

# BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Basic Assessment for the proposed development of a 115 MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility and associated electrical infrastructure (i.e. Kenhardt PV 5), north-east of Kenhardt, in the Northern Cape



APPENDIX E: EAP DETAILS AND DECLARATION

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#### Appendix E.1 CV of Paul Lochner (EMS Manager and Reviewer)

Name of firm CSIR

Name of staff Paul Andrew Lochner

Profession Environmental Assessment and Management

Position in firm Project Leader in Environmental Assessment & Management

Date of birth 13 June 1969

Years with firm 20 years

Nationality South African

#### Biographical sketch

Paul Lochner commenced work at CSIR in 1992, after completing a degree in Civil Engineering and a Masters in Environmental Science, both at the University of Cape Town. His initial work at CSIR focused on sediment dynamics and soft engineering applications in the coastal zone, in particular, beach and dune management. He conducted several shoreline erosion analyses and prepared coastal zone management plans for beaches. He also prepared wetland management plans.

As the market for environmental assessment work grew, he led Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), in particular for coastal resort developments and large-scale industrial developments located on the coast; and Environmental Management Plans (EMPs), in particular for wetlands, estuaries and coastal developments. He has also been involved in researching and applying higher-level approaches to environmental assessment and management, such as Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). In 1998 and 1999, he coordinated the SEA research programme within the CSIR, and was a lead author of the Guideline Document for SEA in South Africa, published jointly by CSIR and the national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism in February 2000.

In 1999 and 2000, he was the project manager for the legal, institutional, policy, financial and socio-economic component of the Cape Action Plan for the Environment ("CAPE"), a large-scale multi-disciplinary study to ensure the sustainable conservation of the Cape Floral Kingdom. This was funded by the Global Environmental Fund (GEF) and prepared for WWF-South Africa. The study required extensive stakeholder interaction, in particular with government institutions, leading to the development of a Strategy and Action Plan for regional conservation.

In July 2003, he was certified as an Environmental Assessment Practitioner by the Interim Certification Board for Environmental Assessment Practitioners of South Africa. In 2004 he was lead author of the *Overview of IEM* document in the updated Integrated Environmental Management (IEM) Information Series published by national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEFFT). In 2004-2005 he was project manager for an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) conducted for a bauxite mine and alumina refinery in the Komi Republic (Russia), prepared in accordance with World Bank and EU policies, guidelines and standards.

In 2004-2005, he was part of the CSIR team that coordinated the preparation of

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the series of *Guidelines for involving specialists in EIA processes* prepared for the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEFFDP); and authored the *Guideline for Environmental Management Plans* published by the Western Cape government in 2005.

In 2009, he led the EIA for a desalination plant in Namibia, as well as several EIAs for wind energy facilities in South Africa.

Over the past 16 years has been closely involved with several environmental studies for industrial and port-related projects in Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ), near Port Elizabeth. This included the SEA for the establishment of the Coega IDZ in 1996/7, an EIA and EMP for a proposed aluminium smelter in 2002/3, and assistance with environmental permit applications for air, water and waste. At the Coega IDZ and port, he has also conducted environmental assessments for port development, LNG storage and a combined cycle gas turbine power plant, manganese export, rail development, and wind energy projects.

| Education | 1990 | B.Sc. Civil Engineering (awarded with Honours) | University of Cape<br>Town |
|-----------|------|--|----------------------------|
|           | 1992 | M. Phil. Environmental Science                 | University of Cape<br>Town |

#### Employment record

January 1992 to June 1992: Completed Masters thesis, working in conjunction with the Environmental Evaluation Unit at the University of Cape Town. The thesis investigated the potential future ecological and socio-economic impacts resulting from the closure of a large diamond mining operation, and developed actions to mitigate these impacts.

October 1992 to present: Employed by the CSIR in Stellenbosch. Involved in coastal engineering studies; and various forms of environmental assessment and management studies. (A track record of experience is listed below).

#### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN COMMITTEES:

| 1996/97:         | Committee Member of the Western Cape Branch of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA)   |
|------------------|---|
| 1997/98:         | Chairperson of the Western Cape Branch of IAIA and member of the national IAIA committee  |
| 1998/99:         | Committee Member of the Western Cape Branch of IAIA   |
| 1996 to present: | Chairperson of the Blouvlei Environmental Committee at Century City, Cape Town (This committee is tasked with overseeing the restoration and management of a wetland in the midst of a new mixed-use urban development) |

#### Experience record

The following table presents an abridged list of projects that Paul Lochner has been involved in, indicating his role in each project:

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| Completion   |  | Role                                    | Client  |
|--|--|---|---|
| Date   | 1. Project description   | Kuic                                    | Chent   |
| 2011 - 2012  | EIA for the <b>100 MW solar photovoltaic</b> project proposed by Mainstream Renewable Power at Blocuso, near Keimoes in the Northern Cape                                | Project leader                          | Mainstream Renewable Power  |
| 2011 – 2012  | EIA for the <b>100 MW solar photovoltaic</b> project proposed by Mainstream Renewable Power at Roode Kop Farm, near Douglas, in the Northern Cape                        | Project leader                          | Mainstream Renewable Power  |
| 2011 – 2012  | EIA for the 75 MW solar photovoltaic project proposed by Solaire Direct at GlenThorne, near Bloemfontein in the Free State   | Project leader                          | Solaire Direct  |
| 2011 – 2012  | EIA for the 75 MW solar photovoltaic project proposed by SolaireDirect at Valleydora, near Springfontein in the Free State   | Project leader                          | Solaire Direct  |
| 2012 (in progress)   | EIA for the 80 MW <b>solar photovoltaic project</b> by CAMAC on Farm O'Poort near postmasburg.   | Project leader                          | CAMAC International   |
| 2010-2011  | More than 10 Basic Assessments (BAs) for solar photovoltaic projects in the western cape, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and Free State                                     | Project leader                          | Various clients including Dutch,<br>German, French and South<br>African companies |
| 2010/2011<br>(in progress)                                       | EIA for the Langerfontein wind project near Darling, Western Cape.   | Project leader                          | Mr Herman Oelsner, Khwe<br>Khoa   |
| 2010/2011<br>(final report<br>completed))                        | EIA for a 100 MW wind project at Zuurbron<br>and a 50 MW wind project Broadlands in the<br>Eastern Cape  | Project leader                          | WindCurrent SA (German-<br>based company)   |
| 2010/2011<br>(final report<br>completed)                         | EIA for the proposed 143 MW Biotherm<br>wind energy project near Swellendam,<br>Western Cape, South Africa   | Project leader                          | Biotherm South Africa (Pty) Ltd   |
| 2010/2011<br>(final report<br>completed)                         | EIA for the proposed InnoWind wind energy<br>projects near Swellendam, Heidelberg,<br>Albertinia and Mossel Bay (totalling approx<br>210 MW), Western Cape, South Africa | Project leader                          | InnoWind South Africa (Pty)<br>Ltd  |
| 2009/2010<br>(authorisation<br>granted by DEFF in<br>Aug 2011    | EIA for the proposed Electrawinds wind<br>energy facility of 45-75 MW capacity in the<br>Coega IDZ, Eastern Cape   | Project leader                          | Electrawinds N.V. (Belgium)   |
| 2009/2010<br>(authorisation<br>granted by DEFF in<br>April 2011) | EIA for proposed 180 MW Jeffreys Bay<br>wind energy project, Eastern Cape  | Project Leader and co-author            | Mainstream Renewable Power<br>South Africa  |
| 2009/2010<br>(authorisation<br>granted by DEFF)                  | Basic Assessment for the national wind Atlas for South Africa  | Project leader                          | SANERI and SA Wind Energy<br>Programme, Dept of Energy                            |
| 2009/2010<br>(on hold)   | EIA for the proposed Gecko soda plant,<br>Otjivalunda and Arandis, Namibia   | Project leader                          | Gecko, Namibia  |
| 2009   | EIA for the proposed desalination plant at<br>Swakopmund, Namibia  | Project leader                          | NamWater, Namibia   |
| 2009   | EMP for the Operational Phase of the Berg<br>River Dam, Franschoek, South Africa   | Project leader and report co-<br>author | TCTA, South Africa  |
| 2009/2010<br>(in progress)                                       | EIA for the proposed crude oil refinery at<br>Coega, South Africa  | Project leader and lead author          | PetroSA, South Africa   |
| 2008   | Environmental Risk Review for proposed<br>LNG/CNG import to Mossel Bay, South Africa   | Project leader and lead author          | PetroSA, South Africa   |
| 2008   | Review of the Business Plan for catchment<br>management for the Berg Water Dam Project,<br>Franschhoek, South Africa   | Project reviewer and co-<br>author      | TCTA, South Africa  |

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| Date                         | 1. Project description   | 11010  |  |
| 2007 – 2010<br>(in progress) | EIA for proposed Jacobsbaai Tortoise<br>Reserve eco-development, Saldanha, Western<br>Cape   | Project Leader and co-author                                     | Jacobsbaai Tortoise Reserve<br>(Pty) Ltd                                 |
| 2007 – 2010<br>(in progress) | Independent reviewer for the EIA proposed<br>Amanzi lifestyle development, Port Elizabeth  | Independent reviewer appointed to advise EAP                     | Public Process Consultants and<br>Pam Golding                            |
| 2007 – 2008                  | EIA for proposed 18 MW Kouga wind energy project, Eastern Cape   | Project Leader and co-author                                     | Genesis Eco-Energy (Approved<br>by DEDEFF in March 2009)                 |
| 2007                         | Review of EIA for the proposed Hanglip Eco-<br>Development, Plettenberg Bay, Western Cape  | Co-author of review of EIA,<br>undertaken on behalf of<br>DEFFDP | Dept of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning,<br>Western Cape    |
| 2006-2007                    | Scoping phase for the EIA for the proposed Coega LNG-to-Power Project at the Port of Ngqura, Coega IDZ   | Project Leader and co-author                                     | Eskom and iGas   |
| 2006-2007                    | Guideline for Scoping, Environmental Impact<br>Assessment and Environmental Management<br>Plans for mining in South Africa                                 | Project leader and co-author                                     | Dept of Minerals and Energy (DME), South Africa                          |
| 2006                         | Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for<br>the extension of the Port of Ngqura, Eastern<br>Cape  | Project Leader and co-author                                     | Transnet   |
| 2006                         | Integrating Sustainability Into Strategy:<br>Handbook (Version 1)  | Project Leader and co-author                                     | CSIR (STEP research report)  |
| 2005                         | Technology Review for the proposed aluminium smelter at Coega, South Africa  | Project Leader and lead author                                   | Alcan, Canada  |
| 2005                         | Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report for the proposed alumina refinery near Sosnogorsk, Komi Republic, Russia                          | Project manager and co-<br>author                                | Komi Aluminium, Russia, IFC,<br>EBRD                                     |
| 2005                         | Guideline for Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) for the Western Cape province, including conducting a training course for provincial government        | Author   | Dept of Environmental Affairs<br>& Development Planning,<br>Western Cape |
| 2005                         | Guideline for the review of specialist studies undertaken as part of environmental assessments   | Member of Steering<br>Committee and project<br>facilitator       | Dept of Environmental Affairs<br>& Development Planning,<br>Western Cape |
| 2004                         | Review of Strategic Management Plan for<br>Table Mountain National Park (2001-2004)  | Reviewer and co-author   | South African National Parks   |
| 2004                         | Strategic Needs Assessment Process for mainstreaming sustainable development into business operations  | Researcher and co-author   | CSIR (internal research)   |
| 2004                         | Environmental Monitoring Committees<br>booklet in the IEM Information Series for<br>DEFFT  | Contributing author  | Department of Environmental<br>Affairs and Tourism (DEFFT)               |
| 2004                         | Overview of Integrated Environmental<br>Management (IEM) booklet in the IEM<br>Information Series  | Lead author and researcher                                       | DEFFT  |
| 2003                         | Environmental Screening Study for gas power station, South Africa  | Project Manager and lead author                                  | Eskom, iGas and Shell  |
| 2003                         | Environmental Management Programme (EMP) Framework for the proposed Coega Aluminium Smelter; and assistance with preparing permit and licence applications | Project Manager and lead author                                  | Pechiney, France   |
| 2003                         | Environmental Management Plan for the<br>Operational Phase of the wetlands and canals at<br>Century City, Cape Town  | Project leader and lead author                                   | Century City Property Owners'<br>Association                             |

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| Date        | 1. Project description   | Kole   | Chent   |
| 2002        | Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed Pechiney aluminium smelter at Coega, South Africa   | Project Manager and lead author  | Pechiney, France  |
| 2002 - 2003 | Research project: Ecological impact of large-<br>scale groundwater abstraction on the Table<br>Mountain Group aquifer  | Project Manager  | Water Research Commission                                 |
| 2002        | Environmental Management Plan for the<br>Eskom Wind Energy Demonstration Facility in<br>the Western Cape   | Co-author  | Eskom   |
| 2001-2002   | Environmental Impact Assessment for the Eskom Wind Energy Demonstration Facility in the Western Cape   | Quality control & co-author  | Eskom   |
| 2001        | Environmental Due Diligence study of four strategic oil storage facilities in South Africa   | Project manager and co-<br>author  | SFF Association   |
| 2000        | Cape Action Plan for the Environment: a biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for the Cape Floral Kingdom - legal, institutional, policy, financial and socio-economic component | Project manager and contributing writer                                      | World Wide Fund for Nature<br>(WWF): South Africa         |
| 1999        | Environmental Management Plan for the establishment phase of the wetlands and canals at Century City, Cape Town  | Project manager and lead author  | Monex Development Company                                 |
| 1999        | Environmental Management Programme for<br>the Thesen Islands development, Knysna   | Process design and Co-<br>author   | Chris Mulder Associates Inc;<br>Thesen and Co.            |
| 1999        | Management Plan for the coastal zone between<br>the Eerste and Lourens River, False Bay, South<br>Africa   | Project manager and lead author  | Heartland Properties and<br>Somchem (a Division of Denel) |
| 1998        | Environmental Assessment of the Mozal<br>Matola Terminal Development proposed for the<br>Port of Matola, Maputo, Mozambique  | Project manager and author.  | SNC-Lavalin-EMS   |
| 1998        | Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Somchem industrial complex at Krantzkop, South Africa   | Project manager and co-<br>author  | Somchem, a Division of Denel                              |
| 1997        | Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the proposed Industrial Development Zone and Harbour at Coega, Port Elizabeth, South Africa   | SEA project manager and report writer  | Coega IDZ Initiative Section 21<br>Company                |
| 1996        | Environmental Impact Assessment of<br>Development Scenarios for Thesen Island,<br>Knysna, South Africa   | Project manager and report writer  | Thesen and Co.  |
| 1996        | Environmental Impact Assessment of the Management Options for the Blouvlei wetlands, Cape Town   | Project manager and report writer  | Ilco Homes Ltd (now Monex<br>Ltd)                         |
| 1995        | Environmental Impact Assessment for the<br>Saldanha Steel Project, South Africa  | Report writing and management of specialist studies                          | Saldanha Steel Project                                    |
| 1994        | Environmental Impact Assessment for the upgrading of resort facilities on Frégate Island, Seychelles   | Member of the project<br>management team, co-<br>author, process facilitator | Schneid Israelite and Partners                            |
| 1994        | Environmental Impact Assessment for exploration drilling in offshore Area 2815, Namibia  | Project manager and co-<br>author  | Chevron Overseas (Namibia)<br>Limited                     |
| 1994        | Management Plan for the Rietvlei Wetland<br>Reserve, Cape Town   | Project manager and lead author  | Southern African Nature<br>Foundation (now WWF-SA)        |
| 1993        | Beach management plan for Stilbaai<br>beachfront and dunes, South Africa   | Project manager and lead author  | Stilbaai Municipality                                     |

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| Completion<br>Date | 1. Project description  | Role                            | Client                              |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1993               | Beach and dune management plan for<br>Sedgefield for the beach east of the mouth of the<br>Swartvlei estuary                | Project manager and lead author | Nel and De Kock Planners,<br>George |
| 1993               | Coastal Stability analysis and beach<br>management plan for the Table View coastline<br>north of Blaauwberg Road, Cape Town | Project manager and lead author | Milnerton Municipality              |

#### Publication record

A comprehensive list of publications, book chapters and contract reports is available upon request, with a summary provided below.

Publications in journals, peer reviewed conference proceedings and CSIR internal research reports:

Weaver A, Pope J, Morrison-Saunders A & Lochner P, 2009, Contributing to sustainability as an environmental impact assessment practitioner, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal* (IAPA), 26:2, 91-98. (This paper received the IAPA best paper award for 2009).

Lochner P, 2009: Case study - The role of environmental and social screening in informing the conceptual design and planning of large-scale projects in the prefeasibility phase, in DBSA, 2009, What works for us - a South African Country report for tactics, Tools and Methods for Integrating Environment and Development (A South African Case study in partnership with the IIED), pp 37-38, Midrand, South Africa.

Lochner P, Munster F and Burns M, 2006. Integrating Sustainability into Strategy (ISIS): a process to inform sustainability strategies and frameworks, *In:* IAIA South Africa Annual Conference proceedings, South Africa.

Rossouw N and Lochner P, 2006. Environmental Monitoring Committees (EMCs): purpose, function and structure. *In:* IAIA South Africa Annual Conference proceedings, South Africa.

Munster F and Lochner P, 2006, Integrating Sustainability Into Strategy: Handbook (Version 1) – describing a process to inform sustainability strategies, frameworks and reports, *CSIR Report ENV-S-I 2005-001*, ISBN 0-7988-5560-6, Stellenbosch.

Van Zyl H, de Wit M, Munster F, Lochner P, Gerber G, 2005. Economics in Environmental Impact Assessment: demystifying the theory and practice, *In:* Conference Proceedings of the IAIA South Africa 2005 Annual National Conference. South Africa.

Lochner P, Weaver A, Gelderblom C, Peart R, Sandwith T and Fowkes S, 2003. Aligning the diverse: the development of a biodiversity conservation strategy for the Cape Floristic Region. *Biological Conservation Vol. 112, ISSN:* 0006-3207.

Lochner P, Münster F, Msutu M, Wren S, 2003. The role of stakeholder engagement in the EIA for the Coega Aluminium Smelter. *In:* Conference Proceedings of the IAIA South Africa 2003 Annual National Conference. ISBN 1-919891-04-8. South Africa.

Lochner P, Brooks W, Pesch P & Münster M. 2003, Stakeholder engagement process in the EIA of an aluminium smelter, Published in *Light Metals* 2003 (Ed. Paul Crepeau), Published by TMS (the Minerals, Metals & Materials Society),

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ISBN Number 0-87339-531-X, USA.

Rossouw N, Audouin M, Lochner P, Heather-Clark S and Wiseman K, 2000. Development of strategic environmental assessment in South Africa. *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*. Vol 18, no. 3, pp 217-223. United Kingdom.

Lochner P and Fowkes S, 2000. Building partnerships for the conservation of the biodiversity of the Cape Floral Kingdom: experiences and lessons learnt from the Cape Action Plan for the Environment. *In:* IAIA-SA Conference Proceedings 2000. South Africa.

Lochner P and Rossouw N, 1997. The development of an Environmental Management Plan for incorporating a wetland into a large mixed use development: the Century City example. *In*: IAIA-SA Conference Proceedings 1997. South Africa.

# Language capability

|           | Speaking  | Reading   | Writing   |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| English   | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent |
| Afrikaans | Average   | Average   | Average   |

Appendix H.2 CV of Kelly Stroebel (Project Manager/EAP)

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Name of firm CSIR

Name of staff Kelly Stroebel

ProfessionSenior Environmental Assessment PractitionerPosition in firmSenior Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Years' experience 6 years

Nationality South African

#### **Biographical Sketch**

Kelly holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Science from Rhodes University in Grahamstown and is currently pursuing a Masters at the University of Stellenbosch. Her undergraduate degree was a Bachelor of Science with majors in Environmental Science and Zoology. She is currently working as an environmental assessment practitioner at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). Kelly has been the Project Manager of several EIA's in South Africa in the renewable energy and gas sector, and several Basic Assessments for the Special Needs and Skills Development Programme. She has assisted in the SIP projects including the National Wind & Solar Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Electricity Grid Infrastructure SEA as SEA which were commissioned by the national Department of Environmental Affairs.

#### **EMPLOYMENT TRACK RECORD**

The following table presents a sample of the projects that Kelly Stroebel has been involved in to this date:

| Completion<br>Date | Project description  | Role   | Client   |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| In progress        | EIA's in the South African energy sector   | Project Manager/EAP  | Private energy companies and organs of state       |
| In progress        | Special Needs and Skills Development Programme (DEFF- CSIR)  | Project Manager conducting Environmental services such as basic Assessments and Environmental Screening Studies. | Various SMME's and<br>Community Trusts             |
| 2015               | Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for Electricity Grid Infrastructure                                 | Project member-stakeholder engagement and project support.   | National Department<br>of Environmental<br>Affairs |
| 2015               | EIA for two proposed  Desalination plants on the KZN coast.  | Project member- Public Participation Process, stakeholder engagement and project support.                        | Umgeni Water                                       |
| August<br>2014     | National Strategy for Sustainable<br>Development Review (NSSD1)  | Project member- research and report development.   | National Department<br>of Environmental<br>Affairs |
| 2013-2014          | Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for roll out of photovoltaic solar and wind energy in South Africa. | Project member- Stakeholder engagement and project support   | National Department<br>of Environmental<br>Affairs |

#### **EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

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- **2015 to present** Environmental Scientist and Assessment Practitioner. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Consulting and Analytical Services (CAS) Stellenbosch
- **2014** Environmental Scientist and Assessment Practitioner (Intern). Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Consulting and Analytical Services (CAS) Stellenbosch

#### **QUALIFICATIONS/EDUCATION**

- BSc Hons. Environmental Science (Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa)
  - Honours modules including Environmental Impact Assessment, Statistics, Climate Change Adaptation, Urban Ecology and Environmental Water Quality.
  - Honours thesis: "Water use and conservation by households of different economic status in King Willliam's Town"
- Bachelor of Science with Distinction (Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa)
  - Undergraduate courses including Environmental Science, Zoology, Ichthyology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Botany and Computer Science.
- IEB Matric Certificate, 5 Distinctions (St Dominic's Academy, Newcastle)

#### TRAINING, CONFERENCES AND PROFFESIONAL REGISTRATIONS

- Member of the Conference Organizing Committee (COC) for the IAIAsa Annual Conference 2017
- Project Management Practices and Principles with MS projects with the University of Pretoria:
   Distinction obtained (2016)
- Introduction to Earth Observation using ENVI with the University of Stellenbosch (2016)
- Public Participation Course with IAP2 (2016)
- Conflict Management Accredited through Conflict Dynamics (2015)
- Media and Science Training Accreditation through Jive Media Africa (2015)
- IAIA WC Workshop for Integrating Climate Change into EIA practice (2015)
- Presented on the DEFF-CSIR "Special Needs and Skills Development Programme" at the 2014 & 2015 Annual IAIA (International Association for Impact Assessment) South Africa Conference.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Training Course accreditation through Coastal and Environmental Services, Grahamstown (2012)
- DEFF&DP Training on the EIA Regulations (2014)
- Registered as a Candidate Natural Scientist with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) (Reg #: 100151/14)
- Member of the South African Affiliate of the International Association for Impact Assessment (Membership no: 3588)

#### **LANGUAGE CAPABILITY**

| LANGUAGES | Speaking  | Reading   | Writing   |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| English   | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent |
| Afrikaans | Moderate  | Moderate  | Moderate  |

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| Appendix E.3 | <b>EAP Declaration of Interest</b> |                 |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| l,           | Kelly Stroebel                     | , declare that: |

- I act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the Regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in Regulation 18 of the Regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority, unless access to that information is protected by law, in which case it will be indicated that such information exists and will be provided to the competent authority;
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- I will ensure that the inputs and comments of all stakeholders and interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;
- I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process;
- I declare that all the particulars furnished by me are true and correct;
- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not;
- I will provide the competent authority any information that is provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and; any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested or affected parties;
- I affirm that the information provided in this report includes input and recommendations from specialist reports where relevant;
- the information provided in this report has been sourced from relevant literature, legislation, previous studies and specialist input and is therefore believed to be correct;
- I will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations;
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 of the Regulations and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act; and
- I am aware of what constitutes an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and that a person convicted of an offence in terms of Regulation 48(1) is liable to the penalties as contemplated in section 49B of the Act.

| Signed at Stellenbosch on the 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 |  |
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|   | <b>Environmental Assessment Practitioner</b> |

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**Appendix E.4 Specialist Declaration Forms** 



#### DETAILS OF THE SPECIALIST, DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH

|                        | (For official use only) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| File Reference Number: |                         |
| NEAS Reference Number: | DEA/EIA/                |
| Date Received:         |                         |

Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

#### PROJECT TITLE

Kenhardt PV4 Solar Photovoltaic Project

#### Kindly note the following:

- This form must always be used for applications that must be subjected to Basic Assessment or Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting where this Department is the Competent Authority.
- 2. This form is current as of 01 September 2018. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the Competent Authority. The latest available Departmental templates are available at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.
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#### SPECIALIST INFORMATION

| Specialist Company Name:               | SDP Ecological & Environmer                           | ital Servic            | es                                |            |  |  |
|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| B-BBEE                                 | Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant) | exempt                 | Percenta<br>Procurer<br>recogniti | nent       |  |  |
| Specialist name:                       | Simon C Bundy   |                        |                                   |            |  |  |
| Specialist Qualifications:             | BSc MSc   |                        |                                   | 7          |  |  |
| Professional affiliation/registration: | Pr Sci Nat Ecologist                                  |                        |                                   |            |  |  |
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| Postal address:                        | Box 1016 Ballito                                      |                        |                                   |            |  |  |
| Postal code:                           | 4420  | (                      | Cell:                             | 0824464847 |  |  |
| Telephone:                             | 032 5861218   | F                      | -ax:                              |            |  |  |
| E-mail:                                | simon@ecocoast.co.za                                  |                        |                                   |            |  |  |

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- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
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- all the particulars furnished by/me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Signature of the Specialist

SDP Ecological & Environmental Services

Name of Company:

10 December 2019

Date

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| Simon C Bundy, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submrt to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct. | itted |
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#### **PROJECT TITLE**

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITY, KENHARDT PV4 AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR KENHARDT, IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

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#### 1. SPECIALIST INFORMATION

| Specialist Company<br>Name: | Johann Lanz – Soil Scientis                           | st   |                                |             |                    |  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|--|
| B-BBEE                      | Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant) | 4  | Percent<br>Procure<br>recognit | ment        | 100%               |  |
| Specialist name:            | Johann Lanz   |  |                                |             |                    |  |
| Specialist Qualifications:  | M.Sc. (Environmental Geochemistry)                    |  |                                |             |                    |  |
| Professional                | Registered Professional Na                            | Registered Professional Natural Scientist          |                                |             |                    |  |
| affiliation/registration:   |   | Member of the Soil Science Society of South Africa |                                |             |                    |  |
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| Postal address:             | 1a Wolfe Street, Wynberg, Cape Town, 7800             |  |                                |             |                    |  |
| Postal code:                | 7800 Cell: 082 927 9018                               |  |                                |             |                    |  |
| Telephone:                  | 082 927 9018  | Fax  |                                | Who still u | ses a fax? I don't |  |
| E-mail:                     | johann@johannlanz.co.za                               |  |                                |             |                    |  |

#### 2. DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

#### I, Johann Lanz, declare that -

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may Signature of the Specialist compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report Johann Lanz Soil Scientist (sole proprietor) relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
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- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Signature of the Specialist

Johann Lanz - Soil Scientist (sole proprietor)

Name of Company:

Date

#### 3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

I, Johann Lanz, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.

Name of Company

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#### PROJECT TITLE

KENHARDT SOLAR PV 4 PROJECT PROPOSED BY SCATEC NEAR KENHARDT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

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# SPECIALIST INFORMATION

| Specialist Company   | Afrimage Photography (P  | ty) Ltd t/a Chris van                                 | Rooyen Consulting                       |                           |   |
|--|--|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Name:<br>B-BBEE  | Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant)                          | Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant) | Contribution level<br>1 to 8 or non-com |                           | Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant) |
| Specialist name:   | Chris van Rooyen   |   |   |                           |   |
| Specialist   | BA LLB   |   |   |                           |   |
| Qualifications:<br>Professional<br>affiliation/registration: | I work under the superv<br>Biology) (SACNASP Zoo<br>Natural Scientific Profess | ological Science Reg<br>sions Act 27 of 2003          | istration number 40                     | Froneman (<br>00177/09) a | MSc Conservation s stipulated by the                  |
| Physical address:  | 30 Roosevelt Street, Rol   |   |   |                           |   |
| Postal address:  | 30 Roosevelt Street, Rol   |   |   | 2104                      |   |
| Postal code:   | 2194   | 2194  | 70                                      | 2194                      | 70  |
| Telephone:   | 0824549570   | 082454957   |   | 08245495                  |   |
| E-mail:  | Vanrooyen.chris@gmail  | .com Vanrooyer  | .chris@gmail.com                        | vanrooye                  | n.chris@gmail.com                                     |

# 2. DECLARATION BY THE SPECIALIST

I, Chris van Rooyen, declare that -

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
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  submission to the competent authority;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Signature of the Specialist

Afrimage Photography (Pty) Ltd t/a Chris van Rooyen Consulting

Name of Company:

# 3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

I, Chris van Rooyen, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.

Signature of the Specialist

Afrimage Photography (Pty) Ltd

Name of Company

20 January 2019

Date

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Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

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Basic Assessment for the proposed construction of a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility (i.e. Kenhardt PV6) and associated electrical infrastructure, near Kenhardt, in the Northern Cape

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# 3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

Date

| I, QUINTON LAWSON , swear under oath                  | / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for |
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| the purposes of this application is true and correct. |  |
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| Signature of the Specialist                           |  |
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| Name of Company                                       |  |
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#### 1. SPECIALIST INFORMATION

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| I. | JAYSON | ORTON | , declare that - |
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  submission to the competent authority;
- · all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and

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 I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

| Signature of the Specialist |
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| AGHA CONSULTING (PTY) LTD   |
| Name of Company:            |
| 03/12/2019                  |
| Date                        |

| I,                                     |
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|  |
| Signature of the Specialist            |
| ASHA CONSULTING (PTY) LTD              |
| Name of Company                        |
| 03/12/2019                             |
| Date NEDAMBALE 7225467-0               |
| Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths |
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Date

**UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION** 

#### 1. SPECIALIST DECLARATION

- I, **Rudolph du Toit** as the appointed independent specialist, in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended), hereby declare that I:
- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
- I perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant;
- regard the information contained in this report as it relates to my specialist input/study to be true and correct, and do not have and will not have any financial interest in the undertaking of the activity, other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the NEMA, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and any specific environmental management Act;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
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- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I have no vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I have ensured that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the specialist input/study was distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties was facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties were provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on the specialist input/study;
- I have ensured that the comments of all interested and affected parties on the specialist input/study were considered, recorded and submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this specialist input/study are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Name of Specialist: Rudolph du Toit

Signature of the specialist:

Date: 28 December 2019

## APPENDIX 9.1 - Specialist Declaration

I, Herbert Phahlane as the appointed independent specialist, in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended), hereby declare that I:

- I act as the independent specialist in this application;
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Name of Specialist: Herbert Phahlane

Signature of the specialist:

Date: 2020-01-14