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#### 1. Comments received from the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)

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**From:** Annette Geertsema <AnnetteS@Dalrrd.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 08 May 2023 09:04  
**To:** EMS  
**Subject:** Submission of finals scoping reports for Kudu Solar Facilities 1-12, Northern Cape Province

Good day

Your e-mail dated 2023-05-03 refers.

Can you please inform as to whether you have received a reference number for these applications yet? If not, please send the property descriptions to enable the Department to consider.

Kind regards

Annette Geertsema  
Directorate Land and Soil Management  
Tel number 0123197651  
E-mail: [Annettes@dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:Annettes@dalrrd.gov.za)



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**From:** Annette Geertsema <[AnnetteS@Dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:AnnetteS@Dalrrd.gov.za)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2023 2:11 PM  
**To:** EMS <[ems@csir.co.za](mailto:ems@csir.co.za)>  
**Subject:** FW: Submission of finals scoping reports for Kudu Solar Facilities 1-12, Northern Cape Province

Good day

Can you please inform as to whether you have responded to this e-mail?

Regards  
Annette

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From: EMS <[ems@csir.co.za](mailto:ems@csir.co.za)>

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:14 PM

To: Annette Geertsema <[AnnetteS@Dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:AnnetteS@Dalrrd.gov.za)>; EMS <[ems@csir.co.za](mailto:ems@csir.co.za)>

Cc: Rohaida Abed <[RAbed@csir.co.za](mailto:RAbed@csir.co.za)>

Subject: RE: Submission of finals scoping reports for Kudu Solar Facilities 1-12, Northern Cape Province

**EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated outside of "DALRRD Environment". CAUTION: Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Annette

Apologies for missing your initial email.

We have not received a reference number from DALRRD for these projects.

Please see a list of affected farm portions in the table below:

Farm Portion	SG code
Remaining Extent of the Farm Bas Berg No. 88	C05700000000008800000
Remaining Extent of Portion 3 of the Farm Bas Berg No. 88	C05700000000008800003
Portion 4 (Portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Bas Berg No. 88	C05700000000008800004
Remaining Extent of Portion 2 (Middel Plaats) (a Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Grasspan No. 40	C05700000000004000002
Remaining Extent of the Farm Annex Wolve Kuil No. 41	C05700000000004100000
Portion 1 (Wolve Kuil West) of the Farm Annex Wolve Kuil No. 41	C05700000000004100001
Portion 2 of the Farm Wolve Kuil No. 43	C05700000000004300002
Remaining Extent of the Farm Wolve Kuilen No. 42	C05700000000004200000

Kindly let us know if you require any additional information.

Thank you

Helen Antonopoulos

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From: Annette Geertsema <[AnnetteS@Dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:AnnetteS@Dalrrd.gov.za)>

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 1:56 PM

To: EMS <[ems@csir.co.za](mailto:ems@csir.co.za)>

Subject: RE: Submission of finals scoping reports for Kudu Solar Facilities 1-12, Northern Cape Province

Good day

It seems that we don't have the applications. Can you please send the title deeds, lay-out maps indicating the footprints of the proposed development and motivation to enable the Department to consider the applications.

Regards

Annette

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**From:** EMS  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 May 2023 08:25  
**To:** Annette Geertsema  
**Cc:** EMS  
**Subject:** RE: Submission of finals scoping reports for Kudu Solar Facilities 1-12, Northern Cape Province

Hi Annette

Thank you for your email. We will source the title deeds this week, along with the requested documents.

We will release the Draft EIA Reports by the end of the week. As a stakeholder on our database, you will receive all communication regarding the 12 Solar PV projects.

Please let me know if all is in order with the above?

Many thanks  
Helen Antonopoulos

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## 2. Comments received from the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)

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**From:** Lizell Stroh <StrohL@caa.co.za>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 04 May 2023 08:58  
**To:** EMS  
**Subject:** FW: Submission of Final Scoping Reports to DFFE for Decision-Making - Kudu Solar PV  
**Attachments:** Kudu Solar\_Letter 4\_FSR Acceptance\_IAPs\_FINAL.pdf; New Obstacle Regulations 26TH AMENDMENT.pdf; Eskom proposed buffer areas turning points.xls

Good day, could you kindly find the SACAA procedure if not already followed for your information.

[SACAA – South African Civil Aviation Authority](#)

[Obstacles – SACAA](#)

[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 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2022. All new Solar applications must be lodged to [obstacles@atns.co.za](mailto:obstacles@atns.co.za) or contact Graham Mondzinger (Obstacle Evaluator) at [REDACTED]

Their responsibility would pertain to the assessments, maintenance, and all other related matters in respect to Windfarms and Solar assessments.

Kind regards

**Lizell Stroh**  
Obstacle Inspector  
Aerodrome Infrastructure  
Tel: 011 545 1232 | Cell: [REDACTED] Email: [strohl@caa.co.za](mailto:strohl@caa.co.za) | <http://www.caa.co.za>

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The banner features the SACAA logo on the left with the tagline 'Keeping you safe in the sky' and the year '22/23'. The central focus is a circular graphic containing the text 'New SACAA Contact Centre (07:00 - 17:00 Weekdays)' and the phone number '0860 267 435' with the email 'clientcare@caa.co.za'. To the right, it promotes 'new website & e-services' with the URL 'www.caa.co.za'. At the bottom right, it states 'All operators and organisations licensed by the SACAA, will be able to apply for their renewals online.' The background is a dark blue with light blue circuit-like patterns.

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### 3. Comments received from Telkom

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**From:** Chris Schutte (CE) <SchutCE5@telkom.co.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 08 May 2023 12:58  
**To:** EMS  
**Subject:** CPLT0271-23 Kudu Solar Facility 1

Good day

Hereby do we acknowledge your proposed project.

For future reference please quote CPLT0271-23.

Kind regards

Chris Schutte  
Mvelaphande Trading  
[SchutCE5@telkom.co.za](mailto:SchutCE5@telkom.co.za)  
078 741 5862

**From:** Chris Schutte (CE) <SchutCE5@telkom.co.za>  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 May 2023 10:43  
**To:** EMS  
**Cc:** Vivian Groenewald (VR)  
**Subject:** CPLT0271-23 Kudu Solar Facility 1  
**Attachments:** CPLT0271-23 LETTER TO AUTH.pdf; CPLT0271-23 UPDATED SKETCH.pdf

Good day

With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved in terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.

No infrastructure of our Client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal. We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. **In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account. Please make use of pilot holes in order not too damage our infrastructure.** Therefore any damages occurred during construction of work will be repaired at the customer's account.

Although we are not affected by this proposal, Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number [REDACTED] from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work.

Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval.

Kind regards

Chris Schutte  
Mvelaphande Trading  
[SchutCE5@telkom.co.za](mailto:SchutCE5@telkom.co.za)  
078 741 5862

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**Enquiries:** Chris Schutte  
**Telephone:** 078 741 5862  
**E-mail:** Schuttee5@telkom.co.za

Our Ref no: CPLT0271-23

Your Ref: **Kudu Solar Facility 1**

18 May 2023

**CSIR Environmental Management Services**  
PO Box 395  
Pretoria  
0001

**FOR ATTENTION:** Rohaida Abed

**RE: NOTIFICATION OF THE RELEASE OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR A 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 12 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES (I.E. KUDU SOLAR FACILITIES) AND VARIOUS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE**

With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved in terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.

No infrastructure of our Client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal. We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. **In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account. Please make use of pilot holes in order not to damage our infrastructure.** Therefore any damages occurred during construction of work will be repaired at the customer's account.

Although we are not affected by this proposal, Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number [REDACTED] from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work.

Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval.

Any changes/deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.

Mvelaphande Trading Reg No: 2002-029553-23  
Members: Bopape P. M ; Makgakge M.G



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On completion of this project, please certify that all requirements as stipulated in this letter have been met. Please note that should any of our Client (Openserve) infrastructure has to be relocated or altered as a result of your activities the cost for such alteration or relocation will be for your account in terms of section 25 of the Electronic Communication Act.

Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number [REDACTED] Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.

Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval. Any changes / deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.

Please notify this office and forward an as built plan, within 30 days of completion of construction.

Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number [REDACTED] Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.

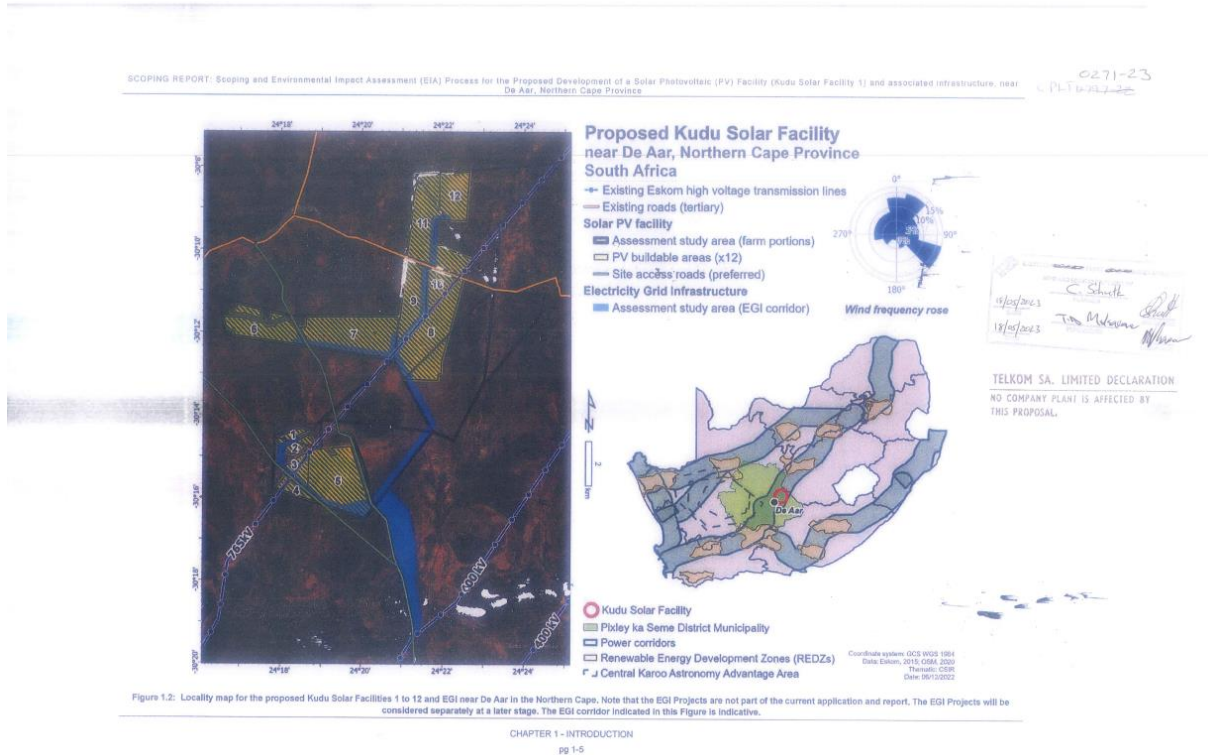
Yours sincerely



CHRIS SCHUTTE

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#### 4. Comment received from Africoast

**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 08 March 2023 10:24  
**To:** EMS  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Kudu PV and EGI

**Categories:** This message has been archived by Retain on April 29 2023 16:22

You don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good morning Rohaida Abed,

I, [REDACTED] am writing this mail to register as an I&AP for the projects of: KUDU SOLAR FACILITIES, ELECTRICITY GRID INFRASTRUCTURE AND VARIOUS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE as well as the proposed MTS site of ABO.

Please let me know if you require any further information from me in this regard and kindly acknowledge receipt of email.

Kind regards,  
 [REDACTED]

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#### 5. Comment received from Sola Group

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 March 2023 15:39  
**To:** EMS <[ems@csir.co.za](mailto:ems@csir.co.za)>  
**Subject:** Re: Notification of the Availability of Draft BA Reports for comment for the proposed 132 kV overhead power lines (i.e., Kwagga EGI Section 2, 3 and 4) and its associated electrical infrastructure, near Beaufort West, Western Cape

Hi Suvasha,

Thanks for the prompt response and the KML files. It is appreciated.

Can the CSIR add us an I&AP on all RE projects across the country? We are continuously developing sites across various Provinces so it would be great to have sight of other projects that we can include in our own stakeholder databases for our projects, as well as take into consideration from a technical perspective.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]  
Permitting Specialist

**Telephone:** [REDACTED]

**Mobile:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**SOLA**



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#### Proof of Cellular Communication Sent on 28 March 2023



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#### Proof of Cellular Communication Sent on 02 May 2023



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### Translation and Summary of Voice Notes sent to Stakeholder

Helen Antonopoulos (Text Message at 11:12 on 28/03/2023):

Good Morning Mr [REDACTED]

I phoned earlier this morning in relation to the environmental impact studies for the proposed development of the 12x Kudu Solar Facilities near Petrusville/ Philipstown in the Northern Cape.

Can you please confirm whether the following information regarding your farm portion is correct on our database:

- Portion 0 (RE) of Farm Farm 197 (also known as [REDACTED])
- SG code: C0570000000019700000

I would also like to confirm whether a farmhouse is located on the property.

You are more than welcome to contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you  
Helen

[REDACTED] (Voice Note at 11:29 on 28/03/2023):

Hello, it's [REDACTED]. It would be good if you could phone me back. I don't really answer unknown numbers. The farm I stay on is called [REDACTED] and the solar facility will be located on a farm called [REDACTED], which is one of my livestock posts. Let's rectify this because I am worried that there might be a misunderstanding between the two farm names. It would be good if we could have a chat, thank you.

Helen Antonopoulos (Text Message at 13:28 on 28/03/2023):

Hi Sir, is it convenient to call you now? If not, please let me know which time will suit you so that we can chat about the farm portions.

[REDACTED] (Voice Note at 13:56 on 28/03/2023):

I am driving, but you can give me a call any time.

Helen Antonopoulos (Voice Note at 14:06 on 28/03/2023):

Hi Sir, apologies, the signal is extremely poor. Please let me know when is convenient to phone you back. Any time works for me, so whenever is most convenient for you. Thank you so much for your time and I look forward to chatting soon. Thank you.

[REDACTED] (Sent a location pin at 14:33 on 02/05/2023)

Helen Antonopoulos (Text Message at 14:37 on 02/05/2023):

Afternoon, Sir. Thank you so much for your time and helpfulness – I appreciate it! To confirm, the pin represents your farmhouse at [REDACTED]?

[REDACTED] (Sent thumbs up emojis at 14:39 on 02/05/2023)

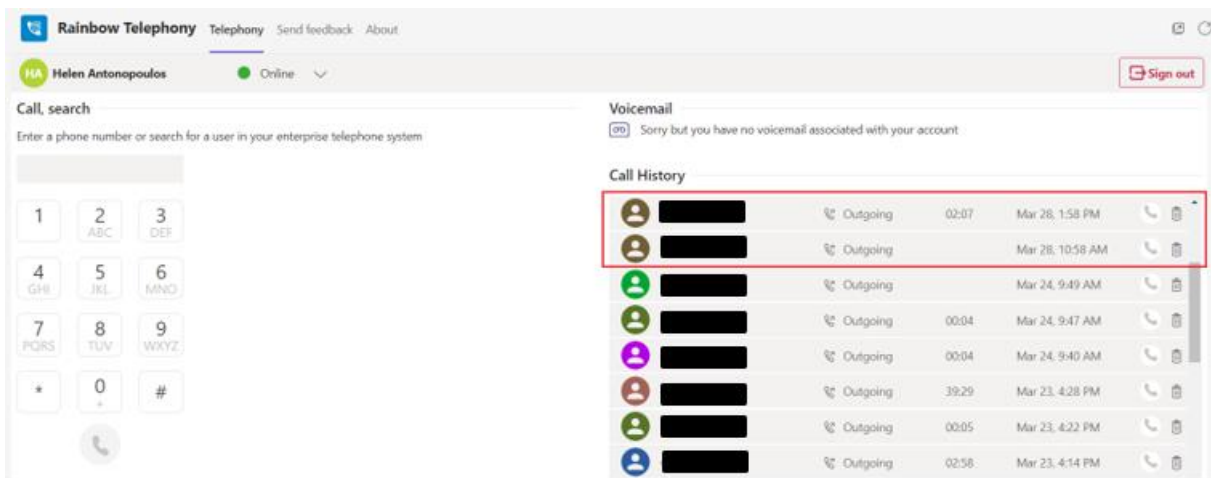
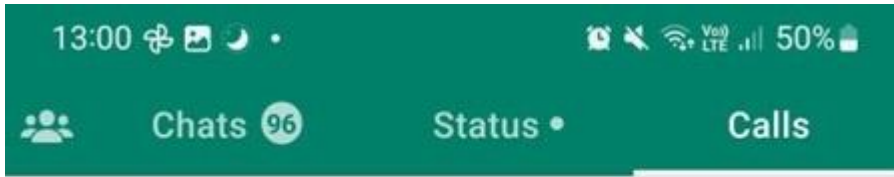
Helen Antonopoulos (Text Message at 14:40 on 02/05/2023):

Thank you very much!

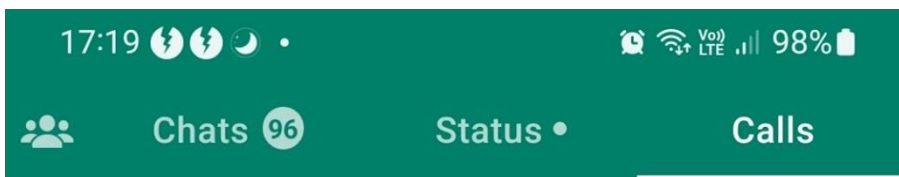
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#### Proof of Telephonic Communication on 28 March 2023



#### Proof of Telephonic Communication on 02 May 2023





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#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR COMMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF TWELVE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR DE AAR IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given that the Project Developer, ABO Wind renewable energies (Pty) Ltd, is proposing to develop twelve Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power generation facilities and associated infrastructure, such as, but not limited to, various structures, buildings, and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), near De Aar in the Northern Cape Province. These projects are referred to as Kudu Solar Facility 1 to 12 (Projects 1 to 12). The proposed projects are located within the Renosterberg Local Municipality, which falls within the Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality. The Project Applicants are Kudu Solar Facility 1 (Pty) Ltd to Kudu Solar Facility 12 (Pty) Ltd.

The proposed PV facilities and associated infrastructure (i.e. Projects 1 to 12) will be constructed on a selection of the following farm portions: Remaining Extent of the Farm Bas Berg No. 88; Remaining Extent of Portion 3 of the Farm Bas Berg No. 88; Portion 4 (Portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Bas Berg No. 88; Remaining Extent of Portion 2 (Middel Plaats) (a Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Grasspan No. 40; Remaining Extent of the Farm Annex Wolve Kull No. 41; Portion 1 (Wolve Kull West) of the Farm Annex Wolve Kull No. 41; Portion 2 of the Farm Wolve Kull No. 43; and Remaining Extent of the Farm Wolve Kullen No. 42.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended), the proposed Kudu Solar Facilities (Projects 1 to 12) will be subject to full Scoping and EIA (S&EIA) Processes, with a 107-day decision-making timeframe. Notice of the S&EIA Processes is thus given in terms of Regulation 41 (2) (c) of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended).

Separate Applications for EA were submitted to the Competent Authority, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), in December 2022, with the Draft Scoping Reports for the Kudu Solar Facilities (Projects 1 to 12). The Final Scoping Reports were submitted to the DFFE in February 2023 and were accepted by the DFFE in March 2023. The proposed projects trigger various listed activities in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended); with GN R325 Listing Notice 2: Activity 1 serving as the main activity for the Kudu Solar Facilities (Projects 1 to 12).

Comment will also be sought from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). The S&EIA Processes will also confirm if a Water Use Authorisation is required in accordance with the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998, as amended). An Integrated Public Participation Process is being undertaken for all the proposed projects, as well as all applications necessary in respect of other applicable legislation.

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake and manage the Environmental Assessment processes for the proposed projects on behalf of the Project Applicants.

Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the release of the Draft EIA Reports for the Kudu Solar Facilities (Projects 1 to 12) for a 30-day review period, which will extend from **2 June 2023 to 3 July 2023** (excluding public holidays). The Draft EIA Reports can be downloaded from the following website: <https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

Should you be interested in registering as an I&AP and to provide comments on the Draft EIA Reports, you are kindly requested to e-mail your name, contact details, with an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the applications, as well as comments, to the EAP at the CSIR: Rohaida Abed; E-mail: [ems@csir.co.za](mailto:ems@csir.co.za); Postal address: Postnet Suite 367, Private Bag x10, Musgrave Road, 4062; Tel: 031 242 2300.

Note that the Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) needed to facilitate connection of the Kudu Solar Facilities to the national grid will include 132 kV power lines, Switching Stations and Collector Stations at each Solar PV Facility (Kudu EGI Projects 13 to 24), an independent 400/132 kV Main Transmission Substation (MTS) (Kudu EGI Project 25), and a 400 kV Loop-In-Loop-Out (LILO) (Kudu EGI Project 26). Projects 13 to 26 are located within the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor that was gazetted in GN 113 in February 2018 and will be subjected to separate Environmental Assessment Processes. Separate notifications will be published, when reports are available for comment (as relevant), for Projects 13 to 26.



#### KENNISGEWING VAN DIE BESKIKBAARHEID VAN DIE OMGEWINGSIMPAKVERSLAE VIR KOMMENTAAR VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN TWAALF SON FOTOVOLTAÏESE FASILITEITE EN MEEGAANDE INFRASTRUKTUUR, GELEE NABY DE AAR IN DIE NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE

Hiermee word kennis gegee dat die Projek-ontwikkelaar, ABO Wind renewable energies (Edms) Bpk, die ontwikkeling voorstel van twaalf Son Fotovoltaïese energie opwekkingsfasiliteite en meegaande infrastruktuur, insluitende verskeie strukture, geboue, en Battery Energie Bergingsisteme ("BESS"), naby De Aar in die Noord-Kaap Provinsie. Hierdie projekte staan bekend as Kudu Son Fasiliteit 1 tot 12 (Projekte 1 tot 12). Die voorgestelde projekte is geleë in die Renosterberg Plaaslike Munisipaliteit wat val binne die Pixley Ka Seme Distriksmunisipaliteit. Die Projek-Aansoekers is Kudu Solar Facility 1 (Edms) Bpk tot Kudu Solar Facility 12 (Edms) Bpk.

Die voorgestelde Kudu Son Fasiliteite en meegaande infrastruktuur [Projekte 1 tot 12] sal ontwikkel word op 'n versameling van die volgende plaas gedeeltes: Restant van die Plaas Bas Berg 88; Restant van Gedeelte 3 van die Plaas Bas Berg 88; Gedeelte 4 (Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van die Plaas Bas Berg 88; Restant van Gedeelte 2 (Middel Plaats) (n Gedeelte van Gedeelte 1) van die Plaas Grasspan No. 40; Restant van die Plaas Annex Wolve Kull 41; Gedeelte 1 (Wolve Kull West) van die Plaas Annex Wolve Kull 41; Gedeelte 2 van die Plaas Wolve Kull No. 43; en Restant van die Plaas Wolve Kullen No. 42.

Die voorgestelde Kudu Son Fasiliteite 1 tot 12 [Projekte 1 tot 12] is onderhewig aan 'n volle Bestekopname- en Omgewingsimpakstudieproses (B&OIS-Proses) met 'n besluitnemingstermyn van 107 dae, in terme van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet [Wet No. 107 van 1998, soos gewysig] (NEMA) en die 2014 NEMA OIS-Regulasies (soos gewysig). Kennis word dus hiermee gegee van die OIS-Prosesse in terme van Regulasie 41 (2) (c) van die 2014 NEMA OIS-Regulasies (soos gewysig).

Afsonderlike aansoeke vir Omgewingsgoedkeuring was in Desember 2022 ingedien by die beherende owerheid, nl. die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing ("DFFE"), tesame met die Konsep Bestekopname Verslae vir die Kudu Son Fasiliteite 1 tot 12 (Projekte 1 tot 12). Die Finale Bestekopname Verslae was ingehandig by die "DFFE" in Februarie 2023 en aanvaar in Maart 2023. Verskeie gelyste aktiwiteite in die 2014 NEMA OIS-Regulasies (soos gewysig) is van toepassing op die voorgestelde projekte met GN R325 LN 2: Aktiwiteit 1 wat dien as die hoof aktiwiteit vir die Kudu Son Fasiliteite (Projekte 1 tot 12).

Kommentaar sal ook verkry word vanaf die Suid-Afrikaanse Erfenisulphrontergskap ("SAHRA") in terme van die Wet op Nasionale Erfenisulphrontergskap (Wet 25 van 1999). Die B&OIS-Prosesse sal ook bevestig indien 'n Waterverbruikslisensie vereis word ingevolge die Nasionale Water Wet (Wet 36 van 1998, soos gewysig). 'n Geïntegreerde Publieke Deelnemings Proses word tans onderneem vir die voorgestelde projekte, asook alle aansoeke soos vereis ingevolge ander relevante omgewingswetgewing.

Die Wetenskaplike Nywerheids- en Navorsingsraad (WNNR) is aangestel as die onafhanklike Omgewingskonsultant ("EAP") om hierdie omgewingsimpak-prosesse te behartig en te bestuur namens die Projek-Aansoekers.

Geïnteresseerde en/of Belanghebbende Partye (G&BPs) word hiermee in kennis gestel van die vrylating van die Konsep-Omgewingsimpakverslae vir die Kudu Son Fasiliteite [Projekte 1 tot 12] vir 'n 30-dae kommentaar periode, wat sal strek vanaf **2 Junie 2023 tot 3 Julie 2023** (uitsluitend publieke vakansiedae). Die Konsep-Omgewingsimpakverslae kan afgelaai word by hierdie webtuiste: <https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

Sou u belangstel om te registreer as 'n G&BP en om kommentaar te lewer op die Konsep-Omgewingsimpakverslae, word u vriendelik versoek om u naam en kontakbesonderhede te e-pos, asook 'n aanduiding van enige direkte, besigheids, finansiële, persoonlike of ander redes vir u moontlike belangstelling in die aansoeke, aan die EAP by die WNNR: Rohaida Abed; E-pos: [ems@csir.co.za](mailto:ems@csir.co.za); Posadres: Postnet Suite 367, Privaatstak x10, Musgrave Road, 4062; Tel: 031 242 2300.

Die meegaande elektriese netwerk infrastruktuur ("EGI") projekte behels 132 kV kraglyne, onvanger- en skakelstasies by elke Son Fasiliteit (Kudu EGI Projek 13 tot 24), 'n onafhanklike 400/132 kV hoofoordragstasie (Kudu EGI Projek 25), en 'n 400 kV "loop-in-loop-out" ("LILO") (Kudu EGI Projek 26) ter aansluiting by die nasionale elektriese netwerk. Projekte 13 tot 26 is geleë in die Sentrale Strategiese Oordrag Korridor (Staatskenningsgewing 113 in Februarie 2018) en is onderhewig aan afsonderlike Omgewingsstudie-Prosesse. Afsonderlike kennisgewings sal gepubliseer word vir Projekte 13 tot 26 sodra die verslae beskikbaar is vir kommentaar (soos relevant).

