PROPOSED PAARDE VALLEY PV2 SWITCHING STATION, 132 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE TO VETLAAGTE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS), AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Project proposal: Paarde Valley PV2 (Pty) Ltd (the Applicant) proposes the construction of a 132 kV, double circuit, overhead powerline (OHPL) grid connection from the authorised Paarde Valley PV2 solar energy facility to the Vetlaagte Main Transmission Station (MTS) (which is currently undergoing its own Environmental Authorisation (EA) application process). The proposed project also includes the switching station (SwS) component of the authorised Paarde Valley PV2 on-site substation, a 132kV feeder bay at the Vetlaagte MTS, as well as service roads, access road and fencing.

Location: The proposed project would be located within the following properties, near De Aar in the Northern Cape Province: Remainder of Portion 2 of Farm 145 Paarde Valley; Portions 6, 29, 30, 31 and 43 of Farm 145 Paarde Valley; Remainder of Farm 179 Du Plessis Dam; Remainder of Portion 4 Vetlaagte; and Erven 266, 268, 5113, 5114, 5115, 5123, 5122, 5121, 5127, 5316 and 5315 in the Emthanjeni Local Municipality, Pixley ka Seme District Municipality.The proposed project is located within the Strategic Transmission “Central Corridor”.

Application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of NEMA (Act No. 107 of 1998): The proposed project includes activities listed in terms of the National Environment Management Act (“NEMA”) (No. 107 of 1998) (as amended), Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) Regulations (2014), as amended i.e. Activities 11, 12, 19, 24, 27, 28, 48 and 56 of Listing Notice 1 (GN R983, as amended) and Activities 4, 10, 12, 14, 18, and 23 of Listing Notice 3 (GN R985, as amended) published in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended. Accordingly, the project requires environmental authorisation from the competent environmental authority, i.e. the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) via a Basic Assessment process. Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants has been appointed to undertake the requisite Basic Assessment process and to submit an application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014), as amended, to DFFE. Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GN R982, as amended, published in terms of NEMA, of the submission of an application for environmental authorisation in respect of the aforementioned listed activities. Notice is also hereby given of the commencement of the public participation process in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014), as amended.

Furthermore, the proposed project may require approvals from the competent authorities in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No. 25 of 1999) and the National Water Act (Act No. 36 of 1998).

Opportunity to participate: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register as I&APs and to provide written comments regarding the proposed project and Draft Basic Assessment Report. I&APs must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (including their preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail, post or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application to the contact person indicated below within the 30 day comment period, i.e. by **15 August 2022**. A hard copy of the Draft Basic Assessment Report will be available for viewing at the Hennie Liebenberg Public Library in De Aar (Station Street, De Aar) from **15 July 2022 – 15 August 2022**. The Draft Basic Assessment Report and Executive Summary will also be available for download on www.hollandandassociates.net from **15 July 2022 – 15 August 2022**.

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VOORGESTELDE PAARDE VALLEY PV2 SKAKELSTASIE, 132 KV OORHOOFSE KRAGLYN NA DIE VETLAAGTE HOOF-TRANSMISSIESUBSTASIE (HTS) EN VERWANTE INFRASTRUKTUUR NABY DE AAR, NOORD-KAAPPROVINSIE: AANSOEK VIR 'N OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING: BASIESE BEOORDELINGSPROSES

PROSES VAN OPENBARE DEELNAME

Projekvoorstel: Paarde Valley PV2 (Edms) Bpk (die Applikant) beoog die oprigting van 'n 132 kV, dubbelstroom, oorhoofse kraglyn (OHPL) netwerkverbinding vanaf die gemagtigde Paarde Valley PV2 sonenergie-aanleg na die Vetlaagte Hoof-Transmissiestasie (HTS). Die voorgestelde projek sluit ook die volgende in: die skakelstasie-komponent van die gemagtigde Paarde Valley PV2 substasie op terrein en 'n 132kV toevoerkompartement by die Vetlaagte HTS, sowel as dienspaaie, 'n toegangspad en omheining.

Ligging: Die beoogde projek sal op die volgende eiendomme naby De Aar in die Noord-Kaapprovinsie geleë wees: Restant van Gedeelte 2 van Plaas 145 Paarde Valley; Gedeeltes 6, 29, 30, 31 en 43 van Plaas 145 Paarde Valley; Restant van Plaas 179 Du Plessis Dam; Restant van Gedeelte 4 Vetlaagte; en Erfnommers 266, 268, 5113, 5114, 5115, 5123, 5122, 5121, 5127, 5316 en 5315 binne die Emthanjeni Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Pixley ka Seme Distriksmunisipaliteit. Die beoogde projek is in die Strategiese Transmissie "Sentrale Korridor" geleë.

Aansoek vir 'n Omgewingsmagtiging in terme van die NEMA (Wet Nr 107 van 1998): Die beoogde projek sluit aktiwiteite in wat gelys is in terme van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA) (Nr 107 van 1998) (soos gewysig) se Regulasies vir Omgewingsinvloedbepalings ("OIB") (2014), soos gewysig; naamlik Aktiwiteite 11, 12, 19, 24, 27, 28, 48 en 56 van Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GK R983, soos gewysig) en Aktiwiteite 4, 10, 12, 14, 18 en 23 van Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GK R985, soos gewysig) wat kragtens die 2014 OIB-regulasies, soos gewysig, afgekondig is. Die projek is daarom by wyse van 'n Basiese Beoordelingsproses onderhewig aan 'n omgewingsmagtiging deur die bevoegde omgewingsowerheid, i.e. die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DFFE). Holland & Genote Omgewingskonsultante is aangestel om die nodige Basiese Beoordelingsproses te onderneem en 'n aansoek vir die Omgewingsmagtiging kragtens NEMA se OIB-regulasies (2014), soos gewysig, by die DFFE in te dien. Kragtens Regulasie 41(2) van GK R982, soos gewysig, wat in terme van die NEMA afgekondig is, word u hiermee in kennis gestel van die indiening van die aansoek vir 'n omgewingsmagtiging vir bogenoemde genoteerde aktiwiteite. Hierdie kennisgewing begin ook die proses van openbare deelname kragtens die NEMA se OIB-regulasies (2014), soos gewysig.

Die beoogde projek mag miskien ook, in terme van die Wet op Nasionale Hulpbronne (Wet Nr 25 van 1999) en die Nasionale Waterwet (Wet Nr 36 van 1998), goedkeuring van daardie bevoegde owerhede verg.

Geleentheid om deel te neem: Geïnteresseerde en Belanghebbende Partye (G&BPe) word uitgenooi om as G&BPe te registreer en skriftelik op die beoogde projek en Konsep Basiese Beoordelingsverslag kommentaar te lewer. G&BPe moet hulle kommentaar, tesame met hulle naam, kontakbesonderhede (insluitende hul voorkeurwyse van kommunikasie, bv. e-pos, pos of faksnommer) en 'n aanduiding van enige direkte sake-, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belang by die aansoek binne die 30-dag kommentaartydperk, i.e. teen **15 Augustus 2022**, stuur aan die kontakpersoon hieronder genoem. 'n Afskrif van die Konsep Basiese Beoordelingsverslag sal vanaf **15 Julie 2022 – 15 Augustus 2022** by die Hennie Liebenberg Openbare Biblioteek in De Aar (Stasiestraat, De Aar) gelees kan word. Die Konsep Basiese Beoordelingsverslag en Uitvoerende Opsomming kan ook tussen **15 Julie 2022 – 15 Augustus 2022** elektronies by www.hollandandassociates.net afgelaai word.

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