

Children abandoned by municipality

Matthew Handley

The Steve Tshwete Local Municipality has “abandoned the children of Nasaret”.

Cries of distress over the state of the Nasaret Stadium have been ignored for years, forcing Middelburg Combined School to take matters into its own hands. The school was set to host an inter-house athletics event, which was then put under threat of cancellation due to the municipality’s incompetence.

After the municipality ignored the school’s pleas, they were forced to search for alternative forms of help, this led them to Democratic Alliance PR Councillor Mr Morgan Bruiners.

On the afternoon before the event, Mr Bruiners organised much-needed

maintenance to be done at the stadium, including painting the correct markings onto the field, cutting the overgrown grass, unclogging the blocked toilets and clearing out litter. This continued the following morning.

Middelburg Combined School were previously told by the municipality to move their athletics day to Eastdene Sports Ground, a shambolic proposal that paid no thought to the hassle or economics regarding the transportation of the learners. The Nasaret stadium is within walking distance of the school, offering convenience for both learners and educators participating in the event. Whereas, if the event were to be held in Eastdene, busses would need to be hired, an expense that the school does not have the

resources to bear.

The DA’s intervention is viewed by Mr Bruiners as a “temporary solution to a persistent problem”, and he further added, “It is a right of the community to ask for the basic maintenance of community grounds.”

The lack of respect shown to the community of Nasaret is alarming, as the municipality’s blasé attitude leaves the people of Nasaret frustrated and sapped of enthusiasm, for what is an important day in the lives of the school’s children.

An educator at the school, Mr Curtly Short, said, “We as a school feel hopeless that the municipality doesn’t care about us.”

The premises prior to the event was abysmal, with stagnant water protruding across the grounds posing a significant

health risk.

The stadium’s pavilion is currently inaccessible due to being anchored in water.

On the day of the event, after Mr Bruiners and his hardworking team had salvaged what they could, learners were advised to stay on the opposite side of the field, with the 100m race using an impromptu track, due to the conditions affecting the official trail.

Security is employed to monitor the grounds, however, the recent theft of several large gates was met with no resistance from the guards on duty.

The security officers currently safeguard a site devoid of all assets.

The tennis courts have been left in a dire state, with both courts being stripped bare.

The caretaker’s house, situated within the grounds, is currently being leased to a municipal worker, however, this worker is said to be a contractor with no affiliation or duty to the community stadium, leaving the arena without formal supervision.

This neglect of community grounds can only be seen as an enormous mismanagement of resources on the part of the municipality.

The *Middelburg Observer* has reported on the situation in several previous editions of the paper. This condemnation has seemingly fallen on deaf ears.



The maintenance being done before the sports day.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) IN SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND CONVEYORS BELTS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT – ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENTATION

Arnot Opco Mine (Arnot Opco) seeks an Expression of Interest from Reputable Suppliers and Operators for a 2-month Contract for the refurbishment and installation of underground conveyor belts and associated equipment – Electrical and Instrumentation

NOTES:

1. Submission of the EOI does not constitute an obligation by the Arnot Opco to include your company in this specific procurement exercise, neither does it assure that a respective bidding exercise will be undertaken in due course.
2. This is a readvertisement, and all the other vendors that expressed interest and/or forwarded proposals are encouraged to participate.
3. The Electrical refurbishment area to be covered is for conveyor 10.1 is 15m, 10.2 is 1200m long and conveyor 10.3 is 400m long together, they have a combined length of 1615m.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY):

1. Details of the requirements will be provided in the tender documents, however in brief the Contractor shall be expected to include for the furnishing of all plant, material, tools, consumables, supervision, labour, transportation, technical and professional services necessary for the construction, installation and commissioning of all electrical and instrumentation equipment as detailed within the body of this works package.
2. Tender documentation shall be forwarded to companies that expressed interest on/or before 17 February 2023, Kindly note that no EOI documentation shall be accepted after the closing date of the 17 February 2023.

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NOTICE FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE HENDRINA SOUTH GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH INCLUDES A 132KV POWERLINE IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE OF SOUTH AFRICA

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, under Government Notices No. R982, R983, R984 and R985 promulgated on 4 December 2014 and amended on 07 April 2017, notice is hereby given that **ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as “ESA”)**, has appointed SIVEST SA (Pty) Ltd, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the required Basic Assessment (BA) and Public Participation Process (PPP) for the below-mentioned development. The competent authority for the required BA Process is the Provincial Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA).

ESA proposes the development of grid connection infrastructure for the Hendrina South Wind Energy Facility (WEF), which includes a 132kV power line. The overall objective of the proposed development is to distribute electricity by means of renewable energy technologies capturing wind energy from the Hendrina South WEF and connecting the Hendrina South WEF to the Hendrina Power Station to feed the national grid.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located approximately 15km west of Hendrina, within the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, in the Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The Hendrina Power Station is located approximately 17km northwest of Hendrina, near Pullens Hope.

The grid connection infrastructure will be located on the following properties:

- Portions 0 and 11 of Farm 162 Hendrina Power Station;
- Portion 8 of Farm 154 Boschmanskop;
- Portions 1, 2, 13, 14 and 18 of Farm 151 Roodepoort;
- Portion 1 of Farm 158 Aberdeen;
- Portion 1 of Farm 25 Broodsneyersplaats;
- Portions 02, 12, 17 and 37 of Farm 153 Driefontein;
- Portion 0 of Farm 186 Gloria;
- Portions 3 and 4 of Farm 185 Hartebeestkuil; and
- Portions 0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Farm 189 Dunbar

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 ‘Hendrina South Grid’ in your correspondence:

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Copies of the draft basic assessment reports can be obtained on the SIVEST website at: <https://www.sivist.com/za/download> or emailed on request and at the Hendrina Public Library, 44 Kerk Street, Hendrina, Mpumalanga, South Africa. The comment period for the draft BA report will run from 03 February 2023 to 05 March 2023.

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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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) IN SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF – 10# SEWER PIPELINE

Arnot Opco Mine (Arnot Opco) seeks an Expression of Interest from Reputable Suppliers and Operators for a 2-month Contract for the refurbishment and installation of sewer pipeline.

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SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY):

1. Details of the requirements will be provided in the tender documents, however in brief the Contractor shall supply all labour, supervision, installation and consumables materials, equipment, tools and services, testing devices, warehousing and transport each and every item of expense necessary for the construction of all work.
2. It is a project requirement that the contractor should have, in their employ, a Land Surveyor to be fully attached and committed to this project to ensure settings out and control of desired ground profile levels is achieved to the satisfaction of the Engineer.
3. Tender documentation shall be forwarded to companies that expressed interest on/or before 17 February 2023, Kindly note that no EOI documentation shall be accepted after the closing date of the 17 February 2023.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) IN SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF – SUPPLY, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE WATER RETICULATION SYSTEM

Arnot Opco Mine (Arnot Opco) seeks an Expression of Interest from Reputable Suppliers and Operators for a 2-month Contract for the supply service and maintenance of fire water reticulation system

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SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS / INFORMATION (IF ANY):

1. Details of the requirements will be provided in the tender documents, however in brief the Contractor shall supply all materials, consumables, tools, equipment, documentation, general arrangement drawings, labour, quality assurance, supervision, and all other services necessary for supply, installation, and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment in the mine.
2. Tender documentation shall be forwarded to companies that expressed interest on/or before 17 February 2023, Kindly note that no EOI documentation shall be accepted after the closing date of the 17 February 2023.

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Queen of the Mountain

The Barberton XCM MTB challenge took place on Saturday.

Liezl Rosenstein from the Middelburg Cycle Club was crowned Queen of the Mountain after being first overall to complete the gruelling climb. She further made her club proud by finishing 14th overall as well as first in the 40 - 50 veteran ladies and first lady to complete the 75 km.

Gustav Basson also managed to end in third position in the ultra marathon, which consists of 110 km.

Finally, Neville Rosenstein ended in 8th position in the 75 km.

Dennies wedloop Woensdag

Sekerlik die dorp se gewildse nagwedloop word Woensdag, 8 Februarie, om 18:00, by Laerskool Dennesig aangebied.

Die Dennies wedlope oor 10 en 4.9 kilometer trek jaarliks honderde deelnemers, wat nie skroom om somer met stootwaentjie en al die roetes deur Dennesig aan te durf nie.

Inskrywings vir die langer wedloop kos R80 en vir die korter afstand R40.

Daar kan nog die middag by die wegspringpunt ingeskryf word.

Loskop Comrades kwalifiseerder

Die gewildheid van die Nashua Loskop marathon op 6 Mei 2023 het ’n verdere inspuiting gekry, na die aankondiging dat die wedloop een van die laaste Comrades kwalifiseerders is.

Drawwers wat swoeg om te kwalifiseer gaan beslis in groot getalle na die wedloop opruk.

Die Loskop begin by die burgersentrum in Wanderersstraat en eindig by Forever Loskopdam, 50 kilometer verder.

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Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DBAR please forward your request in writing to us. Comments can be submitted to:

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Electronic copy of the DBAR can be reviewed on an electronic Tablet provided at the following public place:

VENUE	STREET ADDRESS	HOURS	CONTACT NO
Hendrina Public Library	44 Kerk Street, Hendrina, 1095,	Mondays- Fridays 09:00-16:30	013 249 7247

The report as well as the accompanying appendices are also available on SiVEST's website: <http://www.sivest.com/za>, click on Downloads, then browse to the folder '18327 Hendrina South 132kV BA'.

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

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

Yours faithfully



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REMINDER ABOUT COMMENTING PERIOD FOR DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (DBAR)

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SiVEST therefore wish to remind you to submit comments for the above-mentioned projects before close of business on **05 March 2023**, if you have not done so already.

To access the documents visit SiVEST's website: <https://www.sivest.com/za/>, click on Downloads, then browse to the folder '18327 Hendrina South 132kV BA'.

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 BA and public participation processes.

From: sivest_PPP

Sent: Friday, 03 February 2023 16:47

Cc: Rendani Rasivhetshele <RendaniR@sivest.com>; Natalie Pullen <NatalieP@sivest.com>

Subject: 18327: 132kV Hendrina South Grid Infrastructures in Mpumalanga: DBAR Comment Period Starting

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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE HENDRINA SOUTH GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH INCLUDES A 132KV POWERLINE IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Sivest SA (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Enertrag South Africa (Pty) Ltd conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed 132kV powerline and associated infrastructure connecting the Hendrina South WEF to the Hendrina Power Station near Hendrina, Mpumalanga Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) 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 a 132kV overhead powerline between 23.7 km and 22.8 km (two alternative routes assessed).

Prof Marion Bamford and Beyond Heritage have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input 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).

Bamford, M. 2022. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed Hendrina South Grid connection, Mpumalanga Province.

The proposed development is underlain by the Vryheid Formation that may contain fossils of the Glossopteris flora, however no fossils were identified as part of the site visit. A Fossil Chance Finds Protocol is recommended to be implemented.

Van der Walt, J. 2022. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Construction and Operation of the Hendrina South 132kV Powerline to Hendrina Power Station in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa

A total of seven (7) heritage resources were identified within the proposed development footprint. These include two ruins/ruin complex of low heritage significance, and four cemeteries and one possible burial ground of high heritage significance. One ruin complex has the potential to be of high heritage significance

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should burials be uncovered within the ruins. Five potential heritage sites were identified outside of the development boundary and will not be discussed.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- Burial sites at points 093, 094, HD 004, HD101 and HD102 must be preserved in situ with a 30meter buffer as mitigation measure (prescribed by SAHRA), which means that the line will have to be micro sited in the area where 93, 94, HD004 and HD102 were recorded;
- Additionally, burial site HD101 is in the footprint of the HS Collector Substation and will have to be avoided with a 30 m buffer zone, if this is not possible the graves can be relocated adhering to all legal requirements;
- Based on the current layout the ruins at 089, 090, 091, 092 are located within the HN Collector Substation footprint and should preferably be avoided. Although of low significance the possible presence of graves at the ruins is a risk. If avoidance is not possible the presence of graves should be confirmed during social consultation and the area should be monitored during construction;
- A secondary impact to ruins (097) is possible but unlikely and the site should be indicated on development plans and avoided during development;
- Implementation of the ENERTRAG Chance Find Procedure for the project (Appendix A and Bamford 2023);
- Pre-construction heritage walkdown of final pylon positions.

Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMP:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development;
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- The recommended preconstruction survey must be conducted prior to any ground clearance. The report of the survey must be submitted to SAHRA for comment prior to any ground clearance. No ground clearance of construction may occur on site without comments from SAHRA;
- SAHRA reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, layout changes or object to the development based on the results of the preconstruction survey;



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- Should the ruins not be older than 100 years, but older than 60 years, the Mpumalanga Provincial Heritage Resources Authority must be approached for a decision regarding their protection;
- All graves must be avoided with a 30 m buffer during construction of pylons, jeep track roads and stringing of powerline cables. Appropriate measures must be made to protect the sites from damage i.e. temporary structures such as scaffolding to be placed over graves located under the powerline cables during stringing and fences around the grave sites;
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- With reference to the mitigation work noted above, a qualified archaeologist must be appointed to undertake the work in terms of the permit applied for as noted above;
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inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;

- The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
- The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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

Yours faithfully

Natasha Higgitt
Manager: Development Applications Unit
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.



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Dear Ms. Rasivhetshela

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 132KV POWER LINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURES CONNECTING THE HENDRINA SOUTH WEF TO THE HENDRINA POWER STATION NEAR HENDRINA IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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

Based on the information provided in the report, the ecosystem status of the vegetation type found within the proposed area is rated Vulnerable. The wetlands and drainage lines are still regarded as natural. However, no CBAs Irreplaceable were identified along the study area. Therefore, the wind energy facility would be located on an old planted pasture with low ecological sensitivity. With that said the directorate recommends the following to be considered during the final phase of the EIA.

- The power evacuation pylons must be prioritized within low sensitive transformed agricultural fields (with low conservation value).
- Highly sensitive habitats within the project area must be avoided and demarcated as No-Go area, and
- Appropriate buffer must be established around high and medium sensitive habitats and buffer map submitted in the final report.
- The preferred alternative (option 1) of the proposed power line must be considered, the feasible route as it traverses fewer wetlands, and
- Final footprint layout map must be submitted in the final report overlaid with sensitive areas.

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**.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix 5G: Comments and Response Report

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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 the potential impacts of proposed projects on the biophysical and human environments. Identified Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are given an opportunity to comment on the proposed project and make recommendations on mitigation requirements.

The process followed in informing I&APs 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). This report presents comments received from I&APs and responses provided as part of the 30 days commenting period of the Draft Basic Assessment Process.

2. COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE

2.1. COMMENTS ON DRAFT BASIS ASSESSMENT REPORT

The following issues were raised on the Draft Basic Assessment Report:

Table 1: Comments and Responses Table

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
10 March 2023 South African Heritage Resources Agency Ms Natasha Higgitt	<p>PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE HENDRINA SOUTH GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH INCLUDES A 132KV POWERLINE IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</p> <p>SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Enertrag South Africa (Pty) Ltd conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed 132kV powerline and associated infrastructure connecting the Hendrina South WEF to the Hendrina Power Station near Hendrina, Mpumalanga Province.</p> <p>A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) 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 a 132kV overhead powerline between 23.7 km and 22.8 km (two alternative routes assessed).</p>	Acknowledged, no further action required.

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	<p>Prof Marion Bamford and Beyond Heritage have been appointed to provide heritage specialist input 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>Bamford, M. 2022. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed Hendrina South Grid connection, Mpumalanga Province.</p> <p>The proposed development is underlain by the Vryheid Formation that may contain fossils of the Glossopteris flora, however no fossils were identified as part of the site visit. A Fossil Chance Finds Protocol is recommended to be implemented.</p> <p>Van der Walt, J. 2022. Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Construction and Operation of the Hendrina South 132kV powerline to Hendrina Power Station in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa</p> <p>A total of seven (7) heritage resources were identified within the proposed development footprint. These include two ruins/ruin complex of low heritage significance, and four cemeteries and one possible burial ground of high heritage significance. One ruin complex has the potential to be of high heritage significance should burials be uncovered within the</p>	

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	<p>ruins. Five potential heritage sites were identified outside of the development boundary and will not be discussed.</p> <p>Recommendations provided in the report include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burial sites at points 093, 094, HD 004, HD101 and HD102 must be preserved in situ with a 30meter buffer as mitigation measure (prescribed by SAHRA), which means that the line will have to be micro sited in the area where 93, 94, HD004 and HD102 were recorded; • Additionally, burial site HD101 is in the footprint of the HS Collector Substation and will have to be avoided with a 30 m buffer zone, if this is not possible the graves can be relocated adhering to all legal requirements; • Based on the current layout the ruins at 089, 090, 091, 092 are located within the HN Collector Substation footprint and should preferably be avoided. Although of low significance the possible presence of graves at the ruins is a risk. If avoidance is not possible the presence of graves should be confirmed during social consultation and the area should be monitored during construction; • A secondary impact to ruins (097) is possible but unlikely and the site should be indicated on development plans and avoided during development; • Implementation of the ENERTRAG Chance Find Procedure for the project (Appendix A and Bamford 2023); 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-construction heritage walkdown of final pylon positions. 	
	<p><u>Final Comment</u></p> <p>The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38(4)a – The SAHRA has no objections to the proposed development; 	<p>It is noted that the SAHRA has no objections to the proposed Hendrina South Grid Infrastructure</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development: The recommended preconstruction survey must be conducted prior to any ground clearance. The report of the survey must be submitted to SAHRA for comment prior to any ground clearance. No ground clearance of construction may occur on site without comments from SAHRA; SAHRA reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, layout changes or object to the development based on the results of the preconstruction survey; 	<p>It is noted that the recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions provided by SAHRA for the development have been noted and included in the EMPr.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA regarding offences; 	Section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offences is noted. No further response is required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists: With reference to the mitigation work noted above, a qualified archaeologist must be appointed to undertake the work in terms of the permit applied for as noted above; 	The recommendation made by SAHRA with regards to the permits is noted and has been included in the Generic Environmental Management Programme of the final BA Report.
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03 March 2023 Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation	COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 132KV POWER LINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE CONNECTING THE HEDRINA SOUTH	

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<p>Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Mr Seoka Lekota</p>	<p>WEF TO THE HENDRINA POWER STATION NEAR HENDRINA IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.</p> <p><u>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned draft report.</u></p> <p>Based on the information provided in the report, the ecosystem status of the vegetation type found within the proposed area is rated Vulnerable. The wetlands and drainage line are still regarded as natural. However, no CBAs irreplaceable were identified along the study area. Therefore, the wind energy facility would be located on old, planted pasture with low ecological sensitivity. With that said the directorate recommends the following to be considered during the final phase of the EIA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The power evacuation pylons must be prioritized within low sensitive transformed agricultural fields (with low conservation value). 	<p>It is noted. The applicant is aware that the power evacuation pylons must be prioritized within low sensitive transformed agricultural fields.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly sensitive habitats within the project area must be avoided and demarcated as No-Go area, and 	Highly sensitive habitats within the project area are avoided by the development footprint and demarcated as No-Go areas. Refer to Figure 43 of the FBAR for the Sensitivity map.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate buffer must be established around high and medium sensitive habitats and buffer map submitted in the final report. 	Buffers as recommended by the specialists around high and medium sensitivity are adhered to. Refer to Figure 43 of the Sensitivity map.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The preferred alternative (option 1) of the proposed power line must be considered, the feasible route as it traverses fewer wetlands, and 	The preferred alternative option 1 is the preferred option
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final footprint layout map must be submitted in the final report overlaid with sensitive areas. 	Refer to Figure 43 of the FBAR for the Final footprint layout map overlaid with identified sensitivities.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sensitive habitats in close proximity to the development, footprint must be avoided or demarcated as No-Go Areas (i.e NFEPA and CBA's) 	The client is aware that the sensitivity habitats in close proximity to the development footprint must be avoided or demarcated as No-Go Areas.
	All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota	The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation using the contact information provided.



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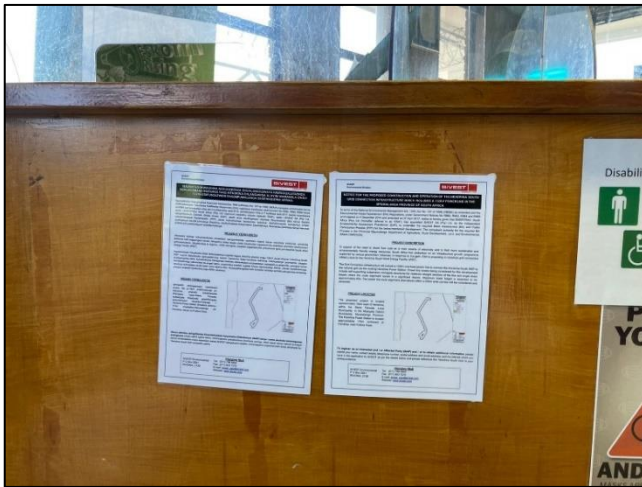


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Coordinates: 26° 1'34.23"S ; 29°35'57.18"E



Location: Church

Coordinates: 26° 1'25.05"S; 29°35'33.48"E



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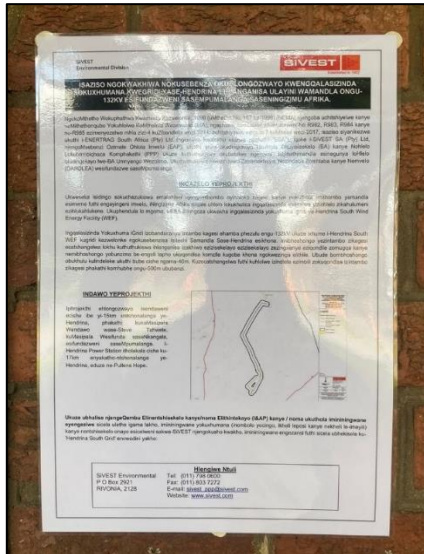
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Location: WA De Klerk Boerdery (Farm)

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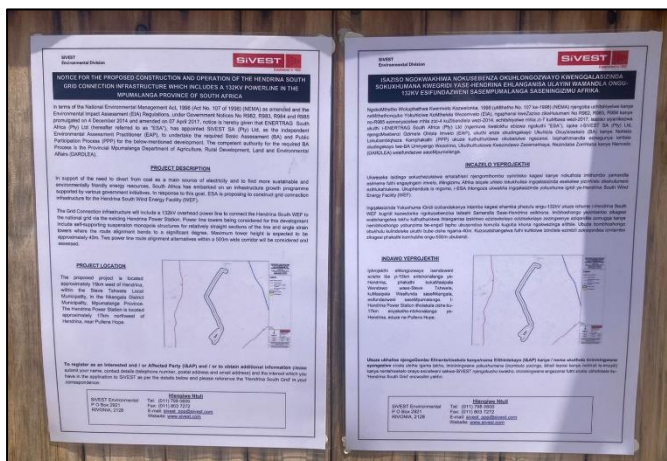
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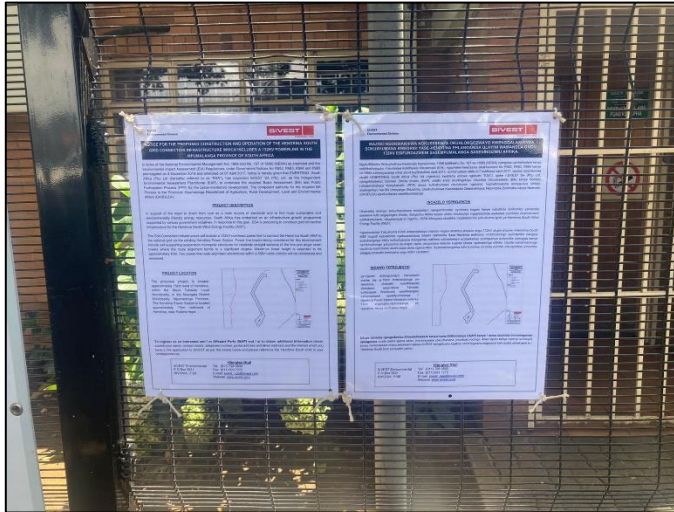
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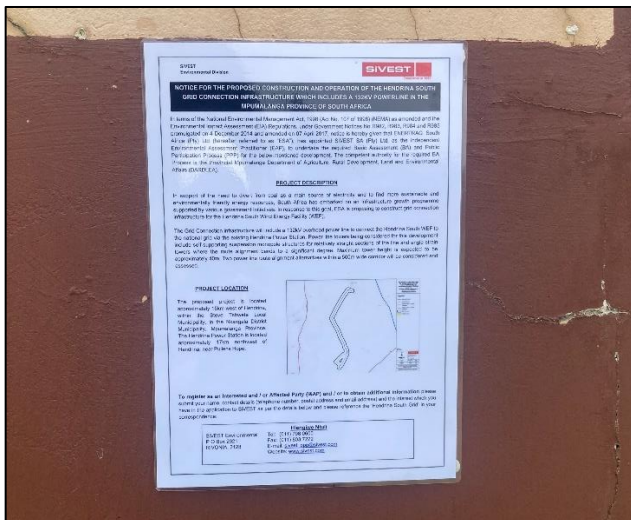
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Location: Hendrina Traffic Department

Coordinates: 26° 9'23.31"S; 29°43'25.40"E

