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SIVEST Environmental Division

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KLIPKRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITIES (WEF) 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5, BESS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR FRASERBURG, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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WEF Properties

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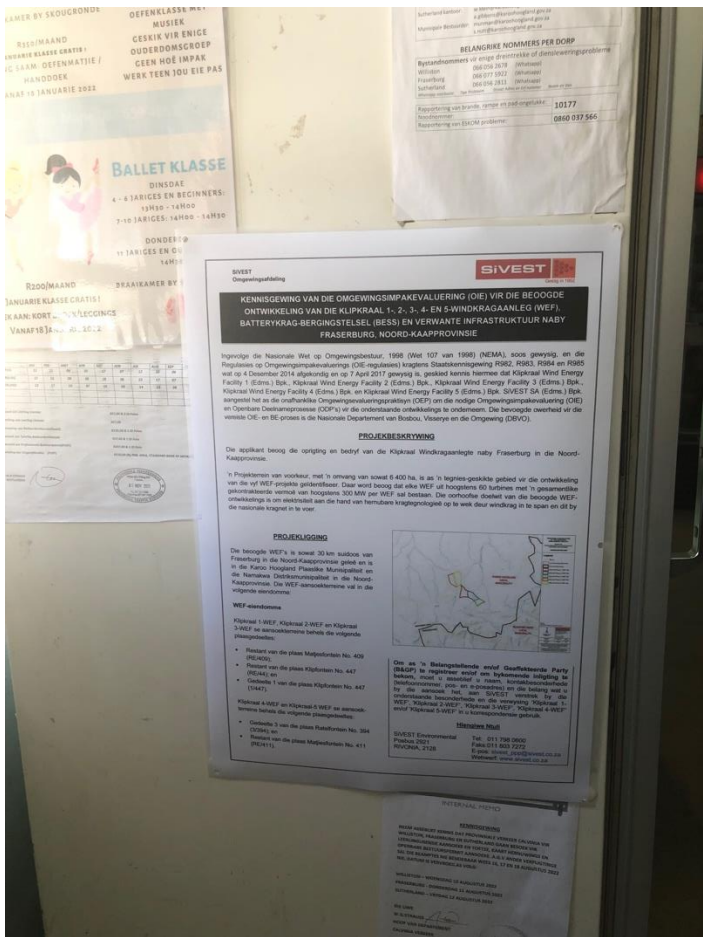
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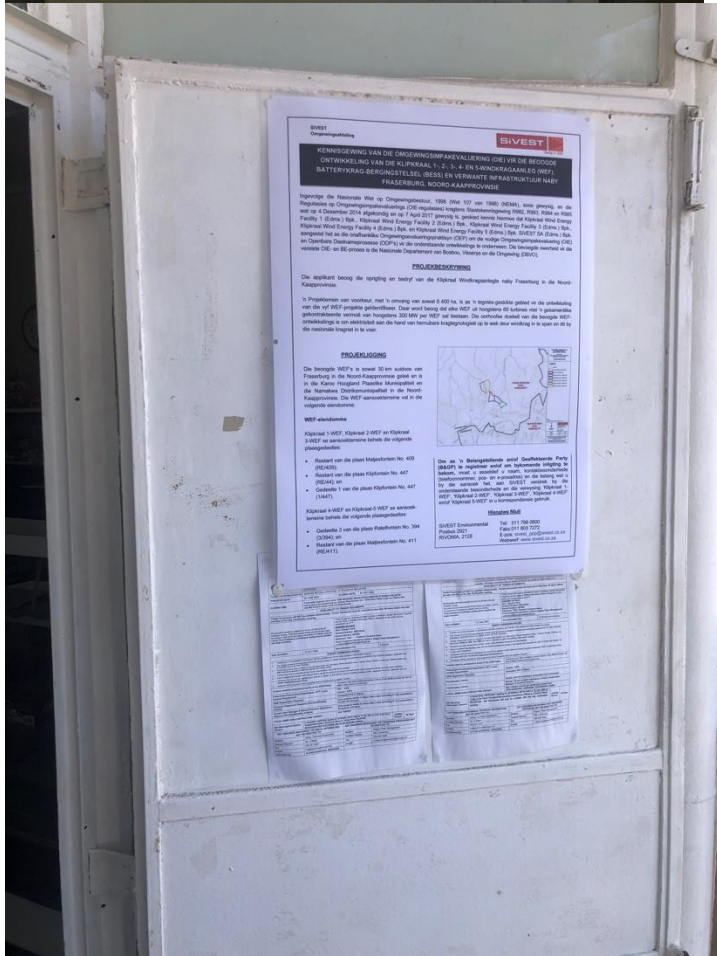
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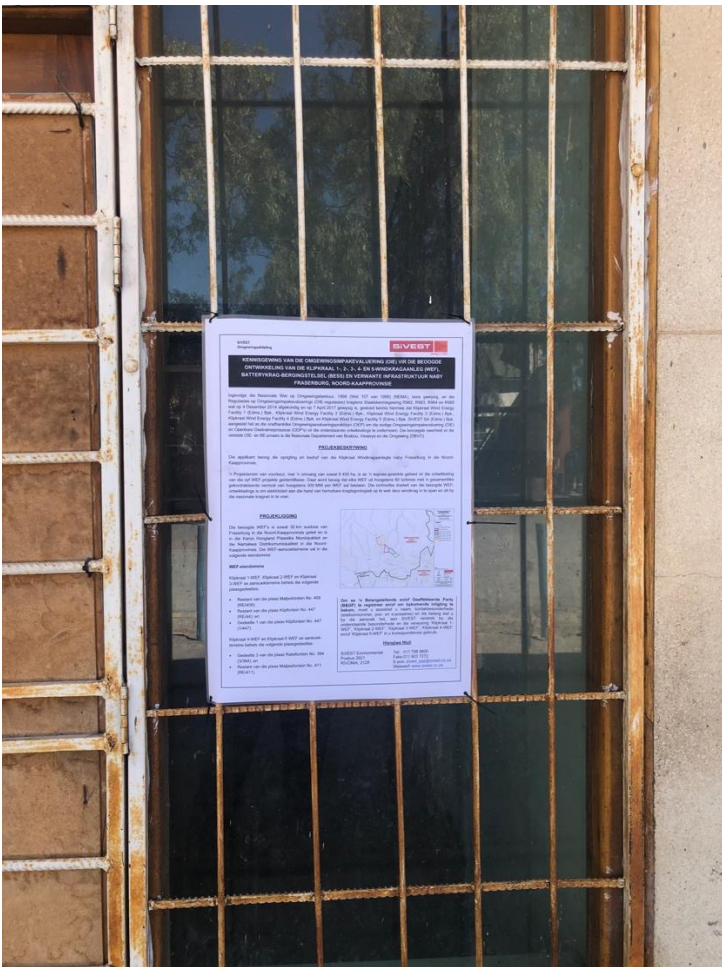
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Maritz Handelaar
31°54'52.1"S 21°30'36.2"E



R353
31°55'31.3"S 21°31'38.4"E



Wangerino 1st entrance
32°01'30.6"S 21°42'58.7"E
(Portion 3 of Farm Ratelfontein no.
394 (3/394) & Remainder of Farm
Matjesfontein no 411 (RE/411))





2nd Entrance of Wangerino
32°01'58.8"S 21°43'25.7"E



Wangerino entrance from
Northern side
32°02'46.7"S 21°44'32.6"E



**Klipkraal – Affected Properties
RE/409; RE/447; 1/447**

Klipkraal Northwestern entrance
32°03'19.8"S 21°45'24.5"E



Klipkraal Southern entrance
32°03'24.7"S. 21°46'08.4"E

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31°54'56.7"S 21°30'41.7"E



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Sent: Thursday, 15 September 2022 16:48
Cc: Luvanya Naidoo
Subject: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting
Attachments: 16891 Klipkraal WEF DSR Letter Notification rev 1 (Afrikaans).pdf; 16891 Klipkraal WEF DSR Letter Notification rev 1 15092022.pdf

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Attached is an English and Afrikaans letter notifying you of the review period.

SiVEST is committed to complying with the requirements as set out in terms of POPIA.

I.T.O POPIA, you hereby declare and confirm that you, as an I&AP providing information, consent for your information to be gathered, stored and distributed for the purpose of this project.

Kind Regards,
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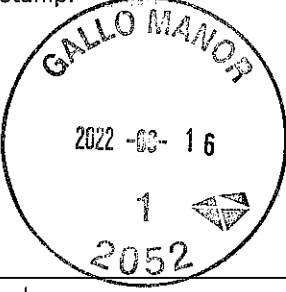
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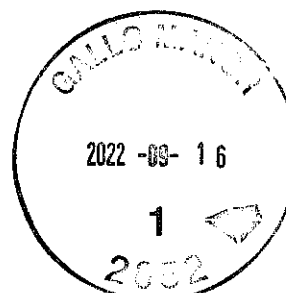
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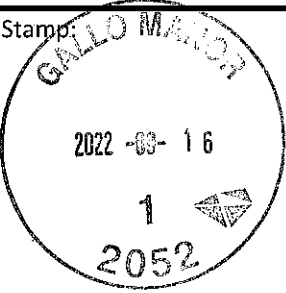
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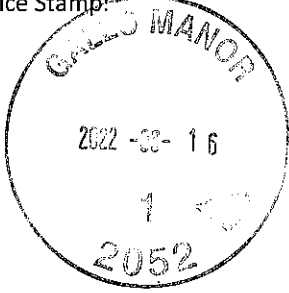
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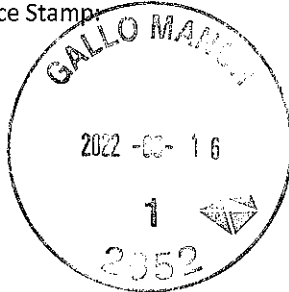
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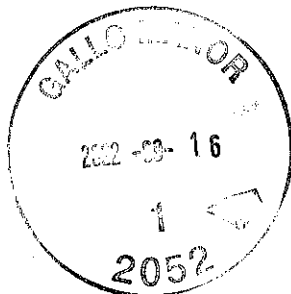
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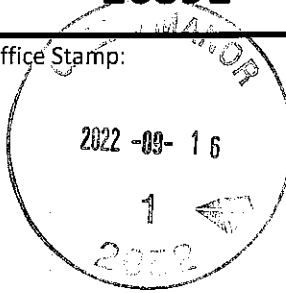
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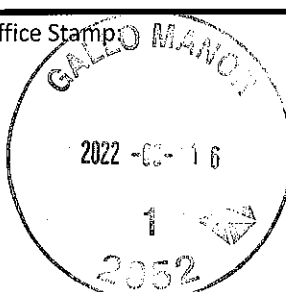
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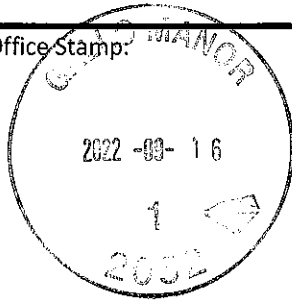
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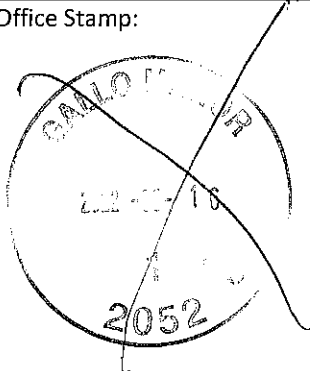
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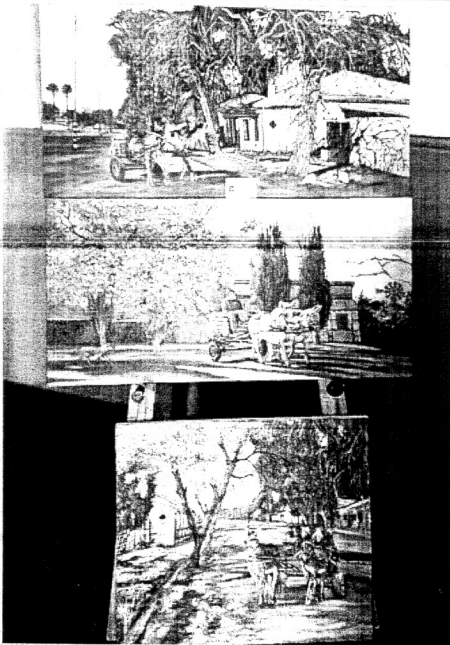
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KUNSWERKE

ANNALISE VORSTER-MEYER, 'n plaaslike kunstenaar se kunswerke wat by die Kultuurfees op Loxton uitgestal is.

25 Jaar gelede

NOORDWESTER: 8 Augustus 1997. Mnr. Louis van Wyk wat oorspronklik van Calvinia kom en tans 'n mikrokogte-vliegskool te Fisantekraal naby Kaapstad het, het die munisipale raad van Calvinia toegesprek oor die moontlikheid van 'n vliegskool te Calvinia.

25 Jaar gelede

MESSENGER: 24 Oktober 1997. Die Raad vir Nasionale Gedenkwaardighede het nie minder nie as 87 geboue op Victoria-Wes waardig verklaar om bewaar te word as deel van Suid-Afrika se beboude omgewing erfenis.

LIEFDE TUSSEN 'N VROU EN 'N MAN BLY ONPEILBAAR

Plesier, soos liefde, verlepmos darem nie altyd nie

Geagte Leser,

Daar is min verhoudings wat so mooi kan wees soos die tussen man en vrou. Die verhouding tussen twee jong mense laat 'n mens dink aan die lente. Alles is vars en nuut. Dit is wonderlik om hulle vars geluk te sien en hoe hulle die genot van mekaar se geselskap ervaar. Dit is om te begeer. Net jammer dat dit dikwels nie volhoubaar is nie. Dit laat 'n mens dink aan die woorde: "Die liefde is soos 'n jong komkommer, pluk jy hom verlep hy sommer."

Dit is darem nie altyd so nie. Dit is ook nie so dat dit net jong mense is wat mooi ver-

houdings het nie. Dit is nie net die lente wat mooi is nie. Herfs hou ook sy bekoring in. Wat is mooier as De Doorns in die herfs met sy skakerings van rooi so ver as die oog kan sien. Of Wellington met sy herfsblare en monumentale berge in die agtergrond. Elke seisoen het sy mooi. So ook elke stadium van die lewe.

'n Goeie kennis van my het met aftrede aan my gesê dat hy sy vrou wil terugneem na haar wêreld. Sy was bereid om haar lewe met hom op die plaas te deel. Dit was waar hy sy beroep beoefen het. Hoewel hy Calvinia sou mis, was hy bereid om nou weer vir sy vrou die laaste deel

van haar lewe in haar omgewing te gun.

Ek glo hulle was gelukkig in die nuwe omgewing. Na 'n paar jaar het sy vrou eger aan demensie begin ly. Waar sy bly het nie meer saak gemaak nie. Die versoeking om terug te keer na sy wêreld was net te sterk en het hulle weer terug verhuis na Calvinia. Die voorbeeldige manier waarop hy sy vrou hanteer het, sal my altyd bybly. Hy het haar in alles in ag geneem, haar elke week geneem om haar hare te laat doen, nie rondgekuier asof sy nie bestaan het nie, maar geduldig sy afwesigheid so bestuurt dat dit haar nie geraak het nie. Hy het net eenmaal vir haar 'n wit leuentjie vertel. Sy was haar lewe lank lief vir 'n sigarettjie. Op 'n dag vra sy hom of hy nie weet waar haar sigarettie is nie. Sy antwoord was: "Jy het maar net vergeet dat jy al lankal ophou rook het." Ek glo dit was ter wille van haar gesondheid.

Die winter in sy lewe het vir hom vroeër aangebreek as vir sy vrou. Maar die voorbeeld wat hy gestel het, sal by die wat hom geken het soos 'n boom bly bestaan, die boom wat ons moet herinner daaraan om ook so te wees.

Groete, Japie.



DIGTER BERENICE

BERENICE SCHEEPERS is die skrywer van die gedig *Karohaat* wat verlede week in die koerant verskyn het. Sy woon nog op Piketberg maar hul het 'n huis in Vosburg gekoop en verhuis binnekort daarheen.

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Environmental Division



NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process (PPP) to be undertaken in terms of the National Environment Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations.

DFFE Reference Number: To be allocated upon submission of application

Nature and Location of Activity: The applicants, Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 (Pty) Ltd, Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 2 (Pty) Ltd, Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 3 (Pty) Ltd, Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 4 (Pty) Ltd, Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 5 (Pty) Ltd and Aura Development Company (Pty) Ltd are proposing the development of five (5) commercial Wind Energy Facilities (WEF), BESS and associated infrastructure on sites located approximately 30 km South East of Frasersburg within the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province. It is proposed that each WEF will comprise of up to 60 turbines with a combined contracted capacity of up to 300 MW per WEF.

Applications for Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes for the proposed Wind Energy Facilities and associated infrastructure and a Basic Assessment (BA) Process for the proposed Grid will be submitted to the competent authority, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE), for a decision.

Applicable NEMA Listed Activities: LN1, GN B327 - 1(f), 12(ii)(a)(c), 19, 24(ii), 28(ii), 48(ii)(a)(c), 56(ii) LN 2, GN R325 - 1 & 15 LN 3, GN R324 - 4(g)(ii)(ee), 12(g)(ii), 14(ii)(g)(ii)(ff), 18(g)(ii)(ee)(ii), 23(g)(ee).

To register as an Interested and / or Affected Party (I&AP) and / or to obtain additional information please submit your name, contact details (telephone number, postal address and email address) and the interest which you have in the application to SIVEST as per the details below and please reference the 'Klipkraal WEF 1' or 'Klipkraal WEF 2', 'Klipkraal WEF 3' or 'Klipkraal WEF 4' or 'Klipkraal WEF 5' or 'Klipkraal Grid' in your correspondence.

I.T.O POPIA, you hereby declare and confirm that you, as an I&AP providing information, consent for your information to be gathered, stored and distributed for the purpose of this project.

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE OMGEWINGSMATIGINGSPROSES

Kennis geskied hiermee van 'n Openbare Deelnemingsproses (ODP) wat ingevolge die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998) soos gewysig, en die Regulasies op Omgewingsimpakvaluerings (OIE-regulasies), onderneem moet word.

DBVO-verwysingsnommer: Sal toegeken word met indiening van aansoek

Aard en ligging van aktiwiteit: Die applikante, Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 (Edms.) Bpk., Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 2 (Edms.) Bpk., Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 3 (Edms.) Bpk., Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 4 (Edms.) Bpk., Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 5 (Edms.) Bpk. en Aura Development Company (Edms.) Bpk. beoog die ontwikkeling van vyf (5) kommersiële windkragaanlegte (WEF's), BESS en verwante infrastruktuur op 'n terrein wat ongeveer 30 km suidoos van Frasersburg, die Karoo Hoogland Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Noord-Kaaprovinsie geleë is. Daar word beoog dat elke WEF uit hoogstens 60 turbines sal bestaan, met 'n gekombineerde gekontrakteerde vermoë van hoogstens 300 MW per WEF.

Aansoek om Bestekopname- en Omgewingsimpakvalueringsprosesse (OIE-prosesse) vir die beoogde windkragaanlegte en verwante infrastruktuur en 'n Basiese Evaluering-proses (BE-proses) vir die beoogde roosterkonneksie, sal by die bevoegde owerheid, synde die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DBVO) ingedien word vir 'n besluit.

Toepaslike NEMA-gelyste aktiwiteite: Lyskennisgewing 1 Staatskennisgewing R327 - 1(f), 12(ii)(a)(c), 19, 24(ii), 28(ii), 48(ii)(a)(c), 56(ii); Lyskennisgewing 2 Staatskennisgewing R325 - 1 & 15; en Lyskennisgewing 3 Staatskennisgewing R324 - 4(g)(ii)(ee), 12(g)(ii), 14(ii)(g)(ii)(ff), 18(g)(ii)(ee)(ii), 23(g)(ee).

Om as 'n Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) te registreer en/of om bykomende inligting te bekom, moet u assablie u naam, kontakbesonderhede (telefoonnommer, pos- en e-posadres) en die belang wat u by die aansoek het, aan SIVEST verstreik by die onderstaande besonderhede en die verwysing 'Klipkraal WEF 1' of 'Klipkraal WEF 2', 'Klipkraal WEF 3' of 'Klipkraal WEF 4' of 'Klipkraal WEF 5' of 'Klipkraal Grid' in u korrespondensie gebruik.

Ten opsigte van die Popi-wet, verklaar en bevestig u hiermee dat u, as 'n B&GP wat inligting verskaf, toestem dat u inligting vir die doel van hierdie projek ingewin, gestoor en versprei mag word.

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Correspondence throughout the remainder of the PPP and EIA process will only be distributed to Registered I&AP's. Registration is possible throughout the EIA process.

A copy of the draft Scoping Reports can be obtained on the SIVEST website at the following address: <https://www.sivest.com/za/download/> or at the Frasersburg Library, 35 Voortrekker Street, Frasersburg

The comment period for the Draft Scoping Report will run from 16 September to 17 October 2022.

KENNISGEWING TEN OPSIGTE VAN 'N LISENSIE-AANSOEK IN TERME VAN DIE PETROLEUMPRODUKTEWET, 1977 (WET 120 VAN 1977)

Hierdie kennisgewing dien om partye wat belangstel of geraak kan word in te lig dat **ROYAL SQUARE INVESTMENTS 480 PTY LTD**, hierna verwys as "die aansoeker", 'n aansoek ingedien het vir 'n KLEINHANDEL-lisensie, aansoeknommer **H/2022/09/08/0002**.

Gedeelte 8 (gedeelte van gedeelte 3) van Middelpos 887

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Middelpos

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Die doel van die aansoek is dat die aansoeker die lisensie toegestaan word om petroleum kleinhandel aktiwiteite te onderneem soos uiteengesit in die aansoek.

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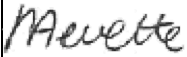


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Appendix 5G: Comments and Response Report

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KLIPKRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY 1 (PTY) LTD

KLIPKRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY 1

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The Public Participation Process forms an integral part of the EIA process. It is a mechanism that aids to identify potential impacts of proposed projects on the biophysical and the human environments. Identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) are given an opportunity to comment on the proposed project and make recommendations on mitigation requirements.

The process followed in informing I&AP's of the proposed project is outlined in Sections 24(2) (a) and 24(d) of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (as amended) and the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended on 7 April 2017). This report presents comments received from I&AP's and responses provided as part of the Scoping Process.

2. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE

2.1. COMMENTS ON DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

The following issues were raised on the Draft Scoping Report:

Table 1: Comments and Responses Table

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
<p>26 September 2022 Tamboershoek Farm Gerda Kellerman</p>	<p>Dear Hlengiwe Ntuli, Luvanya Naidoo</p> <p>We, Frans and Gerda Kellerman of the Farm Tamboershoek, Beaufort West, acknowledge receipt of your notices dated 15 and 19 September 2022 pertaining to the above.</p> <p>We herewith record the following for consideration and assessment in the EIA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The reason for considering an energy facility at the subject site is unclear. In terms of the overarching land use policy for the area, namely the Northern Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF), and key legislation (with specific reference to the National Environmental Management Act {NEMA}), the objectives of sustainability should be the determining criteria when considering development. Due to Klipkraal's remoteness and distance from essential services and infrastructure, it is highly questionable whether the proposed development, and its long-term operational phase, could comply with the relevant sustainability requirements. 2. The routing options for exit transmission lines is unclear. This is a key aspect that may affect the feasibility of the project as a whole. We reiterate our stance presented to you by means of a previous notification, that no such lines, or any other visually intrusive infrastructure associated with the project, would be allowed on any part of our property. <p>Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email in writing.</p>	<p>The Northern Cape Provincial Growth and development strategy highlights the importance of developing new energy sources through adopting energy applications that are in correlation with the Provinces' natural resources. It also important to note that the Spatial development framework makes provision and strategy towards providing provincial renewable energy and supporting development of domestic energy even more when such developments can possibly minimize detrimental environmental impacts when mitigation measures are correctly applied.</p> <p>"This is encouraged so as to be mindful of the vulnerable and fragile ecosystems whilst maintaining the integrity of the natural and cultural attributes of the Province" (Northern Cape Government, 2008). The PSDF further stresses the importance of utilising renewable energy to address the needs of the Province prior to exporting the services to the rest of the country. Due to this, in accordance with the Sustainable Development Initiative, the establishment of a renewable energy system is to be utilised as a driver for economic development; thus making renewable projects a high priority on the provincial agenda. Focusing on renewable energy development will not only assist in diversifying the economy of the Province but it will</p>

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		<p>also be of benefit in aligning regional goals with national goals as it will add to promotion of growth of green industries.</p> <p>Your objection to the powerline traversing your property is noted. Please be advised that the current EIA process is being undertaken for the WEF aspect of the project only. The applicant is currently in the process of investigating the powerline route.</p> <p>A Strategic Environmental Assessment for Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) in South Africa has identified five Strategic Corridors that are of strategic importance for large scale electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure. The Klipkraal WEF projects have therefore been planned so that the grid infrastructure may fall within these corridors.</p> <p>As the project falls within this Strategic Transmission Corridor for Electricity Grid Infrastructure (GN 113), the applicant is required to pre-negotiate with the affected landowners in which the corridor of the powerline is proposed, prior to the commencement of the environmental process. Therefore, the applicant will engage with all affected landowners accordingly.</p>
<p>26 September 2022 Welgemoed Plaas Sakkie du Toit</p>	<p>Dear Hlengiwe Ntuli, Luvanya Naidoo</p> <p>I am from the farm Welgemoed, Beaufort West district in the Western Cape. I acknowledge receipt of your notices dated 15 and 19 September 2022 pertaining to the above</p> <p>I, Izak Francois van der Merwe du Toit strongly object to the planned erection of a wind farm near Fraserburg. I objected previously and I object again on behalf of myself and on behalf of the Special Management Area (SMA) that</p>	<p>The Northern Cape Provincial Growth and development strategy highlights the importance of developing new energy sources through adopting energy applications that are in correlation with the Provinces' natural resources. It also important to note that the Spatial development framework makes provision and strategy towards providing provincial renewable energy and supporting development</p>

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	<p>falls within this affected area. This SMA is all the farms on the western side of the Karoo National Park and are an important conservation area and are managed in close cooperation with Western Cape department of agriculture and Cape Nature.</p> <p><u>We herewith record the following for consideration and assessment in the EIA:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The reason for considering an energy facility at the subject site is unclear. In terms of the overarching land use policy for the area, namely the Northern Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF), and key legislation (with specific reference to the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA)), <u>the objectives of sustainability should be the determining criteria when considering development.</u> Due to Klipkraal's remoteness and distance from essential services and infrastructure, it is highly questionable whether the proposed development, and its long-term operational phase, could comply with the relevant sustainability requirements. 2. The routing options over our properties for the exit transmission lines is unclear. This is a key aspect that may affect the feasibility of the project as a whole. Because of our conservation status as a farming and tourist community, we reiterate our stance presented to you by means of a previous notification, that no such lines, or any other visually intrusive infrastructure associated with the project, would be allowed on any part of our property. <p>Can you please acknowledge receipt of this email in writing.</p>	<p>of domestic energy even more when such developments can possibly minimize detrimental environmental impacts when mitigation measures are correctly applied.</p> <p>“This is encouraged so as to be mindful of the vulnerable and fragile ecosystems whilst maintaining the integrity of the natural and cultural attributes of the Province” (Northern Cape Government, 2008). The PSDF further stresses the importance of utilising renewable energy to address the needs of the Province prior to exporting the services to the rest of the country. Due to this, in accordance with the Sustainable Development Initiative, the establishment of a renewable energy system is to be utilised as a driver for economic development; thus making renewable projects a high priority on the provincial agenda. Focusing on renewable energy development will not only assist in diversifying the economy of the Province but it will also be of benefit in aligning regional goals with national goals as it will add to promotion of growth of green industries.</p> <p>Your objection to the powerline traversing your property is noted. Please be advised that the current EIA process is being undertaken for the WEF aspect of the project only. The applicant is currently in the process of investigating the powerline route.</p> <p>A Strategic Environmental Assessment for Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) in South Africa has identified five Strategic Corridors that are of strategic importance for large scale electricity transmission and distribution</p>

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		<p>infrastructure. The Klipkraal WEF projects have therefore been planned so that the grid infrastructure may fall within these corridors.</p> <p>As the project falls within this Strategic Transmission Corridor for Electricity Grid Infrastructure (GN 113), the applicant is required to pre-negotiate with the affected landowners in which the corridor of the powerline is proposed, prior to the commencement of the environmental process. Therefore, the applicant will engage with all affected landowners accordingly.</p>
<p>28 September 2022 Eskom Transmission Division Senior Consultant Environmental Management John Geeringh</p>	<p>Please send me a KMZ file of the affected properties and proposed grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as an RE setbacks guideline.</p>	<p>Thank you so much for your email John.</p> <p>Please find attached kmz files as requested.</p>
<p>14 October 2022 Eskom Khululwa Gaongalelwe</p>	<p>Hi Khululwa</p> <p>These wind farms don't seem to be close to any Eskom TX infrastructure</p> <p>I have already requested the kmz files from Sivest. Christo has checked and confirmed that they are not affecting Eskom 's infrastructure, see attached.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you for the confirmation.</p>
<p>14 October 2022 Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation Mr Seoka Lekota</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KLIPKRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) 1 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR FRASERBURG IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the draft report.</p> <p>Based on the information provided in the report, there are several Critical Biodiversity Area (CBAs) within the Klipkraal Cluster study area. However,</p>	<p>Noted, the preliminary layout has been refined and there are currently no turbines within the no-go areas prescribed by the specialists.</p> <p>The proposed layout that is being assessed by the specialists in the EIA phase is included in Section 13.4 of the Final Scoping Report.</p>

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	<p>within the Klipkraal WEF 1 project area, there is only a single CBA that marginally projects into the project area. There are no turbines or other infrastructure within the CBA. As a result, the development of the Klipkraal WEF 1 would generate minimal direct impact on CBA's, ESA's and PAES Focus Areas.</p> <p>It has been noted in the report that there are turbines under the draft layout for scoping located within an area considered unsuitable for turbines. Therefore, it is recommended that the preliminary layout plan be refined and those turbines be removed from the No-Go area and an updated final layout map be included in the final report. In addition, the plan of study for the EIA for Klipkraal WEF1, that describes how the EIA phase will proceed, including details of the specialist studies required to be undertaken to assess the significance of those impacts identified within the scoping study, be prepared and submitted and all the relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines must be considered.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>All the relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines and EIA guidelines will be considered and adhered to.</p>
<p>17 October 2022 IAP Rudi Hattingh</p>	<p>U Verwysing: 16891 Afdeling: Environmental Consulting Aandag: Hlengiwe Ntuli</p>	<p>Noted, the current EIA is being undertaken for the WEF aspect of the project only. The powerline aspect will form part of a separate process in which the grid route will be</p>

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	<p>Ek verwys graag na die beplande Klipkraal Windkragaanleg van u hulle Die beplanning van die Windkragaanleg keur ek nie goed nie. Tans sit ek met 3 (Drie) Eskom lyne wat deur die plaas loop. Ons het agtergekom dit dit die waardasie van die grond aansienlik verminder weens die lyne wat deur die plaas loop Ek is van plan om die plaas te verkoop daarom dat die Klipkraal Windkragaanleg nie deur die plaas kan loop nie</p> <p>Hoop u vind bostaande in orde *****</p> <p>U Verwysing: 16891 Department: Environmental Consulting</p> <p>Attention: Hlengiwe Ntuli</p> <p>I would like to refer to the planned Klipkraal Wind Power Plant of yours they The planning of the Wind Power Plant I do not approve. Currently I am sitting with 3 (Three) Eskom lines running through the farm. We found that it greatly reduced the valuation of the land due to the lines running through the farm I intend to sell the farm therefore the Klipkraal Wind Power Plant cannot run through the farm</p> <p>Hope you find the above in order</p>	<p>pre-negotiated with all affected landowners and communicated accordingly.</p>
<p>17 October 2022 IAP Michael Pienaar</p>	<p>Hi there Hlengiwe, I was told that we should email you to launch a complaint for the proposed route of the power cables and towers to the nearest substation from the new Windfarm.</p> <p>I am the owner of Wilgerboskloof farm.</p>	<p>Noted, the current EIA is being undertaken for the WEF aspect of the project only. The powerline aspect will form part of a separate process in which the grid route will be pre-negotiated with all affected landowners and communicated accordingly.</p>

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	<p>We as the farming community are not opposed to the project, going forward. But we strongly advise you to use the Fraserburg-Leeu-Gamka R353 Tar road as your route to bring the cables down the mountain and not the other proposed route through our farms.</p> <p>Surely this is the shorter route also.</p> <p>Please note that this email is my complaint to that route through my property.</p>	
<p>17 October 2022 IAP Antonia Van Der Berg</p>	<p>Goeie dag Hlengiwe</p> <p>Ons as eienaars van van Leeurivier plaas nr. 402 en Grootfontein plaas nr. 180 is nie ten gunste dat die krag lyne op voorgestelde aangehegde kaart gebou word nie.</p> <p>Ons is ten gunste van kraglyn teen R353.</p> <p>Vriendelike groete, *****</p> <p>Good day Hlengiwe</p> <p>We as owners of van Leeu River farm no. 402 and Grootfontein farm no. 180 is not in favor of the power lines being built on proposed attached map.</p> <p>We are in favour of power line at R353.</p> <p>Best regards,</p>	<p>Noted, the current EIA is being undertaken for the WEF aspect of the project only. The powerline aspect will form part of a separate process in which the grid route will be pre-negotiated with all affected landowners and communicated accordingly.</p>
<p>17 October 2022 Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KLIPKRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) 1, BESS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR FRASERBURG IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</p>	<p>Noted. The relevant listed activities have been included in Section 6.2 of the FSR and correspond with the application form.</p>

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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Mr Vusi Skosana	<p>The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated September 2022 and received by the Department on 16 September 2022, refer.</p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final Scoping Report:</u></p> <p>(a) Listed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. • If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms. <p>(b) Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The proposed Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 with associated infrastructure for each development; ○ The proposed grid infrastructure for the above wind Energy facilities, overlain by the sensitivity map; ○ All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed); ○ The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; ○ Buffer areas; and ○ All "no-go" areas. • The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. 	<p>Noted. The applicant is currently refining the layout based on the site sensitivities and including all applicable infrastructure for the proposed Klipkraal 1 WEF. This layout will be assessed by specialists in the EIA Phase and included in the DEIAR.</p> <p>The proposed grid is likely to fall within the Strategic Transmission Corridor. The applicant is currently planning the grid options and would therefore need to pre-negotiate the proposed route with the affected landowners. The grid options are not included in this application and will be provided once a grid route option has been finalised.</p> <p>A layout reflecting the site sensitivities have been included in Section 14 of the report.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google maps will not be accepted. 	<p>A cumulative map showing renewable projects within 35km of the Klipkraal WEF 1 has been included in Section 13.3.5, there are currently no renewable projects within a 35km radius of the project.</p>
	<p>(c) <u>Public Participation Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the Final SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments. The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development; particularly the South African Astronomical Observatory, Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, the District and Local Municipalities. 	<p>Noted, all comments received have been included and addressed in the FSR.</p> <p>This CRR will form part of the FSR.</p> <p>Proof of notification of all key stakeholders have been included in Appendix 5 of the FSR.</p>

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	<p>(d) Specialist Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbine positions, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations. The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted. Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice. It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. 	<p>Noted, the preliminary layout has been refined to avoid all no-go areas prescribed by the specialists. This layout is being updated to include all infrastructure and is being taken forward into EIA Phase. All specialists will be providing EIA reports based on this proposed final layout and will these requirements.</p> <p>Furthermore, all specialists have studies are being undertaken in line with the prescribed protocols.</p>
	<p>(e) Cumulative Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land. Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and 	<p>Noted, a cumulative map showing renewable projects within 35km of the Klipkraal WEF 1 has been included in Section 13.3.5, there are currently no renewable projects within a 35km radius of the project.</p>

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	<p>conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. ➤ A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. 	
	<p>General</p> <p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:</p> <p><i>“If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”</i></p> <p>You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>Noted, the scoping report has been subjected to a 30 day comment which ran from the 16th of September 2022 to the 17th of October 2022. All comments received have been recorded in this CRR and where applicable, addressed in the FSR.</p> <p>Furthermore, the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports have been prepared and finalised in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>
	<p>Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).</p> <p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may</p>	<p>Noted, the FSR will be submitted within the legislated timeframes (final day for submission is the 29th October 2022).</p>

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	commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.	
17 October 2022 IAP Petrie Stofberg	<p>I refer to the matter above and the Klipkraal WEF.</p> <p>I assume that all the necessary research was done for this project.</p> <p>I do have an objection and concern to this project -</p> <p>I fear that this Project would have an affect on the market value of the farms located next to and around the Klipkraal WEF. As a result hereof the owners of these farms would be on the losing end should they want to sell their farms. Their farms would not be of the same value. These farmers would also not be as credit worthy because the value of their farms would be less than before the project.</p> <p>I thank you for your understanding. Kind regards</p>	Your objection is noted. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any feedback on the market value of the farms during the EIA process. We suggest that you contact the local municipality.
17 October 2022 Secretary Gamka Karoo Special Management Area (SMA), Tania Cornelissen	<p><u>Proposed Windfarm at Klipkraal, Fraserburg District</u></p> <p>We, the members of the Gamka Karoo Special Management Area (SMA), acknowledge receipt of your notices dated 15 and 19 September 2022 pertaining to the above. We herewith record the following for consideration and assessment in the EIA:</p> <p>1. The reason for considering an energy facility at the subject site is unclear. In terms of the overarching land use policy for the area, namely the Northern Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF), and key legislation (with specific reference to the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA)), the objectives of sustainability should be the determining criteria when considering development. Due to Klipkraal's remoteness and distance from essential services and infrastructure, it is highly questionable whether the proposed development, and its long-</p>	<p>The Northern Cape Provincial Growth and development strategy highlights the importance of developing new energy sources through adopting energy applications that are in correlation with the Provinces' natural resources. It also important to note that the Spatial development framework makes provision and strategy towards providing provincial renewable energy and supporting development of domestic energy even more when such developments can possibly minimize detrimental environmental impacts when mitigation measures are correctly applied.</p> <p>"This is encouraged so as to be mindful of the vulnerable and fragile ecosystems whilst maintaining the integrity of the natural and cultural attributes of the Province"</p>

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	<p>term operational phase, could comply with the relevant sustainability requirements.</p> <p>2. The routing options for exit transmission lines is unclear. This is a key aspect that may affect the feasibility of the project as a whole. We herewith record that no such lines, or any other visually intrusive infrastructure associated with the project, would be allowed on any of the properties located in the SMA. The latter is a collective of private farms that form part of the buffer zone of the Karoo National Park and that is managed as an informal protected nature area.</p> <p>Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email in writing.</p>	<p>(Northern Cape Government, 2008). The PSDF further stresses the importance of utilising renewable energy to address the needs of the Province prior to exporting the services to the rest of the country. Due to this, in accordance with the Sustainable Development Initiative, the establishment of a renewable energy system is to be utilised as a driver for economic development; thus making renewable projects a high priority on the provincial agenda. Focusing on renewable energy development will not only assist in diversifying the economy of the Province but it will also be of benefit in aligning regional goals with national goals as it will add to promotion of growth of green industries.</p> <p>Your objection to the powerline traversing your property is noted. Please be advised that the current EIA process is being undertaken for the WEF aspect of the project only. The applicant is currently in the process of investigating the powerline route.</p> <p>A Strategic Environmental Assessment for Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) in South Africa has identified five Strategic Corridors that are of strategic importance for large scale electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure. The Klipkraal WEF projects have therefore been planned so that the grid infrastructure may fall within these corridors.</p> <p>As the project falls within this Strategic Transmission Corridor for Electricity Grid Infrastructure (GN 113), the applicant is required to pre-negotiate with the affected</p>

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		landowners in which the corridor of the powerline is proposed, prior to the commencement of the environmental process. Therefore, the applicant will engage with all affected landowners accordingly.
<p>17 October 2022 Drylands Conservation Programme Manager Endangered Wildlife Trust Johan du Plessis</p>	<p>Comment Re: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 The Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) as would like to submit the following comments in respect of the abovementioned proposed developments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The EWT supports the development of renewable energy supply as an alternative to generation of electricity through burning of fossil fuels. 2. Renewable energy developments however, like any other development, may have serious impacts on species, habitat, and society and as such need to be properly evaluated. 3. There is a strong need for developers in this sector to adhere to and initiate environmental best practices in the development and operation of large-scale renewable energy projects in South Africa's arid interior. 4. In evaluation of the above application, we wish to highlight the following impacts and resultant recommendations: <p>1.1 <u>Terrestrial Impacts</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) We support the recommendations made in the terrestrial specialist report and recommend their implementation should the project be approved. b) Riparian areas represent important ecological infrastructure in the arid regions. These areas should be avoided from a construction point of view. c) We do not support the encroachment of turbines into the riparian habitat. Riverine Rabbit habitat has been severely transformed by agriculture with an estimated loss of up to 60% suitable habitat in the known distribution areas in the Nama Karoo. As such impacts resulting in a loss of habitat are not supported. d) Roads must be aligned as far as possible with existing infrastructure. Drainage structures along roads need to be well planned and fitted 	<p>Noted, the applicant has refined the layout to ensure that the sensitivities prescribed by the specialists have been taken into account. This layout is being provided to all specialists to complete their impact assessments for the EIA Phase.</p> <p>The applicant has refined the layout to ensure that there is no encroachment into the habitat or prescribed 500m buffer of the Riverine Rabbit.</p> <p>The impact assessment will be updated to include the impacts as required.</p> <p>Noted, the required information will be added to the EMP in the EIA phase.</p>

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	<p>with dispersal mechanisms to minimize disruptions to natural flow and reduce the risk of erosion.</p> <p>e) With regards to buffer areas, there is no information on the impact of the turbines (flicker, noise, vibrations) on Riverine Rabbits. In the interests of the precautionary principle, we support the approach taken by the terrestrial specialist that for now a minimum of 500 m be applied, this may reduce depending on topography only if no direct line of sight.</p> <p>f) Significant adverse impacts can be expected during the construction phase including vehicular collisions with wildlife, collection and cutting of shrubs for firewood, illegal hunting of wildlife (e.g snaring), pollution etc. and as such strict controls and protocols are required during this phase.</p> <p>g) We have concerns regarding the impact of this and other developments on the Karoo dwarf tortoises, including the Karoo dwarf tortoise (Endangered) (<i>Chersobius boulengeri</i>) and the greater dwarf tortoise (Least Concern) (<i>Homopus femoralis</i>). Populations are in decline and the causes are poorly understood. Both species occur in the general area of the proposed development.</p> <p>h) We recommend that post-development monitoring of power lines also include the aspect of surveying for tortoise remains at bird perch locations to identify potential impacts by e.g. crows at perch sites. This aspect be included in the environmental monitoring programme.</p> <p>i) Should any new research results become available that may help mitigate impacts to tortoises, that these be adopted where relevant.</p>	
	<p><u>4.2 Avifaunal Impacts</u></p> <p>a) Lines need to be seasonally monitored for fatalities and these should be reported to the Eskom/EWT Strategic partnership.</p>	<p>Noted, the avifaunal specialist has identified the sensitivities and provided the required buffers which the applicant has taken into account in their proposed final layout.</p>

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	<p>b) Arguably, six large, globally and/or regionally threatened, impact sensitive species are potentially the most heavily affected by wind farming, and are likely to account for much of the bird impact profile of any given proposed WEF. Of these, the three large eagle species - Verreaux's Eagle <i>Aquila verreauxii</i>, Martial Eagle <i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>, and Crowned Eagle <i>Stephanoaetus coronatus</i>, one vulture species, the Cape Vulture <i>Gyps coprotheres</i>, one Harrier species, the Black Harrier <i>Circus maurus</i> and the Secretarybird <i>Sagittarius serpentarium</i>. Other noteworthy and collision prone species include Blue Crane <i>Grus paradisea</i> and Ludwig's Bustard <i>Neotis ludwigii</i>.</p> <p>c) We highly recommend a shut down on demand system is implemented, either through on the ground observers, or automated systems, to shut down turbines when collision prone birds enter wind farms and are heading within rotor sweep zones. These species include, but are not limited to Martial Eagles, Verreaux's Eagles, Ludwig's Bustards, Secretary Birds These species are known to occur within the region. This has been highly effective on Excelsior Wind Farm in the Western Cape.</p> <p>d) It is critical that no human disturbance associated with any construction activity occurs within these buffers near active breeding eagle nests in the peak breeding period between May and September, i.e. construction vehicles, labourers on foot, etc. All other human disturbance should also be minimized or avoided during this breeding period.</p> <p>e) Although the power line design will minimise bird electrocution incidents due to satisfactory phase clearances, collisions with shield wires or conductors are still likely to occur. With regards to the transmission lines fitting Bird Flight Diverters (BFDs) may mitigate collisions involving large raptors but it will not mitigate (at all) collisions by Ludwig's Bustard. Due to the fact that lines are likely to</p>	<p>Noted, the grid route is currently being planned and will take into account these requirements.</p> <p>In addition, these mitigation measures will be included in the EMPr.</p> <p><u>Response from specialist:</u></p> <p>a. This normally forms part of the operational monitoring at the WEF. Underground cabling will be used as much as is practically possible. If the use of overhead lines is unavoidable due to technical reasons, the Avifaunal Specialist will be consulted timeously to ensure that a raptor friendly pole design is used, and that appropriate mitigation is implemented pro-actively for complicated pole structures e.g., insulation of live components to prevent electrocutions on terminal structures and pole transformers. Regular inspections of the overhead sections of the internal reticulation network will be conducted during the operational phase to look for carcasses, as per the most recent edition of the Best Practice Guidelines at the time (Jenkins et al. 2015).</p> <p>b. Some of these species do not occur at Klipkraal, therefore I am not sure about the relevance of this statement. Blue Crane and Ludwig's Bustard are highly susceptible to powerline collisions, but based on existing data, less so for turbine collisions.</p> <p>c. If at any time estimated collision rates indicate unacceptable mortality levels of priority species, i.e., if it exceeds the mortality threshold determined by the</p>

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	<p>be handed over to Eskom (for long term management as per standard power purchase agreements), they need to be constructed to specification as determined by Eskom and fitted with approved BDFs at the Eskom recommended intervals.</p> <p>f) New power lines need to be placed, as far as possible, in areas where linear infrastructure already exists and ideally as close to the existing lines as possible.</p> <p>g) Should new, more effective BDFs come available the developer needs to be ready to procure and fit these. The EWT is in the process of expanding its current long-term line marking experiment near De Aar where a further 4 BFD designs will be tested, specifically to reduce Ludwig's Bustard collisions. If this development proceeds, we urge the developer to contact the EWT Wildlife and Energy programme directly and to participate in this important and ongoing research. In the event that a more effective BFD is identified and approved, this must be applied to the line. Possibly including the replacement of old BFDs where possible.</p> <p>h) Lines need to be seasonally monitored (according to the ESKOM/EWT partnership protocol) for fatalities and these fatalities should be reported to the Eskom/EWT Strategic partnership.</p> <p>i) While the turbine design has not yet been finalised, we recommend that minimum blade tip height be set as high as is possible (even more than the 25 m recommended).</p>	<p>avifaunal specialist after consultation with other avifaunal specialists and BirdLife South Africa, additional measures will have to be implemented which could include shut down on demand (SDoD) or other proven measures. The need for pro-active SDoD will be assessed once the results of the 12 months pre-construction are available.</p> <p>d. The closest planned turbine is 5.2km away from the nearest Verreaux's Eagle nest. This is adequate to prevent disturbance of the birds.</p> <p>e. Noted.</p> <p>f. Noted.</p> <p>g. Agreed.</p> <p>h. This normally forms part of the operational monitoring at the WEF.</p> <p>i. The choice of turbine design varies throughout the project cycle and is usually determined by economic considerations and what is available on the market. Having said that, the trend is towards larger and fewer turbines.</p>
	<p><u>Verreaux's Eagle Collision Risk:</u></p> <p>j) For Verreaux's Eagles, space use is dependent on not only the distance from an individual eagles nest site, but also the local density or distribution of conspecific nest sites, the topographic slope and the elevation. In line with BLSA (2017) absolute minimum guidance. BLSA (2017) in fact recommends 3 km buffers, and these have since been updated to 5.2 km buffers or VERA modeling (Ralston-Paton</p>	<p><u>Response from specialist</u></p> <p>The 2021 Verreaux's Eagle guidelines provide the option of using either VERA or circular buffers: "If VERA is not used, a buffer of 5.2 km is recommended around all nests (including alternate nests) to reduce the risk of collisions. This precautionary buffer may be reduced (or increased) based on the results of rigorous avifaunal surveys, but nest</p>

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	<p>& Murgatroyd, 2021), although these buffers are briefly discussed they are not implemented.</p> <p>k) The Verreaux's Eagle Risk Assessment (VERA) tool has been developed to reduce Verreaux's Eagle collisions on wind farms. VERA modelling represents the latest available methods for the assessment of wind turbine collision risk potential for Verreaux's Eagles. It has been widely accepted as the primary tool in assessing the spatial distribution of collision risk for this species and has been adopted into the most recent version of Birdlife South Africa's Verreaux's Eagles and Wind Farm guidelines for impact assessments (Ralston-Paton & Murgatroyd, 2021). Although the publication of the guidelines only occurred in 2021, VERA modelling has been available in some format since 2018. The first publication on the modelling methods it was made available in January 2021 (Murgatroyd, Bouten, & Amar, 2021), and since then VERA has been applied to 15 wind energy developments.</p> <p>l) VERA uses the locations of Verreaux's Eagle nests and the topography of the site to determine collision risk. The risk is classified into three levels; high, medium and low. It is recommended that as a minimum requirement no turbines should be built within high risk locations. Furthermore, for optimal conservation, medium risk locations should also be avoided by developments, however with additional site-specific specialist input or mitigation methods a limited amount of development in these areas may be permissible (Murgatroyd et al., 2021). These recommendations have since be expanded on in the updated guidelines following the same approach (Ralston-Paton & Murgatroyd, 2021). VERA predicts collision risk for Verreaux's eagles on a 90 x 90m grid square resolution and it is the best tool available for understanding the likely impacts of wind energy development pre-construction. In comparison to circular buffers, it has been used to correctly predict 11 of the 14 collisions</p>	<p>buffers should never be less than 3.7 km (section 5.1)." In this instance, the circular buffer approach will be followed.</p>

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	<p>which have occurred. Thus we recommend that this tool is applied to the development site to determine turbine layout in a way which minimises risk to this species rather than any circular buffers. This demonstrates a 3 km circular nest buffer to be inadequate and that a dynamic 5.2 km buffer is more realistically required to reduce fatalities. We also know that raptor space use around a nest site is not even or circular.</p> <p>m) The EWT will make the VERA tool available to recalculate buffers and adjust design if required.</p>	
	<p><u>Martial Eagle Collision Risk:</u></p> <p>n) Martial Eagle is notoriously wide-ranging, with internest distances in the central Karoo averaging about 15 km (Boshoff 1993, Machange et al. 2005), and nearest neighbour distances in the Cookhouse area apparently averaging about 19 km. Although such extreme social spacing suggests the need to apply buffers of 8-12 km, recent GPS tracking-based data from breeding adults in the Karoo (G. Tate, pers. comm.) suggest a generic buffer distance of 6 km is probably sufficient, based on the core habitat used by the species derived our tracking data of 19 Martial Eagles across the central and eastern Karoo.</p>	<p>Noted, the avifaunal specialist has identified the sensitivities and provided the required buffers which the applicant has taken into account in their proposed final layout.</p>
	<p><u>4.3 Social</u></p> <p>Should the project be approved it is recommended that the developer partner with local schools in the area to promote an interest in science and technology. The rational of this is to nurture the prospect of future career opportunities in this sector and the technology sector.</p>	<p><u>Response from applicant</u></p> <p>The intention of this project will be to be entered into the renewable energy IPP programme as far as ED and ESD commitments will be adhering to the rules and regulations of whatever partnership that we will find ourselves in future be it REIPPPP or private PPA. We will need to be in alignment with the community needs analysis based on these programmes.</p>

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	<p>3.4 <u>General recommendations</u></p> <p>a) We further recommend a comprehensive, long term avifaunal and terrestrial monitoring programme be implemented by an independent qualified service provider. Little is known on terrestrial impacts of large wind developments and as such this project, if approve, will provide an ideal opportunity to measure baselines and changes over time for terrestrial species.</p> <p>b) Certainly, as recommended in the terrestrial specialist report, we support the monitoring of impacts on Riverine Rabbits which would entail pre-, during and post development monitoring. Should the development proceed, this would be an ideal opportunity to gather novel data on the impacts of WEF on the species to inform this sector.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information or inputs.</p>	<p>Noted, these recommendations will be included in the EMPr.</p>
<p>17 October 2022 Agricultural Economist Daniel Minnaar</p>	<p>RE: COMMENTARY ON THE EIA FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KLIPKRAAL WEF 1, 2 AND 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE.</p> <p><i>Agri Western Cape submits the following representations without prejudice. All our rights and the rights of our representatives are reserved.</i></p> <p>1. Agri Western Cape (Agri WC) is an unbiased, a-political federal organisation to which primary and secondary agricultural organisations in the province affiliates. Currently, 14 District Agricultural Associations, 92 Agricultural Associations, 19 Agricultural Commodities and the Women Agricultural Association (WC) are affiliated with our organisation. Agri WC represents the majority of primary agricultural producers through agricultural associations, special associations or commodity organisations which are affiliated with the organisation.</p>	<p>Noted, the applicant has refined the layout to ensure that the sensitivities prescribed by the specialists have been taken into account. The layout will distinguish whether the internal electrical infrastructure will be buried or overhead during the final design stages once a project is awarded. The EMPr will advise this process and the developer will remain complaint. This layout is being provided to all specialists (including agricultural, social and visual) to complete their impact assessments for the EIA Phase which will be subjected to a public participation process.</p> <p>We were notified that some I&AP's and key stakeholders have not been able to access the WeTransfer link or download the report. These I&AP's and stakeholders were</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Agri WCs expertise, dedication and commitment to the agricultural sector in the province extend over more than a century. Since the inception of the organisation, many changes have taken place within the agricultural environment; however, we have been able to stand together and address these challenges. 3. From the outset, Agri WC would like to state its support of the transition towards renewable energy. Various aspects of the proposed project, however, raise concerns for Agri WC. 4. It is noted that electrical infrastructure cables will be buried along access roads, wherever technically feasible, and erected overhead, if required. Agri WC urgently request that it should be specified and distinguished where electrical cables will be buried and where the cables will be erected overhead along the entire corridor. The specification and distinction should be disclosed to all farm owners and should also be made available for comments in the public participation process. 5. Soil and veld condition is of utmost importance for the agricultural sector. Agri WC is therefore concerned that the construction of power lines between substations, especially buried cables, will result in the compacting of soil and/or damaging of veld. Such damages might take many years to recover, and will ultimately impact the sector negatively. The proposed region is still impacted by the longstanding drought and is therefore vulnerable to any external factors influencing the soil and veld condition. 6. The proposed project area is furthermore well known for its agri-tourism. During the drought, many farmers invested in agri-tourism as source of supplementary income. The attraction of these agri-tourism destinations is however based on the tranquillity and natural beauty of the Central Karoo. Agri WC is therefore deeply concerned that the erection of overhead electrical cables will visually impair the attractiveness of the region's agri-tourism. Agri WC urgently request 	<p>provided with alternate methods to download the report or provided with a CD copy of the report upon request.</p>

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	<p>a specialist study and detailed report on the visual implications of overhead electrical cables.</p> <p>7. Agri WC is furthermore concerned about the visual implications caused by the erection of the wind turbines itself, as well as the fencing that will surround the wind farm. Agri WC is of the opinion that all components and project materials should be included in the specialist studies for visual implications, as the combination of all materials might become an eyesore and will eventually lead to the devaluation of agri-tourism in the Central Karoo.</p> <p>8. Rural safety implications are another concern for Agri WC. The project will require many labour, which is extremely positive in itself, but also poses a large risk in terms of rural safety. Agri WC therefore plead that safety considerations should remain a priority if the project continues and that a rural crime prevention plan should be developed. For example, a farm access protocol and the identification of field staff should be defined properly.</p> <p>9. Agri WC is furthermore concerned about the public participation process. In a previous notification, it was stated that the project's documentation can be accessed by following this WeTransfer link: https://we.tl/t-iq2Fxnqdlj. When the file is downloaded, many of the documents are however not accessible due to the files being "corrupted", i.e., the uploaded process on WeTransfer was incorrect/incomplete. More specifically, 72 documents (i.e., 24 documents per wind farm portion) cannot be opened by following this link. A complete list of inaccessible documents is listed in appendix A (attached hereto). Although all documents can be founded on the website, Agri WC doubts that all interested and affected parties are aware thereof. Agri WC is therefore concerned that the public participation process is flawed.</p> <p>10. We look forward to receiving an acknowledgement of receipt of these comments as well as confirmation from DMR that these</p>	

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	<p>comments will be taken into account during the decision-making process</p>	
<p>17 October 2022 South African Heritage Resources Agency SAHRA Natasha Higgitt</p>	<p>Proposed Development of the Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility (WEF) 1 and Associated Infrastructure near Fraserburg in the Northern Cape Province</p> <p>Sivest SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1, near Fraserburg, Northern Cape Province.</p> <p>A draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the construction of up to 60 turbines, permanent compacted hardstanding areas/platforms per wind turbine and turbine foundations, electrical transformers at each turbine, step-up/collector substations, main transmission substation (120 ha), underground cables or overhead where required, 400 KV powerline, battery energy storage system, internal access roads, temporary staging areas per turbine, temporary construction camps, office, accommodation, visitors centre and, an operation and maintenance building, septic tank and soak-away systems, fencing, potential new boreholes, temporary water storage tanks within an overall application area of 1 362 ha.</p> <p>PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).</p> <p>Mann, N. 2022. Heritage Scoping Report. Proposed Construction of the Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1, near</p>	<p>Noted. Additional fieldwork is being undertaken as part of the EIA phase.</p>

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	<p>Fraserburg, Northern Cape Province, South Africa.</p> <p>A total of two heritage resources were identified within the proposed development footprint. These include one stone shepherds shelter of low heritage significance and one stone ruin farmstead of medium heritage significance. It is noted that a full Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be conducted as part of the EIA phase.</p> <p>Recommendations provided in the report include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30m buffer zone around historical structures; • Given the fact that the level of coverage of the initial assessment survey in September 2021 was quite thin, it is essential that a walk down survey of the final footprint of the new Klipkraal WEF 1 and associated grid connection infrastructure be conducted; • A management plan for the heritage resources then needs to be compiled and approved for implementation during construction and operations. <p>Interim Comment</p> <p>The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the pending assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.</p> <p>Additionally, SAHRA requests that a more comprehensive survey be conducted during the EIA phase as it was noted that the initial survey as part of the HIA was minimal. The HIA must be revised to include the results of the requested survey. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above pending reports and the draft EIA inclusive of appendices.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p>	



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Dear Hlengiwe Ntuli, Luvanya Naidoo

I am from the farm Welgemoed, Beaufort West district in the Western Cape.

I acknowledge receipt of your notices dated 15 and 19 September 2022 pertaining to the above

I, Izak Francois van der Merwe du Toit strongly object to the planned erection of a wind farm near Fraserburg. I objected previously and I object again on behalf of myself and on behalf of the Special Management Area (SMA) that falls within this affected area. This SMA is all the farms on the western side of the Karoo

National park and are an important conservation area and are managed in close cooperation with Western Cape department of agriculture and Cape Nature.

We herewith record the following for consideration and assessment in the EIA:

1. The reason for considering an energy facility at the subject site is unclear. In terms of the overarching land use policy for the area, namely the Northern Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF), and key legislation (with specific reference to the National Environmental Management Act {NEMA}), the objectives of sustainability should be the determining criteria when considering development. Due to Klipkraal's remoteness and distance from essential services and infrastructure, it is highly questionable whether the proposed development, and its long-term operational phase, could comply with the relevant sustainability requirements.
2. The routing options over our properties for the exit transmission lines is unclear. This is a key aspect that may affect the feasibility of the project as a whole. Because of our conservation status as a farming and tourist community, we reiterate our stance presented to you by means of a previous notification, that **no such lines, or any other visually intrusive infrastructure associated with the project, would be allowed on any part of our property.**

Can you please acknowledge receipt of this email in writing.



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Dear Hlengiwe Ntuli, Luvanya Naidoo

We, Frans and Gerda Kellerman of the Farm Tamboershoek, Beaufort West, acknowledge receipt of your notices dated 15 and 19 September 2022 pertaining to the above.

We herewith record the following for consideration and assessment in the EIA:

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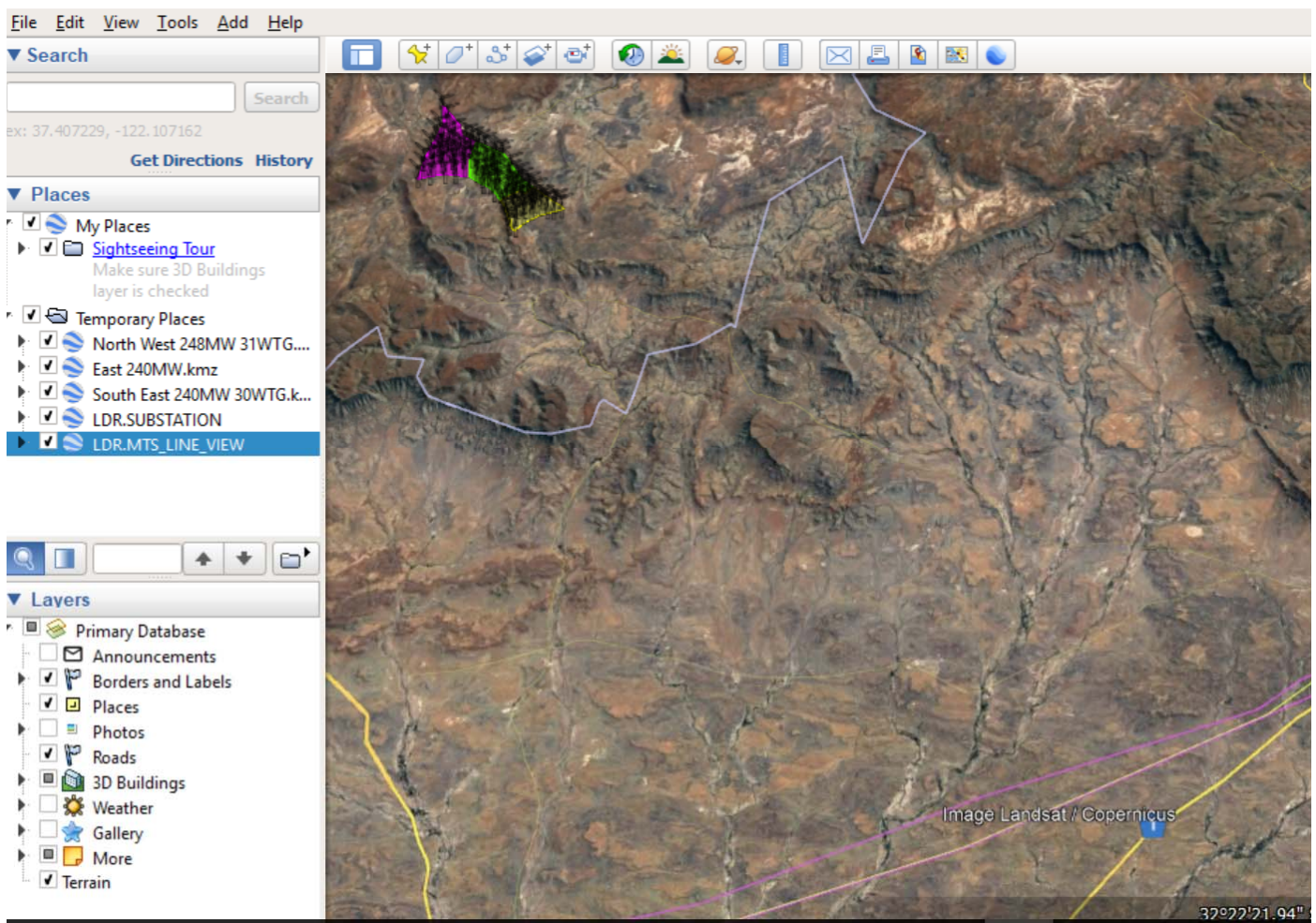
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Hi Khululwa

These wind farms don't seem to be close to any Eskom TX infrastructure

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Good day Christo

I trust you are good.

May you please verify if our Eskom projects are not affected, attached please find kmz files.
Thank you

Warm regards
Khululwa

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Good Day Khululwa,

Thank you for your emails.

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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KLIPKRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) 1, 2 AND 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR FRASERBURG IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

- **REMINDER ABOUT COMMENTING PERIOD FOR DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS (DSRs)**

Please note that the Draft Scoping Reports (DSRs) for the above-mentioned projects were made available for public review and comment from **16 September 2022 to 17 October 2022** (end of business day). The review and comment period for the above-mentioned projects therefore ends today, **Monday 17 October 2022** (end of business day).

SiVEST therefore wish to remind you to submit comments (if required) for the above-mentioned projects before close of business today **Monday 17 October 2022**, if you have not done so already.

To access the documents follow this link <https://we.tl/t-GOBhwwZ66h>

Should you have any comments, please feel free to contact the public participation office at the details below:

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We would like to thank you in anticipation of your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA and public participation processes.

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Subject: RE: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Ending
Attachments: FW 16891 Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape DSR Comment Period Started

Good day Ma

I have already requested the kmz files from Sivest. Christo has checked and confirmed that they are not affecting Eskom 's infrastructure, see attached.

Thank you so much.

Warm regards
Khululwa

From: Martina Phiri <PhiriM@eskom.co.za>
Sent: Friday, 14 October 2022 09:08
To: sivest_PPP <sivest_ppp@sivest.co.za>
Cc: Christo Badenhorst <BadenhC@eskom.co.za>; John Geeringh <GeerinJH@eskom.co.za>; Tshifhiwa Khangale <KhangataTF@eskom.co.za>; Khululwa Gaongalelwe <StuurmKV@eskom.co.za>
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Kind regards
Martina

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the maps on the tablet is not complete, they want a full map with the names of the farms who would be affect.

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Kind Regards

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Subject: FW: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Started

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

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• **REMINDER ABOUT COMMENTING PERIOD FOR DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS (DSRs)**

Please note that the Draft Scoping Reports (DSRs) for the above-mentioned projects were made available for public review and comment from **16 September 2022 to 17 October 2022** (end of business day). The review and comment period for the above-mentioned projects therefore ends today, **Monday 17 October 2022** (end of business day).

SiVEST therefore wish to remind you to submit comments (if required) for the above-mentioned projects before close of business today **Monday 17 October 2022**, if you have not done so already.

To access the documents follow this link <https://we.tl/t-GOBhvwZ66h>

Should you have any comments, please feel free to contact the public participation office at the details below:

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<https://we.tl/t-ZE6Dx48gva>

Please feel free to contact the PPP office should you need further clarity.

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- KLIPKRAAL WEF 1 – (DFFE Ref No.: To be announced)
- KLIPKRAAL WEF 2 – (DFFE Ref No.: To be announced)
- KLIPKRAAL WEF 3 – (DFFE Ref No.: To be announced)

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 (Pty) Ltd, Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 2 (Pty) Ltd and Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 3 (Pty) Ltd as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the abovementioned projects.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that, in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended), the Draft Scoping Reports (DSRs) for the above-mentioned projects will be available for public comment and review from **16 September 2022 to 17 October 2022** (end of business day).

Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DSRs please forward your request in writing to us.

Hard copies of the DSRs can be reviewed at the following public place:

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Fraserburg Library	Commercial Street, Fraserburg, 6960 (Next to Social Development Building)	Mondays- Fridays 8:00am - 4:30pm	066 156 6116

The reports as well as the accompanying appendices are also available on SiVEST's website: <https://www.sivest.com/za/download/>, then browse to the folder '16891 Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities'.

Attached is an English and Afrikaans letter notifying you of the review period.

SiVEST is committed to complying with the requirements as set out in terms of POPIA.

I.T.O POPIA, you hereby declare and confirm that you, as an I&AP providing information, consent for your information to be gathered, stored and distributed for the purpose of this project.

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Dear Hlengiwe Ntuli

RE: COMMENTARY ON THE EIA FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KLIPKRAAL WEF 1, 2 AND 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE.

Agri Western Cape submits the following representations without prejudice. All our rights and the rights of our representatives are reserved.

1. Agri Western Cape (Agri WC) is an unbiased, a-political federal organisation to which primary and secondary agricultural organisations in the province affiliates. Currently, 14 District Agricultural Associations, 92 Agricultural Associations, 19 Agricultural Commodities and the Women Agricultural Association (WC) are affiliated with our organisation. Agri WC represents the majority of primary agricultural producers through agricultural associations, special associations or commodity organisations which are affiliated with the organisation.
2. Agri WCs expertise, dedication and commitment to the agricultural sector in the province extend over more than a century. Since the inception of the organisation, many changes have taken place within the agricultural environment; however, we have been able to stand together and address these challenges.
3. From the outset, Agri WC would like to state its support of the transition towards renewable energy. Various aspects of the proposed project, however, raise concerns for Agri WC.
4. It is noted that electrical infrastructure cables will be buried along access roads, wherever technically feasible, and erected overhead, if required. Agri WC urgently request that it should be specified and distinguished where electrical cables will be buried and where the cables will be erected overhead along the entire corridor. The specification and distinction should be disclosed to all farm owners and should also be made available for comments in the public participation process.

5. Soil and veld condition is of utmost importance for the agricultural sector. Agri WC is therefore concerned that the construction of power lines between substations, especially buried cables, will result in the compacting of soil and/or damaging of veld. Such damages might take many years to recover, and will ultimately impact the sector negatively. The proposed region is still impacted by the longstanding drought and is therefore vulnerable to any external factors influencing the soil and veld condition.
6. The proposed project area is furthermore well known for its agri-tourism. During the drought, many farmers invested in agri-tourism as source of supplementary income. The attraction of these agri-tourism destinations is however based on the tranquillity and natural beauty of the Central Karoo. Agri WC is therefore deeply concerned that the erection of overhead electrical cables will visually impair the attractiveness of the region's agri-tourism. Agri WC urgently request a specialist study and detailed report on the visual implications of overhead electrical cables.
7. Agri WC is furthermore concerned about the visual implications caused by the erection of the wind turbines itself, as well as the fencing that will surround the wind farm. Agri WC is of the opinion that all components and project materials should be included in the specialist studies for visual implications, as the combination of all materials might become an eyesore and will eventually lead to the devaluation of agri-tourism in the Central Karoo.
8. Rural safety implications are another concern for Agri WC. The project will require many labour, which is extremely positive in itself, but also poses a large risk in terms of rural safety. Agri WC therefore plead that safety considerations should remain a priority if the project continues and that a rural crime prevention plan should be developed. For example, a farm access protocol and the identification of field staff should be defined properly.
9. Agri WC is furthermore concerned about the public participation process. In a previous notification, it was stated that the project's documentation can be accessed by following this *WeTransfer* link: <https://we.tl/t-iq2Fxngdli>. When the file is downloaded, many of the documents are however not accessible due to the files being "corrupted", i.e., the uploaded process on *WeTransfer* was incorrect/incomplete. More specifically, 72 documents (i.e., 24 documents per wind farm portion) cannot be opened by following this link. A complete list of inaccessible documents is listed in appendix A (attached hereto). Although all documents can be founded on the website, Agri WC doubts that all interested and affected parties are aware thereof. Agri WC is therefore concerned that the public participation process is flawed.
10. We look forward to receiving an acknowledgement of receipt of these comments as well as confirmation from DMR that these comments will be taken into account during the decision-making process

Yours sincerely,

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DANIEL MINNAAR

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST

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APPENDIX A: LIST OF CORRUPT FILES / INACCESSABLE FILES

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				Klipkraal 1 WEF Ecological Scoping Study LN_ST.pdf
		Appendix 6F_Social		Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 - Social Scoping Report - Draft - 20220915_Final.pdf
		Appendix 6G_Visual		Declaration of Interest WEF 1.pdf
				Klipkraal WEF 1 Scoping Report rev2_.pdf
				Klipkraal WEF 1 Sensitivity Report Rev 1.pdf
		Appendix 6H_Heritage		536HIA - Klipkraal Heritage Scoping Report_WEF 1_Rev 3.0.pdf
			Declaration from Klipkraal WEF 1.pdf	

		Appendix 6I_Noise	Klipkraal WEF 1 Noise Site Sensitivity Verification Report (Version 2) as on 28 July 2022.pdf	
		Appendix 6J_Transportation	16891_Klipkraal WEF 1_Transporation Study_Report Rev 2 Signed.pdf	
	Appendix 7_SiVEST Impact Rating System		SiVEST Environmental Imapct Assessment Methodology_Ver1 - 2019.pdf	
	Appendix 8_DFFE Screening Tool		Klipkraal WEF 1-Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility - 2022-07-21 -2-30.pdf	
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Attachments: AGRI WC COMMENTS ON KLIPKRAAL WEF.pdf; Appendix A_Corrupted files _Klipkraal WEF (2).pdf
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Dear Hlengiwe Ntuli

Please find herewith Agri Western Cape's comments on the EIA for the proposed development of the Klipkraal WEF 1, 2, and 3 and associated infrastructure.

Kind regards,



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14 October 2022

Dear Sir / Madam,

Comment Re: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3

The Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) as would like to submit the following comments in respect of the abovementioned proposed developments.

1. The EWT supports the development of renewable energy supply as an alternative to generation of electricity through burning of fossil fuels.
2. Renewable energy developments however, like any other development, may have serious impacts on species, habitat, and society and as such need to be properly evaluated.
3. There is a strong need for developers in this sector to adhere to and initiate environmental best practices in the development and operation of large-scale renewable energy projects in South Africa's arid interior.
4. In evaluation of the above application, we wish to highlight the following impacts and resultant recommendations:

4.1 Terrestrial Impacts

- a) We support the recommendations made in the terrestrial specialist report and recommend their implementation should the project be approved.
- b) Riparian areas represent important ecological infrastructure in the arid regions. These areas should be avoided from a construction point of view.
- c) We do not support the encroachment of turbines into the riparian habitat. Riverine Rabbit habitat has been severely transformed by agriculture with an estimated loss of

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up to 60% suitable habitat in the known distribution areas in the Nama Karoo. As such impacts resulting in a loss of habitat are not supported.

- d) Roads must be aligned as far as possible with existing infrastructure. Drainage structures along roads need to be well planned and fitted with dispersal mechanisms to minimize disruptions to natural flow and reduce the risk of erosion.
- e) With regards to buffer areas, there is no information on the impact of the turbines (flicker, noise, vibrations) on Riverine Rabbits. In the interests of the precautionary principle, we support the approach taken by the terrestrial specialist that for now a minimum of 500 m be applied, this may reduce depending on topography only if no direct line of sight.
- f) Significant adverse impacts can be expected during the construction phase including vehicular collisions with wildlife, collection and cutting of shrubs for firewood, illegal hunting of wildlife (e.g snaring), pollution etc. and as such strict controls and protocols are required during this phase.
- g) We have concerns regarding the impact of this and other developments on the Karoo dwarf tortoises, including the Karoo dwarf tortoise (Endangered) (*Chersobius boulengeri*) and the greater dwarf tortoise (Least Concern) (*Homopus femoralis*). Populations are in decline and the causes are poorly understood. Both species occur in the general area of the proposed development.
- h) We recommend that post-development monitoring of power lines also include the aspect of surveying for tortoise remains at bird perch locations to identify potential impacts by e.g. crows at perch sites. This aspect be included in the environmental monitoring programme.

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- i) Should any new research results become available that may help mitigate impacts to tortoises, that these be adopted where relevant.

4.2 Avifaunal Impacts

- a) Lines need to be seasonally monitored for fatalities and these should be reported to the Eskom/EWT Strategic partnership.
- b) Arguably, six large, globally and/or regionally threatened, impact sensitive species are potentially the most heavily affected by wind farming, and are likely to account for much of the bird impact profile of any given proposed WEF. Of these, the three large eagle species - Verreaux's Eagle *Aquila verreauxii*, Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus*, and Crowned Eagle *Stephanoeatus coronatus*, one vulture species, the Cape Vulture *Gyps coprotheres*, one Harrier species, the Black Harrier *Circus maurus* and the Secretarybird *Sagittarius serpentarium*. Other noteworthy and collision prone species include Blue Crane *Grus paradisea* and Ludwig's Bustard *Neotis ludwigii*.
- c) We highly recommend a shut down on demand system is implemented, either through on the ground observers, or automated systems, to shut down turbines when collision prone birds enter wind farms and are heading within rotor sweep zones. These species include, but are not limited to Martial Eagles, Verreaux's Eagles, Ludwig's Bustards, Secretary Birds These species are known to occur within the region. This has been highly effective on Excelsior Wind Farm in the Western Cape.

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- d) It is critical that no human disturbance associated with any construction activity occurs within these buffers near active breeding eagle nests in the peak breeding period between May and September, i.e. construction vehicles, labourers on foot, etc. All other human disturbance should also be minimized or avoided during this breeding period.
- e) Although the power line design will minimise bird electrocution incidents due to satisfactory phase clearances, collisions with shield wires or conductors are still likely to occur. With regards to the transmission lines fitting Bird Flight Diverters (BFDs) may mitigate collisions involving large raptors but it will not mitigate (at all) collisions by Ludwig's Bustard. Due to the fact that lines are likely to be handed over to Eskom (for long term management as per standard power purchase agreements), they need to be constructed to specification as determined by Eskom and fitted with approved BFDs at the Eskom recommended intervals.
- f) New power lines need to be placed, as far as possible, in areas where linear infrastructure already exists and ideally as close to the existing lines as possible.
- g) Should new, more effective BFDs come available the developer needs to be ready to procure and fit these. The EWT is in the process of expanding its current long-term line marking experiment near De Aar where a further 4 BFD designs will be tested, specifically to reduce Ludwig's Bustard collisions. If this development proceeds, we urge the developer to contact the EWT Wildlife and Energy programme directly and to participate in this important and ongoing research. In the event that a more effective BFD is identified and approved, this must be applied to the line. Possibly including the replacement of old BFDs where possible.

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- h) Lines need to be seasonally monitored (according to the Eskom/EWT partnership protocol) for fatalities and these fatalities should be reported to the Eskom/EWT Strategic partnership.
- i) While the turbine design has not yet been finalised, we recommend that minimum blade tip height be set as high as possible (even more than the 25 m recommended).

Verreux's Eagle Collision Risk:

- j) For Verreux's Eagles, space use is dependent on not only the distance from an individual eagles nest site, but also the local density or distribution of conspecific nest sites, the topographic slope and the elevation. In line with BLSA (2017) absolute minimum guidance. BLSA (2017) in fact recommends 3 km buffers, and these have since been updated to 5.2 km buffers or VERA modeling (Ralston-Paton & Murgatroyd, 2021), although these buffers are briefly discussed they are not implemented.
- k) The Verreux's Eagle Risk Assessment (VERA) tool has been developed to reduce Verreux's Eagle collisions on wind farms. VERA modelling represents the latest available methods for the assessment of wind turbine collision risk potential for Verreux's Eagles. It has been widely accepted as the primary tool in assessing the spatial distribution of collision risk for this species and has been adopted into the most recent version of Birdlife South Africa's Verreux's Eagles and Wind Farm guidelines for impact assessments (Ralston-Paton & Murgatroyd, 2021). Although the publication of the guidelines only occurred in 2021, VERA modelling has been available in some format since 2018. The first publication on the modelling methods it was made available in January 2021 (Murgatroyd, Bouten, & Amar, 2021), and since then VERA has been applied to 15 wind energy developments.

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- l) VERA uses the locations of Verreaux's Eagle nests and the topography of the site to determine collision risk. The risk is classified into three levels; high, medium and low. It is recommended that as a minimum requirement no turbines should be built within high risk locations. Furthermore, for optimal conservation, medium risk locations should also be avoided by developments, however with additional site-specific specialist input or mitigation methods a limited amount of development in these areas may be permissible (Murgatroyd et al., 2021). These recommendations have since been expanded on in the updated guidelines following the same approach (Ralston-Paton & Murgatroyd, 2021). VERA predicts collision risk for Verreaux's eagles on a 90 x 90m grid square resolution and it is the best tool available for understanding the likely impacts of wind energy development pre-construction. In comparison to circular buffers, it has been used to correctly predict 11 of the 14 collisions which have occurred. Thus we recommend that this tool is applied to the development site to determine turbine layout in a way which minimises risk to this species rather than any circular buffers. This demonstrates a 3 km circular nest buffer to be inadequate and that a dynamic 5.2 km buffer is more realistically required to reduce fatalities. We also know that raptor space use around a nest site is not even or circular.
- m) The EWT will make the VERA tool available to recalculate buffers and adjust design if required.

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Martial Eagle Collision Risk:

- n) Martial Eagle is notoriously wide-ranging, with internest distances in the central Karoo averaging about 15 km (Boshoff 1993, Machange *et al.* 2005), and nearest neighbour distances in the Cookhouse area apparently averaging about 19 km. Although such extreme social spacing suggests the need to apply buffers of 8-12 km, recent GPS tracking-based data from breeding adults in the Karoo (G. Tate, pers. comm.) suggest a generic buffer distance of 6 km is probably sufficient, based on the core habitat used by the species derived our tracking data of 19 Martial Eagles across the central and eastern Karoo.

4.3 Social

Should the project be approved it is recommended that the developer partner with local schools in the area to promote an interest science and technology. The rationale of this is to nurture the prospect of future career opportunities in this sector and the technology sector.

3.4 General recommendations

- a) We further recommend a comprehensive, long term avifaunal and terrestrial monitoring programme be implemented by an independent qualified service provider. Little is known on terrestrial impacts of large wind developments and as such this project, if approved, will provide an ideal opportunity to measure baselines and changes over time for terrestrial species.

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b) Certainly, as recommended in the terrestrial specialist report, we support the monitoring of impacts on Riverine Rabbits which would entail pre-, during and post development monitoring. Should the development proceed, this would be an ideal opportunity to gather novel data on the impacts of WEF on the species to inform this sector.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information or inputs.

Yours sincerely,

Johan du Plessis
Drylands Conservation Programme Manager
Endangered Wildlife Trust
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From: Johan du Plessis <johand@ewt.org.za>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 16:14
To: sivest_PPP
Cc: Gareth Tate; Ian Little; Ashleigh Dore
Subject: EWT Comments to 16891: Klipkraal WEF 1, 2 and 3
Attachments: EWT Comments 16891 Klipkraal 1,2,3_17Oct 2022.pdf

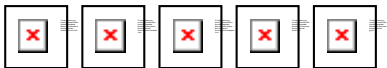
To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a letter outlining some comments from the Endangered Wildlife Trust in terms of the public participation process for Klipkraal Wind Energy facilities 1, 2 and 3.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest regards,

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Queries: Tania Cornelissen
Cell: 083 752 5110
Email address: Koup4SMA@gmail.com
Date: 17 October 2022

Dear Hlengiwe Ntuli, Luvanya Naidoo

Proposed Windfarm at Klipkraal, Fraserburg District

We, the members of the Gamka Karoo Special Management Area (SMA), acknowledge receipt of your notices dated 15 and 19 September 2022 pertaining to the above.

We herewith record the following for consideration and assessment in the EIA:

1. The reason for considering an energy facility at the subject site is unclear. In terms of the overarching land use policy for the area, namely the Northern Cape Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF), and key legislation (with specific reference to the National Environmental Management Act {NEMA}), the objectives of sustainability should be the determining criteria when considering development. Due to Klipkraal's remoteness and distance from essential services and infrastructure, it is highly questionable whether the proposed development, and its long-term operational phase, could comply with the relevant sustainability requirements.
2. The routing options for exit transmission lines is unclear. This is a key aspect that may affect the feasibility of the project as a whole. We herewith record that no such lines, or any other visually intrusive infrastructure associated with the project, would be allowed on any of the properties located in the SMA. The latter is a collective of private farms that form part of the buffer zone of the Karoo National Park and that is managed as an informal protected nature area.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email in writing.

Kind regards

MS TANIA CORNELISSEN
Secretary
GAMKA KAROO SMA

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From: Tania Cornelissen <taniacornelissen2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 15:19
To: ppp@sivest.co.za; Luvanya Naidoo; sivest_PPP
Cc: sakkie; SW Van der Merwe; koup4sma@gmail.com; koup4lv@gmail.com
Subject: Proposed Windfarm at Klipkraal, Fraserburg District
Attachments: Klipkraal Objection 17 October 2022.pdf

Subject: EIA FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF KLIPKRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) 1, 2, 3 & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Good Day

Please find attached our response to the Proposed Windfarm at Klipkraal.

Your urgent attention and response awaited.

Regards

Tania Cornelissen
Secretary
SMA

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From: Vlaefontein <rudi@023.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 12:39
To: sivest_PPP
Subject: Re: FW: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Ends

U Verwysing: 16891

Afdeling: Environmental Consulting

Aandag: Hlengiwe Ntuli

Ek verwys graag na die beplande Klipkraal Windkragaanleg van u hulle

Die beplanning van die Windkragaanleg keur ek nie goed nie.

Tans sit ek met 3 (Drie) Eskom lyne wat deur die plaas loop. Ons het agtergekom dit dit die waardasie van die grond aansienlik verminder weens die lyne wat deur die plaas loop

Ek is van plan om die plaas te verkoop daarom dat die Klipkraal Windkragaanleg nie deur die plaas kan loop nie

Hoop u vind bostaande in orde

Groete

Rudi Hattingh

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On 2022/10/17 10:37, sivest_PPP wrote:

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From: sivest_PPP

Sent: Friday, 14 October 2022 08:19

Cc: Luvanya Naidoo <LuvanyaN@sivest.co.za>

Subject: RE: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Ending

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From: sivest_PPP

Sent: Wednesday, 05 October 2022 09:31

Cc: Luvanya Naidoo <LuvanyaN@sivest.co.za>

Subject: FW: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Started

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From: sivest_PPP

Sent: Monday, 19 September 2022 13:05

Cc: Luvanya Naidoo <LuvanyaN@sivest.co.za>

Subject: FW: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

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Our website is unfortunately down at the moment, you will however be unable to access the documents for now, in the meantime kindly follow the link below to download the documents via wetransfer.

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Please feel free to contact the PPP office should you need further clarity.

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From: sivest_PPP

Sent: Thursday, 15 September 2022 16:48

Cc: Luvanya Naidoo <LuvanyaN@sivest.co.za>

Subject: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

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- **KLIPKRAAL WEF 1 – (DFFE Ref No.: To be announced)**
- **KLIPKRAAL WEF 2 – (DFFE Ref No.: To be announced)**
- **KLIPKRAAL WEF 3 – (DFFE Ref No.: To be announced)**

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 (Pty) Ltd, Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 2 (Pty) Ltd and Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 3 (Pty) Ltd as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the abovementioned projects.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that, in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended), the Draft Scoping Reports (DSRs) for the above-mentioned projects will be available for public comment and review from **16 September 2022 to 17 October 2022** (end of business day).

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Hard copies of the DSRs can be reviewed at the following public place:

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Fraserburg Library	Commercial Street, Fraserburg, 6960 (Next to Social Development Building)	Mondays- Fridays 8:00am - 4:30pm	066 156 6116

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Attached is an English and Afrikaans letter notifying you of the review period.

SiVEST is committed to complying with the requirements as set out in terms of POPIA.

I.T.O POPIA, you hereby declare and confirm that you, as an I&AP providing information, consent for your information to be gathered, stored and distributed for the purpose of this project.

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Hlengiwe Ntuli

From: Michael Pienaar <mikepienaar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 16:42
To: Hlengiwe Ntuli
Subject: Michael Pienaar Complaint

Hi there Hlengiwe, I was told that we should email you to launch a complaint for the proposed route of the power cables and towers to the nearest substation from the new Windfarm.

I am the owner of Wilgerboskloof farm.

We as the farming community are not opposed to the project, going forward. But we strongly advise you to use the Fraserburg-Leeu-Gamka R353 Tar road as your route to bring the cables down the mountain and not the other proposed route through our farms.

Surely this is the shorter route also.

Please note that this email is my complaint to that route through my property.

Michael Pienaar
ID number 8407255040080.
Cell Phone number: 063 827 4343

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From: petrie stofberg <stofbergpetrie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 14:11
To: sivest_PPP
Subject: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Good day,

I refer to the matter above and the Klipkraal WEF.

I assume that all the necessary research was done for this project.

I do have an objection and concern to this project -

I fear that this Project would have an affect on the market value of the farms located next to and around the Klipkraal WEF. As a result hereof the owners of these farms would be on the losing end should they want to sell their farms. Their farms would not be of the same value. These farmers would also not be as credit worthy because the value of their farms would be less than before the project.

I thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards

Hlengiwe Ntuli

From: welkom@leeurivier.net
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 11:33
To: Hlengiwe Ntuli
Subject: 16891: Klipkraal Wind Energy Facilities 1, 2 and 3 near Fraserburg in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Ends

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Goeie dag Hlengiwe

Ons as eienaars van van Leeurivier plaas nr. 402 en Grootfontein plaas nr. 180 is nie ten gunste dat die krag lyne op voorgestelde aangehegde kaart gebou word nie.
Ons is ten gunste van kraglyn teen R353.

Vriendelike groete,



Antonia Van Der Berg

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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Development of the Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility (WEF) 1 and Associated Infrastructure near Fraserburg in the Northern Cape Province

Sivest SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1, near Fraserburg, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include the construction of up to 60 turbines, permanent compacted hardstanding areas/platforms per wind turbine and turbine foundations, electrical transformers at each turbine, step-up/collector substations, main transmission substation (120 ha), underground cables or overhead where required, 400 KV powerline, battery energy storage system, internal access roads, temporary staging areas per turbine, temporary construction camps, office, accommodation, visitors centre and, an operation and maintenance building, septic tank and soak-away systems, fencing, potential new boreholes, temporary water storage tanks within an overall application area of 1 362 ha.

PGS Heritage (Pty) Ltd was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Mann, N. 2022. Heritage Scoping Report. Proposed Construction of the Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1, near Fraserburg, Northern Cape Province, South Africa.

A total of two heritage resources were identified within the proposed development footprint. These include one stone shepherds shelter of low heritage significance and one stone ruin farmstead of medium heritage significance. It is noted that a full Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be conducted as part of the EIA phase.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

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- 30m buffer zone around historical structures;
- Given the fact that the level of coverage of the initial assessment survey in September 2021 was quite thin, it is essential that a walk down survey of the final footprint of the new Klipkraal WEF 1 and associated grid connection infrastructure be conducted;
- A management plan for the heritage resources then needs to be compiled and approved for implementation during construction and operations.

Interim Comment

The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit requests that the pending assessment of the impact to palaeontological resources comply with the 2012 Minimum Standards: Palaeontological Component of Heritage Impact Assessments.

Additionally, SAHRA requests that a more comprehensive survey be conducted during the EIA phase as it was noted that the initial survey as part of the HIA was minimal. The HIA must be revised to include the results of the requested survey. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above pending reports and the draft EIA inclusive of appendices.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Ms Naidoo

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE KLIPKRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) 1, BESS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR FRASERBURG IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated September 2022 and received by the Department on 16 September 2022, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final Scoping Report:

(a) Listed Activities

- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.

(b) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
- The proposed Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 with associated infrastructure for each development;
- The proposed grid infrastructure for the above wind Energy facilities, overlain by the sensitivity map;
- All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed);
- The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;
- Buffer areas; and
- All "no-go" areas.
- The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure.
- Google maps will not be accepted.

(c) Public Participation Process

- Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the Final SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.
- The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development; particularly the South African Astronomical Observatory, Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, the District and Local Municipalities.

(d) Specialist Assessments

- Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbine positions, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
- The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.
- Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.
- It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. **Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.**

(e) Cumulative Assessment

- Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:
 - Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
 - Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
 - The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
 - A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

(f) Environmental Management Programme

- It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, contemplated in Regulations 19(4) must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. Further you are reminded that the Generic EMPr must be signed by the applicant/EA holder and the layout included in the Generic EMPr is a final layout plan.
- There needs to be an EMPr for the facility and the onsite substation

General

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

"If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority"

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

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 Vusi Skosana
Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Letter signed: Dr Danie Smit
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Date: 17/10/2022

cc:	Terence Govender (KM Govender)	Klipkraal Wind Energy Facility 1 (Pty) Ltd	Email: terence@elenergy.co.za
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Dear Mr / Ms

LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRIES

- 1. REMAINDER OF THE FARM MATJES FONTEIN NO 409
FRASERBURG RD**
- 2. REMAINDER OF THE FARM KLIPFONTEIN NO 447 TOWN
FRASERBURG RD**
- 3. PORTION 1 OF THE FARM KLIPFONTEIN NO 447
FRASERBURG RD**
- 4. PORTION 3 OF THE FARM RATELFONTEIN NO 394
FRASERBURG RD**
- 5. REMAINDER OF THE FARM MATJES FONTEIN NO 411
FRASERBURG RD**

We refer to your letter received: **03 August 2022**.

We confirm that as at the date of this letter no land claims appear on our database in respect of the above-mentioned Properties. This includes the database for claims lodged by 31 December 1998; and those lodged between 1 July 2014 and 27 July 2016 in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014.

Whilst the Commission takes reasonable care to ensure the accuracy of the information it provides, there are various factors that are beyond the Commission's control, particularly relating to claims that have lodged but not yet been gazetted such as:

1. Some Claimants referred to properties they claim dispossession of rights in land against using historical property descriptions which may not match the current property description; and
2. Some Claimants provided the geographic descriptions of the land they claim without mentioning the particular actual property description they claim dispossession of rights in land against.

The Commission therefore does not accept any liability whatsoever if through the process of further investigation of claims it is found that there is in fact a land claim in respect of the above property.

If you are aware of any change in the description of the above property after 19 June 1913 kindly supply us with such description so as to enable us to do a further search.

Yours faithfully



Dr. M. Du Toit

Chief Director: Land Restitution Support-Northern Cape

Date: 04/08/2022

Stephan Jacobs

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Date: 23 July 2021

Dear Stephan,

RE: THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY PROJECT BETWEEN BEAUFORT WEST AND FRASERBURG IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

This letter is in response to the notification of the proposed wind energy facilities and their possible impact on the Square Kilometre Array radio telescope.

SARAO has undertaken a high-level impact assessment and based on the information provided it was determined that the project represents a low risk of interference to the SKA radio telescope with a compliance surplus of 9.84 dBm/Hz for the project site within the KCAAA1. As such, we do not require an EMC control plan and do not object to the developments.

We thank you for notifying us about the project and apologize for the delayed response.

Regards,



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