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Environmental Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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Pretoria
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Trading name (if any):			
Contact person:	Warren Morse		
Physical address:	Office 301 Execujet Business Centre, Tower Road, Cape Town International		
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Telephone:	021 934 5278	Fax:	021 935 0505
E-mail:	warren@mulilo.com		

Provincial Authority:	Northern Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Nature Conservation		
Contact person:	Ms Anga Yaphi		
Postal address:	Private Bag X6102, Kimberley		
Postal code:	8300	Cell:	079 695 0267
Telephone:	054 332 2885	Fax:	054 331 1155
E-mail:	ayaphi@upprov.ncape.gov.za		

Landowner:	Roelof Stephanus Du Plessis (please see Annexure C).		
Contact person:	Roelof Stephanus Du Plessis		
Postal address:	PO Box 213, De Aar		
Postal code:	7000	Cell:	082 574 6371
Telephone:	053 631 0042	Fax:	
E-mail:	charliduplessis@telkomsa.net		

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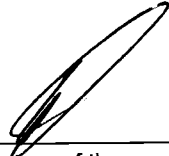
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will perform all other obligations as expected from an applicant in terms of the Regulations;

³ If this is signed on behalf of the applicant, proof of such authority from the applicant must be attached (**please see Annexure B**).

⁴ If exemption is obtained from appointing an EAP, the responsibilities of an EAP will automatically apply to the person conducting the environmental impact assessment in terms of the Regulations.

all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 71 and is punishable in terms
of section 24F of the Act.



Signature of the applicant⁵/ Signature on behalf of the applicant:

Mulilo Renewable Energy (PTY)LTD

Name of company (if applicable):

11.07.2013

Date:

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DETAILS OF EAP AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): ¹	Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd		
Contact person:	Miss Karen Versfeld		
Postal address:	PO Box 494, Cape Town		
Postal code:	8000	Cell:	084 454 9944
Telephone:	021 526 5737	Fax:	021 526 9500
E-mail:	karen.versfeld@aurecongroup.com		
Professional affiliation(s) (if any)	Miss Versfeld is registered as a Candidate Natural Scientist with SACNASP.		

Project Consultant:	N/A		
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
Postal code:		Cell:	
Telephone:		Fax:	
E-mail:			

4.2 The Environmental Assessment Practitioner

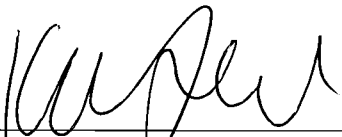
I, Karen Versfeld of Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd, declare that –

General declaration:

- I act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application
- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;
- I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- I will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;
- I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and
- I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 71 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010;



Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner:

Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Name of company:

10/07/2013

Date:

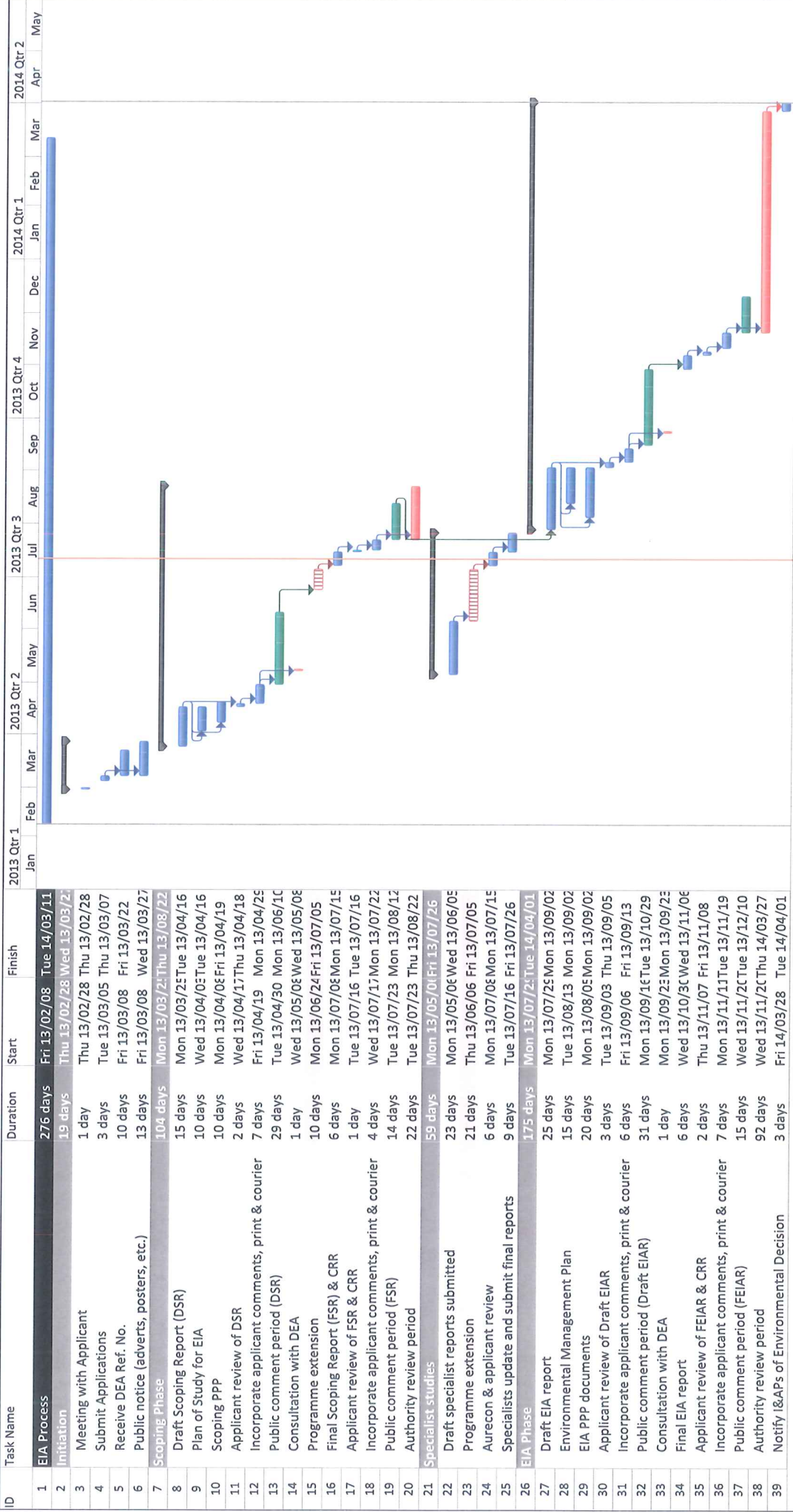


ANNEXURE A

Project Programme

FOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPANSION OF APPROVED PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITIES NEAR DE AAR AND PRIESKA, NORTHERN CAPE

VERSION 4: 12 JULY 2013



Project: 4 EIAs Near De Aar & Prieska
Date: Fri 13/07/12

Task Summary Rollup: Manual Summary Rollup, Manual Summary, Start-only, Finish-only

Task Legend: Task (blue bar), Split (dotted line), Milestone (diamond), Summary (thick arrow), Project Summary (grey bar), External Tasks (grey bar), External Milestone (diamond), Inactive Task (light blue bar), Inactive Milestone (grey bar), Inactive Summary (grey bar), Duration-only (light blue bar)

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ANNEXURE B

Letter from Applicant Regarding Signing Rights



Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd

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7525 South Africa

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Facsimile: +27 (0) 21 935 0505 / 0866356809
Email : chris@capedeep.com

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P O Box 50
Cape Town International Airports
7525 South Africa

4th March 2013

RESOLUTION

Further to a meeting of the board of Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd, held at Cape Town on 4th March 2013, it has been agreed that Warren Morse has the authority to sign the Application Forms for Environmental Authorisation.

Signed at Cape Town on 4th March 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J H Cullum', written over a set of diagonal lines.

J H Cullum

Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Aberdein', written in a cursive style.

C Aberdein

Director

Directors: CD Aberdein, J Coetsee, D J Crombie, J H Cullum

Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd Registration number: 2008 / 010114 / 07

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ANNEXURE C

Landowner Consent

Du Plessis Dam farm No. 179

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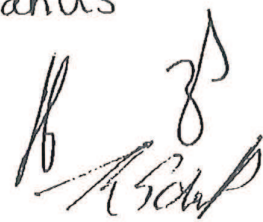
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MEMORANDUM VAN HUUROOREENKOMS

aangegaan en gesluit tussen

Du Plessis Rodof Stephanus
Id 390921 5023 085

(Registrasienuommer:)



(die 'VERHUURDER')

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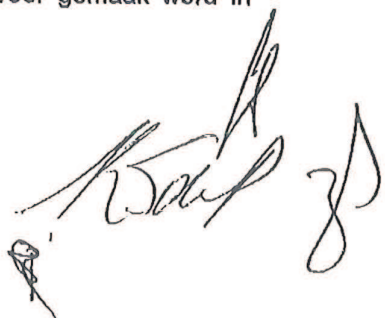
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(die 'HUURDER')



1. INTERPRETASIE

In hierdie Huurooreenkoms, tensy die konteks tot die teendeel aandui:

- 1.1 beteken die VERHUURDER:
 Du Plessis, Roelof Stephanus 
- 1.2 beteken die HUURDER Mulilo Renewable Energy (Edms) Bpk Ltd, Registrasienommer: 2008/010114/07, verteenwoordig deur Johannes Coetsee, wie behoorlik gemagtig is om as sodanig op te tree, van p/a Keeromstraat 68, Kaapstad, 8001;
- 1.3 beteken die HUURPERSEEL die plaas beskryf as, ^{Du Plessis Dam} Philipstown RD 179/0 Remaining Extent  gehou onder titelakte T. 15093/1986, en met oppervlakte van ~~1244,5563~~ ha, maar uitgesluit alle geboue, plaasgereedskap en -implemente, voorraad, voertuie en waterbronne, onderhewig aan die bepalings van klousule 6 hieronder en ook uitgesluit alle gedeeltes wat nie deur die HUURDER gebruik word vir wind- en sonkragopwekking doeleindes nie;
- 1.4 beteken die AANVANGSDATUM die datum van ondertekening van hierdie Huurooreenkoms deur die party daartoe wat dit laaste onderteken;
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DETAILS OF EAP AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):¹
 Contact person:
 Postal address:
 Postal code:
 Telephone:
 E-mail:
 Professional affiliation(s) (if any)

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8000	Cell:	084 454 9944	
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4.2 The Environmental Assessment Practitioner

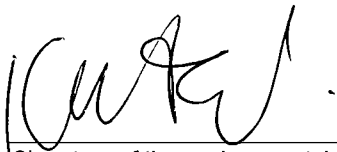
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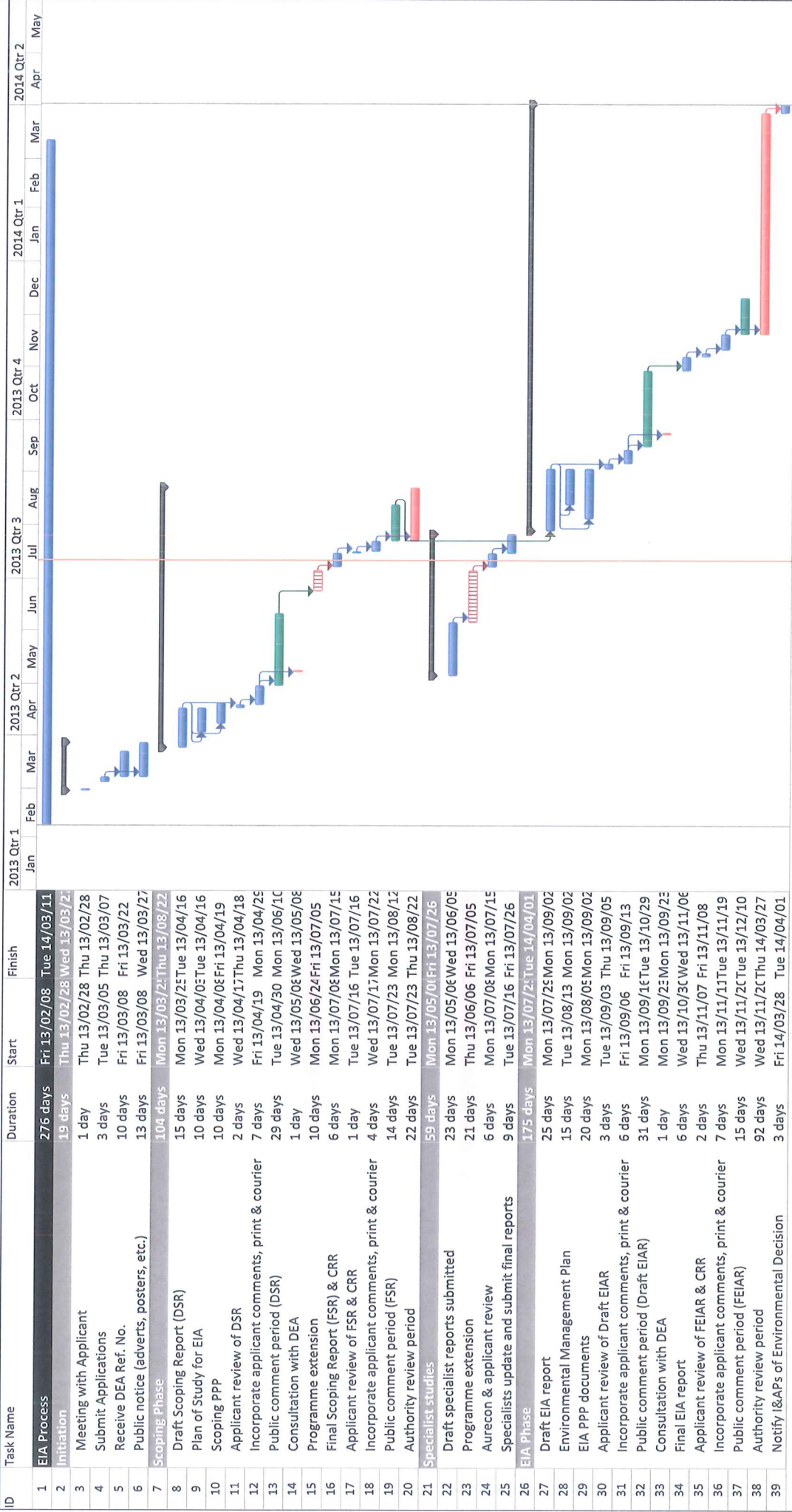
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VERSION 4: 12 JULY 2013



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Letter from Applicant Regarding Signing Rights



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Du Plessis Dam farm No. 179

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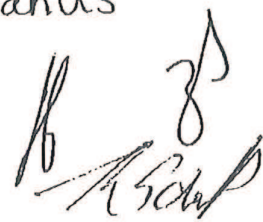
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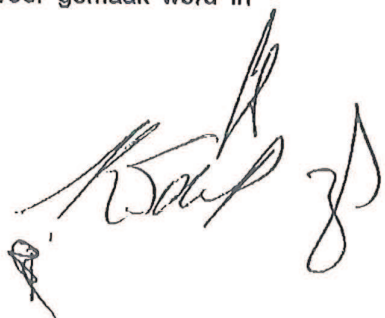
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- 1.4 beteken die AANVANGSDATUM die datum van ondertekening van hierdie Huurooreenkoms deur die party daartoe wat dit laaste onderteken;
- 1.5 beteken die OKKUPASIEDATUM die Aanvangsdatum;
- 1.6 beteken die AKTIVERINGSDATUM die eerste datum wat 'n turbine krag aan Eskom of 'n ander kommersiële gebruiker lewer, soos voorsiening voor gemaak word in klousule 5.4 hieronder.
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APPLICATION FORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

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PROJECT TITLE

Proposed Photovoltaic (Solar) Energy Plant (referred to as du Plessis PV4) on Annex Du Plessis Dam Farm near De Aar, Northern Cape

Kindly note that:

1. This application form is current as of 2 August 2010. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority.
2. The application must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. Spaces are provided in tabular format and will extend automatically when each space is filled with typing.
3. Where applicable **black out** the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
4. Incomplete applications may be returned to the applicant for revision.
5. The use of the phrase "not applicable" in the form must be done with circumspection. Should it be done in respect of material information required by the competent authority for assessing the application, it may result in the rejection of the application as provided for in the Regulations.
6. This application must be handed in at the offices of the relevant competent authority as determined by the Act and regulations.
7. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.
8. Unless protected by law, all information filled in on this application will become public information on receipt by the competent authority. Any interested and affected party should be provided with the information contained in this application on request, during any stage of the application process.
9. Should a specialist report or report on a specialised process be submitted at any stage for any part of this application, the terms of reference for such report must also be submitted.

Queries must be addressed to the contact hereunder:

Departmental Details

Postal address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Director: Environmental Impact Evaluation
Private Bag X447
Pretoria
0001

Physical address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Fedsure Forum Building (corner of Pretorius and Van der Walt Streets)
2nd Floor North Tower
315 Pretorius Street
Pretoria
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Queries should be directed to the Directorate: Environmental Impact Evaluation at:

Tel: 012-310-3268

Fax: 012-320-7539

Please note that this form must be copied to the relevant provincial environmental department/s.

View the Department's website at <http://www.deat.gov.za/> for the latest version of the documents.

SITE IDENTIFICATION AND LINKAGE

Please indicate all the Surveyor-general 21 digit site (erf/farm/portion) reference numbers for all sites (including portions of sites) that are part of the application.

Annex Du Plessis Dam Farm 179																				
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(if there are more that 6, please attach a list with the rest of the numbers)
(These numbers will be used to link various different applications, authorisations, permits etc. that may be connected to a specific site)

PROJECT TITLE

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Project applicant:	Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd		
Trading name (if any):			
Contact person:	Warren Morse		
Physical address:	Office 301 Execujet Business Centre, Tower Road, Cape Town International		
Postal address:	PO Box 50, Cape Town International Airport		
Postal code:	7525	Cell:	083 760 9586
Telephone:	021 934 5278	Fax:	021 935 0505
E-mail:	warren@mulilo.com		

Provincial Authority:	Northern Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Nature Conservation		
Contact person:	Ms Anga Yaphi		
Postal address:	Private Bag X6102, Kimberley		
Postal code:	8300	Cell:	079 695 0267
Telephone:	054 332 2885	Fax:	054 331 1155
E-mail:	ayaphi@upprov.ncape.gov.za		

Landowner:	Roelof Stephanus Du Plessis (please see Annexure C).		
Contact person:	Roelof Stephanus Du Plessis		
Postal address:	PO Box 213, De Aar		
Postal code:	7000	Cell:	082 574 6371
Telephone:	053 631 0042	Fax:	
E-mail:	charlduplessis@telkomsa.net		

In instances where there is more than one landowner, please attach a list of landowners with their contact details to this application.

Local authority in whose jurisdiction the proposed activity will fall:	Emthanjeni Local Municipality		
Nearest town or districts:	De Aar, Northern Cape.		
Contact person:	Mev. C. Kloppers		
Postal address:	45 Voortrekker street		
Postal code:	7000	Cell:	
Telephone:	053 632 9100	Fax:	053 631 0105
E-mail:	deaar@emthanjeni.co.za		

2. ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR TO BE AUTHORISED

2.1 For an application for authorisation that involves more than one listed or specified activity that, together, make up one development proposal, all the listed activities pertaining to this application must be indicated.

Indicate the number and date of the relevant notice:	Activity No (s) (in terms of the relevant notice):	Describe each listed activity as per project description ¹ :
544, 2 August 2010	9	In order to transport water from the Municipal supply system to the proposed PV facility at Annex du Plessis Dam Farm, a pipeline may be constructed.
544, 2 August 2010	10	A 132kV overhead distribution line would be required to connect the PV facility to the onsite-substation. The 132kV distribution line would be approximately 2km long.
544, 2 August 2010	11 (x and xi)	Buildings and structures exceeding 50 m ² are proposed for the PV facility and it is possible that these might be within 32-meters of small tributaries.
545, 2 August 2010	1	The proposed PV facility would each have a generation capacity of 75MW; as such this activity is triggered.
545, 2 August 2010	15	<u>Based on our knowledge of the farm, the predominant farming activity is grazing. It is therefore assumed that this activity would be triggered as the DEA considers grazing land to be undeveloped.</u>
546, 2 August 2010	10	Dangerous goods might be stored and handled on site from time to time within 100m of a watercourse.
546, 2 August 2010	14	This activity may or may not be triggered depending on the extent of the indigenous vegetation. This will be confirmed by the botanical assessment.
546, 2 August 2010	16	It is assumed that buildings and infrastructure, exceeding 10m ² would be constructed on the project site. Depending on the location of the respective buildings, this activity may be triggered.

Please note that any authorisation that may result from this application will only cover activities specifically applied for.

2.2 A project schedule, indicating the different phases and timelines of the project, must be attached to this application form (**please see Annexure A**).

¹ Please note that this description should not be a verbatim repetition of the listed activity as contained in the relevant Government Notice, but should be a brief description of activities to be undertaken as per the project description

3. OTHER AUTHORISATIONS REQUIRED

3.1 DO YOU NEED ANY AUTHORISATIONS IN TERMS OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LAWS?

3.1.1 National Environmental Management: Waste Act	No
3.1.2 National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act	No
3.1.3 National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act	No
3.1.4 National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act	No
3.1.5 National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act ²	No
3.1.6 National Water Act	Yes
3.1.7 National Heritage Resources Act	Yes
3.1.8 Mineral Petroleum Development Resources Act	No
3.1.9 Other (please specify)	No
3.2 Have such applications been lodged already?	No

² Where an environmental authorization in terms of chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act is required for coastal activities, the competent authority must take into account all the relevant factors including those listed in section 63(1) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act.

4. DECLARATIONS

4.1 The Applicant

I, Warren Morse of Mulilo Renewable Energy (PTY) Ltd, declare that I –

- am, or represent³, the applicant in this application;
- have appointed / will appoint (delete that which is not applicable) an environmental assessment practitioner to act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner for this application /
- will obtain exemption from the requirement to obtain an environmental assessment practitioner⁴;
- will provide the environmental assessment practitioner and the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal that is relevant to the application;
- will be responsible for the costs incurred in complying with the Environmental Impact Assessment

Regulations, 2010, including but not limited to –

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- costs incurred in respect of the undertaking of any process required in terms of the Regulations;
- costs in respect of any fee prescribed by the Minister or MEC in respect of the Regulations;
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- the provision of security to ensure compliance with conditions attached to an environmental authorisation, should it be required by the competent authority;

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am responsible for complying with the conditions of any environmental authorisation issued by the competent authority;

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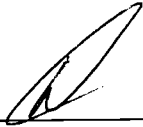
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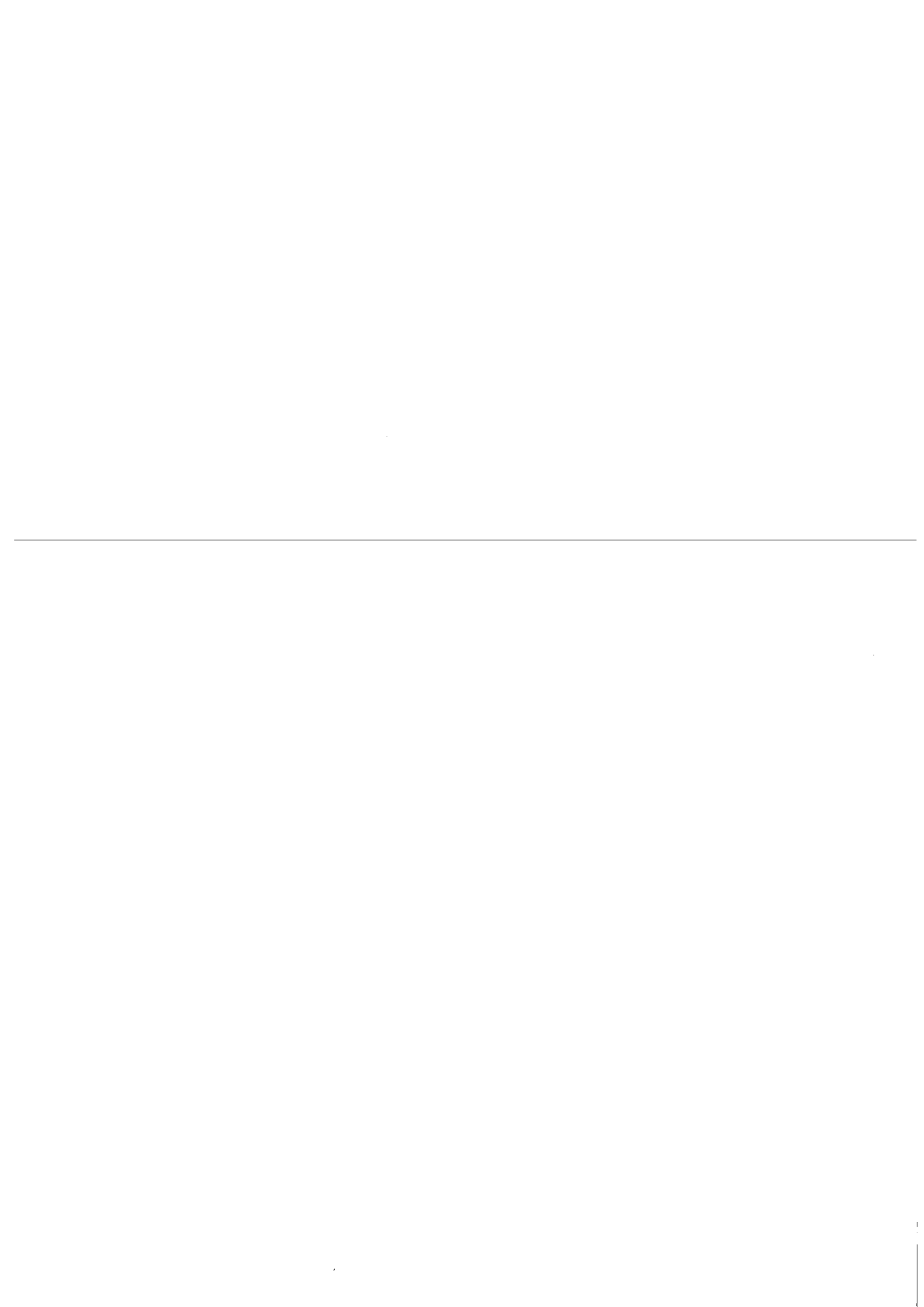
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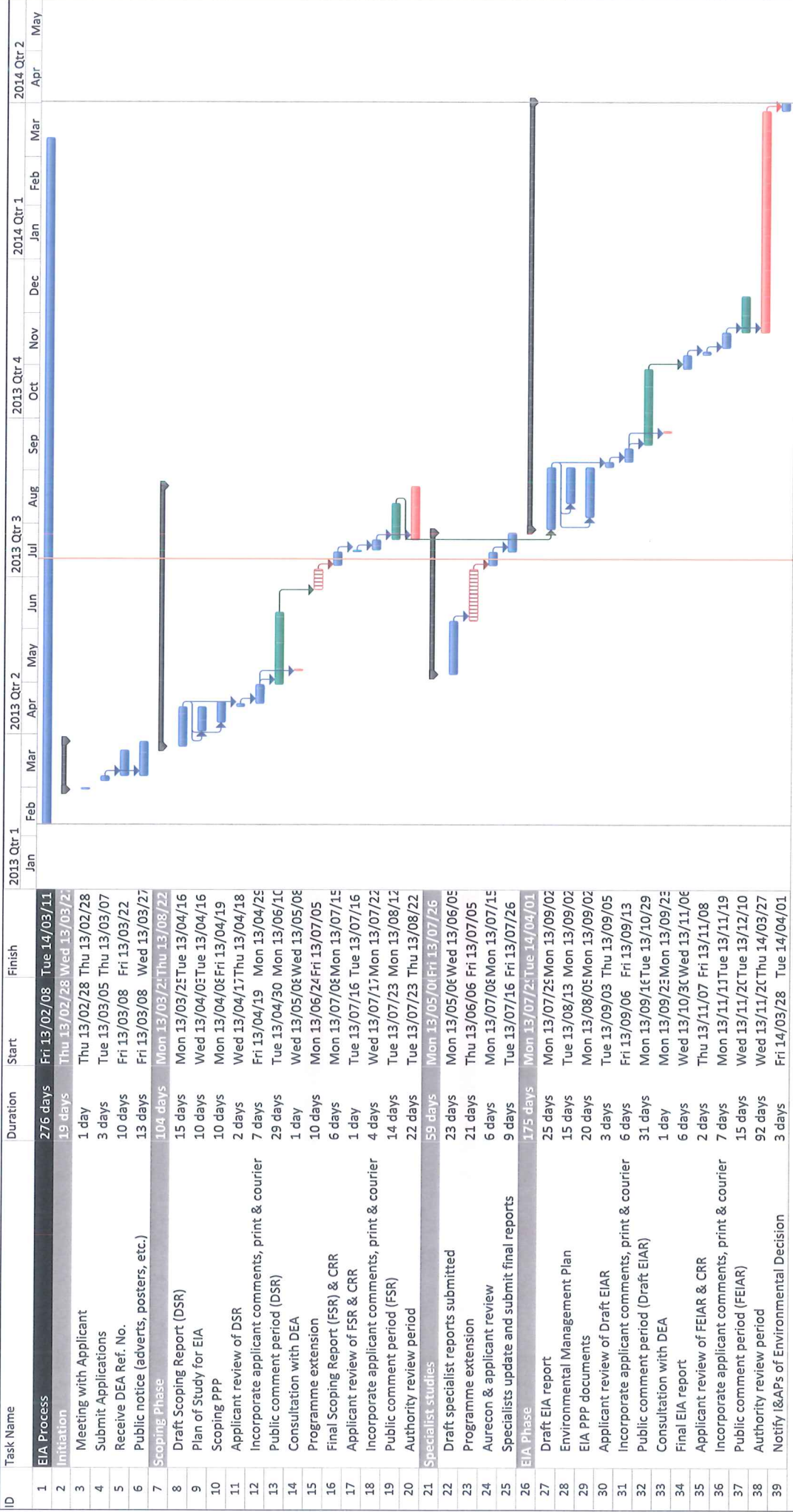


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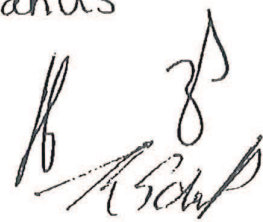
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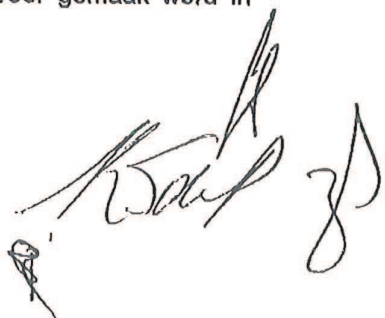
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Dear Miss Versfeld

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (SCOPING/EIA PROCESS) FOR THE PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC (SOLAR) ENERGY PLANT (REFERED TO AS DU PLESSIS PV 4) ON ANNEX DU PLESSIS DAM FARM NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the application form, land owner consent, project schedule and details of EAP and Declaration of interest submitted by you on 11 March 2013 for environmental authorisation for the abovementioned project. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010. The Application is accepted.

Please include both reference numbers (NEAS Reference and DEA Reference), as listed above, on all documents and correspondence submitted to the Department.

In addition, please consider the following during compilation of reports for this application for environmental authorisation:

- All applicable Departmental Guidelines must be considered throughout the application process. These can be downloaded from the Department's website: www.environment.gov.za, Environmental Impact Management button, listed under "EIA Administration": Integrated Environmental Management Information Series link. These include, but are not limited to, the following topics: Scoping, Environmental Impact Reporting, Stakeholder Engagement, Specialist Studies, Impact Significance, Cumulative Effects Assessments, Alternatives in EIA and Environmental Management Plans.
- Please be advised that in terms of the EIA Regulations and NEMA the investigation of alternatives is mandatory. Alternatives must therefore be identified, investigated to determine if they are feasible and reasonable. It is also mandatory to investigate and assess the option of not proceeding with the proposed activity (the "no-go" option).

- Refer to the attached annexure for specific requirements for the submission of applications for environmental authorisation for solar power generation facilities.
- Should water, solid waste removal, effluent discharge, stormwater management and electricity services be provided by the municipality, you are requested to provide this office with written proof that the municipality has sufficient capacity to provide the necessary services to the proposed development. Confirmation of the availability of services from the service providers must be provided together with the reports to be submitted.
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- The applicant/EAP is required to inform this Department in writing upon submission of any draft report, of the contact details of the relevant State Departments (that administer laws relating to a matter affecting the environment) to whom copies of the draft report were submitted for comment. Upon receipt of this confirmation, this Department will in accordance with Section 24O(2) & (3) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) inform the relevant State Departments of the commencement date of the 40 day commenting period, or 60 days in the case of the Department of Water Affairs for waste management activities which also require a licence in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
- Should it be necessary to apply for a permit in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999), please submit the necessary application to SAHRA or the relevant provincial heritage agency and submit proof thereof with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. The relevant heritage agency should also be involved during the public participation process and have the opportunity to comment on all the reports to be submitted to this Department.

You are required to submit the final site layout plan together with the Final EIR to the Department. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout plan. The site layout plan must indicate the following:

- Positions of solar/wind facilities;
- Foundation footprint;
- Permanent laydown area footprint;
- Construction period laydown footprint;
- Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible);
- Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used;
- The location of Heritage sites;

- Sub-station(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
- Cable routes and trench dimensions (where they are not along internal roads);
- Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
- Cut and fill areas at solar panels/ wind turbines sites along roads and at sub-station/transformer sites indicating the expected volume of each cut and fill;
- Borrow pits;
- Spoil heaps (temporary for topsoil and subsoil and permanently for excess material);
- All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads;
- Buildings including accommodation;
- All "no-go" areas; and
- A map combining the final layout plan must be superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.

The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) submitted as part of the application for environmental authorisation must include the following:

- All recommendations and mitigation measures to be recorded in the Final EIR.
- A plant rescue and protection plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site in consultation with the ECO and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase.
- An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
- A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility including timeframes for restoration which must indicate rehabilitation within the shortest possible time after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats.
- An alien invasive management plan to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken.
- A storm water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water runoff.
- An effective monitoring system to detect any leakage or spillage of all hazardous substances during their transportation, handling, use and storage. This must include precautionary measures to limit the possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from entering the soil or storm water systems.
- An erosion management plan for monitoring and rehabilitating erosion events associated with the facility. Appropriate erosion mitigation must form part of this plan to prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion.
- A traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late

afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations.

- An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the EIA process.
- Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.

You are requested to submit two (3) electronic copies (the main report must be separated from the Appendices (each appendix saved separately) (CD/DVD) and two (2) hard copies of both the Draft and Final Report to the Department. The hard copies must be double-sided printed; double-punched and must be bound using a lever arch file (two or four holes).

The EAP must, in order to give effect to regulation 56 (2), before submitting the Environmental Impact Assessment Report to the Department give registered interested and affected parties access to, and an opportunity to comment on the report in writing.

In terms of regulation 67 of the EIA Regulations, 2010 this application will lapse if the applicant (or the EAP on behalf of the applicant) fails to comply with a requirement in terms of the Regulations for a period of six months after having submitted the application, unless the reasons for failure have been communicated to and accepted by this Department.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



Mr Mark Gordon

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Letter signed by: Mr Herman Alberts

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A. EIA INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES

1. General site information

The following general site information is required:

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- 21 digit Surveyor General codes of all affected farm portions
- Copies of deeds of all affected farm portions
- Photos of areas that give a visual perspective of all parts of the site
- Photographs from sensitive visual receptors (tourism routes, tourism facilities, etc.)
- Solar plant design specifications including:
 - Type of technology
 - Structure height
 - Surface area to be covered (including associated infrastructure such as roads)
 - Structure orientation
 - Laydown area dimensions (construction period and thereafter)
 - Generation capacity
- Generation capacity of the facility as a whole at delivery points

This information must be indicated on the first page of any Scoping or EIA document. It is also advised that it be double checked as there are too many mistakes in the applications that have been received that take too much time from authorities to correct.

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Site maps and GIS information should include at least the following:

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- The exact site of the application must be indicated (the areas that will be occupied by the application)
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- Buildings and other structures
 - Agricultural fields
 - Grazing areas
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 - Critically endangered and endangered vegetation areas that occur on the site
 - Bare areas which may be susceptible to soil erosion
 - Cultural historical sites and elements
- Rivers, streams and water courses
 - Ridgelines and 20m continuous contours with height references in the GIS database
 - Fountains, boreholes, dams (in-stream as well as off-stream) and reservoirs
 - High potential agricultural areas as defined by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
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4. Important stakeholders

Amongst other important stakeholders, comments from the National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries must be obtained and submitted to the Department. Request for comment must be submitted to:

Mrs. Anneliza Collett
 Directorate: Land Use & Soil Management
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 Tel: 012 - 319 7508
 Fax: 012 - 329 5938
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