



Appendix 4

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Appendix 4A
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TO

Stephan Jacobs

From: Stephan Jacobs
Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 10:29 AM
To: Gasewabone Ellis Thebe
Cc: Liandra Scott-Shaw
Subject: RE: IQ/20/0271: Solar photovoltaic energy system EIA

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Good Morning,

Thank you very much for this document. SiVEST is familiar with this document and have used this in determining the Competent Authority.

The proposed solar PV projects at Leeudoringstad do not form part of the Renewable Energy IPP Procurement Programme (REIPPP) (i.e. the bidding process). These facilities will be under 10MW in capacity and will sell the electricity generated to someone with a National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)-issued electricity trading license.

In light of this, your Department (namely the NW DEDECT) will be the Competent Authority for the projects.

I trust you will find everything is in order.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should there be any issues or should you wish to discuss anything.

Regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 10:15 AM
To: Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>
Subject: Fwd: IQ/20/0271: Solar photovoltaic energy system EIA

Good day Stephan Jacobs

Please familiarise yourself with the attached document with regard to Solar PV project at Leeudoringstad. Check the purpose of Solar PV and make informed decision on identification of Competent Authority

Regards

>>> IQ <IQ@environment.gov.za> 2020/08/11 12:04 PM >>>

Dear Robyn

Yes, the document is still relevant, as is the associated Notice (attached).

I have spoken to Dr. Aucamp and explained that the national Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Environmental Affairs would be the competent authority only where the proposed development forms part of the Renewable Energy IPP Procurement Programme (REIPPP) i.e. the bidding process. The DEFF may require some sort of confirmation in this regard. For further assistance, where the Minister is the competent authority, applicants or proponents should please contact eiaadmin@environment.gov.za

Kind regards

Chantal

From: IQ

Sent: Friday, 07 August 2020 09:37

To: Chantal Engelbrecht <CEngelbrecht@environment.gov.za>

Cc: Betty Mdala <BMdala@environment.gov.za>

Subject: Fw: Solar photovoltaic energy system EIA IQ/20/0271

From: Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:32:08 AM

To: IQ

Cc: pjaucamp@iafrica.com

Subject: Fwd: Solar photovoltaic energy system EIA

Good day IQ,

Please see request below from Dr Aucamp.

Please confirm whether the attached explanatory document is still applicable ? Is DEFF the CA ?

Kind Regards

Robyn

>>> "Pieter Aucamp" <pjaucamp@iafrica.com> 2020/08/05 11:25 AM >>>

Good Morning Robyn

Thanks for the chat. Columbus in Middelburg is planning to install a 10 MW solar photovoltaic plant with a footprint > 20 ha on their site (See attached map). The middle of the proposed site is at 25° 47,969S and 29° 28,652E.

Transmission voltage considerations (either 6.6 kV or 33 kV - not finalised yet, **and** needs to cross a watercourse to tie-in with existing infrastructure (Less than 1000 m).

Must this EIA be submitted to you or to National (We also have to consider the regulations 840 and 841 published on 31 July in gg 43571 which may be promulgated before the EIA is completed?

Thanks for your assistance. I appreciate it.

Pieter

Dr P J Aucamp

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From: Stephan Jacobs
Sent: Thursday, 20 February 2020 3:28 PM
To: Muhammad Essop
Cc: Liandra Scott-Shaw; Tarryn Curtis (tarrync@sivest.co.za)
Subject: Confirmation of Competent Authority
Attachments: EnergyApplicationsExplanatoryDocumentforGNR779.pdf

Importance: High

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	Muhammad Essop		
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	Tarryn Curtis (tarrync@sivest.co.za)		
	Tarryn Curtis	Delivered: 2020/02/20 3:28 PM	

Good Afternoon Muhammad,

I trust you are well.

I have a query regarding applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) which I hope you can assist with.

SiVEST have been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake Basic Assessment (BA) processes for renewable energy developments in the North West Province. These projects are being proposed by an Independent Power Producer (IPP), however, they will be under 10MW and will not form part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP).

We had a look at the explanatory document for Government Notice No. 779 published in Government Gazette No. 40110 Dated 1 July 2016 (see attached) and found the following:

“it is imperative to clarify that the Minister is the competent authority for applications for EA for facilities or infrastructure, including its ancillary activities, that will form part of the IRP Programmes for technologies whose procurement processes have been determined under the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 and / or the Electricity Regulations on New Generation Capacity” ... “If the proponent will not, or does not intend to, participate in any of the IRP programmes, the competent authority will be the MEC responsible for environmental affairs in the respective province”

Based on the information above, the Competent Authority should be the North West Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (NW READ) as the projects are not part of any of the IRP programmes, however, we are not 100% sure about this.

In light of this, please could you kindly confirm where the Provincial Authority (namely the NW READ) would be the Competent Authority or whether this would be the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF)?

Your earliest possible response will be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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Sent: Friday, 21 February 2020 9:48 AM
To: 'Muhammad Essop'
Cc: Liandra Scott-Shaw; Tarryn Curtis
Subject: RE: Confirmation of Competent Authority

Good Morning Muhammad,

Thank you for your response.

Noted, I will give you a call in order to discuss this matter.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: RE: Confirmation of Competent Authority

Dear Stephan,

Please give me a call to discuss the matter, and we can follow it up with an email after I provide you guidance telephonically.

Regards

Muhammad Essop

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Stephan Jacobs

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Cc: Motshabi Mohlalisi; Obitseng Moholo; Robert Nemanashi; claudine.roos@nwu.ac.za; Liandra Scott-Shaw
Subject: RE: RE: RE: Request for Provincial Application From for Application for EA

Good Afternoon Ms Thebe,

Thank you very much for your response and for the information provided. This is very helpful. We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

SiVEST will make sure to contact Mr. Robert Nemanashi from the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality (District Municipality where our projects are proposed) in order to request a pre-application meeting, should this be required.

Thanks again for your assistance in this regard. It is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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Cc: Motshabi Mohlalisi <MMohlalisi@nwpg.gov.za>; Obitseng Moholo <OMoholo@nwpg.gov.za>; Robert Nemanashi <RNemanashi@nwpg.gov.za>; claudine.roos@nwu.ac.za; Liandra Scott-Shaw <LiandraS@sivest.co.za>
Subject: Re: RE: RE: Request for Provincial Application From for Application for EA

Good day Mr Jacobs

There is no form for pre application meeting. You just need to send e-mail to request such meeting. Please contact the following depending on project location

Bojanala- Ms Motshabi Mohlalisi- 014 597 3598 or 072 157 8434, E-mail : MMohlalisi@nwpg.gov.za
Dr Kenneth Kaunda- Mr. Robert Nemanashi (018) 299 6698 or 076 604 5346, email RNemanashi@nwpg.gov.za
Ngaka Modiri Molema and D Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti- Ms Obiteng Moholo- (018) 389 5095 or 072 883 5988, E-mail:
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King Regards

Ms. Gasewabone Ellis Thebe

Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT)

Tel : 018 389 5099

Cell: 082 805 9591

>>> Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za> 02/24/20 11:16 AM >>>
Good Morning Ms Thebe,

Thank you very much for the application form. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

One (1) more query. What is the process to be followed should we wish to undertake a pre-application meeting with your department? Is this a possibility? Is there an application form we submit with regards to this or do we just email someone from your Department directly in order to arrange this?

Your earliest response will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for your assistance with the application form😊

Kind Regards,

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Cc: claudine.roos@nwu.ac.za; Liandra Scott-Shaw <LiandraS@sivest.co.za>
Subject: Re: RE: Request for Provincial Application From for Application for EA

Good day

Attached here with application form as requested

Regards
Ms. G.E Thebe
Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism
Environmental Quality Management
(018) 389 5099
Cell: 082 805 9591

>>> Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za> 02/21/20 12:25 PM >>>
Good Afternoon Sue,

Thank you very much for your assistance. We will wait to hear back from Portia in this regard.

Hope you have a good day further.

Kind Regards,

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Cc: Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>; Liandra Scott-Shaw <LiandraS@sivest.co.za>; Claudine Roos (Dr) <claudine.roos@nwu.ac.za>
Subject: FW: Request for Provincial Application From for Application for EA
Importance: High

Good Day Portia and the North West team

Trust you are well. Conference is coming to the North west this year. We will be in Rustenburg. Details to follow soon.

Please would you be able to assist the consultants below with the electronic copies of Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for NW Province.

IAIAsa unfortunately does not have them on record.

Thanks in advance.

Kind Regards

Sue George

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Subject: Request for Provincial Application Form for Application for EA

Importance: High

To whom it may concern,

Does the IAIA perhaps keep electronic copies of Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the respective provincial departments?

We are trying to download the North West Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development's application form (application for EA), however, their website does not work (does not allow you to download the application form). We have also tried contacting someone from the department, to no avail.

Your assistance in this regard (if possible) will be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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Stephan Jacobs

From: Stephan Jacobs
Sent: Wednesday, 12 August 2020 10:47 AM
To: pkrisjan@nwpg.gov.za
Cc: Liandra Scott-Shaw
Subject: 15962 Leeudoringstad Solar PV Project - Request for pre-application meeting

Importance: High

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To Whom it may concern,

SiVEST has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) in order to undertake Basic Assessment (BA) processes for a number of solar photovoltaic (PV) developments near the town of Leeudoringstad in the North West Province. Your Department has been identified as the Competent Authority (CA) for the respective developments and therefore SiVEST would like to have a pre-application meeting with your Department.

As such, please could you kindly forward us your Department's request for pre-application meeting form (if this exists) and also advise what process needs to be followed in this regard (in terms of a pre-application meeting)? There is no form available on your Department's website and SiVEST are also unsure whether the same process is followed as with the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF).

Your earliest possible response and/or assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks and Kind Regards,

Stephan Jacobs

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Cc: Hlengiwe Ntuli; Liandra Scott-Shaw
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Attachments: 15962 Leeudoringstad Solar PV Project - Request for pre-application meeting ; 20200225 Info about Pre-App Meeting Request_NW DEDECT_THEBE G.pdf; Permitting.pdf
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Good Afternoon Mr. Nemanashi,

I trust you are well.

SiVEST has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) in order to undertake Basic Assessment (BA) processes for a number of solar photovoltaic (PV) developments near the town of Leeudoringstad in the North West Province (in the Maquassi Hills Local Municipality in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality). Your Department has been identified as the Competent Authority (CA) for the respective developments and therefore SiVEST would like to have a pre-application meeting with your Department.

SiVEST emailed your Department (namely Ms. Gasewabone Ellis Thebe – see attached PDF of email) in February 2020 in order to enquire about a pre-application meeting (before the national lockdown period was enforced) and were informed that we need to send e-mail to request such meeting to yourself (since you are the appropriate person for the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, where our projects are located).

However, as per the instructions issued by the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) as part of Government Notice No. 650 of 05 June 2020 (see page 52 of attached “Permitting” PDF), pre-application meetings for your Department must be requested in electronic format via the following email address: pkrisjan@nwpg.gov.za. SiVEST subsequently sent an email in this regard to pkrisjan@nwpg.gov.za (see attached email). We are however yet to receive a response.

As such, please could you kindly advise what process needs to be followed in terms of requesting a pre-application meeting or provide any other assistance in this regard? We are unsure whether the same process is followed as with the DEFF. As far as we understand there is no form for the pre-application meeting.

Your earliest possible response and/or assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to give me a call should you wish to discuss this.

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I can confirm that we have been in communication with Robert Nemanashi (copied herein) with regards to a pre-application meeting. We will send yourself and Robert an email with a request to have an online pre-application meeting. Will proposed potential dates as part of the email and will include project related information.

Thanks for your assistance in this regard.

Regards,

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Appendix 4B
Authority Consultation
FROM

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Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 10:15 AM
To: Stephan Jacobs
Subject: Fwd: IQ/20/0271: Solar photovoltaic energy system EIA
Attachments: Annexure A- Published Notice Competent Authority for Activities relatedpdf

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Good day Stephan Jacobs

Please familiarise yourself with the attached document with regard to Solar PV project at Leeudoringstad. Check the purpose of Solar PV and make informed decision on identification of Competent Authority

Regards

>>> IQ <IQ@environment.gov.za> 2020/08/11 12:04 PM >>>

Dear Robyn

Yes, the document is still relevant, as is the associated Notice (attached).

I have spoken to Dr. Aucamp and explained that the national Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Environmental Affairs would be the competent authority only where the proposed development forms part of the Renewable Energy IPP Procurement Programme (REIPPP) i.e. the bidding process. The DEFF may require some sort of confirmation in this regard. For further assistance, where the Minister is the competent authority, applicants or proponents should please contact eiaadmin@environment.gov.za

Kind regards

Chantal

From: IQ
Sent: Friday, 07 August 2020 09:37
To: Chantal Engelbrecht <CEngelbrecht@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Betty Mdala <BMdala@environment.gov.za>
Subject: Fw: Solar photovoltaic energy system EIA IQ/20/0271

From: Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:32:08 AM
To: IQ
Cc: pjaucamp@iafrica.com
Subject: Fwd: Solar photovoltaic energy system EIA

Good day IQ,

Please see request below from Dr Aucamp.

Please confirm whether the attached explanatory document is still applicable ? Is DEFF the CA ?

Kind Regards

Robyn

>>> "Pieter Aucamp" <pjaucamp@iafrica.com> 2020/08/05 11:25 AM >>>

Good Morning Robyn

Thanks for the chat. Columbus in Middelburg is planning to install a 10 MW solar photovoltaic plant with a footprint > 20 ha on their site (See attached map). The middle of the proposed site is at 25° 47,969S and 29° 28,652E.

Transmission voltage considerations (either 6.6 kV or 33 kV - not finalised yet, **and** needs to cross a watercourse to tie-in with existing infrastructure (Less than 1000 m).

Must this EIA be submitted to you or to National (We also have to consider the regulations 840 and 841 published on 31 July in gg 43571 which may be promulgated before the EIA is completed?)

Thanks for your assistance. I appreciate it.

Pieter

Dr P J Aucamp

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From: Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, 21 February 2020 9:27 AM
To: Stephan Jacobs
Cc: Liandra Scott-Shaw; Tarryn Curtis
Subject: RE: Confirmation of Competent Authority

Dear Stephan,

Please give me a call to discuss the matter, and we can follow it up with an email after I provide you guidance telephonically.

Regards

Muhammad Essop

Assistant Director - Strategic Infrastructure Developments


Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

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From: Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2020 15:28
To: Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Liandra Scott-Shaw <LiandraS@sivest.co.za>; Tarryn Curtis <tarrync@sivest.co.za>
Subject: Confirmation of Competent Authority
Importance: High

Good Afternoon Muhammad,

I trust you are well.

I have a query regarding applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) which I hope you can assist with.

SiVEST have been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake Basic Assessment (BA) processes for renewable energy developments in the North West Province. These projects are being proposed by an Independent Power Producer (IPP), however, they will be under 10MW and will not form part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP).

We had a look at the explanatory document for Government Notice No. 779 published in Government Gazette No. 40110 Dated 1 July 2016 (see attached) and found the following:

"it is imperative to clarify that the Minister is the competent authority for applications for EA for facilities or infrastructure, including its ancillary activities, that will form part of the IRP Programmes for technologies whose procurement processes have been determined under the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 and / or the Electricity Regulations on New Generation Capacity" ... "If the proponent will not, or does not intend to, participate in any of the IRP programmes, the competent authority will be the MEC responsible for environmental affairs in the respective province"

Based on the information above, the Competent Authority should be the North West Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (NW READ) as the projects are not part of any of the IRP programmes, however, we are not 100% sure about this.

In light of this, please could you kindly confirm where the Provincial Authority (namely the NW READ) would be the Competent Authority or whether this would be the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF)?

Your earliest possible response will be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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Cc: Motshabi Mohlalisi; Obitseng Moholo; Robert Nemanashi; claudine.roos@nwu.ac.za; Liandra Scott-Shaw
Subject: Re: RE: RE: Request for Provincial Application From for Application for EA

Good day Mr Jacobs

There is no form for pre application meeting. You just need to send e-mail to request such meeting. Please contact the following depending on project location

Bojanala- Ms Motshabi Mohlalisi- 014 597 3598 or 072 157 8434, E-mail : MMohlalisi@nwpg.gov.za
Dr Kenneth Kaunda- Mr. Robert Nemanashi (018) 299 6698 or 076 604 5346, email RNemanashi@nwpg.gov.za
Ngaka Modiri Molema and D Ruth Segomotsi Mompati- Ms Obiteng Moholo- (018) 389 5095 or 072 883 5988, E-mail: OMoholo@nwpg.gov.za

King Regards
Ms. Gasewabone Ellis Thebe
Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT)
Tel : 018 389 5099
Cell: 082 805 9591

>>> Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za> 02/24/20 11:16 AM >>>
Good Morning Ms Thebe,

Thank you very much for the application form. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

One (1) more query. What is the process to be followed should we wish to undertake a pre-application meeting with your department? Is this a possibility? Is there an application form we submit with regards to this or do we just email someone from your Department directly in order to arrange this?

Your earliest response will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for your assistance with the application form😊

Kind Regards,

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Subject: Re: RE: Request for Provincial Application From for Application for EA

Good day

Attached here with application form as requested

Regards

Ms. G.E Thebe

Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism
Environmental Quality Management

(018) 389 5099

Cell: 082 805 9591

>>> Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za> 02/21/20 12:25 PM >>>

Good Afternoon Sue,

Thank you very much for your assistance. We will wait to hear back from Portia in this regard.

Hope you have a good day further.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: FW: Request for Provincial Application From for Application for EA

Importance: High

Good Day Portia and the North West team

Trust you are well. Conference is coming to the North west this year. We will be in Rustenburg. Details to follow soon.

Please would you be able to assist the consultants below with the electronic copies of Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for NW Province.

IAIASa unfortunately does not have them on record.

Thanks in advance.

Kind Regards

Sue George

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Importance: High

To whom it may concern,

Does the IAIA perhaps keep electronic copies of Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the respective provincial departments?

We are trying to download the North West Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development's application form (application for EA), however, their website does not work (does not allow you to download the application form). We have also tried contacting someone from the department, to no avail.

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