



## **Appendix 5**

### Public Participation



## **Appendix 5A**

### PP Plan

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PROVINCE**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The country wide restriction enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096, has resulted in the entire country being placed in a national state of disaster. This has limited the movement and gathering of people in an effort to curb the spread CoVID-19 and therefore requires that the public participation process be amended and adjusted to comply with the restrictions.

As a result, alternative means of undertaking the required stakeholder engagement has been designed and implemented by SiVEST to ensure that all I&APs are afforded reasonable opportunity to engage meaningfully. As such, SiVEST are proposing the following amendments to the public participation process, described in more detail below.

**2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Genesis Enertrag Koup 1 Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd and Genesis Enertrag Koup 2 Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as 'Koup 1 Wind Farm' and 'Koup 2 Wind Farm') are proposing to develop the Koup 1 and Koup 2 Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure on adjacent properties near Beaufort West in the Western Cape Province of South Africa. The proposed WEF developments will have maximum export capacities of up to approximately 140 megawatt (MW) respectively. The overall objective of the proposed WEF developments is to generate electricity by means of renewable energy technologies capturing wind energy and to feed into the national grid.

In addition, Koup 1 Wind Farm and Koup 2 Wind Farm are also proposing to construct 33/132kV substations and associated 132kV overhead power lines (namely the grid connection infrastructure) near Beaufort West in the Western Cape Province. The overall objective of the proposed grid connection infrastructure development is to feed the electricity generated by the proposed Koup 1 and Koup 2 WEFs into the national grid.

It should be noted that two (2) WEF developments are being proposed on adjacent properties and two (2) grid connection infrastructure developments (namely the substations and overhead power lines) are being proposed on nearby properties. The proposed developments (WEF and grid connection infrastructure) include the following:

- Koup 1 WEF (part of a separate EIA process);
- Koup 1 WEF Substation and Power Line (part of separate BA process);

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- Koup 2 WEF (part of a separate EIA process); and
- Koup 2 WEF Substation and Power Line (part of separate BA process).

The respective WEF and grid connection infrastructure developments will require separate Environmental Authorisations (EAs) and are subject to separate Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Basic Assessment (BA) processes respectively. The proposed grid connection infrastructure developments will be handed over to Eskom once constructed. The substations will include an Eskom portion and an Independent Power Producer (IPP) portion, hence the substations will be included in the respective WEF EIAs and in the respective associated grid connection infrastructure BAs in order to allow for handover to Eskom. The current applicants will remain in control of the low voltage components (i.e. 33kV components) of the substations, while the high voltage components (i.e. 132kV components) of these substations will likely be ceded to Eskom shortly after the completion of construction.

Although the respective WEF and associated grid connection infrastructure (substations and overhead power lines) developments will be assessed separately, it is proposed that a single public participation process be undertaken to consider all of the proposed projects [i.e. two (2) WEF EIAs and two (2) grid connection BAs]. Although the PPP will run concurrently as one combined process, separate comments and response reports will be compiled, as requested by DFFE. The potential environmental impacts associated with all of the proposed developments mentioned above will be assessed as part of the cumulative impact assessment.

### 3. ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST<sup>1</sup>

To determine the appropriate level of public participation, it is important to assess the degree to which the public considers the proposed development to be significant and of public interest. The public will become involved according to its perception of the development.

Therefore, it is important to anticipate the public's level of interest or concern regarding a project or program. The assessment is based on prior project experience in the area and consultation with the DFFE.

It must be noted that the closest town (namely Beaufort West) is more than 50km away from the proposed project development area.

	Questions	Very Low / Level 1	Low / Level 2	Moderate / Level 3	High / Level 4	Very High / Level 5
1	What is the anticipated level of conflict, concern, controversy, or opportunity?		x			
2	How significant are the potential impacts to the public		x			
3	How much do the major stakeholders care about this issue, project or program?				x	
4	What degree of involvement does the public appear to desire?		x			

<sup>1</sup> Assessment adapted from the Portland Development Commission 10-steps to creating PPP guide

	Questions	Very Low / Level 1	Low / Level 2	Moderate / Level 3	High / Level 4	Very High / Level 5
5	What is the potential for public impact on the potential decision or project?			x		
6	How significant are the possible benefits of involving the public?		x			
7	How serious are the potential ramifications of NOT involving the public?			x		
8	What level of public participation does the Authority desire/expect?			x		
9	What is the possibility that the media will become interested?	x				
10	What is the probable level of difficulty in solving the problem or advancing the project?		x			
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Sub Total multiplied by level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Total (addition of levels)</b>	<b>24</b>				
	<b>Level of PP required (Total / 10)</b>	<b>2.4</b>				

#### 4. DETERMINE LEVEL OF PUBLIC INTEREST

The Public Participation Spectrum below illustrates the four (4) levels of public participation: Public Information, Public Input, Public Involvement and Public Collaboration. Each of these levels serves a different purpose with a different outcome.

Based on our results from the assessment in Chapter 3, the Public Participation Spectrum below identifies the appropriate level of public participation as: "Solicit Input / Consult".



<b>Public Participation Spectrum</b>			
<b>Inform (1-1.9)</b>	<b>Solicit Input / Consult (2-2.9)</b>	<b>Involve (3-3.9)</b>	<b>Collaborate (4-4.9)</b>
One-way communication between Koup 1 WEF and the public to provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	Seek public feedback on a proposal, analysis or alternatives. Requires a response from the public, but limited opportunity for public dialogue.	Work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that issues, aspirations and concerns are consistently understood and considered. Includes elements of public information and outreach, but adds a third dimension of two-way communication.	To collaborate with the public on some or all aspects of the planning or decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
<b>Public Engagement</b>			
Keep stakeholders informed.	Keep stakeholders informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns, aspirations and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	Work with stakeholders to ensure that their concerns, aspirations and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	Look to stakeholders for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate their recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.
<b>Example of Tools to use</b>			
Background Information Document	<b>Company Website</b>	Public Meeting (virtual if deemed necessary)	Public Meeting (virtual if deemed necessary)
News Paper Adverts	<b>Newspaper Advert</b>	Data Free Portal	Data Free Portal
SMS/Email notifications	<b>SMS / Email notifications</b>	Background Information Document	Background Information Document
PowerPoint Presentations	<b>PowerPoint Presentations (emailed if required)</b>	News Paper Advert	News Paper Adverts
Posters on /close to site	<b>Posters on / close to project site</b>	SMS/Email notifications	SMS/Email notifications

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<b>Public Participation Spectrum</b>			
<b>Inform (1-1.9)</b>	<b>Solicit Input / Consult (2-2.9)</b>	<b>Involve (3-3.9)</b>	<b>Collaborate (4-4.9)</b>
All documents available on SiVEST Website	<b>All documents available on website</b>	PowerPoint Presentations (emailed if needs be)	PowerPoint Presentations (emailed)
		Workshop (Virtual if deemed necessary)	Workshop
		Focus Group Meetings (Virtual if deemed necessary)	Focus Group Meetings
		All documents available on Data Free Portal and SiVEST Website	Board-appointed commission
			Special task force
			All documents available on SiVEST Website
Adapted from the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum			

## 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN, STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

### 5.1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS: LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Public participation is the cornerstone of any EIA process. The principles of the NEMA as well as the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), govern the EIA process, including public participation. These include provision of sufficient and transparent information on an on-going basis to Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) and key stakeholders, such as Organs of State (OoS) / authorities, to allow them to comment, and to ensure the participation of previously disadvantaged people, women and the youth.

The public participation process is primarily based on two (2) factors, namely.

1. Firstly, on-going interaction with the environmental specialists and the technical teams in order to achieve integration of technical assessment and public participation throughout; and
2. Secondly, to obtain the bulk of the issues to be addressed early on in the process, with the latter half of the process designed to provide environmental and technical evaluation of these issues. These findings are presented to stakeholders for verification that their issues have been captured and for further comment.

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GN R 982). The primary aims of the Public Participation Process are:

- To inform I&APs and key stakeholders of the proposed project;
- To initiate meaningful and timeous participation of I&APs and key stakeholders;
- To identify issues and/or concerns of key stakeholders and I&APs with regards to the proposed project;
- To promote transparency and an understanding of the proposed project and its potential environmental impacts;
- To provide information used for decision-making;
- To provide a structure for liaison and communication with I&APs and key stakeholders;
- To assist in identifying potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project;
- To ensure inclusivity (the views, needs, interests and values of I&APs and key stakeholders must be considered in the decision-making process);
- To focus on issues relevant to the proposed project and issues considered important by I&APs and key stakeholders;
- To provide responses to I&AP and key stakeholder queries / comments / concerns; and
- Meet the requirements for Public Participation as stated in Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

#### 5.1.1. Compliance with regulations and subsequent circulars

In terms of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), a BA/EIA application requires a 30-day Public Participation Process (PPP) for both the draft BA, Scoping and EIA process. In light of the country wide restriction enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 (GN R 313) which has resulted in the entire country being placed in a national state of disaster and limits the movement and gatherings of people in an

effort to curb the spread CoVID-19, the public participation process has been amended and adjusted in light of these restrictions<sup>2</sup>.

As a result, alternative means of undertaking the required stakeholder engagement has been designed and implemented by SiVEST to ensure that all I&APs are afforded reasonable opportunity to engage meaningfully. As such, SiVEST are proposing the following public participation process, described in more detail below. This Public Participation plan, detailed below, is being submitted to the DFFE for their review and approval.

## 6. PROPOSED AMENDED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Figure 1** below provides an overview of the tools that are available to I&APs and stakeholders to access project information and interact with the public participation team to obtain project information and resolve any queries that may arise, and to meet the requirements for public participation.

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<sup>2</sup> General Notice issued by the DFFE on 24 March 2020

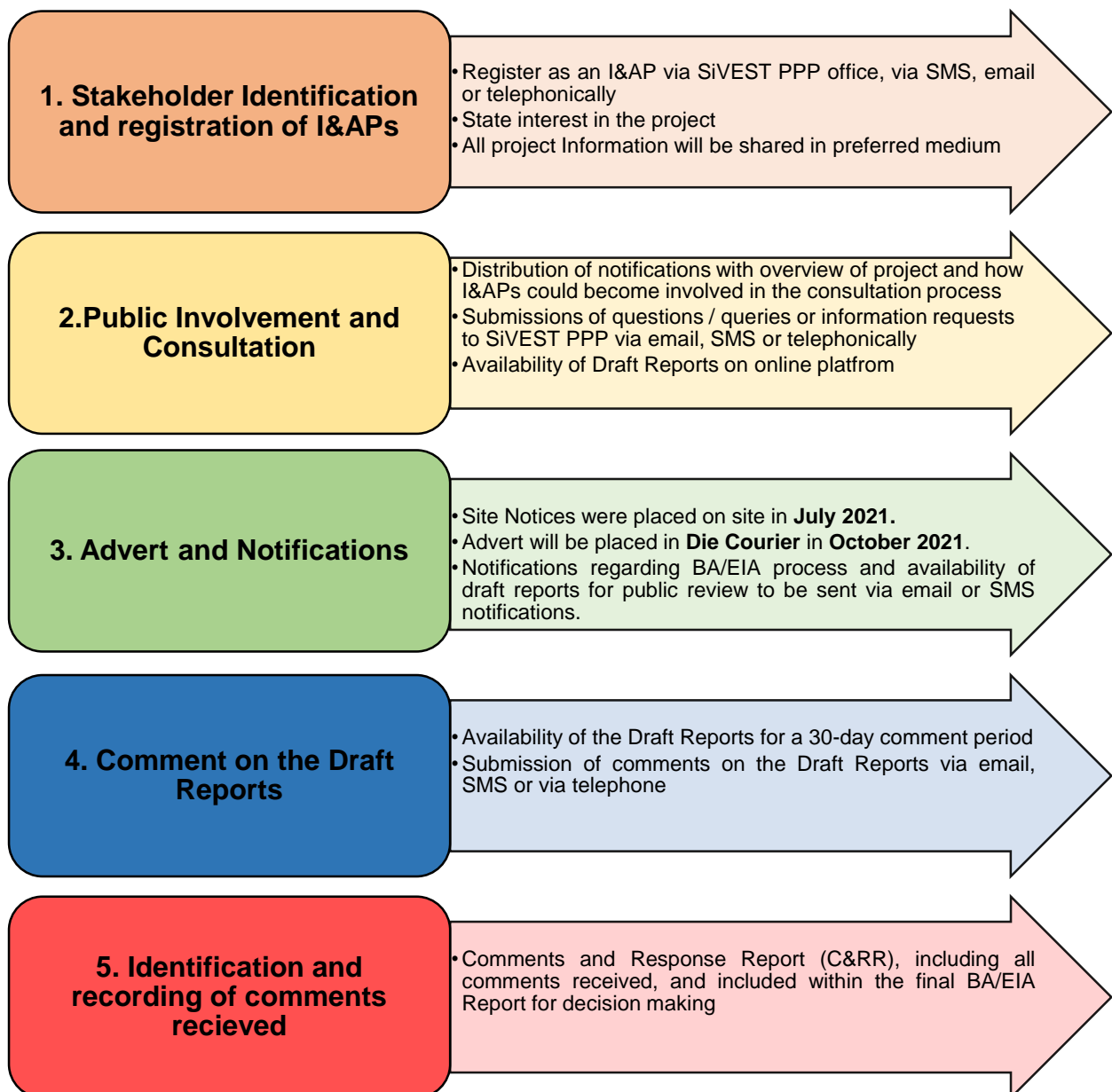


Figure 1: Schematic illustration of PPP tools

**Table 1: Public Participation Plan: Discussion of approach and methodology to meet the requirements of the Regulations**

Regulation/ circular	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements	Special requests
<p>Regulation 40(1), Regulation 40(3) &amp; Regulation 43 – provide all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, <b>access to project related information</b>, access to the Basic Assessment, Scoping and EIA Report which will be made available for a period of at least 30 days to <b>submit comments on the draft reports</b> prior to submission of the Final Report for decision-making.</p>	<p>It is the intention to release all relevant project information to all interested and/or affected parties for a <u>30-day period</u>.</p> <p><b><u>Notification of BA/EIA process to be undertaken to be distributed using the following means:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing of the notifications and initial landowner consultation (to be circulated to all I&amp;APs in October 2021/March 2022 respectively as part of the Draft Scoping Report and Draft Basic Assessment Report (proof to be included in BA/EIA Report).</li> <li>• Placement of site notices in English and Afrikaans (as per regulations) were placed along the entrance road to the application site and around the site itself on 2 July 2021 (proof to be included in Basic Assessment, Scoping and EIA Report).</li> <li>• Notification letter to be sent via E-mail or sms (if cellphone number / email is available, it is assuming the I&amp;AP have an email or cellphone).</li> <li>• Public notification of the BA/EIA process will be advertised in a local newspaper (namely Die Courier) in October 2021, as required according to Regulation 41(2) (c) of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended. Proof to be included in the Basic Assessment, Scoping and EIA Report.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Availability of report for review:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report available on SiVESTs website for download.</li> <li>• Electronic copies can be made available to parties via a secure digital link that will be emailed upon request for the documentation.</li> <li>• CDs / Flash drive to be posted, only if requested<sup>3</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>The Draft Basic Assessment Report, Draft Scoping Report and the Draft EIA Report will be located at the following location and will be available for review:</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<sup>3</sup> The use of postage will only be required should an I&AP request that the documents be sent to them via CD or flash drive. All I&APs and OoS have either email / sms and will be sent an electronic link to the website where the reports can be reviewed or downloaded. Should any I&APs / stakeholders / Oos request documents via post or courier, this will be indicated and proof will be provided in the final report.

Regulation/ circular	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements	Special requests
	<p>Beaufort West Library, 15 Church Street, Beaufort West, Western Cape, South Africa</p> <p><b><u>Availability to comment:</u></b></p> <p>Comments can be submitted in various mediums detailed in the row below, and will be captured and responded to by the SiVEST PPP Office.</p>	
<p>Regulation 40(2) - Provide access to all project information that has the potential to influence any decision regarding the application, unless protected by law, and must include <b>consultation</b> with Competent Authority, Organs of State &amp; registered I&amp;APs.</p> <p>Regulation 41(6) – Relevant <b>information available and accessible</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report will be submitted to the DFFE using the DFFE online portal.</li> <li>• Report will be submitted to Organs of State (OoS) and commenting authorities via an agreed electronic platform (such as on CD, Flash stick or via a secure digital link).</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Availability of report via means described above.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Submission of comments to EAP:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments will be able to be submitted directly to the EAP using the SiVEST email address (<a href="mailto:sivest_ppp@sivest.co.za">sivest_ppp@sivest.co.za</a>) or cell phone via call, SMS or WhatsApp.</li> <li>• Written comments can also be submitted via email.</li> <li>• This is deemed to be sufficient as all I&amp;APs have either access to email or cellphone.</li> </ul> <p>Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments.</p> <p>Provision of project information and consultation via various means, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telephonic consultation.</li> <li>• Email correspondence.</li> <li>• SMS and/or WhatsApp.</li> <li>• The SiVEST Website will ensure that I&amp;APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to participate in the project and raise comments on the project with interest in the EIA process for the project. Virtual meetings, if required, will be conducted using an appropriate platform agreeable to all parties (such as Zoom, Skype or Microsoft Teams). The meeting will be recorded, and the attendees' details captured in an attendance register. Confirmation of their attendance will</li> </ul>	<p>None, in line with current NEMA EIA Regulations regarding PPP</p>

Regulation/ circular	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements	Special requests
	<p>also be requested by e-mail and the correspondence will be included in the report.</p> <p><i>It should be noted that the use of postage will only be required should and I&amp;AP request that the documents be sent to them via CD or flash drive. All I&amp;APs and OoS have either email / sms and will be sent an electronic link to the website where the report can be reviewed or downloaded. Should any I&amp;APs / stakeholders / Oos request documents via post or courier, this will be indicated and proof of postage will be provided in the final report. In addition, the project database in the final report will reflect whether any I&amp;AP / stakeholder / OoS / Authority received the documents via post or courier.</i></p>	
Regulation 41(2)(a) – <b>Site notice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placement of site notices in English and Afrikaans (as per regulations) along the entrance road to the application site was placed in July 2021 (proof to be included in the reports).</li> <li>• Size and content were in accordance with Regulation 41(3) &amp; 41(4).</li> <li>• Proof will be incorporated into the reports.</li> </ul>	None - in line with current NEMA EIA Regulations regarding PPP
Regulation 41(2)(b) – <b>Written notification</b> to affected and neighboring landowners and occupiers; municipality; ward councilors; Organs of State & other parties required by the CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification letters to all I&amp;APs (<b>Appendix 1</b>) and OoS (<b>Appendix 2</b>) will be sent via email and SMS (where required).</li> <li>• Proof of notifications will be incorporated into the reports.</li> </ul>	None - in line with current NEMA EIA Regulations regarding PPP
Regulation 41(2)(c) – (e) – <b>Advertisements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public notification of the BA/EIA process will be advertised in a local newspaper (namely the <i>Die Courier</i>) in October 2021, as required according to Regulation 41(2) (c) of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended. Proof to be included in reports.</li> </ul>	None - in line with current NEMA EIA Regulations regarding PPP
Regulation 42 – <b>Project database</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I&amp;APs have been identified through a process of networking and referral, obtaining information from the SiVEST existing stakeholder database, neighbouring projects and liaison with potentially affected parties in the greater surrounding area.</li> <li>• Organs of State, key stakeholders and affected and surrounding landowners have been identified and registered on the project database.</li> <li>• Other stakeholders will be required to formally register their interest in the project through either</li> </ul>	None - in line with current NEMA EIA Regulations regarding PPP



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	<p>directly contacting the SiVEST Public Participation team via phone or email or use of the SiVEST website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The register of I&amp;APs will contain the names of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ all persons who requested to be registered on the database in writing and disclosed their interest in the project;</li> <li>○ all Organs of State which hold jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and</li> <li>○ all persons who submitted written comments or attended virtual meetings and viewed virtual presentations on the SiVEST website during the public participation process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The information captured on the project database will contain the names, organisation and contact details, as required by POPIA.</li> </ul> <p><b>All I&amp;APs have access to either email or a cellphone.</b></p>	
Regulation 44 – <b>Comments</b> to be recorded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments will be able to be submitted directly to the EAP using the SiVEST email address (<a href="mailto:sivest_ppp@sivest.co.za">sivest_ppp@sivest.co.za</a>) or cell phone via call, SMS or WhatsApp.</li> <li>• Written comments can also be submitted via calls, SMS, WhatsApp, email.</li> <li>• I&amp;APs without the applicable electronic facilities to access the SiVEST website will be provided with the opportunity to submit their comments and communicate with the public participation team via SMS or WhatsApp. These comments will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments.</li> <li>• All comments received throughout the EIA process will be acknowledged and captured in the C&amp;RR with a relevant response.</li> <li>• The C&amp;RR will be included in the final report which will be submitted to the Competent Authority (CA) for decision making.</li> </ul> <p><i>It should be noted that I&amp;APs / stakeholders / OoS will be notified throughout the EIA process to provide comments via the methods mentioned in this PPP. They will also be advised to contact SiVEST directly, if required, in which case other arrangements can be made (if required). SiVEST's public participation email address is monitored on a daily basis to confirm whether any comments or queries have been received. Once a comment is received the project team will save a copy, respond accordingly (using an appropriate method) and the comment / query will also be added to the C&amp;RR (along with an appropriate</i></p>	None - in line with current NEMA EIA Regulations regarding PPP

Regulation/ circular	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements	Special requests
	<i>response), which will be attached to the final report for consideration. SiVEST will also include all proof of correspondence with I&amp;APs, stakeholder and OoS as part of the EIA Report, while the project database in the report will reflect the method of communication with any I&amp;AP / stakeholder / OoS / Authority</i>	
Regulation 4(2) – Notification of <b>decision</b> on application	<p><b><u>Notification of Environmental Authorisation (EA)</u></b> using the following means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification letter with details as outlined in the EA issued will be sent via email and SMS (same method used during public consultation described above).</li> </ul>	None - in line with current NEMA EIA Regulations regarding PPP

## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WAY FORWARD

We thank the DFFE for their input to this process to date. We kindly request confirmation the following process is reported:

### Release of Draft Reports for public comment:

- The Draft Scoping Report, and thereafter both the Draft Basic Assessment and Draft EIA Report for the proposed development will be released for public review and comment for a period of 30 days (excluding public holidays and the DFFE's December closure period) from the 22 October 2021 till the 23 November 2021 and the 8 March 2022 till the 7 April 2022 respectively.
- The report will be uploaded on to the SiVEST Website at <http://www.sivest.co.za/Download>

### Notification of I&APs, landowners and OoS / authorities:

- All affected landowners, the relevant provincial authority (namely the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (WC DEADP)) and I&APs will be notified of the BA/EIA process.
- All landowners (affected and surrounding) and I&APs will be notified of the submission of the Draft Reports and the 30-day public review and comment period accordingly.
- In addition, all Organs of State (OoS) / authorities will be sent electronic copies of the Draft Basic Assessment, Draft Scoping Report and the Draft EIA Report.
- The 30-day review and comment period will be provided for both the public and for OoS / authorities, as required by the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended.
- All I&APs will be notified via Email and SMS, which is deemed suitable considering that contact details are available (i.e. a cellphone number confirms access to a cellphone).

### Comments and Response Report (C&RR):

Comments received on the DBAR, DSR and DEIR will be included in the final reports, which will be submitted to the DFFE for decision making at a later stage (within the timeframes as stipulated in the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended). A full C&RR will also be drafted to capture all comments received during the EIA process, including responses thereto. The C&RR will be included in the Final EIA Report.

The public participation process will come to a close for the project when the decision on the EIA is received and is made available to the public. All registered I&APs / stakeholders will be notified of the EA (should this be granted) and appeal process accordingly<sup>4</sup>.

## 8. CONCLUSION

The Public Participation Plan, as set out above, has been drafted for the BA/EIA Process for the proposed development of the Koup 1 and 2 Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure and Grid Connection to ensure that reasonable opportunity is provided to I&APs / stakeholders and that all

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<sup>4</sup> Section 43(1) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA)

administrative actions are reasonable. Proof of all correspondence and notifications will be included in the public participation appendix included in the EIA Report(s).

The Public Participation Plan is submitted to the DFFE, for discussion and agreement before the Public Participation Process is undertaken for the proposed EIA process.

## 9. SCHEDULE

The public participation process will commence in October 2021 with the submission of the draft Scoping Report. Thereafter, the Draft Basic Assessment Report and the Draft EIA Report will go out for comment together from 8 March to 7 April 2022.

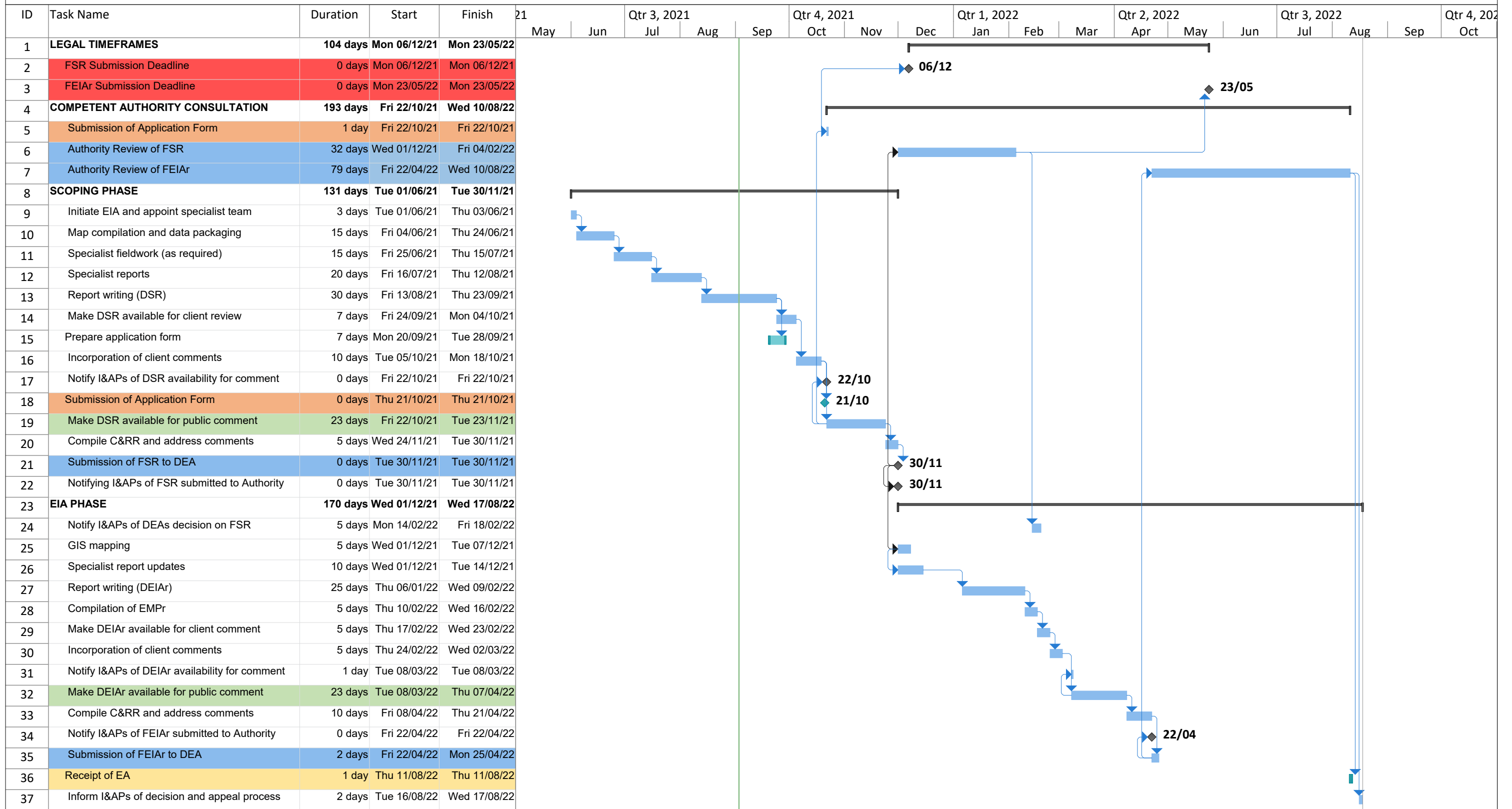
The project schedule is attached in **Appendix A**.



## **APPENDIX A:**

# **Project Schedule**

# PROGRAMME TO UNDERTAKE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT



EIA PROGRAMME Date: Fri 03/09/21	Task		Project Summary		Inactive Milestone		Manual Summary Rollup		Deadline	
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	Milestone		External Milestone		Manual Task		Start-only		Manual Progress	
	Summary		Inactive Task		Duration-only		Finish-only			



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