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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (the Developer/Proponent) is proposing the development of a Camden Renewable Energy Complex within the vicinity of the Camden Power Station in Mpumalanga. The Complex consists of eight projects referred to as:

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

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

The focus of this Stakeholder Engagement Report is the proposed Camden 400kV Grid Connection and Common Collector Substation project.

The Project Applicant is ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd. The proposed Camden Renewable Energy Complex will connect to a common Collector substation through various up to 132kV powerlines (subject to separate BA processes) between the grid connection substation portion (immediately adjacent the on-site Independent Power Producer (IPP) substation portions) and that of the Camden Collector substation. The broader Camden developments (i.e. seven of the abovementioned projects) 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.

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

1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DETAILS OF THE EAP

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

Table 1.1: Details of the EAP

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

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

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

1.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the Process:

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

1.3.1 OBJECTIVES

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

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

1.3.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AN AFFECTED PARTY?

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

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

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

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

RIGHTS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STAKEHOLDER

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

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

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

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

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

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

1.4 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

| SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS: | RECOMMENDED RESPONSE | |
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| | IF “YES” | IF “NO” |
| Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality? | Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP. | No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met. |
| Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province? | Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP. | No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met. |

| SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS: | RECOMMENDED RESPONSE | |
|--|--|---|
| | IF “YES” | IF “NO” |
| Is the project a greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)? | Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project to in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) or environmental problems (e.g. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these? | Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more Information on both the socio-economic and environmental problems. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socio-economic and ecological)? | Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Public and environmental sensitivity of the project: | | |
| Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project? | Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs? | There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant? | Consultation with the private landowner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)? | Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Potentially affected parties: | | |
| Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area? | More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict? | Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs? | Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.t.o. socio-economic status, language or culture)? | Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past? | PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |

| SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS: | RECOMMENDED RESPONSE | |
|---|---|--|
| | IF “YES” | IF “NO” |
| Is there a high level of unemployment in the area? | The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. |
| Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)? | Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs. | Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance to the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP. |

1.5 COVID-19 SCENARIO

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

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

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

Annexure 2 of the Directions require that “*At all times it must be ensured that reasonable opportunity is provided for public participation and that all administrative actions are reasonable. While the COVID-19 pandemic is a unique circumstance, the specific circumstances in each case must be considered in order to determine what will be reasonable. If in the circumstances of a particular case reasonable alternative methods to give notice to potential interested and affected parties are available, then the relevant competent authority can be approached for an agreement in this regard as provided for in regulation 41(2)(e) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.*”

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

1.6 APPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

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

Table 1.3: Approved Public Participation Plan

| SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS) | PLAN/ACTIVITIES |
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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 were obtained for each of the farms portions where the proposed activities will be undertaken. Consent letters were included in the Application forms for Environmental Authorisation. |
| <p>39 (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply in respect of—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) linear activities; b) activities constituting, or activities directly related to prospecting or exploration of a mineral and petroleum resource or extraction and primary processing of a mineral or petroleum resource; and c) strategic integrated projects as contemplated in the Infrastructure Development Act, 2014. | <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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) basic assessment report and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, submitted in terms of regulation 19; and b) scoping report submitted in terms of regulation 21 and the environmental impact assessment report and EMPr submitted in terms of regulation 23; <p>was subjected to must give all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on each of the basic assessment report, EMPr, scoping report and environmental impact assessment report, and where applicable the closure plan, as well as the report contemplated in regulation 32, if such reports or plans are submitted at different times.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Notification of the availability of the Scoping and Environmental Impact (S&EIA) and Basic Assessment (BA) Reports as relevant for the relevant Camden Renewable Energy Complex projects, as well as the period for review will be sent to all identified and registered stakeholders via email and sms. — The Draft Reports will be made available to all stakeholders for a 30-day comment period as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — From WSP on request and electronic copies can be shared via secure links that will be emailed. — On the WSP website as well as on a data free website¹ for download. — Hard copies of the Reports will be placed at the relevant public places such as libraries, community halls, ward councillor offices etc. — CDs and/or Hard Copies submitted to the relevant Organs of State. — Submitted to the DFFE via the DFFE online portal. <p><i>Note: Should the COVID-19 level be level 3 or higher at time of disclosure, WSP will confirm with the local libraries, as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review. In the event that public places are not available due to COVID restrictions WSP will provide the Local Ward Councillors with copies of the reports to ensure that I&APs without access to the internet are provided access to the required documentation. Furthermore, the data free website will be available to all I&APs</i></p> |

**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT
(GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

PLAN/ACTIVITIES

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| <p>40 (2) The public participation process contemplated in this regulation must provide access to all information that reasonably has or may have the potential to influence any decision with regard to an application unless access to that information is protected by law and must include consultation with—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the competent authority. b) every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation. c) all organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and d) all potential, or, where relevant, registered interested and affected parties. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Provision has been made to ensure all project information will be made available to all I&APs, and that they are afforded the opportunity to participate in the projects, as well as submit comments and raise any concerns and/or issues with regards to the proposed projects. This will include: — Identification of stakeholders with a potential interest in the project will be at the outset of the project. — All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the S&EIA and BA processes. — The stakeholder database will include all relevant authorities (government departments and relevant district and local municipalities), ward councillors, relevant conservation bodies and non-governmental organisations (NGO's), as well as neighbouring landowners and the surrounding community. — General communication (written notification) with identified stakeholders (public and other government departments/authorities) on the proposed projects. — Distribution of the Background Information Document (BID), inclusive of a Registration and Comments Form, to allow stakeholders to register and ensure all comments and queries regarding the projects are captured for inclusion in the relevant Stakeholder Engagement Reports. — Consultation of relevant communities via the Ward Councillor and/or community representative, in a manner determined and/or required during stakeholder engagement. |
| <p>40 (3) Potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports 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 — 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"> — Comments Forms via comment form booklets at public places or via fax or email — Written comments via email or fax — Telephonically for capturing by the EAP; and — Via Whatsapp or SMS (including the use of “please call me”). |
| <p>41(2) The person conducting a PPP must give notice to all potential I&APs by-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and II. any alternative site; | <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. |

**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT
(GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

PLAN/ACTIVITIES

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| <p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (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; (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; (iv) (iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area; (v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and (vi) any other party as required by the competent authority; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — A written notification (in English ,Afrikaans, and Isizulu) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project sites, municipality ward councillors, local and district municipality, and relevant state departments. — General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the respective environmental impact assessment (EIA) and basic assessment (BA) processes. — Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses. |
| <p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) one local newspaper; or (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>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. illiteracy; II. disability; or III. any other disadvantage. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — A consolidated I&AP database will be compiled for the project. Any existing I&AP databases for other projects in the area known to the applicant will be utilised as a basis for the database. These I&APs will be contacted to request formal consent to be included in the projects’ database, in line with the POPI Act. As part of the verification process, existing I&APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of communication. — The relevant ward councillors will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members. — Virtual focus group meetings will be held in each phase of the project. — In the event that face-to-face meetings are requested, these will be arranged on a case by case basis, taking into account the relevant COVID restrictions at the time of the request. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – I&APs will be able to contact the EAP via email, fax, telephone, whatsapp or SMS (Including the use of “please call me”). |
| <p>41 (3) A notice, notice board or advertisement referred to in subregulation (2) must—</p> <p>(a) give details of the application or proposed application which is subjected to public participation; and</p> <p>(b) state—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. whether basic assessment or S&EIR procedures are being applied to the application; ii. the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates; iii. where further information on the application or proposed application can be obtained; and iv. the manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application or proposed application may be made. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – An advert will be published in relevant local newspapers (in English, Afrikaans and IsiZulu), formally announcing the commencement of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) applications, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft Scoping, EIA and BA Reports for public review and comment. – Site notices (in English, Afrikaans and IsiZulu) will be placed at appropriate locations on site) and in the surrounding area. The size and content of the site notices will be in line with Regulation 41 (3) and 41(4) as contained herein. |
| <p>41 (4) A notice board referred to in subregulation (2) must—</p> <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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) such process has been preceded by a public participation process which included compliance with subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d); and b) written notice is given to registered interested and affected parties regarding where the— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. revised basic assessment report or, EMPr or closure plan, as contemplated in regulation 19(1)(b); ii. revised environmental impact assessment report or EMPr as contemplated in regulation 23(1)(b); or iii. environmental impact assessment report and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If the revised reports are required to undergo additional review, the requirements of Regulation 41(5) will be followed. |

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| <p>EMPr as contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d); 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. — All registered I&APs will be included in any communication regarding the application processes for the projects throughout the respective S&EIA and BA processes. |
| <p>41 (7) Where an environmental authorisation is required in terms of these Regulations and an authorisation, permit or licence is required in terms of a specific environmental management Act, the public participation process contemplated in this Chapter may be combined with any public participation processes prescribed in terms of a specific environmental management Act, on condition that all relevant authorities agree to such combination of processes.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Applications for the proposed projects will also be made under the National Water Act (NWA), through a Water Use Licence Application (WULA) or General Authorisation (GA) processes as applicable for the purposes of Water Use Authorisation under the National Water Act. A Public Participation Process (PPP) in terms of the EIA Regulations (contained herein) and the NWA will be undertaken |
| <p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the 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> <p>b) (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> | <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. — This stakeholder database will be updated on an ongoing basis as new stakeholders request to be registered. — All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the EIA and BA processes. — The EAP will continue to ensure that individuals/organisations from referrals and networking are notified of the proposed project. |
| <p>(43) (1) A registered interested and affected party is entitled to comment, in writing, on all reports or plans submitted to such party during</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</p> |

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| <p>the public participation process contemplated in these Regulations and to bring to the attention of the proponent or applicant any issues which that party believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, provided that the interested and affected party discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application. (2) In order to give effect to section 240 of the Act, any State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment must be requested, subject to regulation 7(2), to comment within 30 days.</p> | <p>PPP. As a result, the Draft Reports will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — From WSP on request and electronic copies can be shared via secure links that will be emailed. — On the WSP website and on a data free website for download. — Hard copies of the Reports will be placed at the relevant public places such as libraries, community halls, ward councillor offices — CDs and/or Hard Copies submitted to the relevant Organs of State. — Submitted to the DFFE via the DFFE online portal. <p>Comment forms (in a bound booklet) will be placed with the Draft Reports at the abovementioned public places. These booklets will be collected at the end of the public review period as required. In addition, the contact details of EAP will be provided should the I&AP wish to contact the EAP directly.</p> <p><i>Note: Should the COVID-19 level be level 3 or higher at time of disclosure, WSP will confirm with the local libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review. In the event that public places are not available due to COVID restrictions WSP will provide the Local Ward Councillors with copies of the reports to ensure that I&APs without access to the internet are provided access to the required documentation. Furthermore, the data free website will be available to all I&APs.</i></p> <p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final Reports for consideration by the competent authority.</p> |
| <p>44 (1) The applicant must ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports and plans and that such written comments, including responses to such comments and records of meetings, are attached to the reports and plans that are submitted to the competent authority in terms of these Regulations.</p> <p>(2) Where a person desires but is unable to access written comments as contemplated in subregulation (1) due to—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) a lack of skills to read or write; b) disability; or c) any other disadvantage; reasonable alternative methods of recording comments must be provided for. | <p>All I&APs will be able to submit comments directly to the EAP in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Comments Forms via comment form booklets at public places or via fax or email — Written comments via email or fax — Telephonically for capturing by the EAP; and — Via Whatsapp or SMS. <p>Comments received telephonically will be transcribed and captured as formal comments in the Comments and Responses Report. I&APs that do not have access to internet or emails will also be able to submit via the consultation process that includes engaging with the Ward Councillor and/or Community Representative.</p> |
| <p>Regulation 44 (2) The applicant must, in writing, within 14 days of the date of the decision on the application ensure that—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) all registered interested and affected parties are provided with access to the decision and the reasons for such decision; and b) the attention of all registered interested and affected parties is drawn to the fact that an appeal maybe lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations, if such appeal is | <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> |

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Table 1.4: Meetings

PROJECT MEETINGS

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| Pre-Application Meeting | A pre-application consultation with DFFE was held on 19 October 2021 to discuss the proposed projects, proposed approach, and confirm the processes. |
| Public and/or Focus Group Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — No Virtual focus group meetings have been requested during the Scoping Phase by the I&APs as stipulated in the BID and other notification documents. — A public meeting will be held during the 30 day Public Review Period of the Draft EIR. — A telephonic conversation was held with the ward councillor. Comments raised by the councillor are captured Table 2.4. |

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

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

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

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

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

Table 2.1 Interested and Affected Parties

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

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

Appendix A provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholders along with the date on which they registered and reference to comments received, where applicable, are indicated in Table 2.4 and **Appendix D**. The stakeholder database has been updated throughout the EIA process.

2.2.1 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

DIRECT NOTIFICATION

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

ADVERTISEMENT

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

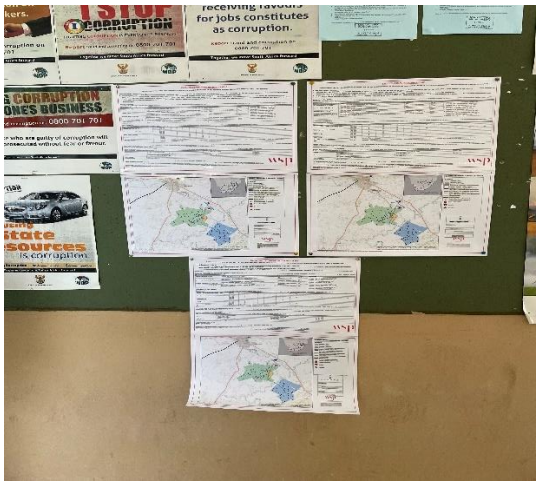

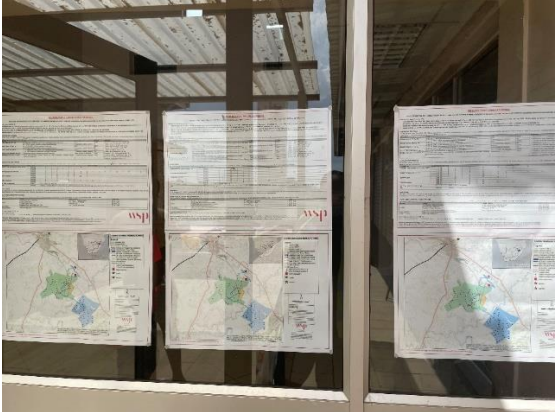
Table 2.2 Dates on which the advert was published




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

SITE NOTICES

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

Table 2.3 Site Notice Locations

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

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

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

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

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

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

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

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

AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT

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

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT

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

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

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

2.2.2 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

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

2.3 COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments received from registered stakeholders to date have been captured and responded to within the comments and response tables included in **Table 2.4** below. The original comments and responses are included in **Appendix D**.

Table 2.4: Comments received to date

| DATE OF COMMENT, FORMAT OF COMMENT, NAME OF ORGANISATION/I&AP | COMMENTS | RESPONSE | REPORT REFERENCE |
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| Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ward Councillor: Ward 11 | | | |
| 24 February 2022, Telephone call Sibusiso Patrick Khalishwayo. Ward 11 Councillor | The councillor indicated that he does not have any issues with the project and stated that as long proper processes are followed. Additionally, he added that as long as the projects lead to employment for the community (local residents). He further indicated that proper process should be followed during recruitment. He lastly noted that it is his understanding that renewables are good for the environment, and he is therefore happy with the projects. | EAP: The comment was noted and recorded during the telephone call for incorporation into this SER. Socio-economic impacts will be identified and assessed during the EIA phase. This includes creation of local employment, training, and business opportunities for the local area. Aspects to be assessed in the EIA phase have been detailed in the Plan of Study included in the Scoping Report for this project. | Section 7.4 of Final Scoping report |
| Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality | | | |
| 24 February 2022 Email communication Mahanbahleka Mawela. | This correspondence seems to be directed to an incorrect recipient – Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality. | EAP: The feedback has been noted. WSP can confirm that a portion of the Camden II Wind Energy Facility falls within the Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality and therefore a number of stakeholders within the municipality are included in the Database and were sent notification of the project. | Appendix A of SER |
| Prokureurs/ Attorneys Notarisse/Notaries | | | |
| 24 February 2020 Email conversation. Jolandé de Jager – Bester | Kindly take note that the report is not available on the website. | EAP: Dear Jolande Thank you for your email – My apologies – the date in the email is an error – please refer to the notification letters that were attached – the reports will be available from 25 February 2022. | Appendix D of SER |

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| | | Thank you for notifying us of this – we have resent the notification email with the corrected date. Kind regards. | |
| The Department of Water and Sanitation | | | |
| 24 February 2022 Email communication Pieter Ackerman – Chief Landscape Architect | We will comment on the WULA when submitted. | EAP: The EAP takes note of the DWS’s comment and will notify them as soon as the WULA has been submitted. | Appendix D of SER |
| Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity and Conservation | | | |
| 24 February 2020 Email Communication Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko. | 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. | EAP: WSP confirm receipt of the email and await comments from Ms Makitla or Ms Maifo. | Appendix D of SER |
| 28 March 2022 Comment received via email | Comments on the draft scoping reports for the proposed Camden up to 400kV grid connection and common collector substation. | EAP: WSP acknowledge the Directorates statement of no objection. In addition, WSP confirm that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be considered in the final report. | Appendix D of SER Section 3 of the FSR |

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| <p>Case officer Portia Makitla</p> | <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conversation has reviewed and evaluated the report.</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conversation has reviewed and evaluated the report and does not have any objections to the Draft Scoping Report and Plan of Study provided that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be considered in the final report.</p> <p>Please take note that any development within very highly sensitive biodiversity area; where residual impacts will result with very high significant impacts rating will not be supported.</p> <p>The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conversation at email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p> | <p>Please refer to Section 3 of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) for the current governance framework. This section will be updated as required during the EIA Phase.</p> <p>EAP: WSP acknowledge this statement. WSP can confirm that the layout of the development will consider all very high sensitive areas as determined by the relevant specialist studies. The final sensitivity mapping and impact assessment will undertaken during the EIA phase.</p> <p>EAP: WSP acknowledge this statement.</p> | <p></p> <p>Appendix D of SER</p> <p>Appendix D of SER</p> |
| <p>Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE): Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p> | | | |
| <p>25 March 2022 Comment received via email Mr Sabelo Malaza Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.</p> | <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN UP TO 400KV GRID CONNECTION, COMMON COLLECTOR SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>Listed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Department has noted that activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and 10 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for as it relates to the infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods, in which | <p>WSP acknowledges the comment and can confirm that the environmental impacts of fuel, cement and chemical storage will be fully assessed, and mitigation measures will be provided and included in the EMPr.</p> | <p>-</p> |

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| <p>Case officer: Ms Makhosazane Yeni DFFE</p> | <p>fuel, transformer oil, 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.</p> | | |
| | <p>- 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.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that the use of the word “Should” has been removed from the application form and the description of the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.</p> | <p>Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>- 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 substation, powerline, access road and non-linear activities and the application form on page 12 of 37 indicated that the total footprint will be confirmed once final design have been provided/subject to finalisation based on technical, final design and environmental requirements. Please ensure that clarity regarding the total footprint of the powerline, access road and non-linear activities are included in the final SR and as well as the amended application form as confirmation of the activities triggered by the proposed development.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that clarity regarding the total footprint of the access roads and non-linear activities have been included in the FSR and the amended application form as confirmation of the activities triggered by the proposed development.</p> | <p>Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR Section 2 of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>- 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,</p> | <p>EAP: WSP confirm that the development will be located within the Eastern Highveld Grassland, Eastern Temperate Freshwater Wetlands and Chrissiesmeer Panveld. All three ecosystems are confirmed to be listed in the National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and in Need</p> | <p>Appendix I of the FSR</p> |

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| | <p>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.</p> | <p>of Protection (as indicated in GNR 1002 of 9 December 2011). Due to the fact that these ecosystems are listed as threatened it is assumed that various threatened or protected species may be found within the development area. The restricted activity of “cutting, chopping off, uprooting, damaging or destroying, any specimen” has been identified in terms of NEM:BA and is therefore applicable to the vegetation clearance that will be required to construct the development. In light of this, Activity 30 is considered applicable.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that protected species have been identified on site and are listed in the Terrestrial Ecology Scoping Study included in Appendix I of the FSR.</p> <p>Furthermore, the associated impacts on threatened and protected species will be assessed during the EIA Phase, and relevant mitigation and management measures provided in the EMPr.</p> | |
| | <p>- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. In addition, the onus is thus on the applicant and the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all relevant listed activities have been applied for. Furthermore, the descriptions of applicability in the amended application form and Table 3-1 of the FSR are specific and have been linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.</p> | <p>Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>Although the activities do not differ, WSP can confirm that an amended application form has been submitted as the activity applicability descriptions have been updated as requested.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p> | <p>Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR</p> |

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| | <p>Alternatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that two location alternatives for the proposed project have been identified. Alternatives are considered feasible and reasonable with no notable advantages and disadvantages. Additional text to this effect has been included in Section 2.5 of the FSR as required.</p> | <p>Section 2.5 of the FSR</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2. | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that two location alternatives for the substation have been identified. Both alternatives are considered feasible and reasonable with no notable advantages and disadvantages. Additional text to this effect has been included in Section 2.5 of the FSR as required.</p> <p>Both alternatives will be assessed during the EIA Phase where the preferred alternative will be confirm.</p> | <p>Section 2.5 of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>Public Participation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state (including this Department's Biodiversity and Protected Areas Section), which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR. | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in the SER and adequately addressed and responded to.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that comments from the Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were received and are included in the SER. Furthermore, consultation with the Protected Areas Directorate has been undertaken and they will be provided with a copy of the FSR. Any further comments from these two DFFE Directorates received post submission of the FSR will be considered and adequately addressed during the EIA Phase.</p> | <p>Section 2.3 of the SER</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof | <p>EAP:</p> | <p>Appendix B of the SER</p> |

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| | should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. | Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER. | Appendix D of the SER |
| | - The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. | EAP: WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended | - |
| | - 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. | EAP: WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 2.3 of the SER. WSP can confirm that the SER will also be submitted as a separate report. | Appendix D of the SER Section 2.3 of the SER |
| | - Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments. | EAP: WSP confirm that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised. | Appendix D of the SER Section 2.3 of the SER |
| | - The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development particularly the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) and the District and Local Municipalities. | EAP: WSP confirms that the FSR provides evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development including Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the District and Local Municipalities. | Appendix A of the SER Appendix D of the SER Section 2.3 of the SER |

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| | <p>Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A copy of the layout and environmental sensitivity map must be submitted with the final SR and all available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of these maps. | <p>EAP:</p> <p>A layout (Figure 2.2) and environmental sensitivity map (Figure 5-25) have been included in the FSR</p> | <p>Section 2 and 5.4 of the FSR</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The layout map must indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The powerline corridor; - 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; - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and - All existing infrastructure on the site. | <p>EAP:</p> <p>A layout map of the development is included in Figure 2-2 of the FSR. The co-ordinates of the relevant infrastructure are included in Table 2-3 and Table 2-4 of the FSR.</p> <p>This layout map will be updated as require in the EIA phase.</p> <p>Please note that corridors have been included for the connection routes as pylon positions will only be confirmed subject to micro-siting and final design.</p> | <p>Figure 2-2 of the FSR</p> <p>Table 2-3 and Table 2-4 of the FSR.</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; - Buffer areas; and - All “no-go” areas. | <p>EAP:</p> <p>An environmental sensitivity map (Figure 5-25) has been included in the FSR</p> | <p>Section 5.4 of the FSR</p> <p>Figure 5-25 of the FSR</p> |

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| | <p>- 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 existing grid infrastructure.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that both the layout and sensitivity map have clear legends. Furthermore, both maps include the relevant requested information.</p> | <p>Section 2 and 5.4 of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>- According to the Biodiversity map on page 104 of the DSR, the proposed development is located within the Protected Area National Park, Nature Reserve and Protected Area Environment: Modified and Natural. You are required to provide details of the National Park or Nature Reserve and Protected Area Environment: Modified and Natural. Furthermore, proof of approval in terms of Section 50 of NEM:PA obtained before submission of the application of the proposed development must be submitted with the final SR.</p> | <p>EAP: The Protected Area reference on page 104 of the DSR refers to the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve. It has been confirmed that this Nature Reserve was gazetted with no 3256 of 1967 and notice 61. This reserve is however noted as having farming activity present, and is currently managed actively and entirely for livestock and crop agriculture. The management and land use thereof is therefore inconsistent with the Private Nature Reserve status and has not, and continues to not be, managed and utilised as a private nature reserve. The landowner further disputes the nature reserve status of the properties and intends to utilise any suitable legal avenues available to continue operation of the properties for the current land use of agriculture, in conjunction with the planned Renewable Energy land use subject to this application. WSP can confirm that the relevant approval is being obtained in terms of Section 50 of NEM:PAA. As agreed during the consultation meeting dated 31 March 2022 with the Competent Authority, this approval will be available during the course of the EIA phase. The minutes of the meeting have been included in Appendix C2 of this SER.</p> | <p>Appendix C-2 of the SER</p> |
| | <p>- It has been noted that the location of the proposed development is situated in an area with Eastern Highveld Grassland, which is endangered and or vulnerable. Therefore, you are required to explain why the site is considered suitable for the proposed development.</p> | <p>EAP: It should be noted that even though the development is located within the vulnerable Eastern Highveld Grassland, the conditions on site are not considered pristine. The proposed development area is largely utilised for agricultural activities with large portions being cultivated, and others subject to cattle grazing. Section 2.6 of the FSR outlines the need and desirability of the project which includes the benefits of the location close to the Camden Power Station and ash dump including other collieries in the area, which has been listed for decommissioning in the coming years. The location of the development will also allow for the use of the existing power transmission infrastructure that would otherwise become defunct post decommissioning.</p> | <p>Section 2.6 of the FSR</p> |

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| | | <p>The terrestrial ecologist notes that the project study area consists largely of natural habitat within a rural area. Currently, the rates of transformation within the vegetation in this general region is moderately high, although on-site habitats have not been transformed to as high degree as surrounding areas. The ecologist further noted that it is possible that sensitive habitats on site can be minimised or avoided with the application of appropriate mitigation or management measures, and therefore that the development is not considered fatally flawed and should be subjected to further study in accordance with the specialist Plan of Study.</p> <p>Subsequently, the layout of the development will be updated such that high sensitivity areas and buffers are avoided as far as possible in consideration of the specialist sensitivity findings.</p> <p>Considering all of the above and in conjunction with layout consideration of the highly sensitive areas determined by the ecological specialist, suitable area within the Eastern Highveld Grassland habitats may be utilised towards development.</p> | |
| | <p>- The delineated water-bodies (Figure 5-13) on page 99 of the DSR indicate the sensitive areas with buffer according to the legend, however, the buffers of those areas are not indicated on the map. Please ensure that the legend of the maps are clear and communicate with the details of the maps.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>It must be noted that the sensitive areas reflected on Figure 5-13 outline the relevant delineated surface water structure inclusive of the buffer, thereby indicating that the surface water body together with the buffer is considered the sensitive area. The legend therefore correctly communicates the detail of the map and is inclusive of the buffer.</p> | <p>Figure 5-13 of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>- According to figure 5-11, the site is located within the Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas (FEPA), therefore, you are required to indicate the impacts of the area by the proposed development.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>Potential impacts on the Aquatic Environment are indicated in Section 6.5 of the FSR. These impacts will be assessed during the EIA Phase.</p> | <p>Section 6.5 of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>Specialist Assessments</p> <p>The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of 30 October 2020). Therefore, the requested information will be included.</p> | <p>Section 7.5 of the FSR</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation. | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed. | <p>EAP: All relevant specialist assumptions and limitations have been included Section 1.6. These will be updated as required during the EIA Phase.</p> | <p>Section 1.6 of the FSR</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas. | <p>EAP: WSP acknowledge the DFFE’s definition of ‘No-go’ areas. No-go areas will be re-evaluated and assessed during the EIA phase, based on further specialist field assessments. Where specialist definitions of ‘no-go’ areas differ from the Department’s definition; these will be clearly indicated.</p> | <p>Section 5 of the FSR</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Department’s definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable. | <p>To date, specialists have clearly indicated where it is suitable for linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, powerline infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area where required.</p> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA. | <p>EAP: All specialist studies to be appended to the Final EIA Report will be final. Specialist reports will provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations and will not recommend further studies to be completed post EA with the exception of pre-construction walkthroughs, search and rescue and micro-siting. The Specialist Studies will sufficiently inform the EA decision phase.</p> | <p>-</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated. | <p>EAP:</p> | <p>-</p> |

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| | All specific mitigation measures, will be clearly indicated and included in the EMPr during the EIA Phase. | |
| - 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. | EAP: In the EMPr, WSP will clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons should any specialist recommendations be contradictory. To date no contradictory recommendations have been received. | - |
| - 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. | EAP: WSP can confirm that the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes (as per the Screening Report), which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols") are being considered as applicable. | Section 7.5 of the FSR |
| - In addition, the Specialist Declaration on Interests form must also indicate the name of scientific organisation/council and member number and the status of the registration/membership of each specialist. | EAP: Specialist Declarations included in the FSR do indicate the name of scientific organisation/council and member number and the status of the registration/membership of each specialist. | Appendix C of the FSR |
| Cumulative Impact Assessment The cumulative impacts of the proposed development must be undertaken as per the requirements of the EIA Regulations. | EAP: Through the use of the DFFE web-based environmental screening tool as well as the Environmental Geographical Information System (E-GIS), WSP have confirmed that there are no similar projects within 30km radius of the development to date. | Appendix E of the FSR |

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| | | WSP confirm that cumulative impacts will be considered in the EIA phase. This will be re-affirmed during the EIA Phase. | |
| | Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) Ensure that two generic EMPrs are submitted for the management of impacts of both the powerline and substation that will be constructed as part of this development. | EAP: This information will be included in the EMPr to be compiled in the EIA Phase. | - |
| | Specific comments You are requested to submit the application form signed by both the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and the Applicant. The application form must be submitted with the final SR. | EAP: WSP confirm that a signed amended application form will be submitted with the FSR | - |
| | General You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that: “If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority” | EAP: WSP confirms that the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE within 44 days of the receipt of the application, in line with the regulated timeframes. | - |
| | You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the | EAP: | Table 1-5 of the FSR |

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| | requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping report in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. | WSP confirm that the FSR complies with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping report in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Please refer to Table 1-5 of the final Scoping Report for the checklist against the regulatory requirements. | |
| | Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7). | EAP: WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations. | - |
| | You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. | EAP: WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder. | - |
| Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment: Air Quality | | | |
| 24 February 2022 Email Communication Mthobisi Ngcobo | Greetings to you all. Thanks for the information I will attend to it accordingly. | EAP: WSP acknowledge receipt of the email and await comments. | - |
| 25 March 2022 Email Communication Edward Mahosi | 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. | EAP: WSP acknowledge receipt of the email and await comments. | - |

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| 24 February 2022 Email communication Frans Krige MTPA | Dear Me. Strong please deliver a hard copy of this proposal to Thabile Mnisi at MTPA Scientific Services for registration and commenting purposes. | EAP: A response was provided via email as follows: Just to confirm – the hard copies were couriered on Wednesday evening – so should have arrived at your offices already – or will be there early next week at the latest | Appendix D of the SER |
| 25 March 2022 Comment received on email Mr JJ Eksteen MTPA | The MTPA comments on the Draft Scoping report for the proposed Camden Renewable energy 400 kV Grid connection and common collector substation. The MPTA is concerned about the layout of this proposal and objects to the wrong assumptions made that the Protected Area, Langcarel, indicated by our Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan is incorrect. The fact is that the Langrarel Private Nature Reserve was gazetted with no 3256 of 1967 and notice 61. A copy of the proclamation is attached. This will stay as such until a legal process has been followed that may prove that the protected area's status or extent has been amended or not. | WSP can confirm that the proposed project will be undertaken on Portion 1 and 2 of the farm Welgelegen 322 IS which is part of the proclaimed private nature reserve. Langcarel Private nature reserve which was gazetted with no 3256 of 1967 and notice 61. WSP has engaged the DFFE Protected Areas Section on the status of the private nature reserve. The meeting was held on the 31st of March 2022. The meeting minutes of the meeting held with DFFE are attached as Appendix C-2 of this SER. | Appendix C-2 of the SER |
| | The MTPA feels that it is highly irresponsible to plan a project of this magnitude on wrong assumption and the accepting verbal communication or otherwise, from a current landowner. Please consult the DFFE Protected Area Data base. There seems to be confusion about the farm Weltevreden's registration numbers. | WSP has engaged the DFFE protected area section on the status of the private nature reserve. The meeting was held on the 31st of March 2022. The meeting minutes of the meeting held with DFFE are attached as Appendix C-2 of this SER. | Appendix C-2 of this SER |
| | Recommendation: | EAP: <u>Protected Area</u> | - |

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| | <p>Redesign the layout plan of the facilities by excluding the Protected Area its 1 km buffer and the CBA areas and wetlands as indicated in the MBSP maps.</p> | <p>The Protected Area refers to the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve. This reserve is however noted as having farming activity present, and is currently managed actively and entirely for livestock and crop agriculture. Various historic and current disturbances include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Manmade dams — Historic coal prospecting — Historically cultivated areas — Current cultivates areas — Ongoing grazing and cattle rearing activities — Built up areas (homesteads) — Invasive alien plants for windrows — Historic soil borrowing activities leading to exposed soils. <p>The landowner further disputes the nature reserve status of the properties and intends to utilise any suitable legal avenues available to continue operation of the properties for the current land use of agriculture (as is their existing business and income), in conjunction with the planned Renewable Energy land use subject to this application.</p> <p>Furthermore, the site is zoned agricultural, and no restrictive condition or mention of the aforementioned nature reserve is evident in the most recent title deed for the property. There is also no evidence of compliance with the norms and standards for the inclusion of private nature reserves in the register of protected areas of South Africa (GNR 1157 of 3 November 2017).</p> <p>The management and land use of these properties is therefore highly inconsistent with the Private Nature Reserve status and has not, and continues to not be, managed and utilised as a private nature reserve.</p> <p>In addition, section 2.6 of the FSR furthermore outlines the need and desirability of the project which includes the benefits of the location close to the Camden Power Station which has been listed for decommissioning in the coming years. The location of the development will also allow for the use of the existing power transmission infrastructure that would otherwise become defunct post decommissioning. The project will further contribute to local job creation, economic development, renewable energy generation in the context of South Africa's energy insecurity, and sustainable income for the land owners.</p> | |
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| | | <p>The terrestrial ecologist further notes that the project study area consists largely of natural habitat within a rural area. Currently, the rates of transformation within the vegetation in this general region is moderately high, although on-site habitats have not been transformed to as high degree as surrounding areas. The ecologist further noted that it is possible that sensitive habitats on site can be minimised or avoided with the application of appropriate mitigation or management measures. The project is therefore not considered fatally flawed and should be subjected to further study in accordance with the specialist Plan of Study.</p> <p>Given the above, and considering in particular the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — That site land use is currently partially disturbed and highly inconsistent with the private nature reserve declaration; — The aim of the landowner to continue operating the property under a mixed-agricultural and renewable energy use; — The landowner disputing of the nature reserve designation; — The specialists recommendation towards further study in the EIA phase; — The opportunity for simultaneous development and avoidance of ground-truthed sensitive areas determined by the specialist during the EIA phase; and — The clear advantageous nature at a provincial and national scale of the proposed project in light of the need and desirability of project; <p>It is proposed therefore that the designation of the properties as a private nature reserve be investigated further in conjunction with the MTPA and the Competent Authority, including considering of all legal avenues towards withdrawal of the private nature reserve status of the site by the landowner, further specialist investigation as provided for in the current Plan of Study, and consideration of site-specific habitat sensitivities in conjunction with development layout adjustments as far as possible, towards beneficial use of the properties in question.</p> <p><u>CBA areas and wetlands</u></p> <p>WSP can confirm that the layout of the development will be updated such that wetlands and wetlands buffers are avoided as far as possible. In addition, the EMPr will include relevant mitigation and management measures as required by the specialists. Where unavoidable, such as where access roads and overhead power lines may be required at unavoidable but limited instances in these buffer zones, specialist control and mitigation measures are recommended and will be included verbatim in the EMPr.</p> | |
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| | | <p>Furthermore, in all instances where water uses are triggered under the National Water Act, a suitable Water Use Authorisation (General Authorisation or Water Use Licence Application) will be obtained for the water use activities.</p> <p>Critical biodiversity areas will be considered in the impact assessment and sensitivity assessment conducted in the EIA phase ecological and freshwater specialist studies, with specialist recommendations provided for mitigation and/or avoidance implemented as far as possible.</p> | |
| | <p>Take note of the three Important Bird Areas and their close proximity of the project area. The specialist studies that need to be conducted include: a) a thorough Avifauna study that covers the winter and summer seasons. b) breeding sites in and near the project study areas. c) Flight paths of the local and European migrants must be established.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>The Avifauna Scoping Study acknowledges that the project site is not located in an Important Bird Area (IBA), but it is located between three IBAs. The closest IBA to the project site is the Amersfoort-Bethal-Carolina IBA SA018, which is located within 1.5km from the site to the west. The Grasslands IBA SA020 is located 6-7km to the east of the site. The Chrissies Pans IBA SA019 is located 16-17km to the north-east of the site.</p> <p>WSP confirm that 12 months (including all seasons) of pre-construction bird monitoring has been undertaken for the project and that the results of this monitoring will be included in the EIA phase assessments.</p> | <p>Appendix J of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>Take note of the DFFE screening tool report that indicates a very high sensitivity rating for Aquatic biodiversity and Terrestrial Biodiversity themes amongst others that requires thorough onsite specialist assessments. The findings of very high and high sensitivity status of the habitat by the preliminary David Hoare consulting (2021) study has highlighted the possible occurrence of certain conversation important species that might be affected.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledge this statement.</p> <p>The potential impacts associated with the Aquatic biodiversity and Terrestrial Biodiversity themes will be confirmed and assessed during the EIA phase by the relevant specialists.</p> <p>The layout of the development will be updated such that very high sensitivity areas and buffers are avoided as far as possible.</p> | <p>Appendix H of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix I of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>The onsite status of species such as the different Crane species, Secretary bird, black-footed Cat, African Stripped Weasel, south African Hedgehog, Swamp /Musk shrew, any Reptiles and Amphibians such as the Giant Bullfrog and flying mammals must be determined.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>The studies being undertaken are as per the sensitivity screening of the DFFE and the requisite protocols. In addition, it can be confirmed that an initial site assessment was undertaken (Feb 2020) (summer), and that an EIA phase field assessment will be done</p> | <p>Appendix J of the FSR</p> |

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| | | <p>(Apr/May 2022) (winter), with further field walkdowns to be conducted on the final layout once the project commences to financial close.</p> <p>WSP can also confirm that the required 12 months of avifauna and bat pre-construction monitoring has being undertaken.</p> | |
| | <p>The MTPA requires at least three onsite flora studies must be done, to cover the growing season plants, the geophytes included.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that at least three onsite flora studies will be done, to cover the growing season plants, the geophytes included.</p> <p>Ecology Specialist: The lack of seasonal coverage was specified as a limitation in the Biodiversity Scoping report. However, the recommendation was that this should be undertaken once final infrastructure positions had been determined so that specific areas could be surveyed in detail, rather than general surveys over wide areas. Additional floristic field surveys in Spring and late Summer are required to address this requirement. The original Screening assessment was undertaken in early February, which covers the main part of the summer growing season.</p> | <p>Section 7.5 of the FSR</p> |
| | <p>The applicable Environmental legislation with specific reference to the Activities in Listing Notice 3: GNR 985 must be adhered to, especially in the light that Langcarel PNR does exist.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP confirm that all relevant listed activities in Listing Notice 3 have been included in light of the presence of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve.</p> | <p>Table 3-1 of Section 3 of the FSR</p> |
| <p>Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)</p> | | | |
| <p>24 February 2022 Email Communication. Barbara De Lange</p> | <p>Hope you are well Can you please provide the department with the following outstanding documents of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex?</p> | <p>EAP: <i>A response was provided via email as follows:</i> Thank you for your email. With regards to your request below I an provide the following feedback:</p> | <p>Appendix D of the SER</p> |

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| | <p>Title deed Motivation Lay Out Plan of proposed development</p> <p>Your quick respond will be highly appreciated.</p> | <p>Title deed: We do not have the title deeds for the properties affected. We currently believe that all the properties are zoned for agricultural use. However please find a list of the properties and their relevant SG codes for each of the 5 projects included in Section 2.1 of each of the Draft Scoping Reports.</p> <p>Motivation: The motivation for each of the 5 projects is clearly outlined in Section 2.6 of each of the Draft Scoping Reports. These reports can be obtained on the following links:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>WSP Website</td> <td>https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Datafree Website</td> <td>https://wsp-engage.com/</td> </tr> </table> <p>Lay Out Plan of proposed development: Again the layout plans for each of the 5 projects are included in Section 2.1 of each of the Draft Scoping Reports.</p> <p>You are welcome to contact us should you have any additional queries.</p> | WSP Website | https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents | Datafree Website | https://wsp-engage.com/ | |
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| <p>Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA)</p> | | | | | | | |
| <p>29 March 2022 Email communication and formal letter</p> <p>Sindisiwe Mbuyane Control Environmental Officer Grade B</p> | <p>Find attached for your attention.</p> | <p>EAP: A response was provided via email as follows: Thank you for the comments provided. Just to check, will you be issuing comments on the other projects (i.e. Camden I WEF, Camden II WEF, Camden I SEF and Camden 400 kV Powerline and Collector Substation) as the Commenting Authority?</p> | <p>-</p> | | | | |
| | <p>Have you submitted them to our Department for comments.</p> | <p>EAP: A response was provided via email as follows:</p> | <p>Appendix D of the SER</p> | | | | |

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| | | <p>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.</p> <p>The links are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One Drive (Camden Public Review) 2. WSP website (https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents) | |
| | <p>Good day Ashlea,</p> <p>Apologies, I just got back from site and rechecked the documents. I think it was an oversight on our side.</p> <p>May I request that we do not comment since commenting period has ended we will however comment on the Draft/Final EIAR as soon as it is available for comments.</p> <p>Apologies for the inconveniences.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>A response was provided via email as follows:</p> <p>Hi Sindi</p> <p>Thank you for your feedback. Agreed – we will receive your comments in the EIA phase.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> | <p>Appendix D of the SER</p> |
| Civil Aviation Authority | | | |
| <p>23 March 2022</p> <p>Email communication</p> <p>Lizell Stroh</p> <p>Civil Aviation Authority</p> | <p>Please find new procedure and process to follow towards Renewable Energy projects.</p> <p>http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Default.aspx</p> <p>http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Obstacles/Urgent-notices.aspx</p> <p>SACAA Page - Main Content Section</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>The requirements outlined by the CAA are acknowledged. The required permits related to obstacles will be obtained prior to the development of the project.</p> <p>According to the DFFE Screening Tool Report, civil aviation is regarded as having low sensitivity. The proposed development site is located between 8 and 15 km from any civil aviation aerodromes.</p> | <p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Section 7.9 of the FSR</p> |

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| | <p>Obstacle Notice 1/2022 – Appointment of New Windfarm and Solar Obstacle Application Service Provider</p> | <p>The project area is not located on the extended runway centreline and is located more than 3km from the nearest aerodrome and therefore, a glint and glare study will not be required.</p> | |
| | <p>Kindly be advised, Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) has been appointed as the Obstacle application Service Provider for Windfarms on 1 May 2021. They will be also responsible for Solar Obstacle Applications from the 1st of February 2022. All new Solar applications must be lodged to obstacles@atns.co.za</p> <p>Their responsibility would pertain to the assessments, maintenance, and all other related matters in respect to Windfarms and Solar assessments</p> | | |
| | <p>Obstacle Notice 3/2020 (Replacement for 17/11/2017): Additional Requirements for Solar Project Applications</p> <p>Kindly note that with immediate effect, A Glint & Glare Assessment will be required as soon as the proposed site is located on the extended runway centreline within the ICAO Annex 14 Approach Surface, Take-Off Climb Surface & Departure Surface, and within 3km radius around an Aerodrome/helistop as pe Part 139.01.30 (3).</p> | | |
| | <p>The new solar project applications must be accompanied by a Glint & Glare Impact Assessment Report with specific relevance to aviation & aircraft operations. It is recommended that a Glint & Glare Impact Assessment Report be obtained for solar project applications which have already been submitted to the SACAA.</p> | | |

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

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| DFFE: INTERGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION. | | | |
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| <p>18 May 2022</p> <p>Scoping Acceptance Letter</p> <p>Ms. Millicent Solomons</p> <p>Acting Chief Director: Intergraded Environmental Authorisation.</p> | <p>Listed Activities</p> <p>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 final scoping report 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. For example, activity 11 in the application form and final scoping report, refer to different sub-activities, which the description is also not in line with the activity triggered. Please ensure the EIAr address all the listed activities applied for</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>The Listed Activities captured in the FSR and amended Application Form were as set out in the relevant Listing Notices. However, based on this comment, these have been further evaluated and updated accordingly. It can be confirmed that only the applicable activities and sub-activities have been included in the draft EIR and amended Application Form, to ensure that the relevant sub-activities triggered by the project are applied for. Please refer to Section 2.1 of the draft EIR for the updated description of the activities and sub-activities applicable to the proposed development.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 2 of the EIAr and EA Application form</p> |
| | <p>Activity 11 of Listing Notice 1 has been applied for and the power line capacity for the proposed activity is between 34 and 275 kilovolts. However, the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates mentioned that “The Electrical Grid Infrastructure is located outside urban areas. The Collector Substation will be rated 132kV/400kV whereas the overhead power line planned will be up to 400kV. Where required from a technical perspective however, the grid connection capacity implemented may be reduced to 132kV if necessary”. Please provide the exact capacity of the proposed activity as per the applicable listed activity (i.e. activity 11 of Listing Notice 1).</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP confirms that the proposed project involves the construction of an up to 400kV Grid Connection infrastructure which is located outside the urban areas, and therefore triggers the 275kV or greater aspect of the activity referred to. The application form has been corrected to reflect the applicable listed Activities.</p> | <p>EA Application form</p> |

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| | <p>For activity 12 of Listing Notice 1, you are required to provide the total footprint of the proposed infrastructure in square meters.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that the total physical footprint has been provided in square metres as required and has been updated accordingly in the relevant Listed Activity contained in Section 2.1 as well as the amended Application Form.</p> | <p>EA Application form</p> |
| | <p>The Department has noted that activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and 10 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for as it relates to the infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods, in which fuel, transformer oil, 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.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP confirms that environmental impacts associated with fuel, cement and chemical storage have been assessed by the specialist studies. WSP also confirms that the EMPr also suggest mitigation measures for impacts that might arise from the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 7.3 of EMPr</p> |
| | <p>The CA has noted on page 12 of 37 of the application form in the description of the portion of the project that relates to activity 27 of Listing Notice 1 you have use of the word “may be required”. Please refrain from using words such as “may be required” in relation to the applicable listed activities.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP acknowledges this comment and has removed the phase from the application form</p> | <p>EA Application form</p> |
| | <p>Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. In addition, the onus is thus on the applicant and the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application.</p> | <p>EAP: The listed activities applied for have been further revised in the draft EIR to ensure that only applicable activities and sub-activities have been applied for. Furthermore, the descriptions of applicability have been updated and are specific (where possible) and have been linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. Please refer to Section 2.1 of the draft EIR for the updated description of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 2 of EIAR</p> |

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| | <p>If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms.</p> | <p>The listed activities initially applied for have been further revised in the draft EIR to ensure that only applicable activities and sub-activities have been applied for. WSP can confirm that an amended Application Form has been submitted as the activity applicability descriptions have been updated as requested in these comments.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 2 of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>Project Description:</p> <p>It is noted that listed activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and activity 14 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 37 does not provide any description of the infrastructure for the storage and handling of dangerous goods. As such. You are requested to provide the exact type and capacity of the dangerous goods applicable to the proposed development.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>Please note that based on the comments on the FSR, the listed activities initially applied for have been reviewed.</p> <p>With regards to the description of infrastructure on the Application Form, additional text to this effect has been included in Section 5 of the Application Form, as well as in section 6.3 of the draft EIR.</p> <p>It is important to note that a detailed project description, particularly exact specifications of the project components will be based on the approved scope of EPC Contractor. and cannot be determined at this stage. It has been confirmed by the Proponent that the total combined storage capacity on site will not exceed 500 m³. A condition to this effect has been incorporated into the EMPr for consideration during final design phase and site establishment.</p> | <p>Refer to Section to 2.1 of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>Alternatives:</p> <p>Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity(ies) i.e., power line and substation, 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).</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP confirms that the alternatives have been identified for all planned infrastructure. The project alternatives are discussed in Section 6.5 of the EIA.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 6.5 of the EIAR</p> |

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| | <p>Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP confirms that the alternatives have been identified for all planned infrastructure. The project alternatives are discussed in Section 6.5 of this report.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 6.5 of the EIAr</p> |
| | <p>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.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the DSR and draft EIR, as well as those received on the FSR, from registered I&APs and organs of state (including those mentioned in this comment) have been and will be included in the final EIR and adequately addressed and responded to.</p> | |
| | <p>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.</p> | <p>EAP: Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in Appendix B and Appendix D of the SER and will be included in the final EIR.</p> | <p>Refer to section 3.3 of EIAr</p> |
| | <p>The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p> | |
| | <p>A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAr. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 2.3 of the SER. WSP can confirm that the SER will also be submitted as a separate report.</p> | |

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| | <p>Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP confirm that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised.</p> | |
| | <p>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</p> | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that final EIR will provide evidence that all identified and relevant authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development including Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Langcarel Private Nature Reserve (via the respective landowner), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the District and Local Municipalities.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 3.2 of EIAr and Section 3 of SER</p> |
| | <p>Layout & Sensitivity Map 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.</p> | <p>EAP: A conceptual layout map (Scoping Phase), as well as the optimised/revised layout map (EIA Phase) have been included in the draft EIR. This layout map will be updated as required in the final EIR phase. A revised layout and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.8 respectfully of the draft EIR</p> | <p>Refer to Section 8.4 of EIAr</p> |
| | <p>The layout map must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The power line corridor; — 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; | <p>EAP: The revised layout and environmental sensitivity map are included in Figure 6.2 and Figure 10.8 respectfully of the draft EIR, and includes all the relevant detail as required in this comment. Please note that corridors have been included for the connection routes as pylon positions will only be confirmed subject to micro-siting and final design.</p> | <p>Refer to Appendix I of EIAr</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and <p>All existing infrastructure on the site.</p> | | |
| | <p>The environmental sensitivity map must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; — Buffer areas, i.e., 1km of the Protected Area, etc, and <p>All “no-go” areas.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>A consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been compiled based on the sensitivities and buffers outlined in the relevant specialist studies. Please refer to Figure 10.8 of the draft EIR for the relevant sensitivity map.</p> <p>It is however important to note that the part of the shown as a Protected Area is not being managed as a nature reserve and a separate process is underway to have it (or part thereof) de-proclaimed as part of ongoing province-wide reserve verification efforts by the provincial authorities. According to the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report, assuming that this area would no longer be treated as a conservation area, the landscapes inside this boundary have been allocated to conservation plan categories that most closely match the surrounding areas and the buffer area would not be applicable. It is therefore assumed that any areas of natural habitat within the “Protected Area” (i.e. excluding any modified areas) would have been designated as CBA1, the next-highest category. This is on the basis that these areas are within two different listed ecosystems (Chrissiesmeer Panveld, listed as Endangered, and Eastern Highveld Grassland, listed as Vulnerable) and it is likely that the conservation planning process.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 8.4 of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>The above maps must have a clear legend with information communicating with that on the map, be overlain with the sensitivity map and shows neighbouring existing grid infrastructure that form part of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that both the layout and sensitivity map have clear legends. Furthermore, both maps include the relevant requested information.</p> | <p>Refer to Appendix I of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>According to the Biodiversity map on page 109 of the FSR, the proposed development is located within the Protected Area National Park and Nature Reserve as well as Protected Area Environment: Modified and Natural.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP confirms that the details of the Protected Area are provided in the EIAR.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 8.2.2 of EIAR</p> |

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| | <p>You are required to provide details of the National Park or Nature Reserve and Protected Area Environment: Modified and Natural.</p> | | |
| | <p>It has been noted that the location of the proposed development is situated in an area with Eastern Highveld Grassland, which is endangered and or vulnerable. Therefore, you are required to explain why the site is considered suitable for the proposed development and specialists' findings must be taken into account while addressing this issue.</p> | <p>EAP: Eskom's four coal-fired power stations have been targeted for decommissioning in the short term: Komati, Camden, Grootvlei, and Hendrina. Eskom is looking to decommission 5 400MW of electricity from coal generation by the year 2022, increasing to 10 500MW by 2030 and 35 000MW by 2050. Simultaneously Eskom has been looking at options for repurposing these power stations with the core aims of reusing existing power transmission infrastructure, developing new generation capacity, providing ancillary services, and mitigating socio-economic impact.</p> <p>The proposed Camden Renewable Energy Complex, inclusive of the Project, is ideally located to form part of this proposed repurposing of the Camden power station and will help Eskom achieve its diversification goal.</p> <p>The Camden up to 400kV grid connection project will also ensure optimum use of the existing substation infrastructure and leverage the Camden MTS and existing grid connections into that MTS for wheeling/transmission across the country.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 5 of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>The sensitivity map must be redesigned and consider Specialist recommendations as well as MTPA comments regarding sensitive areas. Please be advised that Google maps will not be accepted.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP confirms that all sensitivities have been considered in relation to land use of the site and as per the specialist fieldwork. The Map is not a google map.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 8.4 of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>Specialist Assessment: The following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Soils and Agricultural Potential Assessment; — Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Assessment; — Palaeontology Impact Assessment; | <p>EAP: WSP can confirm that the Specialist Assessments, as outlined in this comment, have been included as part of the EIR. Please refer to Appendix G of the EIAR.</p> | <p>Refer to Appendix G1-G11 of EIAR</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Visual Impact Assessment; – Biodiversity Impact Assessment (inclusive of terrestrial biodiversity, plant species and animal species); – Freshwater Impact Assessment; – Avifauna Impact Assessment; – Social Impact Assessment; and <p>Desktop Geotechnical Assessment.</p> | | |
| | <p>The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following:</p> <p>A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations. You are advised to provide a table listing all the specialist studies undertaken with the recommendation for the proposed development</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies have been undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, or, where relevant, in line with the gazetted specialist protocols of GNR 320 and GNR 1150. All specialist studies include a detailed description of the methodologies, project infrastructure descriptions and locations and recommendations for authorisations. The specialist studies can be found in Appendix G of the EIAr.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 1.3 of EIAr</p> |
| | <p>Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>All specialist assessments include applicable limitations to the studies, as well as the timing/season of the field survey, where applicable, and relevance thereof to the studies/assessments.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 1.7 of EIAr</p> |
| | <p>Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP acknowledge the DFFE’s definition of ‘No-go’ areas. The relevant specialist assessments have indicated ‘No-go’ areas, as well as areas where it is suitable for linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, powerline infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area</p> | <p>Refer to Section 8.4 of EIAr</p> |

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| | <p>Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer.</p> | <p>where required. Where specialist deviations or qualifications are applicable, these have been noted in Section 10. 1 of the EIA.</p> | |
| | <p>All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternatives and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA</p> | <p>EAP: All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix G of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMPr. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 9.17 of this EIR. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA. The Avifauna Specialist has also recommended a pre-construction inspection (avifaunal walk-through) to identify SCC that may be breeding within the infrastructure footprints.</p> | <p>Refer to Appendix G1-G11 of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.</p> | <p>EAP: Recommendations and mitigation measures provided by the relevant specialists have been included in the Draft EIR and EMPr.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 9.17 of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>It is brought to your attention that 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, have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments (for all environmental themes identified by screening tool) 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</p> | <p>EAP: WSP confirms that specialist studies will 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). Furthermore, the specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.</p> | |

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| | <p>GN 320 and after promulgation of GN1150 (30 October 2020).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.</p> | | |
| | <p>It has been noted that the conclusions by the Terrestrial Ecological specialist on page 56 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 suitable for the proposed development. Therefore, ensure detailed assessment is undertaken and submitted in the final report.</p> | <p>EAP: This comment is noted and relates to the Specialist inputs (reports) for the Scoping Phase of the proposed SEF project. Once the FSR was approved the proposed SEF project proceeded into a detailed EIA phase which involved detailed specialist assessments. WSP can confirm that detailed assessments (including terrestrial biodiversity and aquatic assessments) have been undertaken during the EIA Phase of the proposed SEF and the specialist assessments area included the draft EIR.</p> | <p>Refer to Appendix G-5 of EIR</p> |
| | <p>Cumulative Impact Assessment: The cumulative impacts of the proposed development must be undertaken as per the requirements of the EIA Regulations.</p> | <p>EAP: In assessing the cumulative impacts of the proposed Camden I 400kV, renewable energy projects within a 30km radius of the proposed project, that have received an EA or have a Basic Assessment (BA) or EIA process in progress have been considered. Through the use of the DFFE web-based environmental screening tool as well as the Environmental Geographical Information System (E-GIS), WSP have confirmed that there are no similar projects within 30km radius of the development to date. Therefore, with the exception of the other proposed Camden developments forming part of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex, no other renewable energy projects within a 30km radius have been considered in this S&EIA process. Please refer to Section 9.15 of this EIR for the assessment of the cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development. The specialist assessments also include a detailed assessment of the identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed Camden I 400kV, as detailed in the relevant specialist reports.</p> | <p>Refer to Section 9.15 of EIR</p> |

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| | <p>Environmental Management Programme (EMPr):</p> <p>Ensure that two generic EMPrs are submitted for the management of impacts of both the powerline and substation that will be constructed as part of this development.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>The generic EMPr for the development and expansion for overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure has been included for the Camden I 400kV powerlines; and the Development and Expansion of Substation Infrastructure for the Transmission and Distribution of Electricity, and overhead powerline infrastructure has been included for the Camden I 400kV onsite substation. Please refer to Appendix D and Appendix E of the EMPr (Appendix H).</p> | <p>Appendix I of EIAR</p> |
| | <p>Issues regarding S50 approval in terms of NEM: PAA</p> <p>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 be permitted in a nature reserve without written approval of the management authority”.</p> <p>It has been noted that when describing how listed activities are triggered, you confirmed that the site is located within the Nature Reserve. You further indicated that there are farming activities taking place within the Nature Reserve. Considering that Section 50(5) requires that approval must be obtained even for farming, your reasons provided that the site is not a Nature Reserve is deemed inadequate.</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>At the time of lodging the Application for EA together with the DSR submission, the Landowner of the project properties declared as Private Nature Reserve (Langcarel Nature Reserve) was not aware of the Protected Area status of the properties. In addition, the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report did not confirm the proclamation status of the Nature Reserve. However, comments received on the DSR from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) confirmed the gazetting of the Langcarel Nature Reserve. Furthermore, discussions with the DFFE Protected Areas Directorate, the Management Authority (Landowner) of the area declared as a Private Nature Reserve, as well as the MTPA were undertaken in confirming the validity of the Protected Area, as well as the requirements of approval in terms of Section 50 of NEMP:AA. It is important to note that the Project Proponent is engaging with the MTPA and the Management Authority (Landowner/s) to investigate the best way forward regarding the Langcarel Nature Reserve. The MTPA has undertaken a site visit on 01 June 2022. The MTPA has submitted a letter to the Department (letter dated, 20 June 2022) of the intent to issue a notice to withdraw the declaration of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve in terms of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act (Act No. 10 of 1998). Available information on the Nature Reserve (i.e., de-proclamation or removal of Nature Reserve status) will be submitted to the Department once available, possibly together with the FEIR</p> | <p>Appendix C-2 of SER</p> |
| | <p>During the meeting held on 31 March 2022, you indicated that the landowner is not aware that the site is located within the Nature Reserves. However, it was indicated that, considering that MTPA mentioned in their</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>At the time of lodging the Application for EA together with the DSR submission, the Landowner of the project properties declared as Private Nature Reserve (Langcarel Nature</p> | <p>Appendix C-2 of SER</p> |

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| <p>comments dated 25 March 2022, that the site is located within the Nature Reserve, it is your responsibility (as an EAP on behalf of the Applicant) to determine whether the site falls within the Nature Reserve or not. You were further advised (by DFFE: Protected Area officials) that comments from MTPA would not be disregarded, therefore, this matter must be addressed accordingly prior submission of the EIA report.</p> | <p>Reserve) was not aware of the Protected Area status of the properties. In addition, the Terrestrial Biodiversity Report did not confirm the proclamation status of the Nature Reserve. However, comments received on the DSR from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) confirmed the gazettement of the Langcarel Nature Reserve. Furthermore, discussions with the DFFE Protected Areas Directorate, the Management Authority (Landowner) of the area declared as a Private Nature Reserve, as well as the MTPA were undertaken in confirming the validity of the Protected Area, as well as the requirements of approval in terms of Section 50 of NEMP:AA. It is important to note that the Project Proponent is engaging with the MTPA and the Management Authority (Landowner/s) to investigate the best way forward regarding the Langcarel Nature Reserve. The MTPA has undertaken a site visit on 01 June 2022. The MTPA has submitted a letter to the Department (letter dated, 20 June 2022) of the intent to issue a notice to withdraw the declaration of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve in terms of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act (Act No. 10 of 1998). Available information on the Nature Reserve (i.e., de-proclamation or removal of Nature Reserve status) will be submitted to the Department once available, possibly together with the FEIR</p> | |
| <p>It has been noted that even the FSR compiled by you as an EAP, makes reference to the findings of the Terrestrial Ecological specialist on page 109, Figure 5-17, and the Avifaunal specialist on page 18 submitted as part of the FSR, that the site is located within the Nature Reserve or part of the Nature Reserve. Therefore, you are required to provide proof that the site is not located within the Nature Reserve.</p> | | |
| <p>Considering that the gazette dated 15 February 1967 (Gazette No 3256) confirmed that the area falls within the Nature Reserve, this shows that detailed investigation was not undertaken by the EAP on behalf of the Applicant, confirming that the site falls within the Nature Reserve.</p> | | |
| <p>Strategic Infrastructure Project (SIP) confirmation letter:</p> <p>It has been noted that there is no SIP confirmation letter included in the application form. You are advised to submit the confirmation letter, should the project be considered as a SIP. The confirmation letter can be</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the applicant will register as SIPs after EA has been granted.</p> | |

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| | <p>obtained from SIP Coordinator at SibuyiV@eskom.co.za.</p> | | |
| | <p>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.</p> | <p>EAP: The reminder to meet timeframes stipulated Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended, is noted. An extension request, in terms of the provision within EIA Regulation 3(7), has been submitted to the Department and subsequently approved for extension to the submission deadline of the FEIR by 60 days. The final EIR is due to the DFFE by 02 November 2022.</p> | |
| | <p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.</p> | <p>EAP: WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p> | |
| <p>G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd</p> | | | |
| <p>Wednesday, 08 June 2022 Email communication Colette Alisha Stander Environmental Project Developer</p> | <p>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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Camden I WEF and Associated Grid Connection – Camden II WEF and Associated Grid Connection – Camden I Solar and Associated Grid Connection – Camden Grid Connection and Collector Substation – Camden Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Facility and Associated Grid Connection </p> | <p>EAP: Dear Colette, Thank you for your email. We can confirm that you have been added to the project database foreach of the projects below. Kind regards</p> | <p>Appendix A of SER</p> |

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| | <p>If I could please request to be registered for each project included above, that would be greatly appreciated. May I also ask that confirmation of registration be sent through once done.</p> <p>Thank you very much, with kind regards</p> | | |
| Department of Defence | | | |
| <p>Wednesday 25 May 2022</p> <p>Email communication</p> <p>Captain (SAN) Adri Liebenberg Pr Sci Nat SSO MIEM</p> <p>Defence Works Formation</p> | <p>To Ashlea Strong</p> <p>Your correspondence to Lt Col Thagwana from the Regional Works Unit Limpopo as an interested and affected party (I&AP) on your database on 13 April 2022 refers.</p> <p>As a national government department, the Department of Defence consist of different levels or tiers of mandated decision making in respect of providing and confirming the impacts adjacent developments would have on the department as a whole through the current EIA process.</p> <p>This internal situation within the military is sometimes very confusing and cumbersome to the various environmental assessment practitioners (EAPs) as it relates to the identification of the I&AP within the Department of Defence.</p> <p>For the purpose of the process to be followed for any renewable energy projects, the requirements stipulated in the Strategic Environmental Assessment for Wind and Solar Photovoltaic Energy in South Africa, 2015 (Part 3 Section 8) related to sensitivity areas are applied. See attachment. This geospatial information has been included in the Environmental Screening Tool to be</p> | <p>EAP:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the land use is agricultural and the entire site is located in a low defence sensitivity as indicated in the DFFE Screening Tool (Appendix E of the Draft EIR). The Department of Defence still applies these sensitivities in areas outside the REDZ focus areas.</p> <p>In accordance with the protocols, no requirement is identified for low sensitivity zones, and therefore no study is required.</p> <p>In addition, a request has been submitted by the proponent to the Department of Defence (May 2021) towards confirmation or comment on any potential defence impact, which is presently still pending with no formal response from the Department of Defence.</p> | <p>Appendix A of SER</p> <p>Appendix D of SER</p> <p>Appendix E of the Draft EIR</p> |

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| | <p>utilised by EAPs. However, the geospatial information only relates to the identified 9 REDZ focus areas but the Department of Defence still applies these sensitivities in areas outside these focus areas. For this reason, a protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental and other impacts on defence installations have been gazetted on 20 March 2020. See attachment.</p> <p>In terms of this protocol, EAPs are required to verify the site sensitivity in the form of a report to confirm the current land use and environmental sensitivity as per section 2 of the protocol. In accordance with section 3, a specialist assessment and minimum report requirement should consist of a Defence Compliance Statement which would require a comment, in writing, from the Department of Defence confirming no unacceptable impact on military areas of interest and if needed further assessment with mitigating measures as per para 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 of the protocol.</p> <p>In terms of the various levels of military mandate, the appointed military environmental officer within the province will be the point of liaison in terms of the I&AP process on your database, however for the purposes of written comment required from the Department of Defence the mandate lies at a higher level. For obtaining written comment, the developer or the EAP will have to personally request written comment from the Director Facilities at the Logistics Division of the Department of Defence at email clogfac@gmail.com for incorporation into the Defence Compliance Statement.</p> <p>I hope this will assist you in your process going forward.</p> | | |
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| | Kind Regards | | |
| South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) | | | |
| Monday May 23, 2022 Formal letter regarding FSR Nokukhanya Khumalo Heritage Officer | <p>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.</p> <p>SAHRA will provide further comments on the proposed development once the draft EIAR and the HIA report is submitted to the case.</p> <p>SAHRA grants the development an exemption from undertaking a Palaeontological Impact Assessment as the development area is located in a region mapped on the palaeomap as being of negligible palaeontological significance. The palaeomap policy does not require an assessment of impacts for zones of negligible palaeontological significance.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> | <p>EAP: WSP hereby acknowledges this comment and confirms that a suitably qualified heritage and palaeontology specialist has been appointed to conduct the further assessment on the proposed site. This has been included as Appendix G of the Draft EIA Report.</p> | Appendix G of the EIR |

APPENDIX

A STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



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

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

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

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

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ANKER COAL | |
| Exxaro Coal Mpumalanga | |
| South 32 | |
| KANGRA COAL | Community Investment Holdings |
| Hoyohoyo Mining (Pty) Ltd | Legal Asset and Property Management |
| Bulemin Resources | |
| Bulemin Resources | Legal Adviser for Canyon Coal |
| Bulemin Resources | |

APPENDIX

B NOTIFICATIONS



APPENDIX

B-1 ADVERTISEMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

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

Notice is given in terms of:

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

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

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

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

REGISTRATION

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

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

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

| Area | Venue | Street Address | Contact No |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Ermelo | Gert Sibande District Municipality | Cnr Joubert & Oosthuise Streets | 017 801 7000 |
| | Ermelo Public Library | Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street | 017 801 3500 |
| | Thusville Public Library | Wesselton Ext 2 | 082 797 5119 |
| | Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ermelo Office | Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street | 017 801 3500 |
| WSP Website | https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents | | |
| Datafree Website | https://wsp-engage.com/ | | |

The contact details of the EAP are:

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



IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

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

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

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

INCAZELO NENDAWO

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

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

IZICELO ZEMVELO

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

| Igama leprojekthi | Isaziso Sohlu | Izibangeli ezisebenzayo | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 19 | 24 | 27 | 28 | | |
| | GNR 984 | 1 | 15 | | | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 4 | 12 | 14 | | | | | |
| Green Hydrogen and Ammonia | GNR 983 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 19 | 25 | 27 |
| | GNR 984 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 16 | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 4 | 12 | 14 | | | | | |
| 400kV Ulayini wamandla | GNR 983 | 12 | 19 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
| | GNR 984 | 9 | 15 | | | | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 4 | 12 | 14 | | | | | |
| 132kV Izintambo zikagesi | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 19 | 27 | 28 | | | |
| | GNR 985 | 4 | 12 | 14 | | | | | |
| GA / WUL (njengoba kufanele) | Section 21 | 21 (a), 21 (c), 21 (i) and 21 (g) | | | | | | | |
| AEL | GNR 893 | Isigaba sesi-7: Isigaba Somkhakha Wamakhemikhali Angaphili 7.1: Ukukhiqizwa kanye noma Ukusetshenziswa Ekukhiqizeni I-Amonia, I-Fluorine, Inhlanganisela Ye-Fluorine, I-Chlorine, ne-Hydrogen Cyanide | | | | | | | |

UKUBHALISA

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

ISIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZWA KWESIKOPI ESALUNGILE

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

| Indawo | Ikheli | Ucingo: | |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Ermelo | Gert Sibande District Municipality | Cnr Joubert & Oosthuise Streets | 017 801 7000 |
| | Ermelo Public Library (umtapowolwazi e-Ermelo) | Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street | 017 801 3500 |
| | Thusiville Public Library (umtapowolwazi e-Thusiville) | Wesselton Ext 2 | 082 797 5119 |
| | Msukaligwa Local Municipality Ermelo Office | Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street | 017 801 3500 |
| WSP Website | https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents | | |
| Datafree Website | https://wsp-engage.com/ | | |

Imininingwane yokuxhumana ye-EAP ithi:

Igama: Babalwa Mqokeli **Ucingo:** 031 240 8804 **iFekisi:** 011 361 1381 **i-Meyili:** babalwa.mqokeli@wsp.com **Ikheli:** PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152



OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

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

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

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

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

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

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

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

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

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

REGISTRASIE

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

KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

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

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

68 hengelaars vang meer as 'n duisend vis

Meiyerville Hengelklub het onlangs 'n naweekkompetisie aangebied waar die vis van die dag aan die swaarste sak modderbek gegee het. Aftonsoam 68 hengelaars, waarvan ses besoekers, het 1 026 vis, 'n gewig van 629,98kg, vasgekap. Danie Human was oonooirwonne in die meestsafdeling met 46 vis van 24,260kg, gevolg deur Koos van Rensburg met 18 vis van 40,240kg en Dougie Douglas met 28 vis van 25,020kg. Human het die vis van die dag gevang. Graham Douglas het in die seniorafdeling geseëvier met 54 vis van 45,760kg, gevolg deur Shawn Munro met 65 vis van 31,540kg en Peter Munro met 45 vis van 23,720kg. Munro het die vis van die dag ingeweeg. Elaine Munro het eerste in die vroue-afdeling geïndig met 33 vis van 33,240kg, Letitia van der... Merwe was tweede met 24 vis van 11,100kg en Zandile Radebe derde met 19 vis van 13,160kg. Van der Merwe het die vis van die dag inkotul. Ruan van Zyl het die juniorafdeling gewen met 21 vis van 9,920kg, gevolg deur Germanie Pretorius met 18 vis van 8,200kg en JT Pretorius met ses vis van 5,340kg. Pretorius het die vis van die dag gevang. Ty Mortlock was eerste in die penkopafdeling met 10 vis van 2,600kg, gevolg deur Wianco Lottering met sewe vis van 5,380kg en Ricardo van Wyngaard met 10 vis van 2,360kg. Lottering het die vis van die dag vasgekap.



Foto vir illustrasiedoelindes.

Delmas klop Standerton

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

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

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

Table with 5 columns: Proponent, Project, Technology, Process, Farm Names. Rows include Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd, Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd, Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd, Camden Green Energy (Pty) Ltd, ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

Table with 4 columns: Proponent, Listing Notice, Applicable Triggers. Rows include Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF, Green Hydrogen and Ammonia, 400kV Powerline, 132kV Powerline, GA WUL (as applicable), AEL.

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

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IZINGQUBO ZOKUNYAYWA KWAZEMVELO

IBAZISO NGENTHUKO EHLONGOZWAYO YE-CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, EHLANGANISA IZINGQUBO EZAHLUKENE ZEMVELO, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA... Ibaziso simlawza ngokwemibandela ye: Ukahlelwa kwelizibuko aphahlelwa ngama-24 no-34D somihetho Wokuphatwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No.187 ka-1998) (NEMA) njengoba uchithahlelwe) ukuze kuthinywe izalolo ezihlukahlukane zokugunyazwa kwemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemiqondo ezilungile ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichtithahlelwe). Iqabisa sama-38 (3)(b) somihetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthinywe izalolo sokuDunyazwa Okujwayelekile (GA) noma Selayisense Yokuqeqesisa Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba alihlona). Iqabisa sama-38(3)(b) somihetho Wokuphatwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke: Umihetho Wokwahlithi Yomoya, 2004 (umihetho No.39 ka-2004) (NEM:QA) wesimemo sokubhalisa imibono mayelana nesitalo Selayisenzal Yokuqeqesisa Yomoya (A-EL).

INCAZELO NENDAWO I-ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (ENERTRAG), ihlongoza ukusungula inkamathole yamandla avuselelekayo, ehlanganisa izalolo ezihlukahlukane zokugunyazwa kwemvelo, eduze kwase-Ermelo eMpumalanga. Izinyuzuzo ezilungile zwayo zihlanganisa izi-izingqubo ezilandelayo Zokuhlola Okujwayelekile (BA) kanye nokhulko ngokuzwazwayo ngokwemvelo (SAEIR):

Table with 4 columns: Umfakeli/lo (I)Projekthi, Yokuqhephephe, Inbubo, Amagama Epulazi. Rows include Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd, Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd, Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd, Camden Green Energy (Pty) Ltd, ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

IZICELO ZEMVELO

Table with 4 columns: Igama leProjekthi, Iisizelo Soku, Iibangeli ezizobizayo. Rows include Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF, Green Hydrogen and Ammonia, 400kV Ukuhlini wamandla, 132kV Iintambo zokagesi, (GA WUL (njengoba kufanele)), AEL.

UKUBHALISA I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) loqoke njenge-SAP yi-ENERTRAG, ukuphatsha izingqubo ze-BA kanye ne-SAEIR ezilandelayo. Abantu abafisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababamba iqhaza ukuze babeke imibono yabo mayelana Nankamkomo Ehlongozwayo bayaqeqeswa ukuze bathumle imimingwana yabo ngokwe lu-EAP kule mimingwana emikawo ngezantsi. Akubandiizizisa ababhaliswe bazokuthinywa ezonke izindawo zokhathatheliso luthi bazizwe ngaminye ngaminye amathuba okubamba iqhaza kuzo kulo hloko.

IBIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKENZA KWESIKOPI ESALINGILE Imibiko Esalungile Yokuhlola Kwendawo Izothakalisa kwi-WSP ngasicelo kanyehona ezindaweni ezizanzani ukuze kubuyekizwe kuthi kuphawule ngayo izinsuku ezizangamshumi amathathu (30 days) kususka 25 February 2022 kuya ku-28 March 2022.

Table with 4 columns: Indawo, Venue, Ikhethi, Ucingo. Rows include Ermelo, Standerton, Muldersburg Local Municipality, WSP Website, Database Website.

APPENDIX

B-2 *SITE NOTICES*

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

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

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

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

REGISTRATION

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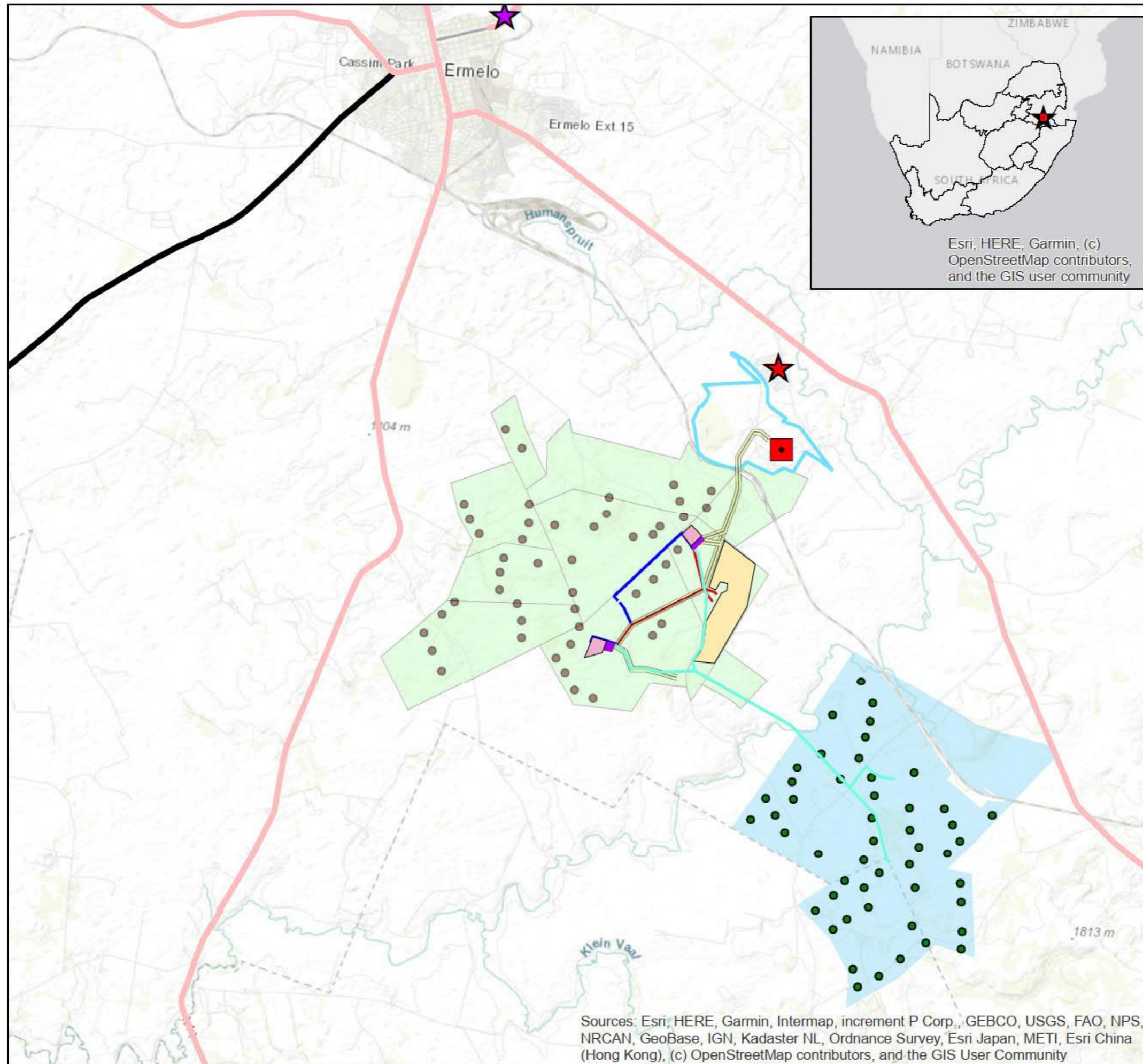
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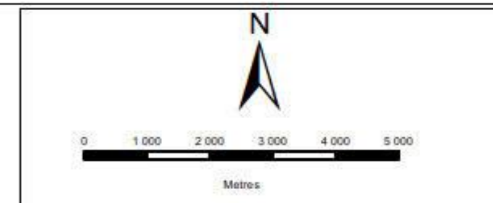
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CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER

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



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 PROJECT NO: 41103247

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

IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

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

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

- Umthethonqubo 41(2) we-GNR 982 (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) oshicilelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo ezihlukahlukene zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EAs) mayelana nemisebenzi ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983, GNR 984 kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichitshiyelwe)
- Isigaba sama-39 noma sama-41(4) soMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke (36 ka-1998) (NWA), ukuze kuthunyelwe isicelo sokuGunyazwa Okujwayelekile (GA) noma seLayisense Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) (njengoba sikhona)
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INCAZELO NENDAWO

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

IZICELO ZEMVELO

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

| Igama leprojekthi | Isaziso Sohlu | Izibangeli ezisebenzayo | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Camden I WEF and SEF and Camden II WEF | GNR 983 | 11 | 12 | 19 | 24 | 27 | 28 | | |
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| AEL | GNR 893 | Isigaba sesi-7: Isigaba Somkhakha Wamakhemikhali Angaphili 7.1: Ukukhiqizwa kanye noma Ukusetshenziswa Ekukhiqizeni I-Amonia, I-Fluorine, Inhlanganisela Ye-Fluorine, I-Chlorine, ne-Hydrogen Cyanide | | | | | | | |

UKUBHALISA

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

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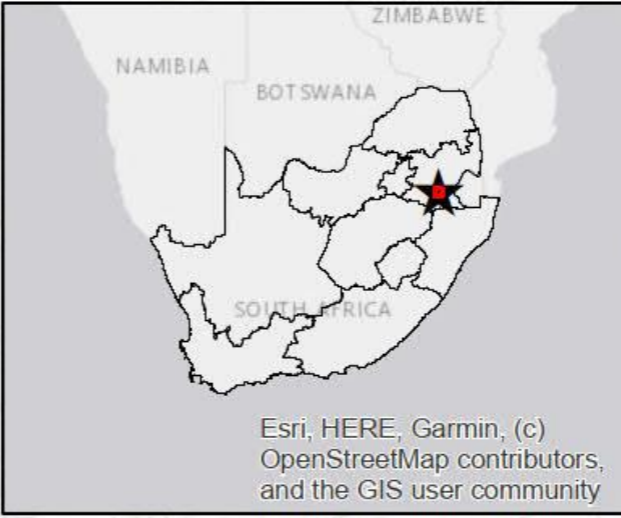
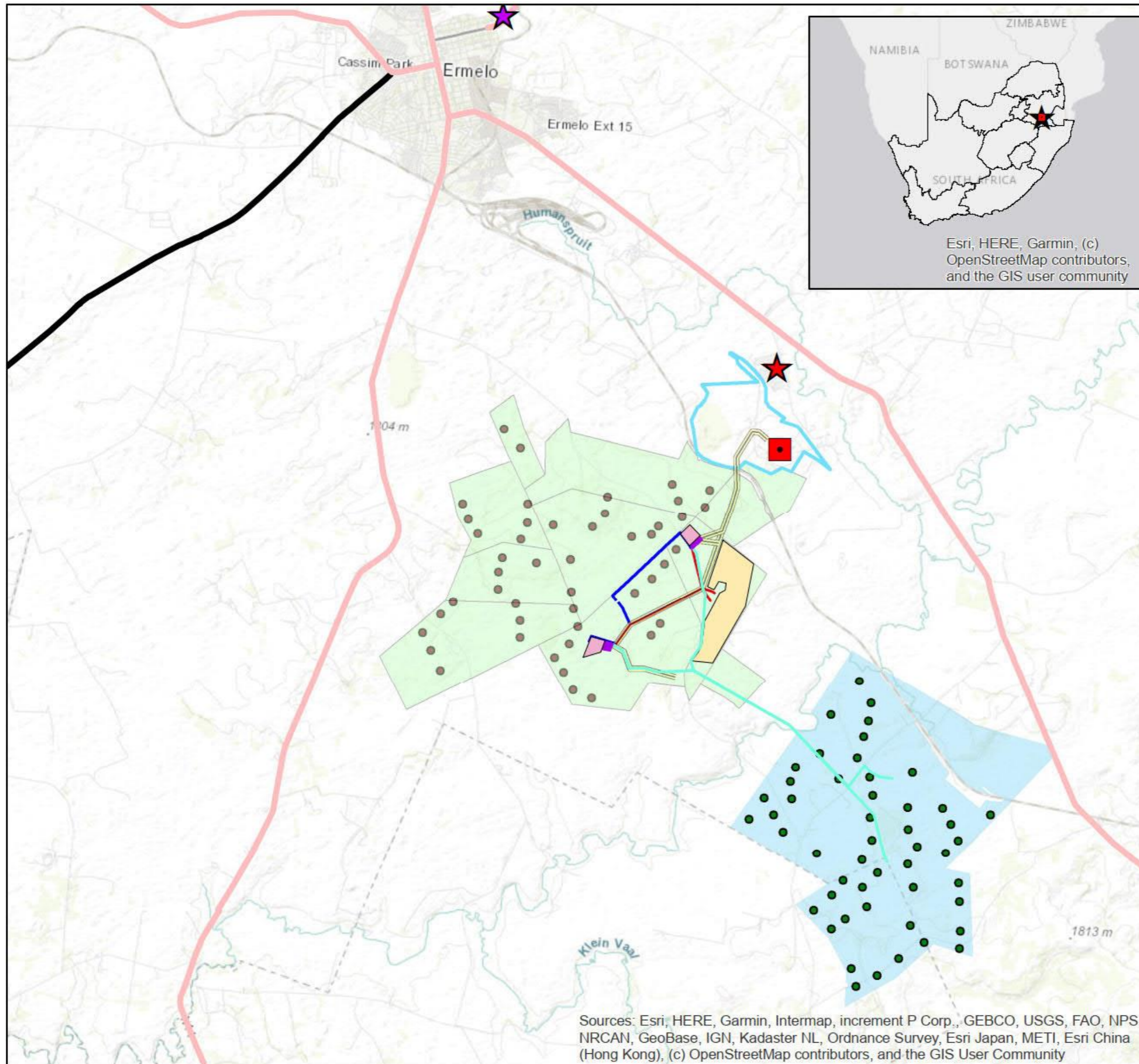
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Ukuvikelwa kweMningwane yoMuntu Siqu: I-WSP izocubungula iminingwane ethile ngawe njengomuntu onentshisekelo noma othintekayo (I&AP) ngezinjongo zokubhalisa njenge I&AP nokugcina iminingwane yakho kusizindalwazi lwethu, uma usivumela ukwenza njalo.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

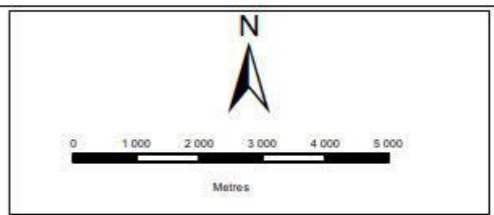




CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER

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PROJECTION: UTM Zone 35S (WGS1984)

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Isithombe 1: Inxanxathela Yamandla Avuselekayo e-Camden ekhombisa amaPhrojekthi ayo.

OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

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

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

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

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

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

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

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

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

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

REGISTRASIE

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

KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

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

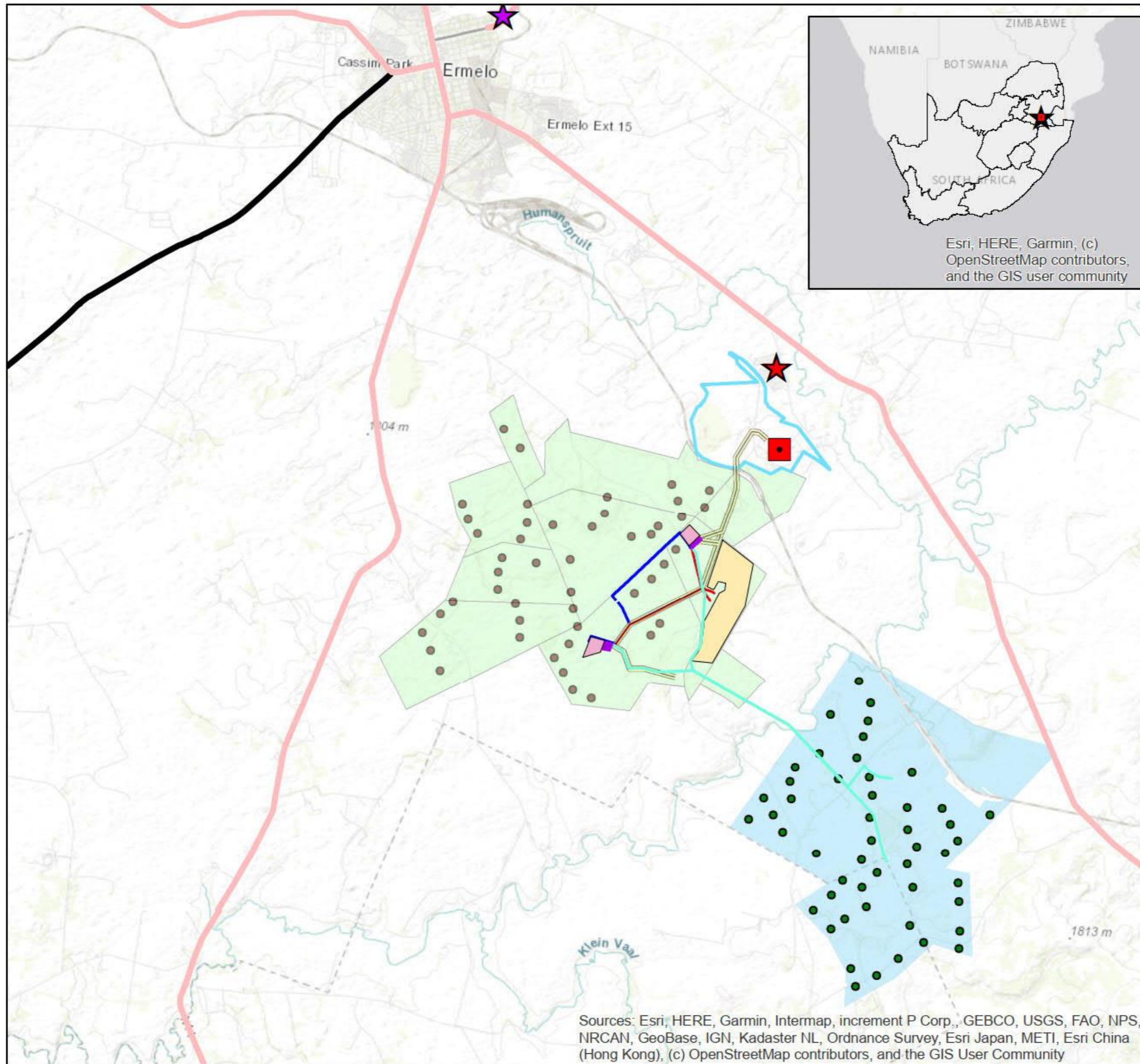
| Gebied | Lokaal | Straat Adres | Kontak No |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Ermelo | Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit | Hoek van Joubert & Oosthuise Strate | 017 801 7000 |
| | Ermelo Publieke biblioteek | Hoek van Tauta St &, Kerk Strate | 017 801 3500 |
| | Thusiville Publieke biblioteek | Wesselton Ext 2 | 082 797 5119 |
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| WSP Webwerf | https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents | | |
| Datavry Webwerf | https://wsp-engage.com/ | | |

Die kontakbesonderhede van die OEP is:

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

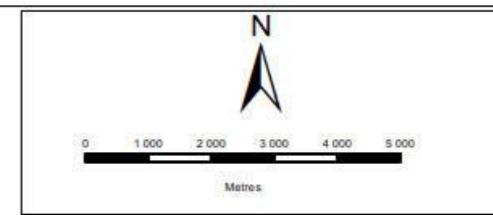
Beskerming van persoonlike inligting: WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party (B&GP) verwerk vir doeleindes om jou registrasie as 'n B&GP moontlik te maak en jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor, indien jy daartoe instem. WSP sal hierdie besonderhede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





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

APPENDIX

B-3 NOTIFICATION LETTER



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

25 February 2022

Dear Stakeholder

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

Notice is given in terms of:

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

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

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

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

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

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

REGISTRATION

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

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

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

| AREA | VENUE | STREET ADDRESS | CONTACT NO |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Ermelo | Gert Sibande District Municipality | Cnr Joubert & Oosthuise Streets | 017 801 7000 |
| | Ermelo Public Library | Cnr. Tauta St &, Kerk Street | 017 801 3500 |
| | Thusiville Public Library | Wesselton Ext 2 | 082 797 5119 |
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The contact details of the EAP are:

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

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashlea Strong', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Ashlea Strong
Associate



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

25 February 2022

Lunga Lomphakathi Elikhethekile

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

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokwemibandela ye:

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

INCAZELO NENDAWO

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

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YOBUCHWEPHESHE INQUBO AMAGAMA EPULAZI

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|------------------------------------|--|--|-------|---|
| Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd | Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 200, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene | Umoya | S&EIR | • Portion 0, 1 and 3 of Klipfontein Farm No. 442 • Portion 1 and 2 of Welgelegen Farm No. 322 • Portion 2 and 10 of Uitkomst Farm No. 292 • Portion 3 of Langverwatch Farm No. 293 |
| | Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwi nani elingu 132kV, isiteshi esincane kanye nengqalasizinda edingekile | Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane | BA | |
| Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd | Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngomoya (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 200, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene | Umoya | S&EIR | • Portion 3 of Klipbank Farm No. 295 • Portion 14 of Mooiplaats Farm No. 290 • Portion 0, 2 and 3 of Adrianople Farm No. 296 • Portion 3,4 and 5 of Buhrmansvallei Farm No. 297 |
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| Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd | Ukwakhiwa kwesikhungo esiphehla ugesi ngelanga (WEF) esikhiqiza inani lama-MW afika ku 100, kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene | Ilanga | S&EIR | |

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| Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd | Isikhungo se-Hydrogen and Ammonia kanye nengqalasizinda ehlobene | I-hydrogen eluhlaza ne-ammonia | S&EIR | |
| ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd | Ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwinani elingu 400kV, kuhlanganise nengqalasizinda ehlobene (i-Common Collector kanye ne-Main Transmission Substation, nokunye) | Ulayini Wokudlulisa kanye Nesiteshi Esincane | S&EIR | |

IZICELO ZEMVELO

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

IGAMA

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UKUBHALISA

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

ISIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZWA KWESIKOPI ESALUNGILE

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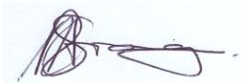
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Ozithobayo,



Ashlea Strong
Associate



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

25 Februarie 2022

Geagte Belanghebbende

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

Kennis word gegee in terme van:

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

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

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

| PROPONENT | PROJEK | TEGNOLOGIE | PROSES | PLAASNAME |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| Camden I Wind RF (Pty) Ltd | Tot en met 200 MW Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) insluitend verwante infrastruktuur | Wind | S&OIR | • Gedeelte 0, 1 en 3 van Klipfontein Plaas No. 442 |
| | Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur | Transmissielyn en substasie | BE | • Gedeelte 1 en 2 van Welgelegen Plaas No. 322 |
| Camden II Wind RF (Pty) Ltd | Tot en met 200 MW WEF insluitend verwante infrastruktuur | Wind | S&OIR | • Gedeelte 2 en 10 van Uitkomst Plaas No. 292 |
| | Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur | Transmissielyn en substasie | BE | • Gedeelte 3 van Langverwach Plaas No. 293 • Gedeelte 3 van Klipbank Plaas No. 295 |
| Camden I Solar RF (Pty) Ltd | Tot en met 100MW sonkragfasiliteit (SEF) insluitend verwante infrastruktuur | Sonkrag | S&OIR | • Gedeelte 14 van Mooiplaats Plaas No. 290 |
| | Tot en met 132kV Kraglyn, substasie en verwante infrastruktuur | Transmissielyn en substasie | BE | • Gedeelte 0, 2 en 3 van Adrianople Plaas No. 296 |
| Camden Green Energy RF (Pty) Ltd | Waterstof- en Ammoniakaanleg en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur | Green hydrogen and Ammonia | S&OIR | • Gedeelte 3,4 en 5 van Buhrmansvallei Plaas No. 297 • Gedeelte 3 en 6 van De Emigrate Plaas No. 327 |
| ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd | Tot en met 400kV-kraglyn, gemeenskaplike versamelaar en hooftransmissiesubstasie insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur | Transmissielyn en substasie | S&OIR | • Gedeelte 5 van Klipfontein Plaas No. 326 |

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

| PROJEK NAAM | NOTERINGSKENNISGEWING | TOEPASLIKE SNELLERS | | | | | | | | |
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REGISTRASIE

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

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

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

Vriendelike groete,

Ashlea Strong
Associate



PROPOSED CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX

Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

INTRODUCTION

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

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

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

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

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

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

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

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

Renewable Energy Facilities

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

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

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

Additional associated infrastructure will include:

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

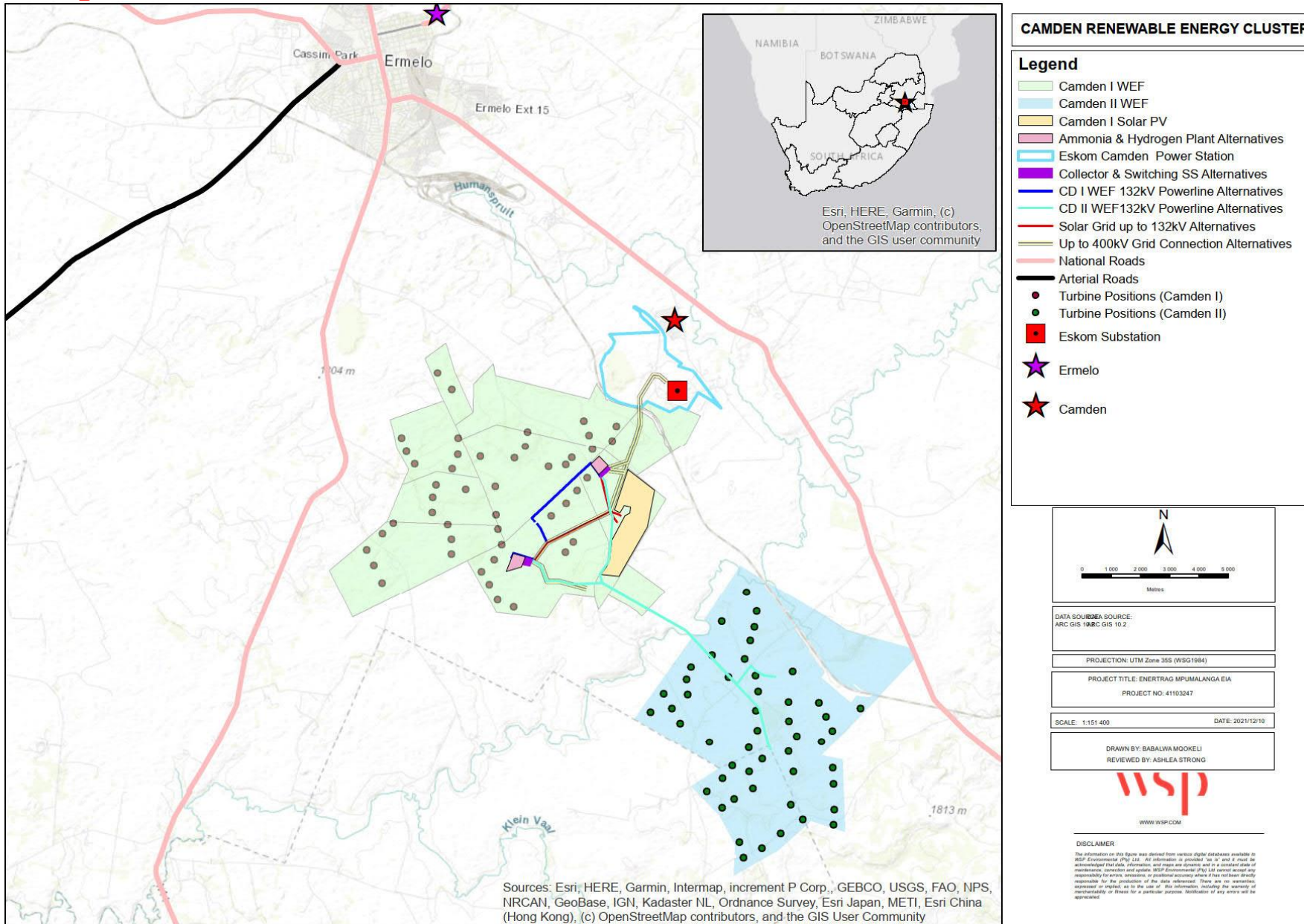


Figure 1: Camden Renewable Energy Cluster showing the respective projects comprised thereof.



Electrolyser Facility

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

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

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

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

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

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

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

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

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

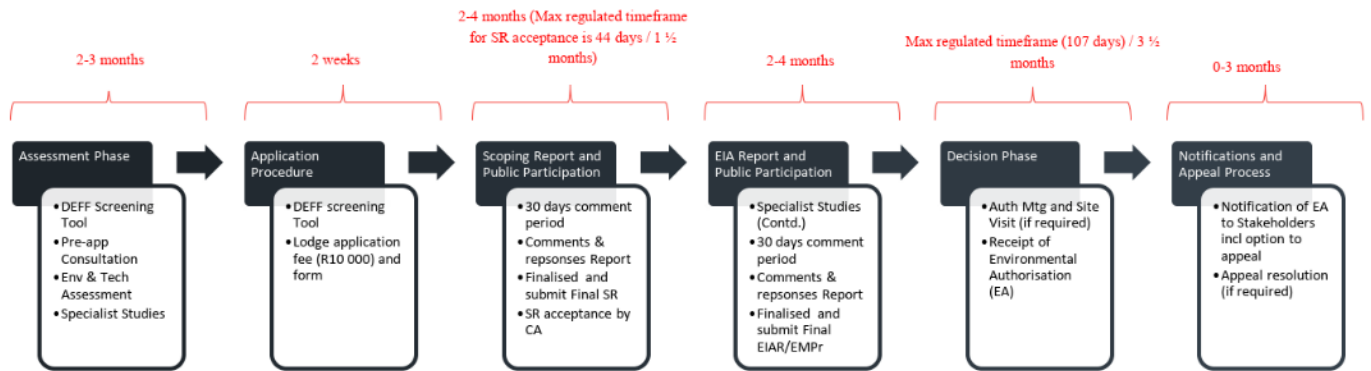


Figure 3: S&EIA Process

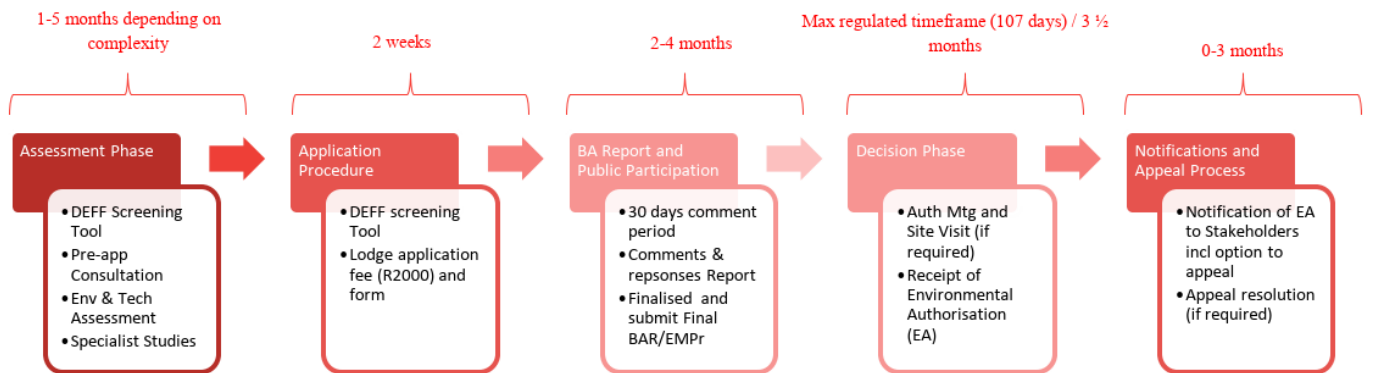


Figure 4: BA Process

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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

Who is a Stakeholder?

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

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

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

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



PROPOSED CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET

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

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

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

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

| NAME | CONTACT DETAILS |
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Please list your interest in the proposed project and comment below:

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Protection of Personal Information:

In order to register you as an I & AP in respect of this project and to comply with laws regarding environmental authorisation for the project, WSP needs to collect and keep certain of your personal information such as your name, contact details, and opinions on the project. This information is shared with WSP’s client who is undertaking the project and with the authorities in line with environmental laws.

In addition, if you give your consent for us to do so, WSP will keep your details on our database of interested parties and may contact you about other projects in the area in the future. If you do not want to be included on our database you are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered.

The Protection of Personal Information Act 2013 (POPIA) imposes requirements for the protection of your personal information. WSP processes your personal information in line with its Privacy Notice. The full Privacy Notice can be accessed [here](#). In summary:

- *Why do we process your personal information:* WSP is an independent consulting company that conducts public participation processes in support of environmental authorisation processes, where environmental authorisation must be obtained for a project. We are required under the applicable environmental laws to keep stakeholder databases per project. If you give your consent, WSP will keep your details on our database of interested parties and may contact you about other projects in future. If you give us contact details for anyone else that you think may want to register as an I&AP, we will only use those details to contact them and will delete the contact information if they choose not to register as an I&AP for this project, or to have their details included in WSP’s database for the purposes of future projects.
WSP may share your information with its service providers but will never sell your personal information or use it for any purpose other than as set out here and in the Privacy Notice.
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APPENDIX

B-4 E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS

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Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2022 11:42
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX - Draft Scoping Report Review
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Dear Stakeholders

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
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Development Type: Wind

ProposalDescription:
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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:

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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

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| ApplicationDate: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - 14:47 | | | |
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Development Type: Solar

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

CaseID: 18082

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

Consultants/Experts: Ashlea Strong

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| DEA | 14/12/16/3/3/2/2136 | 28/03/2022 | |

Heritage Reports: Camden I SEF Heritage Scoping Report

ReferenceList:

AdditionalDocuments

- 01 Draft Scoping Report - Camden I SEF.pdf
- 02 Appendix A_EAP CV .pdf
- 03 Appendix B_EAP Declaration.pdf
- 04 Appendix C_Specialist Declarations.pdf
- 05 Appendix D_Heritage Scoping Report.pdf
- 06 Appendix E_DFFE Screening Report.pdf
- 07 Appendix F_Approved Pre-Application Meeting Minutes and PPP.pdf

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HeritageAuthority(s): SAHRA
MPHRA

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

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

OtherReferences:

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- 08 Appendix G-1_Database_Public.pdf
- 09 Appendix G-2_Notification Letters.pdf
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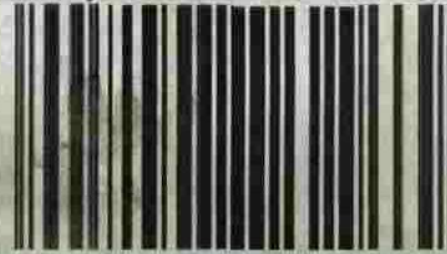
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APPENDIX

C MEETINGS



APPENDIX

C-1 *DFFE PRE- APPLICATION MEETING*

APPENDIX 1
COPY OF THE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING MINUTES

A copy of the approved Public Participation Plan and Proof of Approval is also included



MEETING NOTES

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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) |
| DISTRIBUTION | As above (Appendix A) |

MATTERS ARISING

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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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Name: __Olivia Letlalo _____

Date: __18 November 2021 _____

NEXT MEETING

No additional meetings have been scheduled.

MEETING NOTES

APPENDIX A: MEETING ATTENDANCE

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| 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 | | | | | |
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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

**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT
(GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

PROPOSED PLAN/ACTIVITIES

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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether basic assessment or S&EIR procedures are being applied to the application; (ii) the nature and location of the activity to which the application relates; (iii) where further information on the application or proposed application can be obtained; and <p>(iv) the manner in which and the person to whom representations in respect of the application or proposed application may be made.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Site notices (in English, Afrikaans and IsiZulu) will be placed at appropriate locations on site) and in the surrounding area. The size and content of the site notices will be in line with Regulation 41 (3) and 41(4) as contained herein. |
| <p>41 (4) A notice board referred to in subregulation (2) must—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be of a size of at least 60cm by 42cm; and (b) display the required information in lettering and in a format as may be determined by the competent authority. | |
| <p>41 (5) Where public participation is conducted in terms of this regulation for an application or proposed application, subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d) need not be complied with again during the additional public participation process contemplated in regulations 19(1)(b) or 23(1)(b) or the public participation process contemplated in regulation 21(2)(d), on condition that—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) such process has been preceded by a public participation process which included compliance with subregulation (2)(a), (b), (c) and (d); and (b) written notice is given to registered interested and affected parties regarding where the— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) revised basic assessment report or, EMPr or closure plan, as contemplated in regulation 19(1)(b); (ii) revised environmental impact assessment report or EMPr as | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — If the revised reports are required to undergo additional review, the requirements of Regulation 41(5) will be followed. |



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| <p>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

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| <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

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APPENDIX

C-2 *DFFE PROTECTED AREAS MEETING*



MEETING NOTES

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| 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 Booï (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) |

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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. MTPA 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 |

MEETING NOTES

MATTERS ARISING

ACTION

— 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 |

MEETING NOTES

APPENDIX B: MAP OF LANGCAREL PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE



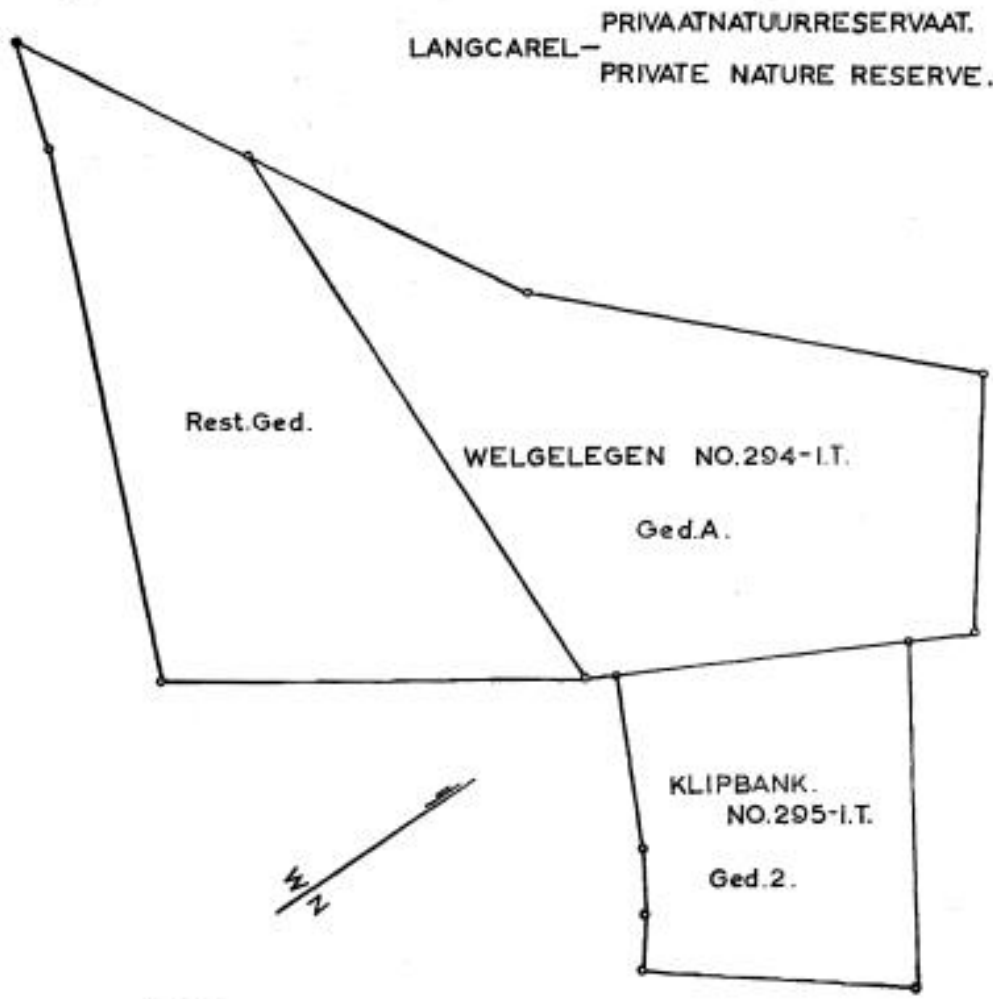
Figure 1. Langcarel Private Nature Reserve on the farm Welgelegen 322 IS and a portion of the farm Klipbank 295 IT. (Proclamation attached in Appendix 1).

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.)

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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]

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| | 'Mbuyane' | |
| | Mqokeli, Babalwa | Delivered: 2022/03/30 06:39 |

Dear Sindi

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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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Hi Sindi

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

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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.

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Motha, Bongani

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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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

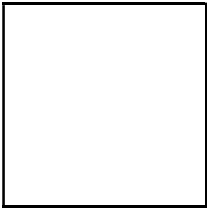
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Subject: RE: Strong, Ashlea shared the folder "Camden Public Review" with you.



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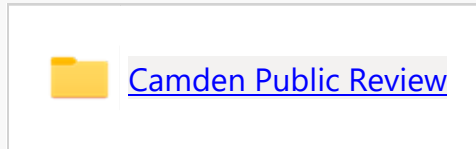
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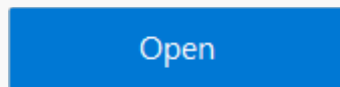
NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX, COMPRISING VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES, ERMELO, MPUMALANGA
Please find the link to the Draft Scoping Reports that are available for review and ocmment from 25 February to 28 March 2022.

The contact details of the EAP are:

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E-mail: babalwa.mqokeli@wsp.com



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Sent: Friday, 25 March 2022 12:29
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Frans Krige; Thabile Mnisi; Johan Eksteen; Khumbelo Malele; Komilla Knarasoo; Dibakwane Nokuthula
Subject: MTPA's comments on the draft scoping report for the proposed Camden renewable energy 400 KV connection
Attachments: LUA 22.2957
_DftScoping_Camden.Renew.Energy_GrodConnection_Substation_Ermelo.pdf; LUA 22.2957 Langcarel Private Nature Reserve.pdf



Good day Me Strong

Please find the attached MTPA's comments on the draft scoping report for the proposed Camden renewable energy 400 KV Grid connection and common collector substation.

Ref: LUA 22/2957

Warm regards
Nokwazi Ngobeni

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Email: Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com

Dear Me Strong

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY 400 KV GRID CONNECTION AND COMMON COLLECTOR SUBSTATION FOR THE ENERTRAG SOUTH AFRICA (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. As mentioned before Portion 1 and portion 2 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 was provided in previous correspondence.

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.

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

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Kind Regards



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MR. J.J. EKSTEEN
MANAGER SCIENTIFIC SERVICES
DATE: 25 MARCH 2022

Motha, Bongani

From: Strong, Ashlea
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]

Importance: High

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| | Barbara De Lange | |
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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:

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| 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>
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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
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Cc: Aulicia Maifo <amaifo@dffe.gov.za>
Subject: FW: DSR COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMDEN RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLEX

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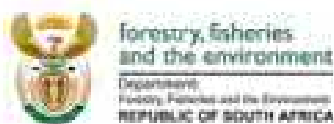
I hope you are well.
Kindly find the attached comments for your attention.



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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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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



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Motha, Bongani

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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 UP TO 400KV GRID CONNECTION AND COMMON COLLECTOR SUBSTATION, 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.

Please take note that any development within very highly sensitive biodiversity area; where residual impacts will result with very high significant impacts rating will not be supported.

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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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Motha, Bongani

From: Mahlatse Shubane <MSHUBANE@dffe.gov.za>
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 UP TO 400KV GRID CONNECTION, COMMON COLLECTOR SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 1 AND PORTION 2 OF WELGELEGEN FARM NO. 322, PORTION 0 OF CAMDEN POWER STATION FARM NO. 329, PORTION 14 OF MOOPLAATS FARM NO. 290, PORTION 2 AND PORTION 12 OF UITKOMST 292 AS WELL AS PORTION 20 OF MOOPLAATS 290 NEAR ERMELO WITHIN GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT 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 10 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for as it relates to the infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods, in which fuel, transformer oil, 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 substation, powerline, access road and non-linear activities and the application form on page 12 of 37 indicated that the total footprint will be confirmed once final design have been provided/subject to finalisation based on technical, final design and environmental requirements. Please ensure that clarity regarding the total footprint of the powerline, access road and non-linear activities are included in the final SR and as well as 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>.

Alternatives

- 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), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), 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 SR and all available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of these maps.
- The layout map must indicate the following:
 - The powerline corridor;
 - 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;
- 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 map must have a clear legend with information communicating with that on the map, be overlain with the sensitivity map which shows neighbouring existing grid infrastructure.
- According to the Biodiversity map on page 104 of the DSR, the proposed development is located within the Protected Area National Park, Nature Reserve and Protected Area Environment: Modified and Natural. You are required to provide details of the National Park or Nature Reserve and Protected Area Environment: Modified and Natural. 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 5-13) on page 99 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 5-11, 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 expert 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 on Interests form 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

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

Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

Ensure that two generic EMPrs are submitted for the management of impacts of both the powerline and substation that will be constructed as part of this development.

Specific comments

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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
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Letter signed by: Ms Olivia Letlalo
Designation: Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects
Date: 25/03/2022

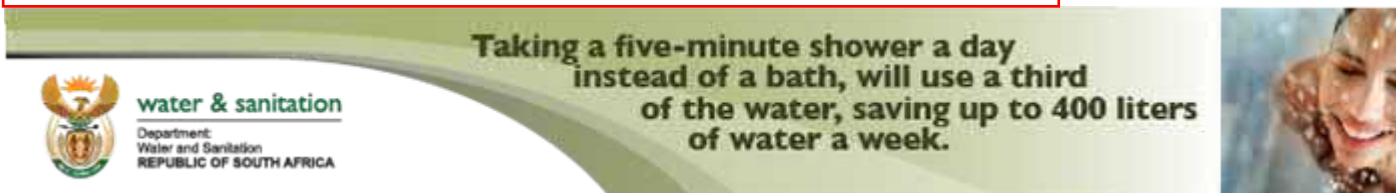
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Hi Ashley
We will comment on the WULA when submitted
Regards

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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

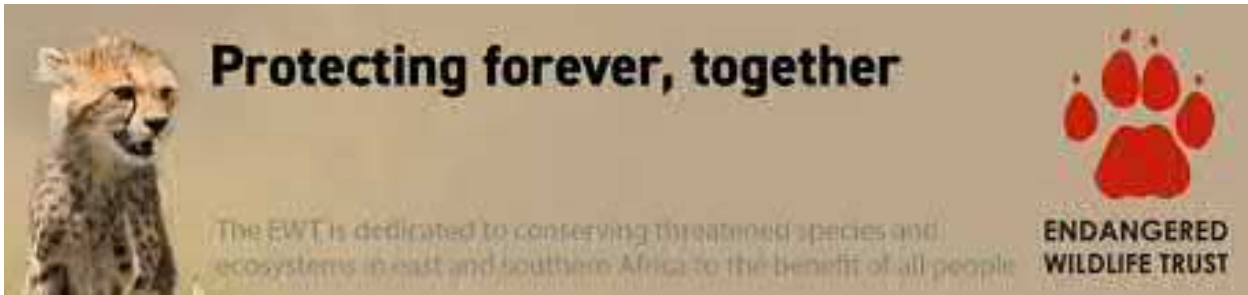


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Hi

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

Best Regards,

Babalwa Mqokeli Pr Sci Nat
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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>

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

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

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)

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Interim Comment

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

Attention: ENERTRAG (Pty) Ltd

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.

Enertrag South Africa (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.

Enertrag in conjunction with Camden Solar I and II RF, and Camden I and II Wind Energy 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. This application is for the construction a 400kV power line and common collector substation for their new energy facility to be connected to the National Grid. The proposed power line alternative route 1 will cross the farms Portion 14 Mooiplaasts 290 and Portion 11 of Welgelegen 322. The power line alternative route 2 will cross the farms Portion 14 Mooiplaasts 290 and Portion 1 of Welgelegen 322, Msukaligwa Local Municipality, Mpumalanga province. The collector substation will be about 5ha in extent and the Camden substation will be 1ha. The power line corridor will be 250m in width.

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 1 up to 400kV Grid Connection and Collector substation, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa.



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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 EIAR 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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South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

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Govender, Megan

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, 25 May 2022 14:05
To: Strong, Ashlea
Cc: Col Weillbach; 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

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From: [Redacted]
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,

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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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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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Intent to issue a notice to withdraw the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve in terms of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act No. 10 of 1998 (as amended)

20th June 2022

Dear Makhosazane Yeni,

Following further investigation, site evaluation and landowner engagement undertaken to date, this letter serves to confirm the intent by the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) to prepare a submission for approval by the MEC of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs in Mpumalanga Province for the publication of a notice of intent to withdraw the declaration of the Langcarel Private Nature Reserve in terms of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act No. 10 of 1998, being contingent on formal, written confirmation by all landowners within the declared extent of the reserve, affirming their consent to the withdrawal as proposed.

We have engaged ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd following this matter being brought to our attention and will pursue this matter further with the relevant stakeholders as required.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Morris
The Manager
Protected Areas Expansion
Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA)



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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Strong

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CAMDEN UP TO 400KV GRID CONNECTION, COMMON COLLECTOR SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 1 AND PORTION 2 OF WELGELEGEN FARM NO. 322, PORTION 0 OF CAMDEN POWER STATION FARM NO. 329, PORTION 14 AND 20 OF MOOPLAATS FARM NO. 290, PORTION 2 AND PORTION 12 OF UITKOMST 292 NEAR ERMELO WITHIN MSUKALIGWA LOCAL 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):

a) 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 final scoping report 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. For example, activity 11 in the application form and final scoping report, refer to different sub-activities, which the description is also not in line with the activity triggered. Please ensure the EIAR address all the listed activities applied for.

- Activity 11 of Listing Notice 1 has been applied for and the power line capacity for the proposed activity is between 34 and 275 kilovolts. However, the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates mentioned that *“The Electrical Grid Infrastructure is located outside urban areas. The Collector Substation will be rated 132kV/400kV whereas the overhead power line planned will be up to 400kV. Where required from a technical perspective however, the grid connection capacity implemented may be reduced to 132kV if necessary”*. Please provide the exact capacity of the proposed activity as per the applicable listed activity (i.e. activity 11 of Listing Notice 1).
- For activity 12 of Listing Notice 1, you are required to provide the total footprint of the proposed infrastructure in square meters.
- The Department has noted that activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and 10 of Listing Notice 3 are applied for as it relates to the infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods, in which fuel, transformer oil, 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.
- The CA has noted on page 12 of 37 of the application form in the description of the portion of the project that relates to activity 27 of Listing Notice 1 you have use of the word **“may be required”**. Please refrain from using words such as **“may be required”** in relation to the applicable 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. 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>.

b) Project Description

It is noted that listed activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and activity 14 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 37 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.

c) Alternatives

- Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity(ies) i.e., power line and substation, 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.

d) 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.

e) 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:
 - The power line corridor;
 - 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;
 - 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 maps must have a **clear legend with information communicating with that on the map**, be overlain with the sensitivity map and shows neighbouring existing grid infrastructure that form part of the Camden Renewable Energy Complex.
- According to the Biodiversity map on page 109 of the FSR, the proposed development is located within the Protected Area National Park and Nature Reserve as well as Protected Area Environment: Modified and Natural. You are required to provide details of the National Park or Nature Reserve and Protected Area Environment: Modified and Natural.
- 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 and specialists' findings must be taken into account while addressing this issue.
- The sensitivity map must be redesigned and consider Specialist recommendations as well as MTPA comments regarding sensitive areas. Please be advised that **Google maps will not be accepted**.

f) Specialist assessments

The following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIA:

- 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 Impact Assessment;
- Avifauna Impact Assessment;
- Social Impact Assessment; and
- Desktop Geotechnical Assessment.

The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies 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 authorisations. You are advised to provide a table listing all the specialist studies undertaken with the recommendation for the proposed development.
- 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 Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer.
- All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternatives 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 brought to your attention that 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, have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments (for all environmental themes identified by screening tool) 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).
- It has been noted that the conclusions by the Terrestrial Ecological specialist on page 56 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 suitable for the proposed development. Therefore, ensure detailed assessment is undertaken and submitted in the final report.

g) Cumulative Impact Assessment

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

h) Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

Ensure that two generic EMPrs are submitted for the management of impacts of both the powerline and substation that will be constructed as part of this development.

i) Issues regarding S50 approval in terms of NEM: PAA

- 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 be permitted in a nature reserve without written approval of the management authority”.
- It has been noted that when describing how listed activities are triggered, you confirmed that the site is located within the Nature Reserve. You further indicated that there are farming activities taking place within the Nature Reserve. Considering that Section 50(5) requires that approval must be obtained even for farming, your reasons provided that the site is not a Nature Reserve is deemed inadequate.
- 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. However, it was indicated that, considering that MTPA mentioned in their comments dated 25 March 2022, that the site is located within the Nature Reserve, 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.
- It has been noted that even the FSR compiled by you as an EAP, makes reference to the findings of the Terrestrial Ecological specialist on page 109, Figure 5-17, and the Avifaunal specialist on page 18 submitted as part of the FSR, that the site is located within the Nature Reserve or part of the Nature Reserve. Therefore, you are required to provide proof that the site is not located within the Nature Reserve.
- 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.

j) Strategic Infrastructure Project (SIP) confirmation letter

It has been noted that there is no SIP confirmation letter included in the application form. You are advised to submit the confirmation letter, should the project be considered as a SIP. The confirmation letter can be obtained from SIP Coordinator at SibuyiV@eskom.co.za.

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: 18/05/2022

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| cc: | Mercia Grimbeek | ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd |
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| | Hilda Maganya | Msukaligwa Local Municipality |
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Stakeholder details have been redacted as required by POPIA