

APPENDIX E6:  
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**From:** Savannah Public Process  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 6:45 AM  
**To:** John Geeringh  
**Cc:** Nondumiso Bulunga  
**Subject:** NORTHAM 10MW SOLAR PV: Acknowledgement of General Requirements and .KMZ file request  
**Attachments:** Development area.kmz

Tracking:	Recipient	Delivery
	John Geeringh	
	Nondumiso Bulunga	Delivered: 7/15/2021 6:45 AM

Hi John,

Thank you for Eskom's general requirements – it has been forwarded to the project team for their attention.

As requested, please find attached the .KMZ file.

Kind regards,



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**Subject:** RE: NORTHAM 10MW SOLAR PV: Announcement of the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process

Please find attached Eskom general requirements for works at or near Eskom servitudes and infrastructure. Please send me a KMZ file of affected property, proposed layout and grid connection.

Kind regards

John Geeringh (Pr Sci Nat) Reg.EAP (EAPASA)  
Senior Consultant Environmental Management  
Grid Planning: Land and Rights  
Eskom Transmission Division  
Megawatt Park, D1Y42, Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill, Sandton.



**From:** Savannah Public Process <[publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 July 2021 10:59

**To:** John Geeringh

**Subject:** NORTHAM 10MW SOLAR PV: Announcement of the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process

**BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED 10MW NORTHAM SOLAR PV FACILITY NEAR THABAZIMBI, LIMPOPO PROVINCE  
(LEDET Ref. No.: To be issued)**

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes.

1. Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.
2. Eskom shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes.
3. Eskom's consent does not relieve the developer from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals.
4. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer.
5. If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer's activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand.
6. The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard.
7. Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom's satisfaction.
8. Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer's equipment.
9. No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager

Note: Where and electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it.

10. Eskom's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with.
11. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom's satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom.
12. The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by *Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993)*.
13. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.
14. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.
15. Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant.
16. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.
17. Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom's title deed at the developer's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.

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**From:** Savannah Public Process  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2021 2:25 AM  
**To:** Thami Hadebe Transnet Pipelines DBN  
**Cc:** Nondumiso Bulunga  
**Subject:** NORTHAM 10MW SOLAR PV: Acknowledgement of comment

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	Thami Hadebe Transnet Pipelines DBN	
	Nondumiso Bulunga	Delivered: 7/16/2021 2:25 AM

Dear M Hadebe,

Please receive herewith acknowledgement of Transnet's e-mail below.

The confirmation that none of Transnet Pipeline Servitudes would not be affected by the proposed application.

Kind regards,



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**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2021 2:29 PM  
**To:** Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>  
**Subject:** RE: NORTHAM 10MW SOLAR PV: Announcement of the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process

Dear Ms Venter,

Your wayleave application dated 14 July 2021 has reference.

Transnet pipeline servitudes are not affected by the proposed work/installations/excavations/connections/construction/road upgrade/development/etc as depicted on your Locality and/or Project/Site Layout Plans. **This wayleave authorisation is valid for thirty six (36) months from today's date – 15 July 2021.**

Yours Sincerely  
Thami (Mr MT Hadebe)  
Tel: 031 – 361 1454



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**From:** Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>

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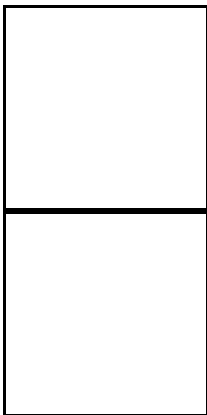


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Ref: 12/1/9/1-W218

NEAS Ref: LIM/EIA/0001367/2021

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**Attention:** Jo-Anne Thomas

**E-mail:** [joanne@savannahsa.com](mailto:joanne@savannahsa.com)

**RE: APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED 10MW NORTHAM SOLAR PV FACILITY NEAR THABAZIMBI ON PORTION 2 OF THE FARM ZONDEREINDE 384 KQ WITHIN THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERBERG DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**

The above matter refers.

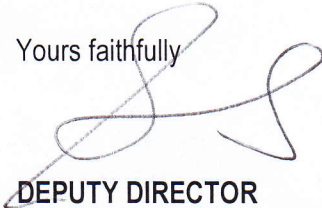
1. The Department acknowledges receipt of the application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) submitted together with the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) submitted on 20 July 2021, applied for in terms of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014, as amended, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998), as amended.
2. The application is allocated Departmental Reference Number: **12/1/9/1-W218** and NEAS Reference Number: **LIM/EIA/0001367/2021**. Kindly quote these numbers in all future correspondence regarding this application.
3. The Department checked the application as required in terms of regulation **17** of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014, as amended, and noted the following:
  - 3.1. The application was not accompanied by an Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) declaration form. The EAP declaration form must be submitted together with the application. These forms can be obtained from the Department's website or on request from Environmental Impact Management Administration office.
  - 3.2. Section 3.1 and 3.2 on page 12 of the application form requires that each listed activity be described as per project description and not a verbatim repetition of the listed activity as in the Regulations. The information that is needed in that section should be able to link the description to the listed activity number quoted with the proposed activities. This information must be provided as soon as possible in order to determine whether the proposed activities require Environmental Authorisation.

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- 3.3. The Department requires that Section H (Declarations) of the application form be submitted as original copy (not the copy of original).
4. Kindly bring to the attention of the applicant the fact that this development must not commence prior to the Department deciding on the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department should you have any queries in this respect.

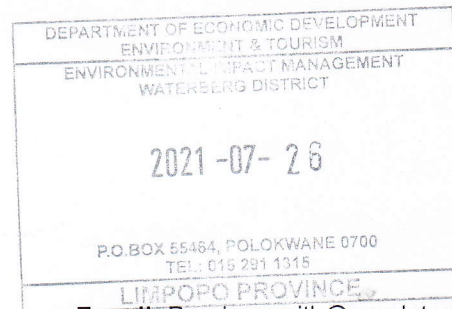
Yours faithfully



**DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
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**DATE:** 26/7/2021

**Attention:** Northam Platinum Limited – Damian Smith



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The Basic Assessment Report (BAR) and amended application form received by the Department on 20 July 2021 and 03 August 2021 respectively refer.

1. The Department is unable to determine which Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process is applicable for the proposed development due to unattended Paragraph 3.2 in its letter dated 26 July 2021. The thresholds (exact area to be cleared and amount of electricity to be generated) that determine which activities are triggered must be provided, else the Department will have to close the application due to insufficient information provided.
2. The above-mentioned must be substantiated with provision of geographical coordinates of all site corners of the proposed site for vegetation clearance.
3. The soil type within and around the proposed site is clayish (soil that contracts or expands depending of the amount of water in it). This type of soil is also known to hold lot of water for extended period. Therefore, possible impacts on underground electric cables and foundations must be assessed.
4. Please note that all consultations must allow 30 days Public Participation period and proof of consultation must be attached to the final BAR.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department should you have any queries in this respect.

Yours faithfully

  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
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DATE: 11/8/2021

Attention: Northam Platinum Limited – Damian Smith

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The Department acknowledges the receipt of the amended application form on 16 August 2021.

1. The listed activity 4 (e) under Section 3.2. For Notice 3 (EIA Regulations 2014) on page 12 of the Application form must still be specific in terms of thresholds.
2. Kindly bring to the attention of the applicant that commencement of listed activity without an environmental authorisation is prohibited in terms of S24F of NEMA.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department should you have any queries in this respect.

Yours faithfully

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DATE: 19/8/2021

Attention: Northam Platinum Limited – Damian Smith

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## Ria Barkhuizen (NR)

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**From:** Tumelo Mathulwe <tumelo@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 1:43 PM  
**To:** Ria Barkhuizen (NR)  
**Cc:** Nondumiso Bulunga; Nicolene Venter; NR Statutory Control  
**Subject:** RE: SE2990 - NORTHAM 10MW SOLAR PV: (1 of 4)  
**Attachments:** SE2990 0.Northam PV DBAR.pdf; Appendices A - C.zip

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AUG

Good Day Ria

The email below refers. please see the Basic Assessment report and appendices attached.

Attached is:

- The Basic Assessment Report
- Appendix A
- Appendix B
- Appendix C

Appendix D to G are to follow in a separate email.

Kind regards

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**From:** Tumelo Mathulwe  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 August, 2021 12:17  
**To:** Ria Barkhuizen (NR) <Barkhuizenr@nra.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: SE2990 - NORTHAM 10MW SOLAR PV: Notification of availability of the Basic Assessment Report for review and comment

Morning Ria

I will forward the documents via email and copy you in those.

Please note that due to our attachment size limit, it will be sent through multiple emails.

Please confirm receipt of the emails just so that we can be sure that you have access to the documents

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Reference: N11/1/R  
Date: 19 August 2021  
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By email: [tumelo@savannahsa.com](mailto:tumelo@savannahsa.com)

Dear Sir / Madam

**NORTHAM SOLAR PV FACILITY, NEAR NORTHAM, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

Your application dated 5 August 2021 has reference.

The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) has no objection to the above-mentioned application as no roads or interchanges under the jurisdiction of SANRAL are affected.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Baelchhuizen", is written over a horizontal line.

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### PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms. Venter

### COMMENTS ON DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 10MW NORTHAM SOLAR PV FACILITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned draft report.

Based on the information provided in the report, the project area and layout of the facility has been designed to avoid areas of high sensitivity, thereby reducing impacts on ecology and natural resources. Due to the proximity of the site to the Zondereinde Mine and Smelter, the specialist studies have identified the significance of impacts associated with the development of the Northam PV Facility to be of a low rating post-mitigation. Furthermore, no environmental fatal flaws were identified to be associated with the project. All impacts associated with the project can be mitigated to acceptable levels.

Notwithstanding the above, the following recommendations must be considered in the final report:

- The letter and comments dated 11 August 2021 from the Limpopo Department: Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) for the Northam 10MW Solar PV Basic Assessment application must be considered prior submission of the final report.
- Preconstruction walk-through of the approved development footprint must be conducted to ensure that sensitive habitats and species are avoided where possible.
- Alien Invasive Plant Species Management and Rehabilitation Plans must be developed to mitigate on habitat degradation due to erosion and alien plant invasion and submitted as part of the final report.
- Sensitive habitats in close proximity to the development footprint must be avoided or demarcated as No-Go area (i.e. Wetlands and Seeps).



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- Appropriate buffer stipulated by relevant specialists must be established around medium sensitive habitats (i.e. Wetlands).

The final report must comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) guideline for renewable energy projects and the Best Practice Guideline for Birds & Solar Energy for assessing and monitoring the impact of solar energy facilities on birds in Southern Africa.

In conclusion please note that all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: [BCAdmin@environment.gov.za](mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za) for attention of **Mr Seoka Lekota**.

Yours faithfully



**Mr. Seoka Lekota**  
**Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment**  
**Date: 19/08/21**