number of projects
 - AS confirmed that each project will be a separate Application

2.5 **Public Participation Process**

- AS provided an overview of the proposed public participation process in accordance with the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended).
- AS noted, that a draft Public Participation (PP) Plan was submitted to DFFE together with the Pre-Application meeting request.
- AS asked whether DFFE would like anything specific to be added to PP Process.
 - MS stated that DFFE will review the PPP Plan submitted and provide a written response as part of the approval process of the PP Plan.
 - OL added that DFFE will provide comments on the already submitted PP Plan for WSP to update as submit final PP Plan for approval.

2.6 **Timeframes**

- AS noted, that the projects will follow the standard Authority timeframes due to the fact that the projects are not within the REDZs:
 - Basic Assessment – 107 days
 - S&EIA – 107 days
- OL asked whether the intention is to submit the Application first and then the report and cautioned on submitting the Applications and the Draft Reports later, as a measure to avoid the applications lapsing.
- OL highlighted that a SIP confirmation letter should be obtained from Eskom and submitted with the Applications. In the event that the projects are confirmed as SIPs, a 57-days authority decision-making timeframe will apply.
- OL provide the relevant contact details: *SIP Coordinator details: rowan.beukes@eskom.co.za*
- GR enquired on the timeframe for the submission of the SIP Confirmation letter.
 - OL suggested that it is submitted at Application phase to be considered as SIP projects well in time.

3.0 **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

AS opened the floor for any comments or questions. The following items were raised and discussed.

3.1 **Specific Clarification**

- GR requested confirmation on whether it would be acceptable for the Specialists to compile combined reports for the respective clusters (i.e., Camden 1 Report to report on WEF+ Ammonia + Grid) or would the DFFE require separate reports for each project.
 - MY stated that if the Specialist studies have considered the Protocols in their Specialist Assessments and the studies are undertaken in accordance with the protocols then combined reports will not be an issue.
 - MS added that if the one report speaks to all the projects then a combine report is suitable.
 - MS added that the combined report for each study must ensure that it concludes on each specific component of the project (in detail) and stipulate the Specialists' opinion on whether each project component can be authorised/proceed. The

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- recommendations must be specific and not follow a blanket approach for the projects.
- GR enquired on the number of Case officers that will be handling the projects, considering that these are multiple projects.
 - MY stated that the DFFE will handle the allocation of the projects accordingly. There would be an indication in the submitted Application that references this Pre-Application meeting, and the applications can therefore be distributed to any of the three Case Officers that are in attendance at this Meeting. The DFFE will decide if there is a need to utilise more than one case officer.
 - AS noted, that the Applications would be submitted via the DFFE online submission platform and distributed to the Case Officer(s) as required.
 - MR asked that given that ATNS are now the official party responsible for obstacle assessments and effectively subcontract CAA, would a comment from ATNS be sufficient as part of the EIA process, for the purpose of fulfilling the protocol's requirement of obtaining comment from CAA
 - TB stated that the protocols must be followed, and comments must be obtained from CAA as required.
 - OL added that if ATNS subcontracted CAA, then the subcontract agreement letter and comments from ATNS can be considered sufficient and submitted together for consideration.
 - *Post Meeting Note: Confirmation was obtained from the CAA, via email on 25 October 2021, noting that in terms of Obstacle Notice 1/2021 – Appointment of New Windfarm Obstacle Application Service Provider, as of the 1st of May 2021 Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) has been appointed as the new Obstacle application Service Provider for Windfarms and later Solar Plants. Their responsibility pertains to the assessments, maintenance, and all other related matters in respect to Windfarms and in due time Power Plant assessments.*

3.2 **Site Sensitivities**

- MR requested clarity on characteristics that make the site/project area fall under a CBA, as well as aspects of the site that have resulted in its high sensitivity determination as per the Screening Tool.
 - The screening Report mentions that there are CBAs as outlined by the Biodiversity Sector Plan, and the aspects characterising the site as a CBA will also be detailed in the Biodiversity Specialist study.
- MR also enquired on what the site sensitivity rating would be after the implementation of mitigation measures.
 - AS stated, that detailed information on the sensitivity of the project site post mitigation will be provided in the Biodiversity Specialist Report.
- MR also advised that the reports must detail the type of CB that it is, whether it is CBA1 or CBA 2, and that the Processes and Reporting also take into consideration the Provincial Conservation Sector Plans
 - AS confirmed that Provincial Conservation Plans will be considered in the Processes, including the Biodiversity studies.

3.3 **Confirmation of Online Submission**

- AS noted, that the BA and S&EIA Applications would be submitted via the DFFE online submission platform.
- MR provided contact details for the submission electronic reports to the Biodiversity Directorate. Furthermore, MR noted that reports can also be sent via we transfer (*Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota*).

3.4 **General Comments**

- TB emphasised the requirement to submit the Generic EMPs for the substation and powerlines as part of the Grid Connections EMPs.
- OL added that the amended version of the PP Plan must be submitted to MS, MY, TB, TH and OL.

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4.0 WAY FORWARD	
<p>— WSP to formalise meeting minutes and submit via email to DFFE for approval.</p> <p>No further points were raised for discussion.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 11:20</p>	<p>— WSP to formalise meeting minutes and distribute for approval</p>

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NEXT MEETING

No additional meetings have been scheduled.

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APPENDIX A: MEETING ATTENDANCE

Meeting Summary						
Total Number of Participants	12					
Meeting Title	2021-10-0008 - Enertrag - Camden I & II EA Processes					
Meeting Start Time	10/19/2021, 9:54:13 AM					
Meeting End Time	10/19/2021, 11:38:16 AM					
Meeting Id	e4611673-0957-4892-b05c-f228c3f865b6					
Full Name	Join Time	Leave Time	Duration	Email	Role	Participant ID (UPN)
Strong, Ashlea	10/19/2021, 9:54:13 AM	10/19/2021, 11:31:00 AM	1h 36m	Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com	Organizer	Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com
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Makhosi Yeni	10/19/2021, 10:00:08 AM	10/19/2021, 10:21:49 AM	21m 41s	myeni@environment.gov.za	Presenter	myeni@environment.gov.za
Makhosi Yeni	10/19/2021, 10:23:26 AM	10/19/2021, 11:21:09 AM	57m 43s	myeni@environment.gov.za	Presenter	myeni@environment.gov.za
Zwivhuya Mutele	10/19/2021, 10:00:46 AM	10/19/2021, 11:20:55 AM	1h 20m	Zwivhuya.Mutele@enertrag.co.za	Presenter	Zwivhuya.Mutele@enertrag.co.za
Sean Maphosa	10/19/2021, 10:01:00 AM	10/19/2021, 11:20:57 AM	1h 19m	Sean.Maphosa@enertrag.co.za	Presenter	Sean.Maphosa@enertrag.co.za
Gideon Raath	10/19/2021, 10:01:14 AM	10/19/2021, 11:20:55 AM	1h 19m	Gideon.Raath@enertrag.co.za	Presenter	Gideon.Raath@enertrag.co.za
Mahlatse Shubane	10/19/2021, 10:38:16 AM	10/19/2021, 10:43:40 AM	5m 23s		Presenter	

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APPENDIX B: PRESENTATION



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX

DFFE REF NUMBER: TO BE CONFIRMED ONCE RESPECTIVE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and continuation of the public consultation as part of an EIA process. Considering these limitations, the following consultation process has been designed and will be implemented, on approval by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), to cater for the facilitation of the public participation process (PPP). The PPP includes Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), the competent authority, directly impacted landowners/occupiers, adjacent landowners/occupiers, relevant Organs of State departments, Municipalities, ward councillors and other key stakeholders and all other parties that may have interest on this project.

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) is submitted as per the requirements of the General Provisions of Annexure 2 of the Regulations issued in terms of Section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No.57 of 2002). Which was published on 05 June 2020 in Government Notice No R560 of Government Gazette No 43412.

This plan has been developed for the environmental impact and basic assessment processes required for the Camden Renewable Energy Complex. The projects associated with this complex include:

- Environmental Impact Assessment for the Camden I Wind Energy Facility (up to 210MW)
- Environmental Impact Assessment for the Camden I Wind Energy Facility up to 400kV Grid Connection, including up to 400kV Collector Substation and Camden Power Station up to 400kV Grid connection.
- Environmental Impact Assessment for the Camden I Solar Energy Facility (up to 100MW)
- Environmental Impact Assessment for the Camden I Solar Energy Facility up to 400kV Grid Connection
- Environmental Impact Assessment for the Camden II Wind Energy Facility (up to 210MW)
- Basic Assessment for the Camden II Wind Energy Facility up to 132kV Grid Connection

According to Section (2)(4)(f) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), the participation of all I&APs must be promoted and all potential I&APs must be informed early and in an informative and proactive way regarding applications that may affect their lives or livelihood in order to give effect to the above sections, and that it is essential to ensure that there is adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation in decisions that may affect the environment.

A consolidated I&AP database will be compiled for these processes. The I&APs will be provided with opportunity to review and make comments on all relevant documentation associated with the above-mentioned applications.

Table 1 provides the competent authority with the detailed outline of the public participation process that will be undertaken for the projects. **Table 2** provides the competent authority with an outline of the meetings

The requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 14 of 2013) (POPIA) relating to registers of I&APs and the inclusion of comments in reports will be taken into consideration.



Table 1: Proposed Public Participation Plan

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<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Landowner consent letters will be obtained for each of the farms portions where the proposed activities will be undertaken. Consent letters will be included in the Application forms for Environmental Authorisation.
<p>39 (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in respect of—</p> <p>(a) linear activities;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(c) strategic integrated projects as contemplated in the Infrastructure Development Act, 2014.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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.
<p>40 (1) The public participation process to which the—</p> <p>(a) basic assessment report and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, submitted in terms of regulation 19; and</p> <p>(b) scoping report submitted in terms of regulation 21 and the environmental impact assessment report and EMPr submitted in terms of regulation 23;</p> <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 <u>as well as on a data free website¹ for download.</u> — 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><u>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.</u></i></p>
<p>40 (2) The public participation process contemplated in this regulation must provide</p>	<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

¹ A data free website is a website that the public can access and download information without using their own data or incurring costs



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<p>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> <p>(a) the competent authority.</p> <p>(b) every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation.</p> <p>(c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and</p> <p>(d) all potential, or, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties.</p>	<p>as submit comments and raise any concerns and/or issues with regards to the proposed projects. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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 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 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 review periods. — 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. <u>Comments can be submitted in the following ways:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <u>Comments Forms via comment form booklets at public places or via fax or email</u> — <u>Written comments via email or fax</u> — <u>Telephonically for capturing by the EAP; and</u> — <u>Via Whatsapp or SMS (including the use of “please call me”).</u>
<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>(i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and</p> <p>(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>	<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.



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<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>	
<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 submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</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>
<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> <p>(i) illiteracy;</p> <p>(ii) disability; or</p> <p>(iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<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. — <u>Virtual focus group meetings will be held in each phase of the project.</u> — <u>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.</u> — <u>I&APs will be able to contact the EAP via email, fax, telephone, whatsapp or SMS (Including the use of “please call me”).</u>
<p>41 (3) A notice, notice board or advertisement referred to in subregulation (2) must—</p> <p>(a) give details of the application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation; and</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>(b) state—</p> <p>(i) whether basic assessment or S&EIR procedures are being applied to the application;</p> <p>(ii) the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates;</p> <p>(iii) where further information on the application or proposed application can be obtained; and</p> <p>(iv) the manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application or proposed application may be made.</p>	<p>— 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>
<p>41 (4) A notice board referred to in subregulation (2) must—</p> <p>(a) be of a size of at least 60cm by 42cm; and</p> <p>(b) display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority.</p>	
<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 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> <p>(a) such process has been preceded by a public participation process which included compliance with subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d); and</p> <p>(b) written notice is given to registered interested and affected parties regarding where the—</p> <p>(i) revised basic assessment report or, EMPr or closure plan, as contemplated in regulation 19(1)(b);</p> <p>(ii) revised environmental impact assessment report or EMPr as</p>	<p>— If the revised reports are required to undergo additional review, the requirements of Regulation 41(5) will be followed.</p>



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<p>contemplated in regulation 23(1)(b); or</p> <p>(iii) environmental impact assessment report and EMPr as contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d);</p> <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> <p>(a) information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application or proposed application is made available to potential interested and affected parties; and</p> <p>(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.</p>	<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. — <u>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.</u>
<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 competent authority, which register must contain the names, contact details and addresses of—</p> <p>(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;</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 municipalities), relevant conservation bodies and non-governmental organisations (NGO's), as well as landowners, neighbouring landowners and the surrounding community. — <u>This stakeholder database will be updated on an ongoing basis as new stakeholders request to be registered.</u> — 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.



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<p>(b) all persons who have requested the proponent or applicant, in writing, for their names to be placed on the register; and</p> <p>(c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates.</p>	
<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.</p> <p>(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 <u>and on a data free website</u> 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 (<u>in a bound booklet</u>) will be placed with the Draft Reports at the abovementioned public places. <u>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.</u></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. <u>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.</u></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>(a) a lack of skills to read or write;</p> <p>(b) disability; or</p>	<p>All I&APs will be able to submit comments directly to the EAP <u>in the following ways:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <u>Comments Forms via comment form booklets at public places or via fax or email</u> — <u>Written comments via email or fax</u> — <u>Telephonically for capturing by the EAP; and</u> — <u>Via Whatsapp or SMS.</u> <p>Comments received telephonically will be transcribed and captured as formal comments in the Comments and Responses Report.</p> <p>I&APs that do not have access to internet or emails will also be able to submit via the consultation process that includes engaging with the Ward Councillor and/or Community Representative.</p>



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<p>(c) any other disadvantage; reasonable alternative methods of recording comments must be provided for.</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</p> <p>(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 2: 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"> – <u>Virtual focus group meetings will be held in each phase of the project.</u> – <u>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.</u>

Mqokeli, Babalwa

From: Mahlatse Shubane <MSHUBANE@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 18 November 2021 08:43
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Olivia Letlalo; Thando Booii; Makhosi Yeni; Thembisile Hlatshwayo; Gideon Raath; Zwivhuya Mutele; Sean Maphosa; Mqokeli, Babalwa
Subject: Approval of PP plan 2021-10-0008
Attachments: 41103247_20211117_Enertrag_Camden_Public Participation Plan_Final DFFE Submission.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Ashlea,

The revised Public Participation (PP) Plan received by this Department on 18 November 2021, refers.

Based on the information provided this Department decided to approve the PP Plan for the proposed project. You may proceed with the PP process in accordance with tasks contemplated in the PP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PP Plan, the amended PP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

A copy of the PP Plan and this approval must be submitted as part of the application form when the application is lodged.

Also note that submission of a PP Plan and approval thereof do not negate your responsibility to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

It is noted that a written notification will be sent out in IsiZulu, Afrikaans and English as well as advert will be published in IsiZulu, Afrikaans and English. Kindly ensure that if there are any other languages apart from IsiZulu, Afrikaans and English (for instance, Sotho and Tsonga), these languages must also be catered for when notifying the Interested and affected parties of the proposed project as well as newspaper adverts.

Best regards,

MAHLATSE SHUBANE

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Integrated Environmental Authorisations

 D (Nature Conservation)  Tech (Nature Conservation)  Sc (Environmental Management)
 APASA Registered EAP (Registration Number 2016/21)  ACNASP Registered Scientist (Registration Number 400325/14)

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APPENDIX

C-2 *DFFE PROTECTED AREAS MEETING*



MEETING NOTES

JOB TITLE	Camden Renewable Energy Complex
PROJECT NUMBER	41103247
DATE	31 March 2022
TIME	11h00 – 12h00
VENUE	Online (MS Teams)
SUBJECT	Focus Group Meeting with DFFE (permitting, Biodiversity and Protect Areas)
CLIENT	ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd
PRESENT	MakhosiYeni (DFFE - Permitting) – MY Thando Booie (DFFE- Permitting) – TB Mahlatse Shubane (DFFE- Permitting) - MS Thembisile Hlatshwayo (DFFE- Permitting) - TH. Portia Makitla (DFFE - Biodiversity) – PM Aulicia Maifo (DFFE - Biodiversity) – AM Rofhiwa Magodi (DFFE – Protected Areas) -RM Gideon Raath (ENERTRAG) – GR Ashlea Strong (WSP) – AS Babalwa Mqokeli (WSP) – BM Bongani Motha (WSP) - BJ
APOLOGIES	None
DISTRIBUTION	As above (Appendix A)

MATTERS ARISING

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1.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">AS welcomed the attendees.AS stated that the purpose of the meeting; was to clarify Draft Scoping Report (DSR) comments received from Mpumalanga Parks and Tourism Agency (MPTA) and Department Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) for the proposed Camden Renewable Energy Complex near Ermelo in Mpumalanga, with specific reference to the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve.This was followed by a round of introductions and an outline of the meeting agenda. <p><i>*AS received consent from all parties present to record the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>** A copy of a map indicating the location of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve has been attached hereto for reference (Appendix B).</i></p>	
2.0 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION	

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<p>2.1 Project Background and Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AS stated, that the proposed Camden Renewable Energy Complex includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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). – AS further indicated that the DRS was out for public review for a period of 30 days (from 25th February 2022 till the 28th of March 2022), and the proposed meeting involves getting clarity of comments raised by MPTA and DFFE. – Both MPTA and DFFE have highlighted concerns regarding the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve which falls within the farms affected by the proposed project. MPTA has provided the Gazette of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve. – AS indicated that the landowner has owned the farm for 23 years and is not aware of the Private Nature reserve on the property and currently utilises the land portions for agricultural activities (grazing and livestock). – GR also noted that the most recent title deed does not have any special inclusion with regards to the nature reserve. – The purpose of the meeting is to get clarification on the approval in terms of Section 50 of the NEM:PAA as requested in the comments received from DFFE and to get advice on how this application should be undertaken. – BM also summarised her previous discussions with MY on 30 March 2022 regarding the Section 50 approval, noting that MY had stated that the Approval did not have to be submitted with the Final Scoping Report, however, the response to the DFFE’s comment should indicate that the issue is being dealt with and that the approval is being requested. – MY confirmed that the summary provided was correct. 	
<p>3.0 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS</p>	
<p>AS opened the floor for any comments or questions. The following items were raised and discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MS stated that he has not seen the comments from MPTA and would like to get clarity and wanted to know what WSP/Client need assistance with? – AS indicate that MPTA has highlighted that the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve was gazetted with no 3256 of 1967 and notice 61 and that the applicant must redesign the layout plan of the facilities by excluding the Protected Area 1km buffer and the CBA areas and wetlands as indicated in the attached MBSP based biodiversity maps. – AS indicate the landowner is not aware of private nature reserve on his property and disagrees with the designation thereof. It was noted that the private nature reserve is reflected in the Mpumalanga CBA maps but on the ground but that the property is not managed as a nature reserve and that the management thereof is not consistent with the status thereof. – AS also noted that there is uncertainty as to who the managing authority of the nature reserve will be? – GR indicated that based on recent feedback from environmental legal experts, the understanding is that where there is no clear managing authority the landowner becomes the recognised managing authority. – RM stated that the regulations indicate that the managing authority can be the landowner or the minister. In this case the online system (registry) shows that there is no name provided for the managing authority of this private reserve, however there is an organization we will try get organizations details so that you can get approval from them. The approval required in terms of section 50 of NEM:PAA is a letter of consent from the landowner. Since this land is a private nature the landowner is the manging authority and a signed letter of consent will be sufficient to cover section 50 of NEM:PAA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>During the course of the meeting it was agreed that the landowner was the Management Authority</i> – AS queried how the landowner can give consent if he is not even aware of the 1967 gazette? – RM stated that the landowner is currently utilizing the land and is aware of activities on his property. The consent letter should indicate the current land use, list of farms and farm portions that he is giving consent 	

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<p>to the applicant to utilize the farm portions for the proposed project, and this will be sufficient for Section 50 of NEM:PAA approval.</p> <p>AS asked if a letter similar to the typical landowner consent form could be utilised or whether the DFFE ha a specific template?</p> <p>RM stated that the consent must come from the landowner, WSP can draft it and discuss the content, but the letter must have letter head of the landowner company details. RM also noted that there is no template for such a letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – AS wanted to know if the consent letter must be sent directly to the department or can it be included as part of the Final Scoping Report? – RM stated that the landowner does not have to send it directly to the Department. This letter can be attached as part of the Final Scoping Report or the Environmental Impact Assessment reports. He further stated that they did not receive the DRS and would have made similar comments with regards to the consent letter. – AS indicated that the DFFE Protected Areas division has been added to the I&AP stakeholder register and will received information of the proposed project going forward. This meeting minutes will be included in the final Scoping Report. – GR wanted to know if the department has dealt with this type of application before? And if the consent letter can be submitted in the final EIR or should it be submitted with the final scoping report. – RM this is the first time that they are dealing with such an application. He did not have a concern with submission during EIA phase only, however suggested it would be better done in scoping phase time permitting. – GR noted that the landowner has indicated that he is not interested in managing this area as a nature reserve, and would want to go through a process of deregistering the nature reserve. What process will the landowner have to undertake to deregister the property as a nature reserve? – RM stated that it is possible to deregister a nature reserve in terms of section 23 of the NEM:PAA and there is a process that the landowner needs to follow including public participation. – GR asked the DFFE to provide their input on how best to address the MTPA comment especially since they propose to exclude a large portion of the land, despite the currently land use not being consistent with a nature reserve. – RM stated that if the nature reserve was not gazetted, MTPA would have put recommendations instead of exclusion. The best possible way to deal with this is to deregister the nature reserve. – MS suggested that further engagement with the MPTA be undertaken by the applicant, WSP and the landowner to clarify the management area. The outcomes of the meeting with MPTA will guide the DFFE decision making in the EIA phase. MS further noted that the DFFE will not disregard the comments from MTPA and their inputs will inform DFFE's decision. – AS wanted to know what does the department require WSP to clarify on Activity 30 of Listing Notice 1? The DFFE’s comment requires confirmation of which listed process or activity in terms of Section 53(1) of the NEM:BA is being undertaken – however, there doesn’t seem to be published list of processes or activities? – TB wanted to know why Activity 30 is being applied for? – AS stated that 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). – PM noted that GNR 1002 of 9 December 2011 should include the relevant list of processes and activities. – AS stated that WSP would investigate this and update the description in the application form accordingly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Post meeting Response:</i> <i>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 construct the development. In light of this, Activity 30 is considered applicable. WSP confirm that the response provided in the meeting has been included in the updated application forms to be submitted with the Final Scoping Reports</i> 	
<p>4.0 WAY FORWARD</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – WSP to formalise meeting minutes and submit via email to DFFE for approval. – No further points were raised for discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – WSP to distribute

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— The meeting was closed at 11:00













minutes for
approval

NEXT MEETING

No additional meetings have been scheduled.

MEETING NOTES

APPENDIX A: MEETING ATTENDANCE

Tracking	
	Mqokeli, Babalwa Organizer
	myeni@dffe.gov.za Accepted
	Gideon Raath Accepted
	Strong, Ashlea Accepted
	Motha, Bongani Accepted
	Mahlatse Shubane Accepted
	Portia Makitla Accepted
	Thando Booi Accepted
	Aulicia Maifo Unknown
	Thembisile Hlatshwayo Unknown
	Rofhiwa Magodi Unknown
	Thivhulawi Nethononda Unknown

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APPENDIX B: MAP OF LANGCAREL PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE



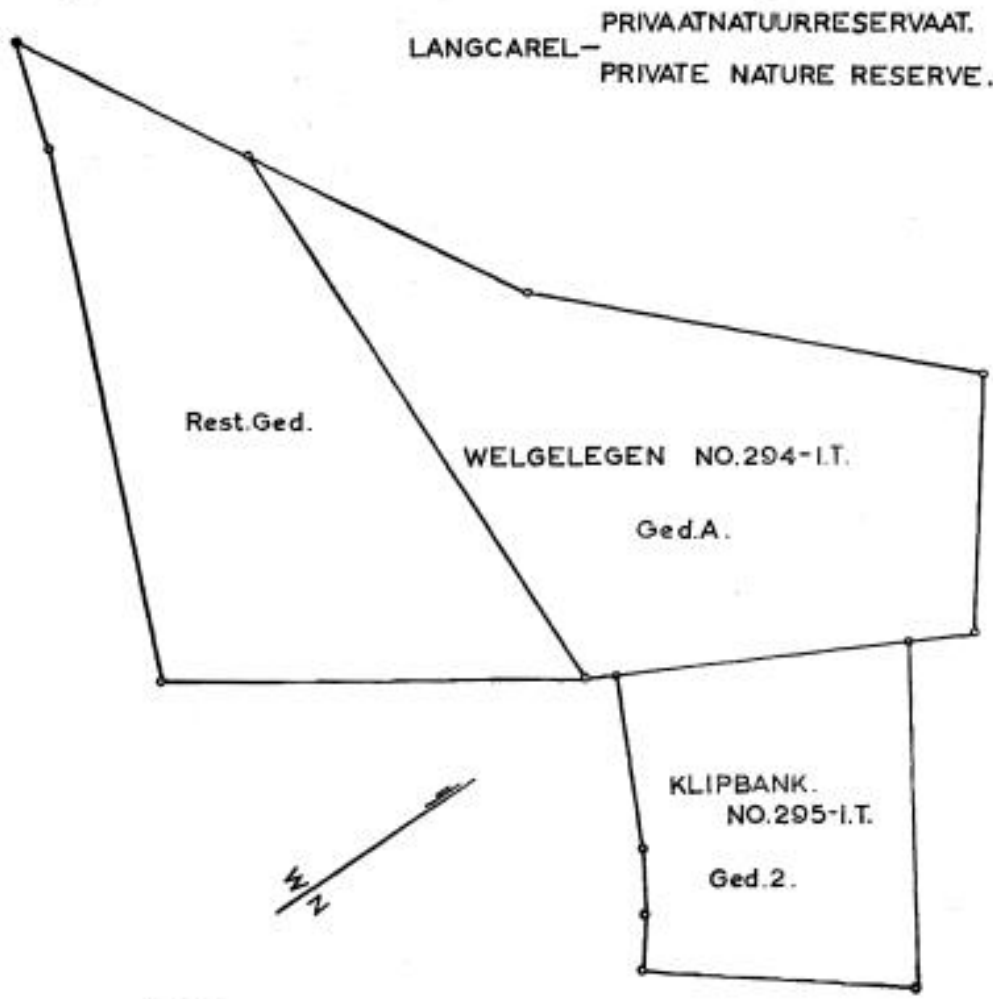
Figure 1. Langcarel Private Nature Reserve on the farm Welgelegen 322 IS and a portion of the farm Kipbank 295 IT. (Proclamation attached in Appendix 1).

LANGCAREL-PRIVAATNATUURRESERVAAT, DISTRIK ERMELO.
(Grootte: 5,172 moeg.)

Beginnende by die mees westelike baken van die resterende gedeelte van die plaas Welgelegen No. 294-I.T.; vandaar in 'n algemene noordoostelike rigting langs die noordelike grens en met inbegrip van die Resterende gedeelte en Gedeelte A van die plaas Welgelegen No. 294-I.T. tot by die noordelike baken van laasgenoemde gedeelte; vandaar in 'n suidoostelike, suidwestelike en suid-oostelike rigting langs die oostelike grens en met inbegrip van Gedeelte A van die plaas Welgelegen No. 294-I.T. en Gedeelte 2 van die plaas Klipbank No. 295-I.T. tot by die oostelike baken van laasgenoemde plaas; vandaar in 'n suidwestelike rigting langs die suidelike grens en met inbegrip van Gedeelte 2 van die plaas Klipbank No. 295-I.T. tot by die suidelike baken daarvan; vandaar in 'n algemene noordwestelike rigting langs die westelike grens en met inbegrip van Gedeelte 2 van die plaas Klipbank No. 295-I.T. tot by die westelike baken daarvan; vandaar in 'n algemene suidwestelike rigting langs die suidelike grens en met inbegrip van Gedeelte A en die resterende gedeelte van die plaas Welgelegen No. 294-I.T. tot by die suidelike baken van laasgenoemde gedeelte; vandaar in 'n algemene noordwestelike rigting langs die westelike grens en met inbegrip van die resterende gedeelte van die plaas Welgelegen No. 294-I.T. tot by die westelike baken daarvan, die aanvangspunt.

LANGCAREL PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE, DISTRICT OF ERMELO.
(Extent: 5,172 morgen.)

Commencing at the most western beacon of the remaining portion of the farm Welgelegen No. 294-I.T.; thence generally in a north-easterly direction along the northern boundary of and including the remaining portion and Portion A of the farm Welgelegen No. 294-I.T. to the northern beacon of last-mentioned portion; thence in a south-easterly, south-westerly and south-easterly direction along the eastern boundary of and including Portion A of the farm Welgelegen No. 294-I.T. and Portion 2 of the farm Klipbank No. 295-I.T. to the eastern beacon of last-mentioned farm; thence in a south-westerly direction along the southern boundary of and including Portion 2 of the farm Klipbank No. 295-I.T. to the southern beacon thereof; thence generally in a north-westerly direction along the western boundary of and including Portion 2 of the farm Klipbank No. 295-I.T. to the southern beacon thereof; thence generally in a south-westerly direction along the southern boundary of and including Portion A and the remaining portion of the farm Welgelegen No. 294-I.T. to the southern beacon of last-mentioned portion; thence generally in a north-westerly direction along the western boundary of and including the remaining portion of the farm Welgelegen No. 294-I.T. to the western beacon thereof, the point of commencement.










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SCALE

C-3 CAMDEN PUBLIC
OPEN DAY
ATTENDANCE
REGISTER

Proposed Camden Renewable Energy Complex EIA
Open Day Public Meeting, NG Kerk Ermelo – 29 September 2022
Attendance register & COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire

The safety of our employees, visitors, tenants or members of public that may come into contact with us, remain our first priority. To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our employees, contractors and visitors, we are conducting a simple screening questionnaire. Your participation is important to help us take precautionary measures to protect you and everyone in this premises, thank you for your participation and effort.

If any questions are answered with a “YES”, or your temperature is above 37.5°C, access to our controlled premises will subsequently be denied, and you will be asked to reschedule your meeting or make alternative arrangements.

Attendees			COVID -19 Screening							
Name & Surname	Company / Affiliation	Contact details	Temperature	Cough?	Shortness of breath?	Fever?	Fatigue?	Respiratory Issues?	Have you had contact in the last 14 days, with someone who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID 19?	Signature
TORIE WYNHARDT	DE EMICRATIC FARM	Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA								
Gideon Raath	Energog								No	
Thirushan Nadar	WSP								No	
Megan Goverder	WSP								No	
Carol Gest Steenkamp	CGS Bwerden									
Brendan Ferrerets	HyPower								No	
JABU SINDANE	HyPower								NO	

APPENDIX

D COMMENTS



Motha, Bongani


From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Wednesday, 30 March 2022 06:38
To: 'Mbuyane'
Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa
Subject: RE: RE: Draft scoping comments for the Camden green hydrogen and ammonia facility [Filed 30 Mar 2022 06:38]

Tracking:	Recipient	Delivery
	'Mbuyane'	
	Mqokeli, Babalwa	Delivered: 2022/03/30 06:39

Dear Sindi

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:

- One Drive ( [Camden Public Review](#))
- [WSP website \(https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents\)](https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents)

Kind regards

Ashlea

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From: Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 29 March 2022 16:27
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Subject: Re: RE: Draft scoping comments for the Camden green hydrogen and ammonia facility

Hi Babalwa,

Have you submitted them to our Department for comments.

Thank you,
Sindi

>>> "Mqokeli, Babalwa" <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com> 03/29/22 4:20 PM >>>
Hi Sindi

Thank you for the comments provided.
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Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com>
Subject: Draft scoping comments for the Camden green hydrogen and ammonia facility

Good day,

Find attached for your attention.

Kind regards,

Sindisiwe Mbuyane
Control Environmental Officer Grade B
Gert Sibande District (13 De Jaager Street)

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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Wednesday, 30 March 2022 17:39
To: Mbuyane
Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa
Subject: RE: RE: RE: Draft scoping comments for the Camden green hydrogen and ammonia facility [Filed 30 Mar 2022 17:39]

Hi Sindi

Thank you for your feedback. Agreed – we will receive your comments in the EIA phase.

Kind regards

Ashlea

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Subject: Re: RE: RE: Draft scoping comments for the Camden green hydrogen and ammonia facility

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 the 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.

Kind regards
Sindisiwe

>>> "Strong, Ashlea" <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com> 03/30/22 6:39 AM >>>
Dear Sindi

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 links were sent via email.

The links are as follows:

- One Drive (Camden Public Review)
- [WSP website](https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents) (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>)

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Subject: Re: RE: Draft scoping comments for the Camden green hydrogen and ammonia facility

Hi Babalwa,

Have you submitted them to our Department for comments.

Thank you,
Sindi

>>> "Mqokeli, Babalwa" <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com> 03/29/22 4:20 PM >>>
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From: Frans Krige <Frans.Krige@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 07 March 2022 08:34
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Thabile Mnisi; Johan Eksteen
Subject: Re: Strong, Ashlea shared the folder "Camden Public Review" with you.



Noted.

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Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Frans Krige
Cc: Thabile Mnisi; Johan Eksteen
Subject: RE: Strong, Ashlea shared the folder "Camden Public Review" with you.

Hi Frans

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

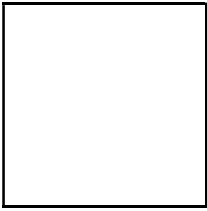
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Cc: Thabile Mnisi <Thabile.Mnisi@mtpa.co.za>; Johan Eksteen <Johan.Eksteen@mtpa.co.za>
Subject: RE: Strong, Ashlea shared the folder "Camden Public Review" with you.



Dear Me. Strong please deliver a hard copy of this proposal to Thabile Mnisi at MTPA Scientific Services for registration and commenting purposes.

Kind Regards
Frans Krige
LUAS

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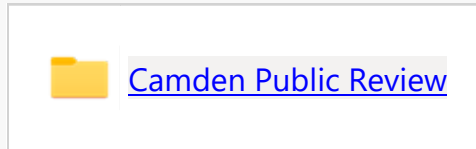
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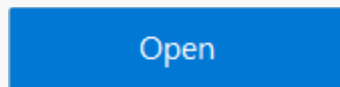
NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA
Please find the link to the Draft Scoping Reports that are available for review and ocmment from 25 February to 28 March 2022.

The contact details of the EAP are:

Name: Babalwa Mqokeli
Tel: 031 240 8804
E-mail: babalwa.mqokeli@wsp.com



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From: Thabile Mnisi <Thabile.Mnisi@mtpa.co.za>
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To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Frans Krige; Khumbelo Malele; Komilla Knaraso; Nokwazi Ngobeni; Dibakwane Nokuthula; Johan Eksteen
Subject: MTPA"s comments on the draft scoping report for the proposed Camden I solar energy facility
Attachments: LUA 22-2960_Scoping_Camdel I solar energy_WSP_Ermelo.pdf



Good morning Me. Strong

Please find attached comments from the MTPA on the draft scoping report for the proposed Camden I solar energy facility.

Ref: LUA 22/2960

Regards
Thabile Mnisi

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WSP Group Africa (PTY) Ltd
P.O. Box 98867
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Dear Ms Strong

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY FOR THE ENERTRAG – CAMDEN I SOLAR (RF) (PTY)LTD PROJECT NEAR ERMELO IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. PRE-APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER 2021-10-0008, WSP REF 41103247.

With reference to your correspondence reference WPS ref: 41103247 of date February 2022 our comments:

The MTPA is concerned about the layout of this proposal. Portion 1 of the farm Welgelegen 322 IS (Figure 1) is part of a proclaimed private nature reserve. Langcarel Private Nature Reserve was gazetted with no 3256 of 1967 and notice 61. A copy of the proclamation is attached.

Please consult the DFFE protected Area Data base. There seems to be confusion about the farm Weltevreden's numbers.

Recommendation:

The site layout plan should be redesigned. An alternative layout plan must be found outside the boundaries of the Protected Area and its 1km buffer and the CBA areas and wetlands as indicated in the MBSP based maps.

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 Conservation important species that might be affected.

The onsite status of species such as the different Cranes species, Secretary bird, Black-footed Cat (*Felis nigripes*), African Striped Weasel (*Poecilogale albinucha*), South African Hedgehog (*Atelerix frontalis*), Swamp Musk Shrew (*Crocidura mariquensis*), any Reptiles and Amphibians such as the Giant Bullfrog (*Pyxicephalus adspersus*) and flying mammals must be determined.

The MTPA requires that at least three on site flora studies must be done, to cover the growing season of the plants, the geophytes included.

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.

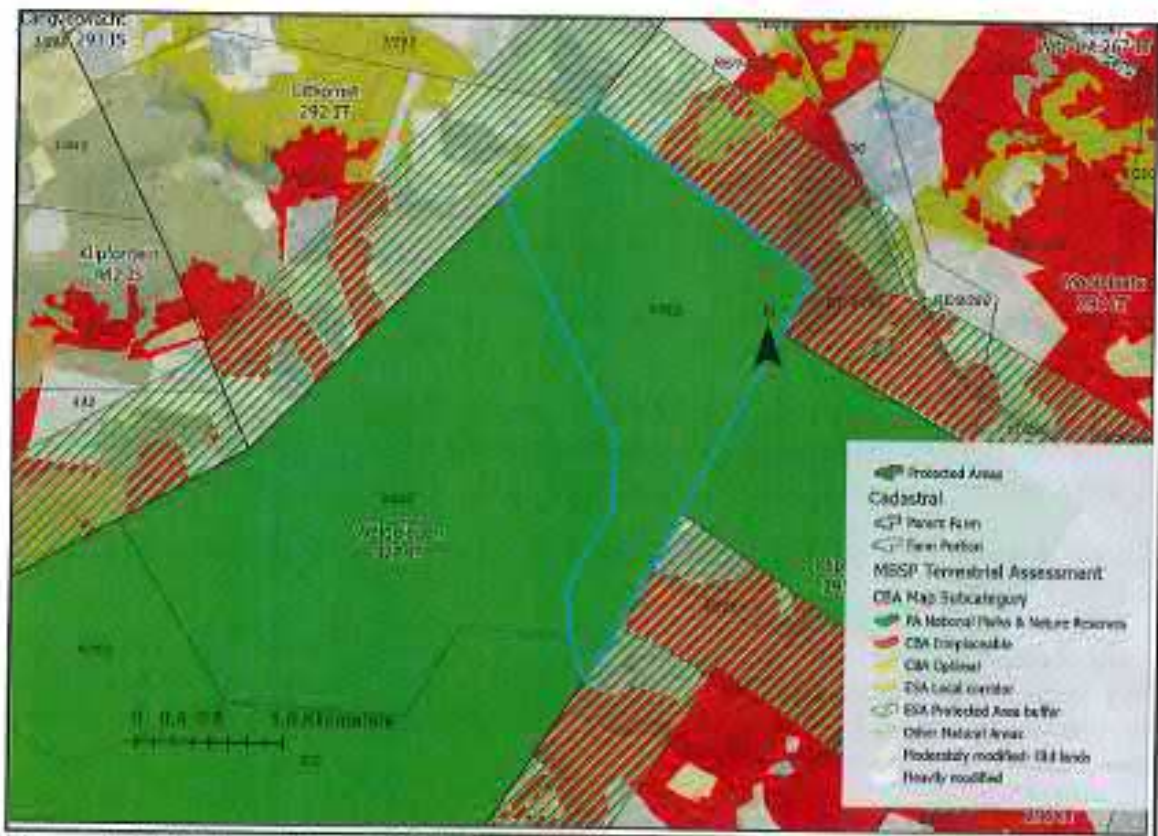


Figure 1: MBSP based terrestrial biodiversity map of the Camden I SEF project area as proposed. Note the locality of the PA and 1km PA buffer.

1. No facilities without approval within the PA and 1 km buffer.
2. No development within CBA irreplaceable areas.
3. Development permissible within CBA optimal areas under certain conditions.



Figure 2: Langcarel Private Nature Reserve on the farm Welgelegen 322 IS and a portion of the farm Klipbank 295 IT. (Proclamation attached in Appendix 1).

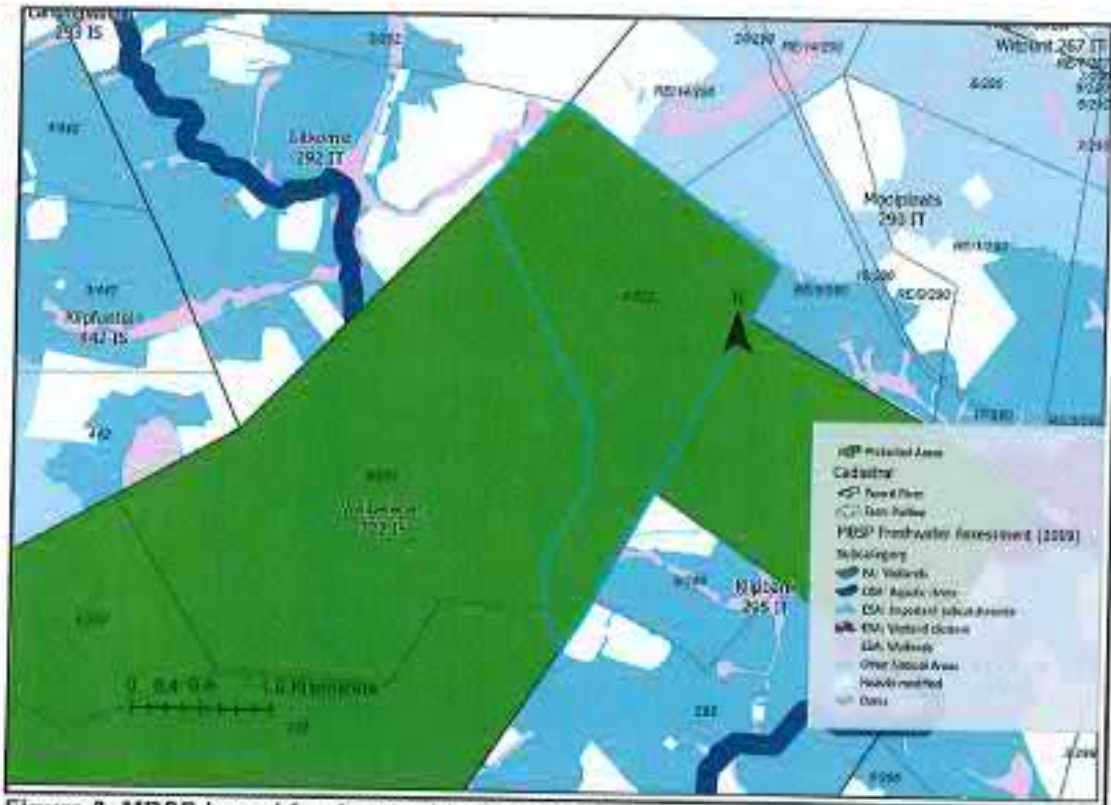


Figure 3. MBSP based freshwater biodiversity map.

1. Avoid the Aquatic FEPA Critical biodiversity river with a 1 kilometer buffer.
2. Avoid the ESA wetlands and pans with 100 meter buffers.
3. Maintain the ESA Important subcatchments in a natural state without lowering its PES.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Kind Regards



.....
MR. J.J. EKSTEEN
MANAGER SCIENTIFIC SERVICES
DATE: 28 MARCH 2022



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wees.

En vir algemene inligting word hierby bekendgemaak
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to be a game reserve until it is deproclaimed;

And whereas it is provided in section 2 (2) of the Native
Flora Protection Ordinance, 1940 (Ordinance No. 9 of
1940), that the Administrator may from time to time, by
proclamation in the Provincial Gazette of the Province of
Transvaal, establish one or more native flora reserves or
cancel any such reserve, with effect from a stipulated date;

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the aforesaid
powers and after reference to the said Board, I do hereby
declare that the Nico Private Nature Reserve, S.A. Lombard
Nature Reserve, Percy Fyfe Nature Reserve and Hans
Merensky Nature Reserve in the Districts of Thabazimbi,
Bloemhof, Potgietersrus and Letaba, respectively 5,824,
5,387-7888, 2,932-2764 and 4,847-2234 morgen in extent, are
hereby deproclaimed as game reserves and cancelled as native
flora reserves from the 15th December, 1966.

Given under my Hand at Pretoria on this Thirteenth
day of December, One thousand Nine hundred and Sixty-
six.

S. G. J. VAN NIEKERK,
Administrator of the Province of Transvaal.

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declare that each of the areas defined in the Schedule
hereto shall from the 15th December, 1966, be both a
game reserve and a native flora reserve to which the pro-
visions of the said Ordinances will apply;

And for general information it is hereby made known
that I have assigned to each reserve the name indicated
in the said Schedule hereto.

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Sent: Thursday, 10 March 2022 11:54
To: Barbara De Lange
Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa
Subject: RE: Camden Renewable Energy Complex [Filed 10 Mar 2022 11:54]

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	Mqokeli, Babalwa	Delivered: 2022/03/10 11:55

Dear Barbara

Thank you for your email.

With regards to your request below I an provide the following feedback:

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.

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:

WSP Website	https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents
Datafree Website	https://wsp-engage.com/

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.

You are welcome to contact us should you have any additional queries.

Kind regards

Ashlea Strong

Associate
WSP in Africa

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From: Barbara De Lange <BarbaraD@Dalrrd.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 02 March 2022 14:05
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>
Subject:

Good day

Hope you are well

Can you please provide the department with the following outstanding documents of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex

Title deed

Motivation

Lay Out Plan of proposed development

Your quick respond will be highly appreciated

Regards

Barbara de lange

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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Monday, 28 March 2022 14:38
To: Portia Makitla
Cc: Aulicia Maifo
Subject: RE: DSR COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX [Filed 28 Mar 2022 14:38]

Dear Portia

Thank you for your comments. I can confirm receipt

Kind regards

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Sent: Monday, 28 March 2022 14:22
To: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>
Cc: Aulicia Maifo <amaifo@dfe.gov.za>
Subject: FW: DSR COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX

Dear Ms Strong.

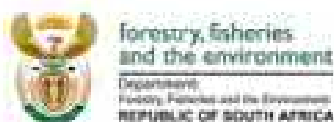
I hope you are well.
Kindly find the attached comments for your attention.



Mrs. Mashienyane Portia Makitla
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Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 11:42

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

Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com>

Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review

Dear Commenting Authority

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 - Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure
- Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd
 - Up to 100MW Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure
 - Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure
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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



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Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 14:24
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Portia Makitla; Aulicia Maifo
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review

Dear Ms Strong

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).

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.

Regards,
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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms. Mqokeli

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the report.

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the report and does not have any objections to the Draft Scoping Report & Plan of Study provided that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be considered in the final report.

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Yours faithfully

Mr Seoka Lekota
Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation
Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment
Date: 28/03/2022



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Motha, Bongani

From: Edward Mahosi <EMAHOSI@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, 25 March 2022 12:15
To: Mqokeli, Babalwa
Cc: Strong, Ashlea; Derrick Makhubele
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review

Good Morning Babalwa,

Kindly note that Air Quality Comments/Inputs will only reach yourself after the closing date.

I will select projects that have air quality issues and only make comments/inputs on them.

Regards,

From: Mqokeli, Babalwa [mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 March 2022 19:28
Cc: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review

Dear Commenting Authority

This serves as a kind reminder that the comment period for the Draft Environmental Scoping Reports for the **Proposed Development of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex** ends on **28 March 2022**. Please submit your comments, should you have any and have not already submitted of same, for incorporation into the Final Scoping Reports.

Best Regards,

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Sent: Monday, 28 March 2022 20:26
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: gideon.raath@enertrag.co.za; Lydia Kutu; Ephron Maradwa; Makhosi Yeni
Subject: Comments on 14/12/16/3/3/2/2134/ 2135 and 2137
Attachments: 01 Comments_on_draft_SR_2134.pdf; 01 Comments_on_draft_SR_2135 (2).pdf; 01 Comments_on_draft_SR_2137 (1).pdf

Dear Ashley,

Attached please find the comments for the aforementioned projects for your consideration.

Best regards,



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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Strong

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 1 OF WELGELEGEN FARM NO. 322 NEAR ERMELO WITHIN MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated February 2022 and received by the Department on 24 February 2022, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final SR:

Listed Activities

- 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 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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>.

BESS Alternative

- 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 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.

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).
- Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.

Public Participation Process

- 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.
- 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.
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.

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.
- 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;
 - 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.
- The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following:
 - 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Specialist Assessments

The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.
- 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 Protocols"), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with the requirements of these protocols.
- 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.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

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.
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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.

General

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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.

Yours faithfully



Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
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Letter signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo
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Date: 22/03/2022

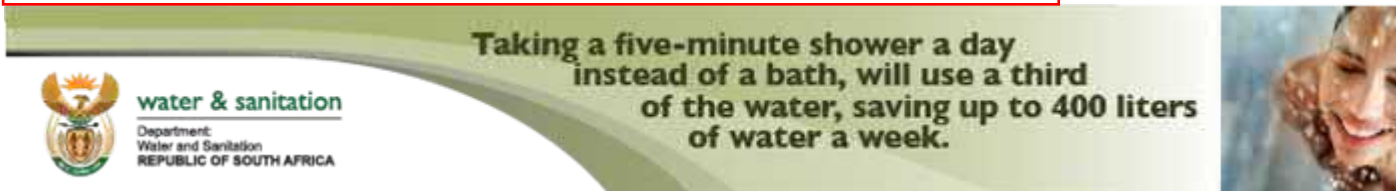
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Hi Ashley
We will comment on the WULA when submitted
Regards

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Cc: EWT EIA Applications
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review [Filed 01 Apr 2022 17:42]

Dear Ian

We can confirm that you have been added to the stakeholder database for the Camden Projects.

Kind regards

Ashlea

Ashlea Strong
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Dear Ashleigh and Babalwa

Please register the EWT as an I&AP for this development.

Thanks

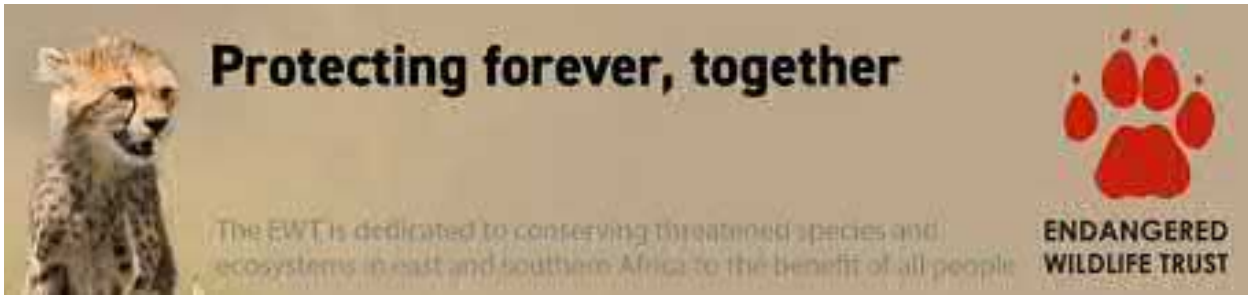


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Hi

Camden is a small village, close to Ermelo. Camden power station is one of Eskom's oldest coal fire power stations, situated at Camden and is on the list for decommissioning. It is likely these new developments will take advantage of the substation and associated grid capacity soon to be available.

Regards

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Sent: Tuesday, 22 March 2022 20:04

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

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Best Regards,

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Dear Jolande

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Good day

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Sent: Wednesday, 23 March 2022 08:53
To: Mqokeli, Babalwa
Cc: Strong, Ashlea
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review
Attachments: New Part 139.01.30 Technical Standards.pdf

Good day,

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-notice.aspx>

SACAA Page - Main Content Section

Obstacle Notice 1/2022 – Appointment of New Windfarm and Solar Obstacle Application Service Provider

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

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).

The new solar project applications must be accompanied by a Glint & Glare Impact Assessment Report with specific relevance to aviation & 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.

There are various organisations who can perform glint & glare impact assessment. It is however recommended that a credible organisation be utilised for this purpose.

Please note that the cost for any Impact Assessment Report will be for the account of the applicant.

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Sent: Tuesday, 22 March 2022 19:28

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

Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review

Dear Commenting Authority

This serves as a kind reminder that the comment period for the Draft Environmental Scoping Reports for the Proposed Development of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex ends on 28 March 2022.

Please submit your comments, should you have any and have not already submitted of same, for incorporation into the Final Scoping Reports.

Best Regards,

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

Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 11:42

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Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com>

Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review

Dear Commenting Authority

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)


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:

- Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd
 - Up to 200 MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF) including associated infrastructure
 - Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure
- Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd
 - Up to 200MW WEF including associated infrastructure
 - Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure
- Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd
 - Up to 100MW Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure
 - Up to 132kV Powerline, substation and associated infrastructure
- Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd
 - Hydrogen and Ammonia Plant and associated infrastructure
- ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd
 - Up to 400kV Powerline, Common Collector and Main Transmission Substation including associated infrastructure

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 have been made available for 30 days from 24 February 2022 to 28 March 2022 - on the WSP website and via a One Drive Link for download.

- One Drive ( [Camden Public Review](#))
- [WSP website \(https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents\)](https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents)

Please note that you will receive a separate email with the link to the one drive. This link will then request a verification number which will automatically be sent to your email address – if it doesn't seem to come through please check your "spam" folder.

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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Camden I Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd

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.

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.

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. 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.

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).

Van der Walt, J. October 2021. HERITAGE SCOPING REPORT For the Proposed Camden I Solar Energy



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Facility (100MW), Mpumalanga Province, South Africa.

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.

Interim Comment

The Archaeology, Palaeontology, Meteorites (APM) notes the submission of the Scoping Report and Heritage Scoping Report and endorses the recommendation for a field survey by a suitably qualified archaeologist as part of a Heritage Impact Assessment report.

SAHRA will provide further comments on the proposed development once the draft EIA and the HIA report is submitted to the case.

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.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2136)

Govender, Megan

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Sent: Wednesday, 25 May 2022 14:05
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Col Weilbach; rwu mp; MIEM Level2
Subject: PROPOSED RENEWABLE WIND PROJECT IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE CAMDEM MILITARY BASE IN MPUMALANGA
Attachments: Final SEA Report_Defence Section.pdf;
Gazetted_Defence_Installations_Assessment_Protocols.pdf

To Ashlea Strong

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.

As a national government department, the Department of Defence consist of different levels or tiers of mandated decision making in 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

I hope this will assist you in your process going forward.

Kind Regards

Capt (SAN) Adri Liebenberg Pr Sci Nat

Govender, Megan

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, 08 June 2022 12:14

To:

Strong, Ashlea

Cc:

Caryn Clarke; Skye Clarke-McLeod

Subject:

Camden Renewable Energy Complex I&AP Registration

Dear Ashlea,

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 registered as an I&AP in the Camden Renewable Energy Complex, consisting of the following:

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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.

Thank you very much, with kind regards

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Colette Stander | Environmental Project Developer

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From: Strong, Ashlea
Sent: Thursday, 09 June 2022 08:11
To: Colette Alisha Stander
Cc: Caryn Clarke; Skye Clarke-McLeod; Mqokeli, Babalwa
Subject: RE: Camden Renewable Energy Complex I&AP Registration

Dear Colette

Thank you for your email. We can confirm that you have been added to the project database for each of the projects below.

Kind regards

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Dear Ms Strong

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

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.

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 amended. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1) (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required to be incorporated in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):

Listed Activities

- 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.

- 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.
- For activity 12 of Listing Notice 1, you are required to provide the total footprint of the proposed infrastructure in square meters.
- 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 EMP. Please ensure that the above is adhere with.
- 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?
- 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.
- 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.
- 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>.

Project Description

- 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 includes the components. Please ensure that the project description in the application and draft EIAR (including the final EIAR) are the same prior submitting to the CA for consideration.
- 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.

BESS Alternative

- 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.

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Public Participation

- 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.
- 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.
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- 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.
- 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.
- The final EIAR 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.

Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- 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.
- The layout map must indicate the following:
 - 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
 - All existing infrastructure on the site.
- The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following:
 - 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- The colors used on page 129 (Figure 5-28) of the FSR, the Site Layout overlain onto a Preliminary Consolidated Environmental 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.

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Specialist assessments

The following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIAR:

- 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.

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 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.

The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.
- 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 development. Therefore, ensure detailed assessment is undertaken and submitted in the final report.
- 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.

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- 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.

Cumulative Impact Assessment

The cumulative impacts of the proposed development must be undertaken as per the requirements of the EIA Regulations.

Issues regarding S50 approval in terms of NEM: PAA

- 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 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Environmental Management Programme (EMPr

- Ensure that generic EMPr is submitted for the management of impacts of the infrastructure related to the transmission and distribution of energy
- A construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAR for the facility.

Additional Information

- 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.

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General

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.

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.

Yours faithfully



Ms Millicent Solomons

Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment,

Signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo

Designation: Deputy Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects

Date: 24/05/2022

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Reference

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).

27.07.2022

Dear Makhosazane Yeni,

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.

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.

Recommender


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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX – ON PORTION 0, 1 AND 3 OF THE FARM KLIPFONTEIN 442, PORTION 1 AND 2 OF THE FARM WELGELEGEN 322, PORTION 2 AND 10 OF THE FARM UIKOMST 292, PORTION 3 OF THE FARM LANGVERWACHT 293, PORTION 3 OF THE FARM KLIPBANK 295, PORTION 14 OF THE FARM MOOIPLAATS 290, PORTION 0, 2 AND 3 OF THE FARM ANDRINOPE 296, PORTION 3, 4 AND 5 OF THE FARM BUHRMANSVALLEI 297, PORTION 3 AND 6 DE EMIGRATE 327 AND PORTION 5 OF THE FARM KLIPFONTEIN 326: MSUKALIGWA MUNICIPALITY, GERT SIBANDE

1. The above-mentioned application has reference.
2. 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.
3. Consent from the Municipality in terms of Spluma By-law and LUS be obtained.
4. The applicant must comply with the stipulations of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).
5. The applicant must comply with the stipulations of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998).
6. All conditions imposed by the local municipality and other Government Departments must be adhered to.
7. Access to the proposed portion of land must be to the satisfaction of the local municipality or relevant road authority.
8. A site development plan must be submitted to the local municipality for approval.



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9. 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.
10. Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.
11. Negative impact of the atmospheric emission and delivery of the renewable energy complex on existing high potential agricultural soils must be mitigated.
12. The stipulations of the Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act 39 of 2004) must be complied with, where applicable.
13. Mitigation measures must be taken to limit noise and dust as to neighbours.
14. 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.

Kind regards,



MR S. NGUBANE
HEAD: CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS
DATE 29/05/2022

Govender, Megan

From: BC Admin <bcadmin@dffe.gov.za>
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To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa; Govender, Megan; Nadar, Thirushan; Gideon Raath; Portia Makitla
Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Environmental Impact Report Review

Dear Sir/Madam

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).

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

Regards,
Mashudu

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Sent: Wednesday, 07 September 2022 17:14
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Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Environmental Impact Report Review

Dear Stakeholders

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



Ashlea Strong
Principal Associate

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Attachments: DEIR Camden I II WEF comments.pdf; DEIR Camden 400kV grid comments.pdf; DEIR Camden GH comments.pdf; DEIR Camden I SEF comments.pdf

Good day

Attached please find Biodiversity Conservation Directorate comments for your processing.

Thanks & Regards 

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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Mqokeli

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN I SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the report. According to Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector 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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

Yours faithfully

Mr Seoka Lekota
Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation
Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment
Date: 06/10/2022



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Govender, Megan

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Dear Ashlea,

Kindly find attached approved comments for the application with the abovementioned reference number.

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.

Regards
Olivia



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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

The application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) and draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) received by the Competent Authority (CA) on 06 September 2022, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAR:

Project Description

- 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.
- 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.

Listed Activities

- 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.
- 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>.

Specialist Assessments

- 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).

Cumulative Assessment

- 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:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
 - A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.
- 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.

Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- 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.
- The layout map must indicate the following:
 - Positions of the facility and all associated infrastructure related to the proposed development e.g., roads (existing and proposed)
 - Permanent laydown area footprint,
 - Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint,
- The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following:
 - 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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 to be submitted with the final EIAR incorporates the buffer zones of the sensitive areas as recommended by various specialists.

Environmental Management Programme

- The EMPr must also include the following:
 - All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the final EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.
 - An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.
 - 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.
 - In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended for the solar facility.
 - 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.

Public Participation Process

- **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.**
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Specific Comments

- 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. You are required to clarify why these sensitive areas are deemed best suitable for the proposed infrastructure.
- 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.

General

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.

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 -*

(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.”

Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAr or EMPr which changes or information was not 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”.*

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.

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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.

Yours sincerely



Mr Vusi Skosana

Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment

Signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo

Designation: Deputy Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects

Date: 05/10/2022

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Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Environmental Impact Report Review

Dear Ashlea

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.

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 authority of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve before commencement with any of the proposed activities.

Kind regards,
Magodi Rofhiwa



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Dear Commenting Authority

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

This notification is to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment reports for the following projects have been made available for your review and comment:

- Camden I Wind Energy Facility (WEF) including associated infrastructure (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2137)
- Camden II WEF including associated infrastructure (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2135)
- Camden I Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2136)
- Camden 400kV Powerline, Common Collector and Main Transmission Substation including associated infrastructure (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2134)
- Camden Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Plant and associated infrastructure (Ref: 1/3/1/16/1 G-242)

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.

The Draft Environmental Impact Reports have been made available for 30 days from **07 September 2022 to 10 October 2022** - on the WSP website and via a One Drive Link for download.

- One Drive ([Camden Public Review](#))
- [WSP website \(https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents\)](https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents)

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



Ashlea Strong
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Subject: Comments of Camden I Solar Energy Facility
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Good morning,

Please find attached for your attention.

Kind regards,
Whitney Tshimbana



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Dear Madam,

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.

The draft environmental impact assessment report which was submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 07 September 2022 refers. The Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:

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)).
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.
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. S.B



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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.
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.
6. The recommendations and mitigation measures advised on the various assessment studies conducted must be incorporated on the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).
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)).
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

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.

Yours sincerely,



MS. S.B. MBUYANE

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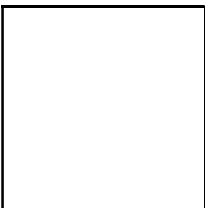
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Subject: MTPA's comments on the draft EIA report for the various Camden I projects



Good Afternoon Ms. Strong

Attached, please find MTPA's comments on the draft EIA report for the various Camden I projects.

Kind Regards
Phumla Nkosi

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Dear Me Strong

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 ERMELO IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER 14/12/16/3/3/2/2136.

With reference to your correspondence reference WPS ref: 41103247 of date September 2022 our comments:

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.

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.

The use of Agrivoltaics where Agrivoltaic installations are combined with PV systems will be a trade-off for the loss of agricultural productive lands. The use of non -invasive plant species should be investigated

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.

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.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.

Kind Regards



 **MR MH VILAKAZI**
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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