

# Veld PV North Public Participation



## **1 INTRODUCTION**

The proposed Veld PV North Solar Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure is located near Aggeneys in the Namakwa District Municipality of the Northern Cape. The Veld PV North project requires environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations pursuant to NEMA (General Notice (GN) R982, as amended) requires that an EIA process, consisting of a Scoping Report and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for environmental authorisation. In order to provide a transparent and meaningful process, this EIA process must include a Public Participation Process (PPP).

The PPP was undertaken in accordance with regulations 39 – 44 of the EIA Regulations. Additional guidance has been incorporated from the Western Cape<sup>1</sup> Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline Document on Public Participation (March 2013).

This Public Participation Report (PPR) has therefore been compiled to collectively represent the consultation process that has been undertaken through the PPP. The following sections include:

- Section 2      A database of interested and affected parties (I&APs) was created in the pre-application phase of the proposed Veld PV North project. This database was updated and maintained throughout the Basic Assessment process.
- Section 3      The consultation that were undertaken during the Pre-application phase of project has been described
- Section 4      The consultation that took place for the Basic Assessment
- Section 5      Comments and responses were summarised into a table in this section. All original comments and responses are attached an appendix to this PPR.

## **2 I&AP DATABASE**

During the pre-application phase, affected parties were identified, including: landowners, adjacent landowners, commenting authorities and key stakeholders (such as conservancies).

Table 1 summarises the I&AP database for the project. Please note that contact details have been omitted for privacy reasons.

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<sup>1</sup> These guidelines have been considered as best practice even though the project is located in the Northern Cape.

Table 1 | I&amp;AP Database

Stakeholder	Contact	Organisation
State authority-national	Mr Siswe Mnkomo	Department of Environmental Affairs
	Admin (Hard copy of draft was couriered)	Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation
	Serah Muobeleni	DAFF: Land Use & Soil Management
	Peter Motaung	Council for Geoscience
	Amber August	Department of Health
	Jasper Nieuwoudt	Department of Mineral Resources
	Zethu Kapika	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)
	Ms René de Kock	The South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL)
	Mr John Geerigh and Edmund Aggenbag	Eskom
Katie Smuts	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	
State authority - provincial	Andrew Timothy	Northern Cape Provincial Heritage (Boswa ya Kapa Bokone)
	RC Barlow	Department of Transport
	Tebogo Lentswe	Department of Energy
	Sibongile Manamathela	Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS): Deputy Director Lower Orange WMA
	P Cloete Mr. Aviwe Nyakaza E Swart T Makaudi	Department of Environment and Nature Conservation Impact Officer for Namakwa Region.
	Leon Terblanche	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development, Northern Cape
	Ms Lisa Muller	Department of Social Development
Municipality	Madeleine Brandt	Namakwa District Municipality
	Mr E Vries	Khai-Ma Local Municipality
	Mr Munman (Municipal Manager)	Khai-Ma Local Municipality
	Mr A De Waal	RE/53 (Current application)
Landowner and adjacent landowners	Mr A.J. de Waal	Haramoep Boerdery cc
	Mr F.B. Agenbag	6-09
	Republiek Van Suid-Afrika	1/45
	Daniel Gerhardus Petrus Jacobs	4/66
	Republiek Van Suid-Afrika	RE/27
	Republiek Van Suid-Afrika	2/27
	Republiek Van Suid-Afrika	1/27
	Martiq 1281 Cc	3/62
	P C Van Den Heever	1/42
	Oonab Boerdery Cc	1/43
	Khai-Ma Municipality	RE/44
	Haramoep Boerdery Cc	1/53
	Khai-Ma Municipality	3/54
	Republiek Van Suid-Afrika	RE/29
	Black Mountain Mining Pty Ltd	RE/41
Khai-Ma Municipality	RE/54	

	Black Mountain Mining Pty Ltd	1/56
	Blommeland Boerdery Bk	2/62
	Black Mountain Mining Pty Ltd	4/62
	Blommeland Boerdery Cc	6/62
	Khai-Ma Municipality	RE/55
	Khai-Ma Municipality	2/54
	Mr and Mrs Aggenbag	RE/45
	Republiek Van Suid-Afrika	RE/53
	Republiek Van Suid-Afrika	RE/28
<b>Key stakeholders</b>	Mr Simon Gear	Birdlife South Africa
	Ms Sam Ralston	Birdlife South Africa
	Dr Adrian Tiplady	Square Kilometer Array (SKA)
	Tshegofatso Monama	SKA
	Kate MacEwan	IWS-SA
	Peter Mckuchsne	Northern Cape Tourism Authority
	Philippa Huntly	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
	Morgan Griffiths	WESSA
	Lourens Leeuwner	Wildlife Energy Programme (EWT)
	Jan Coetzee	World Wildlife Fund -South Africa(WWF-SA)
	Lizell Stroh	Civil Aviation Authority
	Rydall Jardine	Weather SA
	Kate MacEwan	SABAA
	Johan Koegelenberg and Mr Serame Motlhake	SENTECH (Solar)
	Peter Mckuchsne	Birdlife South Africa
	A Lategan	Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA)
	JO Links	COGHSTA
	Ms Linda van Wyk	Khai Ma Tourism
	Mr DJ Julie	Khai Ma Business Forum
	Nishika Indurjeeth Yolandie Coetzee Koos Smit	Vendata Zinc International
<b>Interested parties</b>	Elleine van Tonder	Springbok Tent Rent

### 3 PRE-APPLICATION PHASE CONSULTATION

During the pre-application phase, the following components of the PPP were undertaken.

- A **pre-application meeting** was held on 18 November 2016 with the competent authority, DEA, to ensure that an appropriate EIA process would be followed. This included confirmation that appropriate specialists had been appointed to contribute to the scientific findings.
- **Landowners** have been consulted by the Proponent as an agreement regarding their land is required. Proof of emails to all authorities and I&AP's are included in Annexures C1.2 and C1.3.

#### 3.1 Pre-application meeting with DEA

The minutes of the pre-application meeting with DEA, is included in Annexure C1.4.

#### 3.2 Landowner consultation

Ongoing landowner consultation is critical for the successful implementation of the proposed project, provided the necessary legal requirements are met. The Proponent has entered an agreement with the landowner for the use of their land, which has been attached as part of the Application to DEA.

### 4 BASIC ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION

#### 4.1 The PPP during the pre-application phase

The Draft Basic Assessment Report has been made available for a 30-day public comment period from 6 Sept 2019 until 7 October 2019.

#### 4.2 Notifications about the BA process for Veld PV North:

- **Newspaper advertisements:** Advertisements in English and Afrikaans were placed in a local newspaper, Die Plattelander, notifying the broader public of the initiation of the BA process and inviting them to register as I&APs and inform them of the availability of the draft Basic Assessment Report at Aggeneys Library. Refer to the proof below. Refer to Annexure C1.5.1 and C1.5.2 for the wording of the Advertisement.

# MAN IN HOF OOR BEWERDE VERKRACHTING VAN STIEFDOGTER

J. Millard KIMBERLEY - 'n 61-jarige man sal binnelands voor die Galeswelandhof in Kimberley verskyn op aanklagte van die beweerde verkrachting van sy



## WIND TURBINE COMPONENT TRANSPORTATION

Kango Wind Farm will be transporting wind turbine components to Springbok, 14 May 2019 to 22 September 2019.

**Did you know...**

- 277 Mm km of the roadwork
- 13km long wind turbine roads
- 16 trucks will be used to transport
- 1000 tonnes of material will be used for the 120 000 tonnes of material

We appreciate your patience and understanding.  
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**VELD**

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY (EA) FOR THE PROPOSED VELD PV NORTH AND PV SOUTH ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE TERRITORIES OF KAMBERG, NORTHERN CAPE

Project Title: Proposed Veld PV North and PV South Energy Facilities and Associated Infrastructure near Aggeny in the Northern Cape

Project Proponent and Location: The Applicant, Veld PV North (Pty) Ltd and Veld PV South (Pty) Ltd (collectively Veld PV) propose to develop a 100 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) power station on the northern side of Aggeny in the Northern Cape. The development has been designed with the intention that the proposed Veld PV North (75 MW) and Veld PV South (25 MW) solar facilities would form part of a consolidated solar development. These proposed facilities would either shared infrastructure where possible to minimise their overall footprint. To facilitate the power generated by the proposed Veld PV North and Veld PV South, grid connections are required between the solar farm project area and the Aggeny substation.

Legal Frameworks: Basic Assessment Environmental Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended) will be followed in order to obtain authorisation for the proposed energy facilities and associated infrastructure. The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is the competent authority.

Date of Advert: 5 September 2019

Public Participation Process: The public is hereby notified of the proposed project and that an application for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). Individuals are invited to formally register as interested and affected parties (I&APs) should they wish to make formal submissions regarding the Environmental Process (i.e. satisfaction of availability of reports for review and comment).

To register as an I&AP, please contact the person below and provide your name, contact details and an indication of any direct interest. The location, format or generally you may have regarding the application, correspondence throughout the Environmental Process will only be distributed to registered I&APs.

Comment Period: The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) is being made available to the public for a 30-day review and comment period from 7 September 2019 to 7 October 2019. A hard copy of the report will be made available at the Aggeny Public Library.

**LEGAL NOTICE / WETLIKE KENNISGEWING**

UITWISSING OM TE REGISTREER VIR DIE PLANNINGSOORNAMEPROEKS AANVAAR VAN ENTOERWISSAAMKING (EMA) VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE VELD PV NOORD EN VELD PV SUID ENTOERWISSAAMKING IN OORSTREEK NABY AGGENY IN DIE NORTHERN CAPE

DOE vanwag: 14/05/2019/06/12088 & 14/12/2019/06/12088

Projek Titel: Voorgestelde Veld PV Noord en Veld PV Suid Energie Fasiliteite en Assosieerde Infrastruktuur naby Aggeny in die Noord-Kaap

Protektant en Lokasie: Die Aansoekers, Veld PV Noord (Pty) Ltd en Veld PV Suid (Pty) Ltd, is van voorneme om 'n 100 MW sonne-energie-plant te ontwikkel op die noordelike oewer van Aggeny in die Noord-Kaap. Die ontwikkeling is ontwerp om te konsolideer met die voorgestelde Veld PV Noord (75 MW) en Veld PV Suid (25 MW) sonne-energie-plant. Hierdie voorgestelde fasiliteite sal gedeeltes van die Veld PV Noord en Veld PV Suid ontwikkelings vorm. Hierdie fasiliteite sal gedeeltes van die Veld PV Noord en Veld PV Suid ontwikkelings vorm. Hierdie fasiliteite sal gedeeltes van die Veld PV Noord en Veld PV Suid ontwikkelings vorm. Hierdie fasiliteite sal gedeeltes van die Veld PV Noord en Veld PV Suid ontwikkelings vorm.

Wetlike Raamwerk: Basiese Assessment Omgewingsprosedure (OAP) in terme van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA), Wet No. 107 van 1998, soos gewysig, en die 2014 Omgewingsimpaktoetsing (OIA) Regulasies (soos gewysig) sal gevolg word. Om te verseker dat die voorgestelde energie fasiliteite en assosieerde infrastruktuur te verhoed, die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOA) is die kompetente owerheid.

Advertensie Datum: 5 September 2019

Publieke Oornameproses: Die publiek word hierin kennis gestel van die voorgestelde projek en dat 'n aansoek om Omgewingsake (EMA) vir die voorgestelde ontwikkeling, te die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOA) ingediene sal word. Individuele word uitgenooi om te registreer as belanghebbende en beïnvloedde party (I&AP) indien hulle formele kommentare omtrent die Omgewingsake (EMA) proses wil maak. Die Omgewingsake (EMA) proses sal slegs aan geregistreerde I&APs versorg word.

Kommentaar Periode: Die Omskep Basiese Assessment Rapport (OBAR) is beskikbaar vir 'n 30-dag kommentaar tydperk vanaf 7 September 2019 tot 7 Oktober 2019. 'n Hardkopies van die rapport sal beskikbaar gestel word by die Aggeny Publieke Biblioteek.

**arecon**

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Arecon Project Ref. / Arecon Projek No.: 132087 Veld PV Noord en Veld PV Suid

# BOEDEL WYLE FLORIS JOHANNES JACOBUS BRAND - BOEDEL NO: 2698/2018: MEESTERSKANTOOR KIMBERLEY

Kennis geskied hiermee dat die Likwidasie- en Distribusierekening in die boedel van FLORIS JOHANNES JACOBUS BRAND, gebore 1949/06/18, oorlede 2018/04/16, Identiteitsnommer: 4906185302 08 8, in lewe 10 Orchid Crescent, Vredeloof Heights, 7560, boedel nommer 2698/2018, ter insae lê by die Meesterskantoor te Kimberley asook by die Landroskantoor te Springbok vir 'n periode van 21 dae bereken vanaf 06 September 2019 tot 27 September 2019.

**DIPPENAAR ELLIS BK Posbus 120 Van Riebeeckstraat 65 Springbok 8240**

Besprekings by SCA (Christie) by 027 7183377 of 073 3616 420

Sarah Cloete - 027-6528900/ 078 953 4285 sarah@kamiesberg.gov.za

**KAMIESBERG**  
Flower Trail Run

**7 September 2019**

Rooibergskloof Hiking Trail & the highest peak in Northern Cape 1706m

17 km from Gales

Registration Time: 6:30 to 7:30

20km, 10km & 5km routes

Live Music Band, Sport Activities, & Local Artists performing

ENTRY FEE'S:  
23km - R 200.00 | 10km - R 150.00 | 5km - R 100.00 | Camping - R 50.00 (per tent)

**#OPBOK**

**CARNIVAL**

**9 NOVEMBER 2019**

5 Bang Die 5 Gaskantonnars Kommandering

VIP Kaartjies R1 000.00 (Spesiale VIP Parkering Inklusief)

Normale Kaartjies R400 & R500

Referansie: Arnold Heisterkamp / Kees H. Kool / Bryna Anselme

Besprekings by SCA (Christie) by 027 7183377 of 073 3616 420

**OPTOGI** | **Flower Power** | **IKK** | **INK** | **INT** | **ARCO** | **INTALLES**

- **Site notices:** posters in English and Afrikaans were erected at the entrance of the proposed site. Refer to Annexure C1.5.1 and C1.5.2 for the wording of the Site Notices.





- **Written notification:** Letters and/ or emails were issued to all authorities and the landowner informing them of the proposed project including a notification of the availability of the draft Basic Assessment Report for comment. Each letter included a CD. Refer to Annexure C1.6 for the wording of the Letters. Identified I&APs were notified of this comment period via letters delivered by post and email. The proof of delivery has been included as an appendix to this report. Electronic copies were made available to I&APs on request via CD or Dropbox and Google Drive. Advertisements
- **A Hardcopy of the draft Basic Assessment Report** was made available at the Aggeneys Public Library. Refer to Annexure C1.7.1 and C1.7.2 for the proof of delivery

Refer to Annexure C1.8.1 for proof the site notice, Annexure 1.8.2 for proof of delivery to Biodiversity DEA, Annexure C1.8.3 for proof of the advert, Annexure C1.8.4 for proof of delivery of Letters and CDs to authorities and Annexures C1.8.5, C1.8.6 and C1.8.7 for proof of posted letters.

## 5 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES DURING THE PRE-APPLICATION PHASE

Throughout the pre-application process, any comments received from I&APs were summarised in Table 2 with the response from Aurecon. The original comments are included in Annexure C1.9.1- C1.9.14 and responses are included in Annexure C1.10.1 – C1.10.19.

Table 2 | I&AP Comments and Responses

<p><b>Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Veld PV North Solar Energy Facility and associated infrastructure near Aggeneys in the Northern Cape</b></p> <p><b>BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT (<u>PRE - APPLICATION PHASE</u>)</b></p>		
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Date	Comment	Response
John Geerigh - ESKOM		
9 September 2019	<p>Energy Facility on the remainder of farm (53) Haramoep / Voorgestelde Veld PV Noord Energie Fasiliteit en Veld PV Suid Fasiliteit op die restant van plaas (53) Haramoep</p> <p>I was not aware of this project and it does not appear in my database. Please send me the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of the EA's</li> <li>• KMZ files of the affected properties and proposed grid connections</li> </ul>	<p>Hi John,</p> <p>I refer to your email below:</p> <p>Attached are the kmz'e for the two proposed Veld PV North and Veld PV South facilities.</p> <p>Please take note that we are busy with a basic assessment process (due to the development area falling in the REDZ zone) and there are no EA's available yet.</p> <p>We have received your email with the Eskom requirements.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any other questions.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Corlie Steyn</p>
	Please find attached Eskom requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure and renewable energy development setbacks from Eskom infrastructure.	



Date	Comment	Response
	Yes, thanks, were there no BID documents sent out earlier? However, do not worry, the comments I sent through covers Eskom.	
<b>Edmund Agenbag -ESKOM</b>		
9 September 2019	Baie dankie. Ek het ontvang. <i>Thank you. I have received the mail.</i>	Baie dankie vir u kennisgewing. Groete <i>Thank you for your notification.</i> Regards
<b>Johan Koegelenberg– SENTECH</b>		
9 September 2019	Please note that my responsibilities have changed and would recommend that you discuss your requirement with Mr. Serame Motlhake (CC'd in e-mail).	Much appreciated, thank you Johan We will be in contact with Serame.
<b>Pieter van der Merwe - Khaima</b>		
9 September 2019	<p>Jy moet asseblief die eposse ten opsigte van die Proposed Veld PV North and South Energy Facility na Mnr. E. Vries (<a href="mailto:vries@khaima.gov.za">vries@khaima.gov.za</a>) en Munisipale Bestuurder (<a href="mailto:munman@khaima.gov.za">munman@khaima.gov.za</a>) toe stuur.</p> <p><i>You need to address the emails in reference to the Proposed Veld PV North and South Energy Facility to Mnr. E. Vries (<a href="mailto:vries@khaima.gov.za">vries@khaima.gov.za</a>) and the Municipal Manager (<a href="mailto:munman@khaima.gov.za">munman@khaima.gov.za</a>)</i></p>	<p>Hallo Pieter, Ek maak so, baie dankie. Groete</p> <p>Hi Pieter Ek will do that Regards</p> <p>Good day, We refer to the email from Mr Pieter van der Merwe below and therefore address the email to you. (Refer to proof sent to Mnr. E. Vries (<a href="mailto:vries@khaima.gov.za">vries@khaima.gov.za</a>) and the Municipal Manager (<a href="mailto:munman@khaima.gov.za">munman@khaima.gov.za</a>))</p>
<b>René de Kock - SANRAL</b>		
9 September 2019	Yes, thank you. We did receive your email.	Thank you for your acknowledgement.
<b>Kate MacEwan - IWS-SA</b>		
9 September 2019	Dear Corlie Received, Thanks	Thank you for your acknowledgement Kate. Kind regards

Date	Comment	Response
	Kate	
<b>Edmund Agenbag - ESKOM</b>		
9 September 2019	Baie dankie. Ek het ontvang.	Baie dankie vir u kennisgewing.
<b>Adrian Tiplady - SKA</b>		
10 September 2019	Hi Corlie, Yes - received. I have copied my colleagues who will respond. Kind Regards, Adrian	Hi Adrian, Thank you for your acknowledgement. Kind regards
<b>Nishika Indurjeeth – Vendata Zinc International</b>		
10 September 2019	Dear Corlie, With respect to your below email. We confirm receipt of your email dated 05 September 2019. Many thanks.	Dear Nishika, Thank you for your acknowledgement. Please be advised that a person(s) need to indicate whether he/she would like to register as an I&AP for the proposed projects as per the attached notices. Kind regards
<b>Sam Ralston-Paton – Energy Bird Life</b>		
11 September 2019	Received with thank	Thank you for your notification. Kind regards
<b>Elleine van Tonder – Springbok Tent Rent</b>		
30 September 2019	Good day Herewith I would like to request information regarding the proposed veld PV North and PV South energy facilities and associated infrastructure of farm 53 Haramoep, near Aggeneys in the Northern Cape. I would also like to take this opportunity to present our company to you. Please find attached our general presentation. Kindly have a look at the following links to see the promo video of recent work done by tent rent Company. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/tentrentcompany/videos/1266357800133191/">https://www.facebook.com/tentrentcompany/videos/1266357800133191/</a> our Facebook page is <a href="https://www.facebook.com/tentrentcompany">https://www.facebook.com/tentrentcompany</a> . website address: <a href="http://www.sanco.co.za">www.sanco.co.za</a> / <a href="http://www.tentrent.co.za">www.tentrent.co.za</a>	Good day, We have registered you as an I&AP on our data base. Please note that we are independent consultants who has been appointed to do the environmental compliance and authorisation process. We do not recruit any companies for construction should the project be authorised. Kind regards

Date	Comment	Response
	<p>We have been directly involved with tents, waste removals and mobile units for solar parks Xuxu, Xina, Khi, Bokpoort, Ilanga, Gamsberg, Aggeneys Solar and now currently supply mobile units for Kangnas Windfarm and Konkoonsies 11. We have Branches in Upington, Springbok Postmasburg and Kathu. You can trust SANCO and Tent Rent Company to comply with all statutory requirements, and to be reliable and thorough. From the moment of your initial enquiry we will treat you with value and respect. We are always happy to provide a free quote for your convenience. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.</p>	
<b>René de Kock - SANRAL</b>		
2 October 2019	<p>Good day Corlie SANRAL received the traffic impact assessment from Infratrans in September 2019. We are still busy with the application regarding the access. Do I need to request extension of time? Kind regards</p>	<p>Dear Rene, We can unfortunately not give an extension. Any comments you have must be directed straight to DEA and you will have to copy us in. Mr Thando Boo: TBooi@environment.gov.za for Veld PV South Mr Siswe Mnkomo: smnkomo@environment.gov.za for Veld PV North Kind regards</p>
<b>Portia Makitla – Biodiversity DEA</b>		
7 October	<p>Refer to Annexure C1.9.13.1_Email and C1.9.13.2_Comments and answers C1.10.1</p>	<p>Good day Portia, In reference to your comments on Veld PV North please see our response below: The Final EMPR for Veld PV North (project EMPR) and the Generic EMPRs for Powerlines and Substations address the mitigations you have proposed on the following Sections: 1. Vegetation removal must be limited to the footprint of the proposed development – Refer to Section 4.1.2 and Section 5 of the project EMPR 2. All disturbed and cleared areas must be re-vegetated with indigenous perennial shrubs and grasses from the local area – Refer to Section 4.1.2 and Section 5 of the project EMPR</p>

Date	Comment	Response
		<p>3. A botanist must be appointed to perform a final walkthrough of the study area and powerline route to identify sensitive plant species, which are in need of protection. – Refer to Section 4.4 and Section 5 of the project EMPR. This will be recommended as a condition of authorization.</p> <p>4. A site-specific avifaunal walkthrough must be conducted by an Ornithologist prior to construction, so as to ensure that no sensitive bird species have started breeding on or near site - Refer to Section 4.3 of the project EMPR and Part C Section 8 of the DEA Generic EMP for Powerlines</p> <p>5. Anti-collision devices such as bird flappers must be installed on all high risk sections of the powerline to forewarn birds of the risk – Refer to Section 4.3 of the project EMPR and Section 5.11 of the DEA Generic EMP for Powerlines</p> <p>6. Alien invasive plant species in and around the proposed development area must be removed in terms of Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA) and National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (NEMBA); follow up-actions for at least five years need to take place - Refer to Section 4.1.2 and Section 5 of the project EMPR</p> <p>7. Concurrent rehabilitation and alien vegetation control program within all sensitive areas must be implemented – Refer Section 4.1.2, Section 5 and Section 6.2 of the project EMPR</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
Siswe Mnkomo DEA		
30 September 2019	Refer to Annexure C1.10.14	<p>Refer to Annexure C1.10.15 for the response.</p> <p>All the comments from DEA have been addressed in the new application Form which is attached as Annexure F to this Draft BAR.</p> <p>The reviewed Hydrology report has been attached as Annexure D9</p>

Date	Comment	Response
<b>PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE 30-DAY PPP TIME PERIOD</b>		
Jacobus Hendrik Louw Smit -Black Mountain Mining		
9 October 2019	Refer to Annexure C1.10.16-17.	Refer to Annexure C1.10.18-19 for the response.

Refer to Annexures C1.11.1- C1.11.10 for the attempts to elicit comments during the pre-application process.

## 5.1 The PPP after the application has been submitted

An updated Draft Basic Assessment Report has been made available for a 30-day public comment period from 5 December 2019 until 27 January 2020. The 30-day comment period excluded the holiday period from 15 December 2019 to 5 January 2020.

## 5.2 Notifications about the BA process for Veld PV North:

- Newspaper advertisements:** Advertisements in English and Afrikaans were placed in a local newspaper, Die Plattelander, notifying the broader public of the initiation of the BA process and inviting them to register as I&As and inform them of the availability of the draft Basic Assessment Report at Aggeney's Library. Refer to the proof below. Refer to Annexure C1.12.1 and C1.12.2 for the wording of the Advertisement.

**WIND TURBINE COMPONENT TRANSPORTATION**

**BRIGHT LIGHTS KINDERHUIS HOU KERSPROGRAM**

**STRYDROS VAN PRIMÊRE SKOOL SPRINGBOK LÊ TUIG NEER**

**WETLIKE KENNISGEWING**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS, APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION (EA) FOR THE PROPOSED VELD PV NORTH AND PV SOUTH ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, ON THE REMINDER OF FARM 53 HARMAROP, NEAR AGGENEYS IN THE NORTHERN CAPE**

**DEA REF: 14/12/16/03/12102 & 14/12/10/3/12103**

**Project Title:** Proposed Veld PV North and PV South Energy Facilities and Associated Infrastructure near Aggeney in the Northern Cape

**Project Proposal and Location:** The Applicants, Veld PV North (Pty) Ltd and Veld PV South (Pty) Ltd, propose developing 2 (two) 75 MW Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facilities on Harmarop (Reminder of Farm 53) in the Namaqualand District Municipality approximately 20 km north-west of Aggeney in the Northern Cape. The development has been designed with the intention that the proposed Veld PV North (75 MW) and Veld PV South (75 MW) solar facilities would form part of a consolidated solar development. These proposed facilities would utilise shared infrastructure where possible to minimise their overall footprint. To evaluate the power generated by the proposed Veld PV North and Veld PV South grid connections are required between the solar farm project area and the Aggeney substation.

**Legal Framework:** Basic Assessment Environmental Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended) and the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended) will be followed in order to obtain authorization for the proposed energy facilities and associated infrastructure. The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is the competent authority.

**Advert Date:** 8 December 2019

**Public Participation Process:** The public is hereby notified of the proposed project and that an Application for Environmental Authorization will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). Individuals are invited to formally register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) should they wish to receive future correspondence regarding the Environmental Process (e.g. notification of availability of reports for review and comment).

To register as an I&AP, please contact the person below and provide your name, contact details and an indication of any direct interest (e.g. business, financial or personal) you may have regarding the application. Correspondence throughout the Environmental Process will only be distributed to registered I&APs.

**Comment Period:** The Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) is being made available to the public for a 30-day review and comment period. The moratorium period between 15 December 2019 to 5 January 2020 is not included in the 30-day period. A hard copy of the draft report will be made available at the Office Hours:

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**VROU VAS VIR MOORD OP VRIEND**

**DE AAR:** Die polisie in Sanniesburg buite die Aar het 'n 39-jarige vrou gearresteer in verband met die moord op haar broer. Die liggaam van 'n 42-jarige man is Sondag, 24 November, om 09:30 in Moerbaatsdorp, Kareelvlei, in die Aar landdroshof ontdek.

Die woord medium dien persoonlik tot die oënskyn op die oënskyn-dood verloop. Vooraf ondersoek het die vangste na die 39-jarige vrou gelei. Die middel vir die moord is nog nie vasgestel nie. Die verdagte het Maandag, 25 November, in die Aar landdroshof verskyn.

**Publieke Deelnemingsproses:** Die publiek word hiermee in kennis gestel van die voorgestelde ontwikkelingsprojek en dat 'n Aanvraag om Omgewingsvergting vir die voorgestelde ontwikkelingsprojek by die Departement van Omgewingsake (DO) ingediend is. Individuele vertalings van die projek is beskikbaar by die Omgewingsake Party (OGP) in register teen hulle kassas teen koste van verspreiing en verspreiding.

Om as 'n OGP te registreer, kontak asseblief die persoon hieronder en verskaf u naam, kontakbesonderhede en 'n oorskaatsel van enige direkte belang (bv. belangstelling, finansieel of persoonlik) wat u mag het in opsigte van die aanvraag. Korrespondensie gedurende die Omgewingsake proses sal slegs aan geregistreerde OGP's versprei word.

**Kenningsaansoek Periode:** Die Kennis Invoelingsprosedure (KIP) word nou aan die publiek vir 'n 30-dag periode in kennis gestel. Die moratorium periode vanaf 15 Desember 2019 tot 5 Januarie 2020 word nie in die 30-dag periode ingesluit nie. 'n Harde kopies van die kennisgewing sal beskikbaar gestel word by die Aggeney Publieke Biblioteek.

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- Site notices:** posters in English and Afrikaans were erected at the entrance of the proposed site. Refer to Annexure C1.12.1 and C1.12.2 for the wording of the Site Notices. Refer to image below for the proof of the site notice on the site during the application phase.



- **Written notification:** Letters and/ or emails were issued to all authorities and the landowner informing them of the proposed project including a notification of the availability of the draft Basic Assessment Report for comment. Each letter included a CD. Refer to Annexure C1.13.1- C1.13.4 for the wording of the Letters. Identified I&APs were notified of this comment period via letters delivered by post and email. The proof of delivery has been included in Annexure C1.13.5. Electronic copies were made available to I&APs on request via CD or Dropbox and Google Drive. Refer to Annexures C1.13.6 – C1.13.12 for the proof of emails sent.

**A Hardcopy of the draft Basic Assessment Report** was made available at the Aggeneys Public Library. Refer to Annexure C1.13.13 for the proof of delivery.

## 6 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES DURING THE APPLICATION PHASE

Throughout the application process, any comments received from I&APs were summarised in Table 3 with the response from Aurecon. The original comments and responses are included in Annexure C1.14.1 – C1.15.7.

Table 3 | I&AP Comments and Responses

<b>Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Veld PV North Solar Energy Facility and associated infrastructure near Aggeneys in the Northern Cape</b>		
<b>BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT (APPLICATION PHASE)</b>		

Date	Comment	Response
Peter Cloete - Northern Cape Department Environment and Nature Conservation		
11 December 2019	Telephonic conversation with Peter Cloete confirming email address and sending al the information requested per email	Dear Peter Trust you are well. As per our telephonic discussion a few minutes earlier, please see attached and email below with links where you can access a digital copy. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Kind Regards
John Geerigh - ESKOM		
17 December 2019	My original comments submitted has not changed thus can be used in this application.	Hi John, Thank you, your previous comment will be included in our CRR. Kind regards
Nondwe Khanye -ESKOM		
10 December 2019	Dear Corlie, I hereby acknowledge that I have received the above notification.	Good day, There is no original EA.



Date	Comment	Response
	Kindly forward me if possible, the original EA for more details.	This is a new application. Kind regards Corlie Steyn
<b>Peter Cloete - Northern Cape Department Environment and Nature Conservation</b>		
6 January 2019	Dear Marianna (Corlie Steyn was on annual leave) Compliments for the new year. Thank you for your email. Please note that Mr. Aviwe Nyakaza is the newly appointed Impact Officer for Namakwa Region. Please forward all EIA related enquiries in the Namakwa Region to him. He will be able to assist you. I have also CC him in this email.	Dear Peter, We will add Mr. Aviwe Nyakaza to our I&AP list. Kind regards Corlie Steyn
<b>Mr Siswe Mnkomo – Department of Environmental Affairs</b>		
13 January 2020	Letter from DEA – Refer to Annexure C1.15.0	Cover letter from Aurecon – Refer to Annexure C1.15.0.0
<b>Peter Cloete - Northern Cape Department Environment and Nature Conservation</b>		
23 January 2020	Dear Corlie Herewith I would like to request extension of the commenting period for the above-mentioned applications. The Department are in the process of finalising the comments and it will be forward for your attention by Friday, 31 January 2020. Hope it is in order	Dear Peter, Thank you for your email. We take note of your request and will await your comment by Friday 31 January 2020. Kind regards
<b>PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE 30-DAY PPP TIME PERIOD</b>		
<b>Portia Makitla – Biodiversity Conservation</b>		
30 January 2020	Morning Please find the attached comments. Regards Portia Refer to Annexure C1.15.1 for the original comments.	Dear Portia Thank you for your email. We confirm that we have received the Biodiversity Conservation Directorate's comments on the above application (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2102). While the comments were received after the closure of the public participation period, they will be incorporated into the Final Basic Assessment Report and responded to in the Comment and Responses Report that will be made available to all stakeholders who commented. Kind regards Charles

Date	Comment	Response
		Refer to Annexure C1.15.2 and C1.15.2.1 for the response to Biodiversity
Peter Cloete - Northern Cape Department Environment and Nature Conservation		
31 January 2020	<p>Dear Corlie</p> <p>As promised, please find attached the comments: Draft Basic Assessment Haramoep Solar CSP and PV developments. A letter to DEA was also send today. I hope you find this in order.</p> <p>Refer to Annexure C1.15.3 and C1.15.4 for the original comments.</p>	<p>Dear Peter</p> <p>Our telephone conversation refers.</p> <p>Thank you for your Department's comments on the Basic Assessment for Veld PV North and South Energy Facilities on Farm 53 Haramoep, Khai Ma Local Municipality, Namakwa District, dated 24 January 2019 and received by us on 31 January 2019.</p> <p>Please find attached the responses to your comments compiled by us with contributions from the Botanical and Avifauna specialists.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Charles</p> <p>Refer to Annexure C1.15.5 and C1.15.6 for the responses to DENC.</p>

# **Annexure C1 PPP REPORT**

## **Annexure C1.1-C10 (Pre-App)**

**Copies of Comments, Copies of  
Answers and Copies of Attempts to  
Elicit Comment**

**Proof of Notifications**

**Advert and Site Notices**

## **Annexure C1.11 – C1.15 (App)**

**Copies of Comments, Copies of  
Answers and Copies of Attempts to  
Elicit Comment**

**Proof of Notifications**

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# **Annexure C2**

# **DEA Pre-App Meeting**

# **Minutes**

# **Annexure C3**

## **Approval Letter Water Sedibeng**