

APPENDIX C2:

Site Notices and Newspaper Advertisements

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE VREDE PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

Applicant: South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Activity: The development of the grid connection infrastructure ('Vrede Grid Connection') for the proposed 100MW Vrede Solar PV Facility.

The following infrastructure will be developed:

- » On site substation, which will consist of:
 - » 33/132 kV Eskom substation
 - » Associated equipment, infrastructure and buildings
 - » Temporary and permanent laydown areas
- » Overhead power line with a capacity of up to 132kV from the onsite 33/132kV Eskom substation.
- » Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- » Laydown areas and temporary man camp area.
- » Access and maintenance roads.

Two alternative routes are being considered for the Vrede Grid Connection solution. Both alternatives for the Vrede Grid Connection will loop into the Kroonstad Municipality – Kroonstad SW STN 1 132kV power line, to connect to the national grid. The assessment of the grid connection infrastructure will consider a corridor with a width of up to 260m.

Project	Alternative and approximate distance	Assessment corridor width
Vrede Grid Connection	Alternative 1: 1 579m Alternative 2: 2 905m	Within a 260m assessment corridor

Location: The Vrede Grid Connection alternatives are located ~ 13km south of Kroonstad in the Moqhaka Local Municipality and within the Fezile Dabi District Municipality, on the following properties:

Project name	Affected Properties
Vrede Grid Connection	<u>Both Alternative 1 and Alternative 2:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152 (proposed main & grid site);» Remaining Extent of the farm Gesukkel No. 1153 (proposed grid site); and» Remaining Extent of the farm Geduld No. 1156 (proposed grid site).

Environmental Impact Assessment Process: In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicant require Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), in consultation with the Free State Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, for the development of the proposed project. The application for the EA for the Vrede Grid Connection is subject to the completion of a Basic Assessment (BA) process. This application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

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PROOF OF SITE NOTICES (Date placed: 16 November 2020)



Figure 1: Site notice 1 placed at the entrance to Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152, Free State Province (27°44'33.5"S 27°09'17.1"E)



Figure 2: Site notice 2 placed at the intersection of the two roads (one road leads to where Site Notice 1 was placed and one road leads to where Site Notice 3 was placed) that run parallel to the Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152, Free State Province (27°43'29.5"S 27°10'55.7"E)



Figure 3: Site notice 3 placed at the opposite side of the entrance to Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152 (along the opposite road to the farm entrance that runs parallel to the farm, Free State Province (27°46'10.8"S 27°10'02.6"E)



Figure 4: Process Notice 1 placed at the Panarama Plaza (within the closest Town), 12km away from Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152 , Free State Province (27°40'38.5"S 27°14'22.4"E)



Figure 5: Process Notice 2 placed at the Kroonstad Magistrate Court (within the closest Town), 14km away from Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152 , Free State Province (27°40'11.6"S 27°14'02.1"E)



Figure 6: Process Notice 3 placed at the Atlantic Oil Garage (within the closest Town), 15km away from Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152 , Free State Province (27°39'47.6"S 27°13'40.2"E)

