

Meeting record

Meeting/ Subject	ACWA Power SolarReserve Redstone Solar Thermal Power Plant – Flora Harvesting Permit extension request
Meeting date	2018-03-28
Meeting time	11:34
Venue	Department of Environment and Nature Conservation Office, Kimberley
Recorded by	Leanna Janse van Rensburg
Total pages	3

Attendance

Name	Organisation	Abbreviation
Leanna Janse van Rensburg	SolarReserve	LjvR
Terence Govender	SolarReserve	TG
David Paulse	Department of Environment & Nature Conservation	DP
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Key Notes from Discussion:

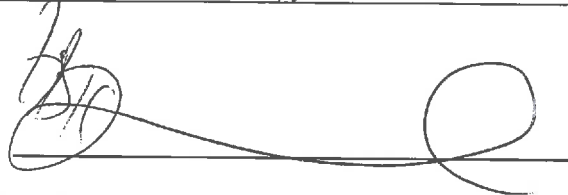
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1.	<p>Welcome & Introduction</p> <p>Mr OTG welcomed all present at the meeting and requested that minutes be taken, and an attendance register be signed upon conclusion of the discussion. The meeting was handed over to TG, as SolarReserve called for the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TG provided a status update on the project – indicating that the project is one of 27 preferred bidders awarded by the Department of Energy (DOE) as part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme (REIPPP) in January 2015. TG stated that the Minister of Energy announced on 8 March 2018 that all the Project Documentation has been completed and is ready for signature for the 27 projects. It was clarified that the projects are subject to prescribed timelines from the DOE, and that it is not SR's fault that there is a constant requirement to extend the validity period of this permit. It was stated that as part of the Financial Close process, the Project Company is required to keep all projects current and up to date as per the lender requirements. This DENC Flora Permits are the only permits which are currently not valid due to the extension not being granted to date. 	
2.1	<p>Request was issued that the Department to extend the validity period of the permits as had been done previously based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for extension is twofold – CSP facility and Power Line Conditions for both CSP and power line will be adhered to by the applicant Counter account has been agreed to and minuted Letters of commitment for all three projects were submitted to the Department in 2017 regarding the Counter Account. <p>TG explained that once the PPA is signed, the Project Company enters the Financial Close process of about 3-4months during which the detailed plans of action for each permit is discussed and concluded with each Department.</p>	

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2.2	<p>OTG stated that he understands the issue of the permit validity period, however the problem that needs to be addressed is that of the counter account agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conditions pertained in new permit regarding Counter Account differs from what was provided for in the Original 2012 Permit – refer to item 2.2.2. 	
2.2.1	<p>Permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The permit recommendations have been finalised by Scientific Services and can be issued. - The permit validity period will furthermore be extended to three (3) years in stead of one (1) year. 	<p>DP to sign as per 2017 issued (amended) permits.</p>
2.2.2	<p>Counter Account: OTG stated that scientific services never signed off on the new proposed counter account agreement as they were not present at the meeting. DP and TG who were present at the meeting corrected the statement as both Elsabe and Natalie were present. The changes made to the offset/Counter Account refers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a.) procurement of land (1:1) and - b) fencing of land procured <p>The question was posed to DP as to why the conditions of the Counter Account was changed post the meeting held in 2015. DP responded –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applications were now to be handled as separate projects and not as one projects, which was the original submission, and this warranted that the conditions be revised. 2. Changes to the conditions of the 2012 permit was agreed to during the meeting held in 2015 – as there was confusion for all parties – and this was the best and most practical way forward. The brainstorming session at the meeting led to the proposal of the “software” solution which the Counter Account would have paid for. In order to address the aforementioned, the permits were reissued and the conditions amended to reflect the findings of the meeting. <p>The Department stated they did not want additional land, but funds for software (online permitting system) and/or Rhino saving efforts.</p> <p>OTG stated that the approach cannot be decided in the meeting, as legal is not present. He reiterated that from a compliance point of view the removal of conditions (a) and (b) related to the offset did not make sense and cannot be accepted.</p> <p>TG affirmed that from a Project Company point of view, new conditions cannot be agreed to, as the project is subject to a financial model, signed of by all party to REIPPP Programme and the DOE will not allow any additional cost recovery on the project.</p>	<p>DP to provide OTG with original application form and approvals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action complete – DP printed and provided all documents to OTG prior to meeting <p>OTG to discuss with Department legal.</p>
3.	<p>Resolution: Permit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The permit recommendations have been finalised by Scientific Services and can be issued – this will be actioned in the following week. - The permit will be issued for a period of three (3) years instead of one (1) year. 	<p>DP to sign permit extension.</p>
4.	<p>Resolution: Counter Account Agreement Issue of counter account to be taken up with Office of Chief (Premier) to resolve.</p>	<p>OTG to discuss matter with Premiers Office.</p>
5.	<p>Power Line Permit LjvR requested clarification on the power line permit, as this permit also requires an extension. It was explained that the two permits are separate</p>	<p>DP to sign permit extension.</p>

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	from one another, however scientific services are not releasing the recommendation due to the Counter Account reference. OTG requested the DP provide him with a copy of the permit in order to for OTG to take it up with scientific services. - Hard copy was provided at meeting and DP confirmed that he sent an electronic copy to OTG.	

Signature: _____



On Behalf of SolarReserve

Date: _____

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Signature: _____

On Behalf of Department of Environment and Nature Conservation

Date: _____