## DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Proposed Development of a 132 kV Overhead Power Line and Supporting Infrastructure for the Proposed Vhuvhili Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facility, near Secunda in the Mpumalanga Province

# APPENDIX F

**Public Participation** 





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### F. 1: COPY OF SITE NOTICE BOARDS - ENGLISH

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Notice is hereby given that Vhuvhili Solar RF (Pty) Ltd ("The Applicant") is proposing to develop a 132 kV overhead power line, which will extend approximately 12 km, and associated Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) to support the proposed Vhuvhili Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility (SEF) near Secunda, in the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality and the Gert Sibande District Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province. A Basic Assessment (BA) is being undertaken to assess the proposed 132 kV overhead power line and associated EGI which will transmit electricity from the on-site substation at the proposed Vhuvhili SEF to a switching substation at the proposed Mukondeleli Wind Energy Facility (WEF). From there the electricity will be fed into the Sasol grid at the Secunda Synfuels facility to produce green hydrogen, or alternatively the electricity will be fed into the national electrical grid as part of South Africa's Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme. The project comprises associated infrastructure which includes pylons, busbar foundations and connections, access roads and temporary laydown areas. The proposed Vhuvhili SEF and on-site substation are subject to a separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process (NEAS: MPP/EIA/0001063/2022). The proposed Mukondeleli WEF and on-site switching station are also subject to a separate S&EIA process (NEAS: MPP/EIA/0001099/2022).

The BA process assesses four alternative power line routings with a corridor width of 200 m (please refer to Figure 1). The following farm portions will be affected by the proposed Vhuvhili power line and associated EGI project:

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Figure 1: Layout map of the proposed four power line routing alternatives from the Vhuvhill SEF on-site substation to the Mukondeleli WEF switching station. The preferred infrastructure is power line routing Alternative 1 which connects Vhuvhill SEF on-site substation hub A-B to the Mukondeleli WEF switching station E. The proposed power line routing alternative to be constructed will be determined based on the final authorised location of the proposed Vhuvhill SEF on-site substation and the proposed Mukondeleli WEF switching station.

Proposed Vhuvhili Grid Connection

Substation as (100 m)

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KENNISGEWING VAN OPENBARE PUBLIEKE DEELNAME PROSES VIR DIE BASIESE EVALUERINGSPROSES IN TERME VAN DIE NASIONALE OMGEWINGSBESTUURSWET EN AANSOEKE IN TERME VAN DIE NASIONALE WATER WET, DIE WET OP NASIONALE ERFENISHULPBRONNE EN DIE WET OP DIE ONTWIKKELING VAN MINERALE EN PETROLEUM HULPBRONNE VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN 'N 132 KV KRAGLYN EN MEEGAANDE ELEKTRIESE NETWERK INFRASTRUKTUUR (EGI) OM DIE VOORGESTELDE VHUVHILI PHOTOVOLTAISE (PV) SON ENERGIE PROJEK TE ONDERSTEUN, NABY SECUNDA IN DIE MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE.

Hiermee word kennis gegee dat Vhuvhili Solar RF Eiendoms Beperk ("Die Aansoeker") van voorneme is om 'n 132 kV kraglyn, wat ongeveer 12 km sal strek, en meegaande EGI te ontwikkel om die voorgestelde Vhuvhili PV projek te ondersteun, naby Secunda in die Govan Mbeki Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en die Gert Sibande Distrikmunisipaliteit in die Mpumalanga Provinsie. 'n Basiese Evalueringsproses (BA) word onderneem om die voorgestelde 132 kV oorhoofse kraglyn en meegaande EGI te assesseer wat elektrisiteit sal vervoer vanaf die voorgestelde Vhuvhili PV substasie na die substasie by die voorgestelde Mukondeleli Wind Energie Fasiliteit (WEF). Vanaf die Mukondeleli WEF substasie sal die elektrisiteit in die elektriese netwerk by Sasol Secunda gevoer word vir die vervaardiging van groen Waterstof ("green Hydrogen"), of dit sal in die nasionale elektriese netwerk gevoer word as deel van Suid-Afrika se hernubare energie program. Die voorgestelde Vhuvhili PV fasiliteit en meegaande substasie is onderhewig aan 'n aparte Bestek en Omgewingsimpakstudie ("EIA") (NEAS: MPP/EIA/0001063/2022). Die voorgestelde Mukondeleli WEF en meegande substasie is ook onderhewig aan 'n aparte EIA (NEAS: MPP/EIA/0001099/2022).

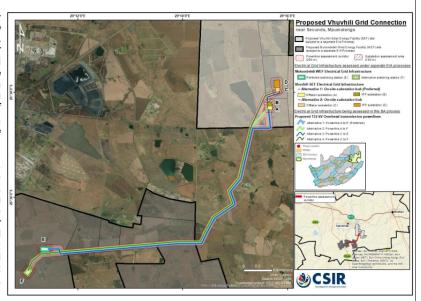
Die BA proses evalueer vier alternatiewe kraglynroetes met 'n korridor breedte van 200 m (verwys asseblief na Figuur 1). Die volgende plaas gedeeltes sal geaffekteer word deur die voorgestelde Vhuvhili kraglyn en EGI projek:

- · Gedeelte 20 van Plaas Grootvlei Nr. 293;
- · Restant (RES) van Plaas Grootvlei Nr. 584;
- · RES van Plaas Vlakspruit Nr.292;
- Gedeeltes 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 en 19 van Plaas Vlakspruit Nr. 292;
- RES van Plaas Knoppiesfontein Nr. 313;
- RES van Plaas Knoppies Nr. 314;
- Gedeeltes 3, 6, 7, 8 en 9 van Plaas Brandwacht Nr. 316;
- Gedeeltes 6, 10, 11 en 13 van Plaas Bosjesspruit Nr. 291; en
- Gedeeltes 2 en 12 van Plaas Tondershoek Nr. 317.

Die voorgestelde projek aktiveer verskeie aktiwiteite gelys in GN R327 (LN 1) en GN R324 (LN 3) onder die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet, 1998 (Wet Nr.107 van 1998), soos gewysig (NEMA) Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies, 2014, soos gewysig. Aktiwiteit 11 van GN R327 (LN1) dien as die hoof aktiwiteit vir die voorgestelde kraglyn projek. Let wel, kommentaar op die voorgestelde projek sal ook versoek word vanaf die Suid Afrikaanse Erfenis Bronne Genootskap ["South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)"] ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Erfenishulpbronne, 1999 (Wet Nr. 25 van 1999). Die BA studie ook bevestig indien 'n aansoek ingedien moet word vir 'n Waterverbruikers Lisensie of 'n Algemene Goedkeuring in terme van die Nasionale Water Wet, 1998 (Wet Nr. 36 van 1998), soos gewysig. Betekenisvolle konsultasie sal ook onderneem word soos vereis in terme van Afdeling 53 van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Minerale en Petroleum Hulpbronne, 2002 (Wet Nr. 28 van 2002) ("MPRDA").

Die Wetenskaplike Nywerheids-Navorsingsraad (WNNR) ("CSIR") is aangestel om die BA proses te behartig en te bestuur vir die voorgestelde Vhuvhili kraglyn projek namens die aansoeker. Sou u belangstel om registreer as Geïnteresseerde Belanghebbende Party (G&BP), en om kommentaar te lewer op die voorgestelde projek, word u vriendelik versoek om u naam en kontakbesonderhede te epos, asook 'n aanduiding van enige finansiële. direkte besigheid, persoonlike of ander redes vir u moontlike belangstelling in die aansoek, na die Projek Bestuurder by die WNNR: Minnelise Levendal (Selfoon nr: 083 309 8159); e-pos: ems@csir.co.za (met "Vhuvhili Kraglyn BA" as die onderwerp); adres: Posbus Stellenbosch, 7599.





Figuur 1: Ligging van die voorgestelde vier alternatiewe kraglynnoetes vanaf die Vhuvhili SEF-substasie na die Mukondeleli WEF-substasie. Die voorkeur infrastruktuur is kraglyn roete Alternatief 1 wat vanaf Vhuvhili SEF-substasie A-B na die Mukondeleli WEF-substasie E strek. Die voorgestelde kraglyn roete alternatief wat gebou gaan word sal gebaseer word op die ligging van die voorgestelde Vhuvhili SEF-substasie en die voorgestelde Mukondeleli WEF-substasie wat goedgekeur gaan word.

### F. 3: COPY OF SITE NOTICE BOARDS – ISIZULU

ISAZISO SOQHUBO LOKUBAMBA IQHAZA NJENGOMPHAKATHI NGOKUHLOLA NGOKWEZEMVELO KANYE NEZICELO MAYELANA NOMTHETHO KAZWELONKE WAMANZI, UMTHETHO WOKUTHUTHUKISWA KWEZINCEBISO ZIKAPETROLI KANYE NOMTHETHO KAZWELONKE WEZINCEDO ZAMAGUGU NGOKWAKHIWA KWENTAMBO KAGESI EHLONGOZWAYO ENGU 132 KV KANYE NENGQALASIZINDA YEGRIDI KAGESI EHLANGANISIWE UKUSEKELA ISIKHUNGO ESIPHEHLA UGESI NGELANGA, IVHUVHILI, EHLONGOZIWE, DUZE NE-SECUNDA ESIFUNDAZWENI SEMPUMALANGA.

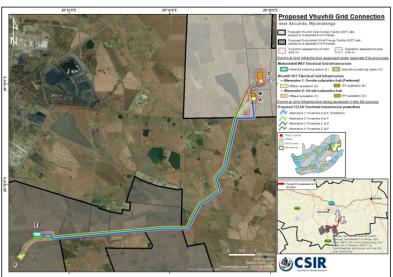
Isaziso siyanikezwa ngokuba iVhuvhili Solar RF (Pty) Ltd ("Umfakisicelo") uhlongoza ukwakha ulayini odlulisa ugesi ofika kwinani elingu 132 kV, ozoba amakhilomitha angu 12, kanye nengqalasizinda yegridi kagesi (EGI) ehlanganisiwe ukusekela iskhungo esiphehla ugesi ngelanga, i-Vhuvhili Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility (SEF), ehlongoziwe eduze nase Secunda, kullasipala Wasekhaya i-Govan Mbeki kanye noMasipala Wesifunda sase-Gert Sibande esifundazweni saseMpumalanga. Kwenziwa uhlolo ngokwemvelo okuyisisekelo (BA) ukuze kuhlolwe intambo kagesi ehlongozwayo engu-132 kV kanye ne-EGI ehambisanayo ezodlulisa ugesi usuka esiteshini se-Vhuvhili SEF ehlongoziwe uyiswe esiteshini esishintshayo esikhungweni esihlongozwayo i-Mukondeleli Wind Energy Facility (WEF). Ukusuka lapho ugesi uzofakwa kugridi yakwa-Sasol esikhungweni sase-Secunda Synfuels ukuze kukhiqizwe i-hydrogen eluhlaza, noma okunye ugesi uzofakwa kugridi kagesi kazwelonke njengengxenye yoHlelo Lokutholakala Kwamandla Avuselelekayo Kubakhiqizi Bagesi Abazimele lwaseNingizimu Afrika. Le phrojekthi ihlanganisa ingqalasizinda ehambisanayo ehlanganisa izigxobo zikagesi, izintambo zokuxhuma ugesi, imigwaqo yokungena kanye nezindawo zesikhashana zokubeka imishini nezimpahla. I-Vhuvhili SEF ehlongozwayo kanye nesiteshi sokushinsha kungaphansi kwenqubo ehlukile ye-S&EIA (NEAS: MPP/EIA/0001099/2022).

Inqubo ye-BA ihlola ezinye izindlela ezine zezintambo zikagesi ezinobubanzi obungama-200 m (sicela ubhekisele kuMfanekiso 1). Izingxenye zepulazi ezilandelayo zizothintwa intambo kagesi yakwa-Vhuvhili ehlongozwayo kanye nephrojekthi ye-EGI ehlobene:

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Leprojekthi ithinta uhlu lwezikhombo ezahlukahlukene ngokoMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (uMthetho 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) (njengoba uchitshiyelwe), ngokweMthethonqubo yokuHlola Umthelela kwezeMvelo ka 2014 (2014 EIA Regulations), njengoba uchitshiyelwe. Isihlu esiyinhloko kulephrojekthi ehlongozwayo yilesi sika GN R327 (LN1) Umsebenzi we-11. Uyaziswa ukuba imibono izocelwa kuMnyango Wamagugu ngokoMthetho Wemithombo Yamagugu Kazwelonke (uMthetho 25 ka-1999). Uqhubo lwe BA luzophinde luqinisekise isidingo sokuGunyazwa Okujwayelekile (GA) noma seLayisense Yokusebenzisa Amanzi (WUL) ngokoMthetho Wamanzi Kazwelonke ka-1998 (uMthetho 36 ka-1998), njengoba ichitshiyelwe. Ukwengeza, ukubonisana okuphusile nakho kuyadingeka ngokweSigaba 53 soMthetho Wokuthuthukiswa Kwemithombo YeziMbiwa Phansi, ka-2002 (uMthetho 28 ka-2002)

I-Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) igokwe ukuba iphathe inqubo ye-BA yephrojekthi ehlongozwayo egameni Iomfakisicelo wephrojekthi. Abantu abafisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza babeke imibono yabo mayelana neprojekthi ehlongozwayo bavacelwa ukuba bathumele imininingwane yabo egcwele kanye yanoma nenkomba iviphi intshisekelo eqondile, yebhizinisi, yezezimali, yomuntu siqu noma enye intshisekelo ongaba nayo esicelweni ku-Mphathi woQhubo e-CSIR: Minnelise Levendal (Inombolo: 083 309 8159); i-Imeyili: ems@csir.co.za (ubhale u "Vhuvhili EGI BA" njengesihloko); Ikheli: PO Box 320, Stellenbosch,





Umfanekiso 1: Imephu ekhombisa izindlela ezine zomzila wamandla kagesi ukusuka esiteshini se Vhuvhili SEF ukuya esiteshini esishintshayo se-WEF iMukondeleli. Ingqalasizinda ekhethwayo umzila kagesi i-Alternative 1 exhumanisa i-Vhuvhili SEF esiteshini se-Vhuvhili A-B esiteshini esishintshayo se-WEF saseMukondeleli E. Enye indlela ehlongozwayo yomzila kagesi ezokwakhiwa izongunywa ngokusekelwe endaweni yokugcina egunyaziwe yesiteshi se-Vhuvhili SEF ehlongozwayo kanye nesiteshi sokushintsha saseMukondeleli WEF esihlongozwayo

## F. 4: PROOF OF PLACEMENT OF SITE NOTICE BOARDS

#### Site Notice Board Placement for the Proposed Project

#	Locality/ Description	Co-ordinates
	On the fence at the entrance to Remaining Extent of Grootvlei Farm No.584, along the D823 secondary road which is also a proposed access point to the Vhuvhili SEF.	



On the fence at the entrance to farm Portion 13 of Vlakspruit Farm No. 292, along the D619 secondary road which is also a proposed access point to the Vhuvhili SEF.

26°35'29.66"S; 29°16'2.01"E



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Infrastructure for the Proposed Vhuvhili Solar Photovoltaic Energy Facility, near Secunda in the Mpumalanga Province		
#	Locality/ Description	Co-ordinates
3	On the fence along the D619 secondary road, approximately at the mid-point of the power line corridor for Alternative 3.	26°36'9.27"S; 29°14'57.88"E
Congle 4	19 Oct 2022 11:55:50 Unnamed Road Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga  On the fence along the D823 secondary road, approximately at the mid-point of the power line corridor	19 Oct 2022 11:55:44 Unnamed Road Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga 26°36'52.15"S; 29°13'52.09"E
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5	On the fence along the D823 secondary road, approximately at the end-point of the power line corridor for Alternatives 1 and 3.	26°37'10.34"S; 29°11'19.35"E
di Kansa 🍑	19 Oct 2022 12:17:36 R546 Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga	19 Oct 2022 12:18:12 Unnamed Road Gert Sibande District Municipality Mpumalanga

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	On the fence along the D823 secondary road,	26°37'27.14"S; 29°11'5.14"E		
6	6 approximately at the end-point of the power line corridor			
	for Alternatives 2 and 4.			



Notice board inside the Secunda Public Library on 1 Louwrens Muller St, Secunda.

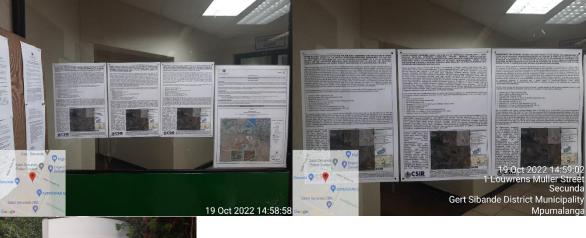
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8	Notice Board inside the Govan Mbeki Local Municipal Offices on Horwood Street, Secunda.	26°30'16.84"S; 29°11'5.18"E



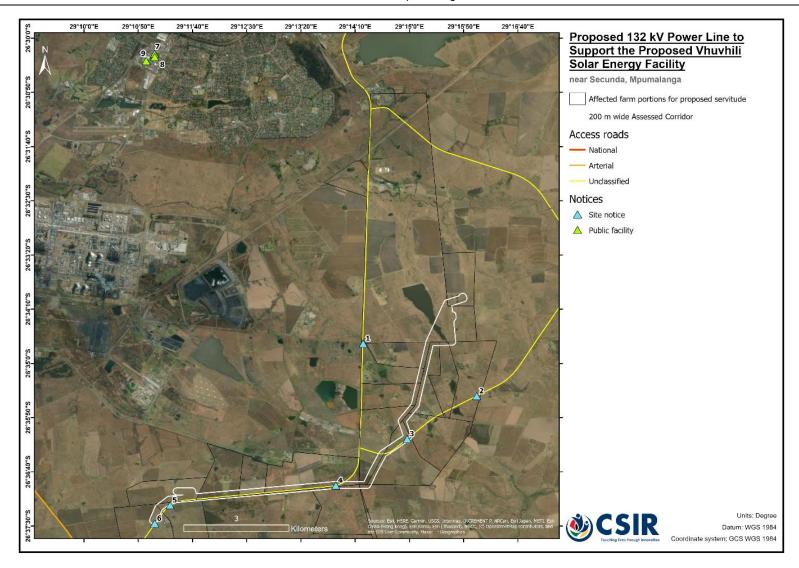


Notice board inside Secunda Central shopping mall on the Corner of Walter Sisulu Road and Oliver Tambo Drive, Secunda.

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Placement of notice boards at the proposed site and public facilities in Secunda for the proposed 132 kV power line project.

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The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been appointed to undertake and manage the BA process for the proposed project on behalf of the Project Applicant. Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the release of the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) for the proposed project for a 30-day commenting period, which will extend from 14 November 2022 to 14 December 2022. The DBAR can be downloaded from the following website: https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment

Should you wish to register as an I&AP and to provide comments on the DBAR, you are kindly requested to send your name and contact details, with an indication of your interest in the application, to the Project Manager at the CSIR:
Minnelise Levendal, E-mail: ems@csir.co.za (with "Vhuvhili EGI BA" as the subject line); Postal address: PO Box 320, Stellenbosch, 7599, or call +27 83 309 8159. Future correspondence relating to this BA process will be distributed to all registered I&APs.