

I&AP Correspondence

Notification of availability of BAR for review and comment

02 September 2020

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND ENERGY FACILITY,
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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Nicolene Venter

Public Participation and Social Consultant

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(Refer to Appendix C1)

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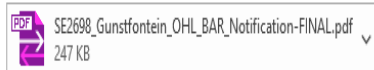
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Gunstfontein WEF - Power Line Extension: Notification of the Availability of the Basic Assessment for review and comment

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To  Rene de Kock
Cc  Ronald Baloyi



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Wed 2020/09/02 09:49

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LANDOWNERS

03 September 2020

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Standvastigheid Familie Trust
Farm Appels Fontein

Per e-mail: [REDACTED]

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The proposed double-circuit 132kV overhead power line will be an extension of the authorised Gunstfontein Grid connection (DEA ref.no. 14/12/16/3/3/1/1619 (as amended)) near the end point of the already authorised power line and will extend to Eskom's Hidden Valley Transmission Substation. The proposed extension overhead power line project will consist of:

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- Service tracks (jeep tracks only – no formal roads) will employ the existing Soetwater power line service track as far as possible.
- Temporary laydown area/s and construction camp.

In terms of Appendix 1(2)(b) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, it is required to identify and assess alternatives. There is no corridor alternative being proposed as part of this Basic Assessment (BA) process as the proposed overhead power line is an extension of an already authorised 132kV overhead power line and no alternative start points are available. There is also no alternative endpoint than that at the Hidden Valley Substation as it is the only substation in the vicinity with sufficient capacity to evacuate the power from the Gunstfontein Wind Farm. The proposed routing for the grid connection infrastructure runs parallel (~15 metres to the west) of the authorised Soetwater 132kV overhead power line, in order to minimise associated environmental impacts and allow for shared access and maintenance routes.

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The proposed developments are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 published in terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA. In terms of the EIA Regulations of 2014, as amended, and promulgated under Sections 24 and 24D of the NEMA, various aspects of the project are listed as activities that may have an impact on the environment. Due to the triggering of GNR 327, Listing Notice 1, Activities 11(i), 12(ii), 14, 19 (i), 24 (ii), 27 (i), 28(ii) and GNR 324, Listing Notice 3, Activities 4(g)(ii)(ee), 10(g)(ii)(iii)(ee), 12(d)(ii), 14(ii)(c)(g)(ii)(ff) and 18(g)(ii)(ee), of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), a Basic Assessment process must be undertaken in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation for the construction and operation of the extension of the Grid Connection infrastructure for the Gunstfontein Wind Farm.

Savannah Environmental was appointed as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the Basic Assessment and public participation process for the project to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed upgrades and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

You have been identified as an adjacent property owner for the property **Remaining Extent of the farm Appels Fontein 201**, that could be impacted by the proposed project. The EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, Regulation 41.(2)(b)(ii) requires that the 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, is informed of the Basic Assessment processes in writing.

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Documents: Registration and Comment Form

Ronald Baloyi

From: Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, 03 September 2020 18:58
To: Francois Conradie
Cc: niclene@savannahsa.com; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Wind Farm: Extension of Grid Connection - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process & BA Report availability
Attachments: SE2698 Gunstfontein OHL-CONRADIE Francois.pdf

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Landowner
Farm Wagen Drift

Per e-mail: [REDACTED]

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Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Wind Farm: Extension of Grid Connection - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process & BA Report availability
Attachments: SE2698 Gunstfontein OHL-DU PLESSIS Andries.pdf

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Farms Leeuwe Hoek, Annex Orange Fontein and Orange Fontein

Per e-mail: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Gunstfontein Wind Farm: Extension of Grid Connection - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process & BA Report availability
Attachments: SE2698 Gunstfontein OHL-JORDAAN Hilletje.pdf

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Eldri van Zyl Trust
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Farm Kentuky

Per e-mail: [REDACTED]

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Attachments: SE2698 Gunstfontein OHL-VAN ZYL Eldri.pdf

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- Service tracks (jeep tracks only – no formal roads) will employ the existing Soetwater power line service track as far as possible.
- Temporary laydown area and construction camp.

Project Location: The proposed grid connection extension powerline traverses four (4) affected properties, namely:

1) Portion 1 of the Farm Orange Fontein No. 203;	2) RE of the Farm Annex Orange Fontein No. 185;	3) RE of the Farm Leeuwe Hoek No. 183	4) The Farm De Hoop No. 202
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Basic Assessment Process: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of NEMA, as read with the EIA Regulations 2014 of GNR 324 - R327 (as amended), a Basic Assessment process is required to obtain Environmental Authorisation for the proposed project. An application for Environmental Authorisation for the project has been lodged with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), as the competent authority. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required basic assessment and public participation process.

Basic Assessment Report Available for Review & Comment: A BA Report for the project has been compiled and is available for download, review and comment on the Savannah Environmental website: <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/gunstfontein-wind-farm/>. The 30-day review and comment period of the BA Report is from **Friday, 4th of September until Monday, 5th of October 2020**. Please submit written comments to the contact person below on or before **Monday, 5th of October 2020**

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project in writing to:

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Documents for public review are available for download.

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Basic Assessment Report

Appendix A - EIA Project Consulting Team and Specialist CVs

Appendix B - Authority Consultation

Appendix C1 - I&APs Database

Appendix C2 - Site Notices and Newspaper Advertisements

Appendix C3 - Organs of State Correspondence

Appendix C4 - Stakeholder Correspondence

Appendix C5 - Comments Received

Appendix C6 - Comments and Responses Report

Appendix D - Ecological Impact Assessment

Appendix E - Avifauna Impact Assessment

Appendix F - Heritage Impact Assessment

Appendix G - Environmental Management Programme

Appendix H - Maps

Appendix I - Specialist Declarations

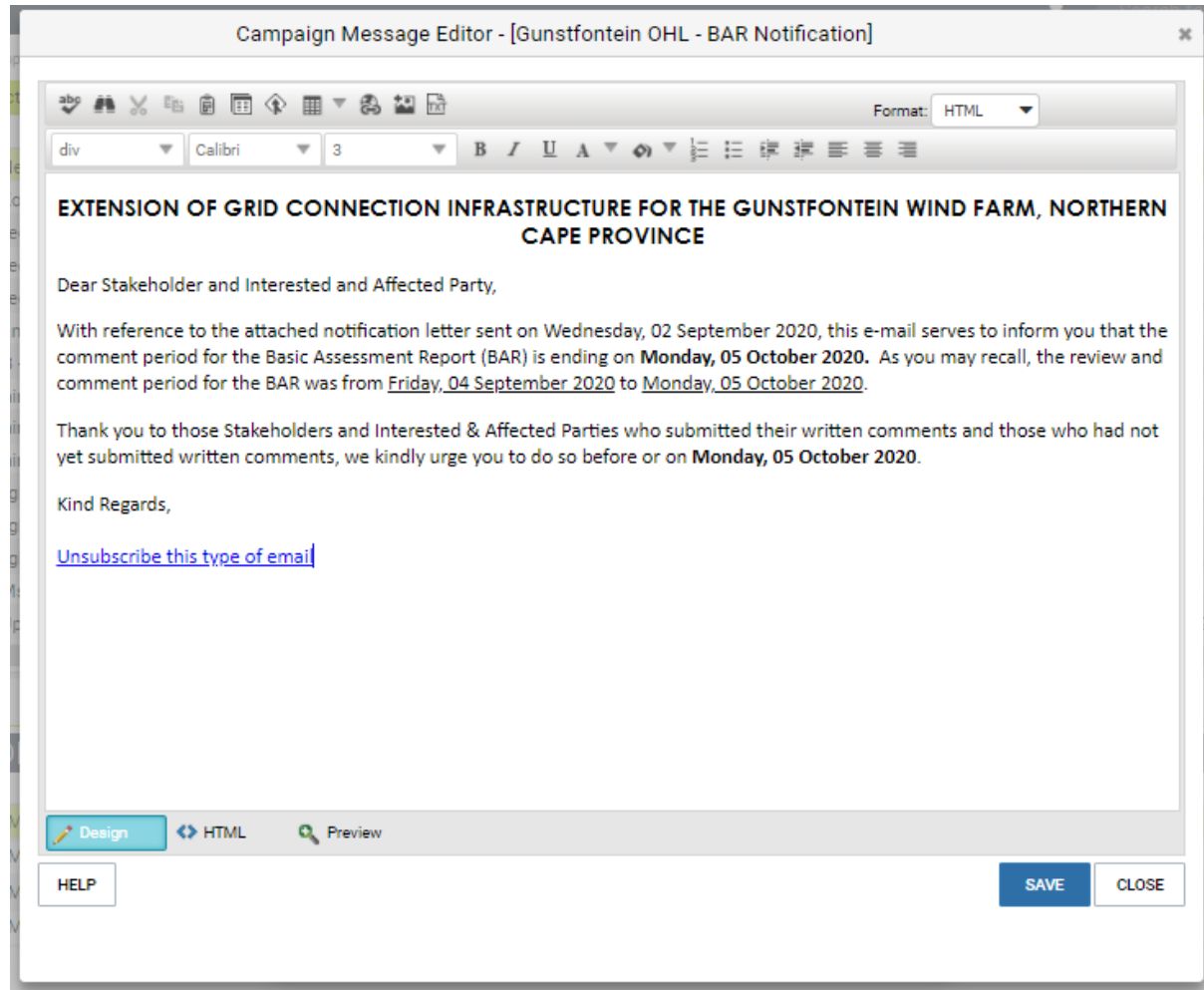
Appendix J - EAP Declaration of Independence and Affirmation

Appendix K - Screening Tool Report

Appendix L - IQ Query regarding the format of the specialist reports

**Sent to all registered I&APs on project database
(Refer to Appendix C1)**

Proof of email - Gunstfontein WEF - Power Line Extension: Reminder of Commenting period ending soon



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