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Dear Ms. Thomas,

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF  
18MW HARMONY JOEL SOLAR PV FACILITY, THEUNISSEN BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE  
STATE PROVINCE.**

The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) - "The Department" would like to inform you that the Final Scoping Report and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which was received by the Department on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, for the above-mentioned application has been accepted.

You may proceed with undertaking of the EIA in accordance with the tasks that are outlined in the Plan of Study for EIA. The Draft EIA Report must be submitted in the form of 1 hard copy and 1 soft copy.

Please note that the activity applied for may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Department.

Regards,

**Ms. N. Molokwane**  
**Environmental Officer Production Grade A: EIM**  
Date: 03/02/2023

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Dear Ms. Thomas,

**RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND THE PLAN OF STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 18MW HARMONY JOEL SOLAR PV FACILITY, THEUNISSEN BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE STATE PROVINCE.**

The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) - 'the Department' acknowledges receipt of your Final Scoping Report and the Plan of Study received on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, for the above-mentioned project.

At present in progress is review of the the Final Scoping Report for further processing of this application.

Please note that the activity applied for may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Department.

Regards,

**Ms. N. Molokwane**  
**Environmental Officer Production Grade A: EIM**  
**Date:** 10/01/2023

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Dear Ms. Thomas,

**RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION FORM AND THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 18MW HARMONY JOEL SOLAR PV FACILITY, THEUNISSEN BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE STATE PROVINCE.**

The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) - 'the Department' acknowledges receipt of your application form and the Draft Scoping Report on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022, for the above-mentioned project.

Kindly note that your application is assigned to **Ms. N. Molokwane** as the case officer and all correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to the case officer at the above provided contact details. The application has been allocated the Departmental reference number **Ref No: EMS/11(i),12(ii)(a)(c),14,19,24(ii),1,15,4(b)(i)(gg),10(b)(i)(gg)(hh),12(b)(i),14(ii)(a)(b)(i)(hh)/22/16** and the National Environmental Authorisation System (NEAS) **Ref No: FSP/EIA/0000492/2022**. Both the indicated reference numbers should be quoted at all times throughout the EIA process and the project life cycle e.g. documents, emails, letters, etc. In the below indicated manner:

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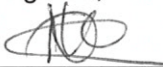
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At present in progress is review of the the Draft Scoping Report, which is subjected to 30 days of public participation process to give comments as per sub-regulation 21 (1) and Chapter 6 in terms of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations as amended.

The NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) Regulation 45 cautions the EAP that, this application will deemed as having lapsed by the Competent Authority (CA) in this case DESTEA, if the application fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7). Furthermore, potential cumulative impacts of each activity applied for should be reflected within the EIA process.

Please note that the activity applied for may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by this Department.

Regards,



**Ms. N. Molokwane**  
**Environmental Officer Production Grade A: EIM**

**Date:** 24/11/2022

## Ansoné Esterhuizen

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**From:** Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2022 10:31 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Application submission

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Good day Ansone,

We are currently experiencing challenges with our server its up and down so I don't want to risk and tell you to submit digital copies in case our emails will be down.

Kind regards,  
Grace Mkhosana  
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**From:** Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansonе@savannahsa.com>  
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**To:** Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>  
**Subject:** Application submission

Hi Grace

I hope you are well, I would just like to check what the best way is to submit and EIA application and report to your department, we are working on projects with escalated timelines and would like to be able to get the reports and acknowledgment from the department as soon as possible

The application forms state that a copy must be hand delivered to the office, would it be possible to send digital copies onto of the hard copies just to ensure we don't lose any days?

Regards,



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**To:** Ansoné Esterhuizen  
**Cc:** Karen Jodas; Kristen Shaw; Dimakatso Mokoena; Lorato Moalosi; Boipelo P.R. Mogorosi; Disebo Masoetsa  
**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansone,

This serves to confirm that the Department's Basic Assessment Templates meet the requirements in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.

Kind regards,  
Grace Mkhosana  
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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Grace

We simply require confirmation of the reporting formats, however based on the comments previously received from the department we are making use of the Free State's Basic Assessment Templates.

We would appreciate confirmation that this meets the department's requirements, and that the department acknowledges its role as the competent authority for these projects.

Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansoné,

Thank you for the information so we would like to know what are the issues that you want to discuss with the Department.

Kind regards,  
Grace Mkhosana  
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**From:** Ansoné Esterhuizen <[Ansone@savannahsa.com](mailto:Ansone@savannahsa.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Grace

Thank you for getting back to me. Please see attached the project information with maps. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,



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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansoné,

To avoid further delays, Is it possible for you to send BID regarding the above matter so that we can determine if pre-application consultation meeting will be necessary. Almost 99% of our Environmental Management Committee members will be out on site inspections the whole of next week.

Kind regards,  
Grace Mkhosana  
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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good Afternoon Grace,

I have tried calling you, I hope you had a wonderful time on leave. I just wanted to follow up with you regarding the below request. We would like to have a pre application meeting with the department as soon as possible.

Thanks so much

Regards,



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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Hi Grace

I have tried to call you, please let me know if there is a more effective way to get a hold of you, it would be greatly appreciated.

I just want to follow up if we could have the pre application meeting this week? If that would suite you.

Regards,



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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Hi Grace

Thank you for getting back to me. No application will be lodged with the DMR and therefore presume that DESTEA is the correct competent authority.

We are currently finalizing the project information for most of our sites and therefore can not provide you with the completed BIDs for the projects as of yet, and ask however for you to consider the project scopes as follow:

1x BAR for **Central: 10MW**

1x BAR for **Moab + Noligwa: 120MW**. This site is located with the Klerksdorp REDZ, and a BAR process will be required for this PV project.

1x Scoping/EIA for **Harmony 1: 40MW**

1x Scoping/EIA for **Joel: 40MW**

From Savannah's side, we would like to request a formal meeting with the department to brief you on the projects and to clarify some of the questions, such as template usage, submission requirements, developer queries, and environmental sensitivities noted.

If the is fine with you, could you perhaps provide me with some dates that you or the case officers at DESTEA will be available? This will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to your response

Regards,



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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansone,  
We would like to find out if there are no applications that are going to be lodged with DMR in relation to the proposed development. If there are any, then DMR will be Competent Authority, if not DESTEA is the Competent Authority. With regard to the template we prefer that you use ours. For pre-consultation meeting we would request that you send us BID highlighting concerns for clarity. Then we will determine if pre-consultation meeting is necessary or not.

Kind regards,  
Grace Mkhosana  
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**Subject:** Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good afternoon, Grace,

We have recently submitted an enquiry to DFFE to enquire about the competent authority in mine solar PV applications we are in the process of compiling. As per the DFFE email attached they have elected that the competent authority would be provincial. We would like to find out if the department requires or would be open to any pre application meetings.

Here is a brief overview of the projects:

Solar PV Facilities and grid connection infrastructure which are planned to be located on Harmony-owned properties. There are multiple projects which will be done in phases. The first phase includes the following **4 projects**:

1x BAR for **Central: 10MW**

1x BAR for **Moab + Noligwa: 120MW**. This site is located with the Klerksdorp REDZ, and a BAR process will be required for this PV project.

1x Scoping/EIA for **Harmony 1: 40MW**

1x Scoping/EIA for **Joel: 40MW**

Additionally, in the case of the REDZ Basic assessment, we would like to find out if we could use our own template usually submitted to the DFFE or if it has to be provincial.

Please let me know if you have any queries in this regard.

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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Hi Grace

Thank you for getting back to me. No application will be lodged with the DMR and therefore presume that DESTEA is the correct competent authority.

We are currently finalizing the project information for most of our sites and therefore can not provide you with the completed BIDs for the projects as of yet, and ask however for you to consider the project scopes as follow:

1x BAR for **Central: 10MW**

1x BAR for **Moab + Noligwa: 120MW**. This site is located with the Klerksdorp REDZ, and a BAR process will be required for this PV project.

1x Scoping/EIA for **Harmony 1: 40MW**

1x Scoping/EIA for **Joel: 40MW**

From Savannah's side, we would like to request a formal meeting with the department to brief you on the projects and to clarify some of the questions, such as template usage, submission requirements, developer queries, and environmental sensitivities noted.

If the is fine with you, could you perhaps provide me with some dates that you or the case officers at DESTEA will be available? This will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to your response

Regards,



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**Subject:** RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansoné,  
We would like to find out if there are no applications that are going to be lodged with DMR in relation to the proposed development. If there are any, then DMR will be Competent Authority, if not DESTEA is the Competent Authority. With regard to the template we prefer that you use ours. For pre-consultation meeting we would request that you send us BID highlighting concerns for clarity. Then we will determine if pre-consultation meeting is necessary or not.

Kind regards,  
Grace Mkhosana  
DESTEA

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**Subject:** Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good afternoon, Grace,

We have recently submitted an enquiry to DFFE to enquire about the competent authority in mine solar PV applications we are in the process of compiling. As per the DFFE email attached they have elected that the competent authority would be provincial. We would like to find out if the department requires or would be open to any pre application meetings.

Here is a brief overview of the projects:

Solar PV Facilities and grid connection infrastructure which are planned to be located on Harmony-owned properties. There are multiple projects which will be done in phases. The first phase includes the following **4 projects**:

1x BAR for **Central: 10MW**

1x BAR for **Moab + Noligwa: 120MW**. This site is located with the Klerksdorp REDZ, and a BAR process will be required for this PV project.

1x Scoping/EIA for **Harmony 1: 40MW**

1x Scoping/EIA for **Joel: 40MW**

Additionally, in the case of the REDZ Basic assessment, we would like to find out if we could use our own template usually submitted to the DFFE or if it has to be provincial.

Please let me know if you have any queries in this regard.

Regards,



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