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Site Notice Placement for Lesaka 1 and 2 SEF

Location: Loeriesfontein High School

Coordinates: 30°57'24.56"S 19°26'43.89"E



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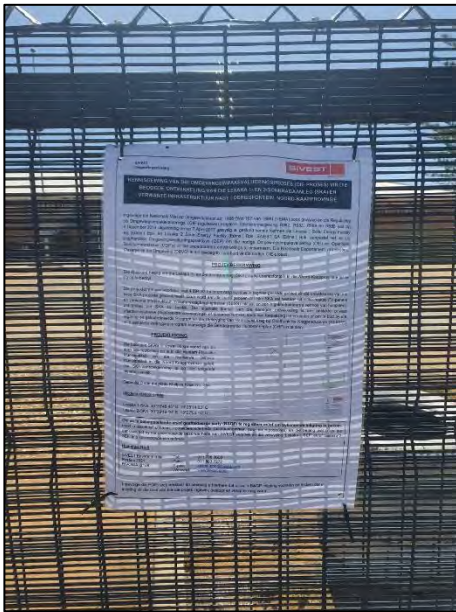
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Location: Loeriesfontein Primary School

Coordinates: 30°57'4.33"S 19°26'12.45"E



Location: Loeriesfontein Library

Coordinates: 30°56'59.80"S 19°26'14.99"E



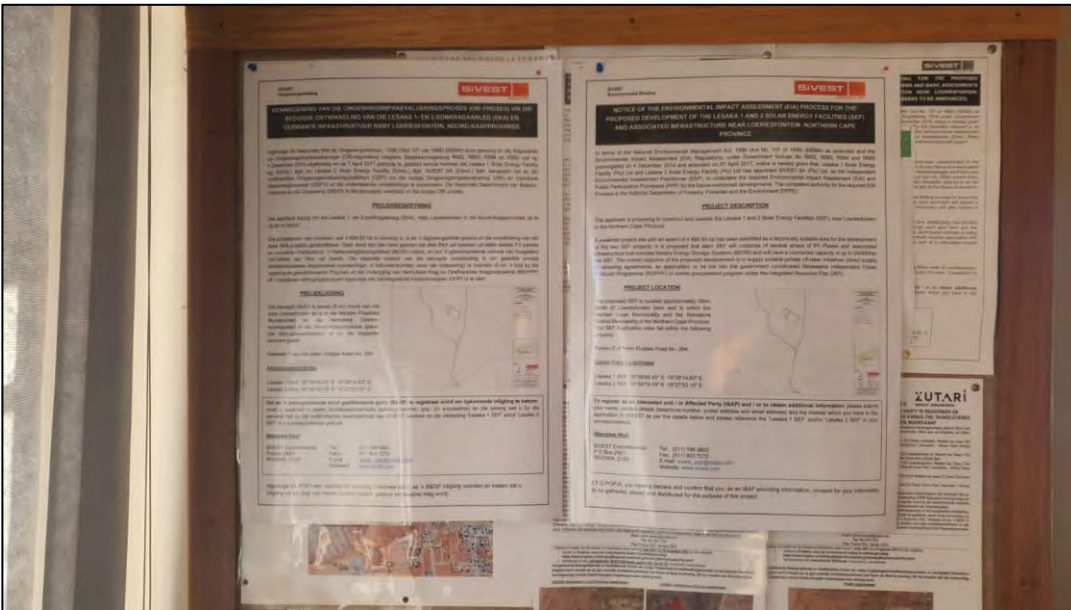
LESAKA 1 AND 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY

Proof of site notices

08 March 2023

Location: Hantam Local Municipality

Coordinates: 30°57'12.09"S 19°26'29.83"E



LESAKA 1 AND 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY

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Location: Various locations around the Lesaka 1 and 2 SEF sites



LESAKA 1 AND 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY

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NOTICE OF 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, Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd. and Lesaka 2 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd. are proposing the development of two commercial Solar Energy Facilities (SEF) and associated infrastructure on a site located approximately 35 km North of Loeriesfontein within the Hantam Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. It is proposed that each SEF will comprise of several arrays of PV Panels with the capacity of up to 240 MW per SEF.

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

Applicable NEMA Listed Activities: L1(1) GN R327 - 1(f), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24(ii), 28(ii), 48 (i) (a)(c), 56(i), L2 GN R325 - 1, 15, L3 GN R324 - 4(g)(ii)(ee), 10(g)(ii)(ee), 12(g)(ii), 14(ii)(a)(c)(g)(ii)(ff), 18(g)(ii)(ee)(i) & 23(ii)(a)(c)(g)(ii)(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 Lesaka 1 SEF or Lesaka 2 SEF 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 OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSES

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 Omgewingsimpakavalerings (OIE-regulasies), onderneem moet word. **DBVO-verwysingsnommer:** Moet toegeken word met inligging van aansoek.

Aard en ligging van aktiwiteit: Die applikante, Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Edms.) Bpk. en Lesaka 2 Solar Energy Facility (Edms.) Bpk. stel die ontwikkeling voor van twee kommersiële Sonkragaanlegte (SKA's) en die verwante infrastruktuur op 'n terrein wat sowat 35 km noord van Loeriesfontein in die Hantam Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en die Namakwa Distrikmunisipaliteit in die Noord Kaaprovinsie geleë is. Daar word voorgestel dat elke SKA sal bestaan uit verskeie reëksie FV-paneel met 'n vermoed van hoogstens 240 MW per SKA.

Aansoek om Bestekopman- en Omgewingsimpakavaleringsprosesse (OIE-prosesse) vir die beoogde Sonkrag-aanlegte en verwante infrastruktuur sal by die bevoegde owerheid, synde die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DBVO) ingedien word vir 'n besluit.

Toeslae NEMA-gelyste aktiwiteite: Lyskennisgewing (LK) 1 Staatskennisgewing (SK) R327 - 1(f), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24(ii), 28(ii), 48 (i) (a)(c), 56(i) LK2 SK R325 - 1, 15, LK3 SK R324 - 4(g)(ii)(ee), 10(g)(ii)(ee), 12(g)(ii), 14(ii)(a)(c)(g)(ii)(ff), 18(g)(ii)(ee)(i) & 23(ii)(a)(c)(g)(ii)(ee)

om as 'n Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) te registreer en/of om bykomende inligting te bekom, moet u assosieer u naam, kontakbesonderhede (telefoonnommer, pos- en e-posadres) en die belang wat u by die aansoek het, aan SIVEST verskrik by die onderstaande besonderhede en die verwysing Lesaka 1 SEF of Lesaka 2 SEF in u korrespondensie gebruik.

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

Lesaka 1 Centre Point Coordinates	Lesaka 2 Centre Point Coordinates
30°36'49.45" S 19°28'14.63" E	30°39'19.19" S 19°27'53.10" E

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Correspondence throughout the remainder of the PPP and EIA Process will only be distributed to Registered I&APs.

Registration is possible throughout the EIA Process

A copy of the draft Scoping Report can be obtained on the SIVEST website at the following address: [https://www.sivest.com/za/Download/or/at/Hantam Local Municipality, 13 Long Street, Loeriesfontein, 5165](https://www.sivest.com/za/Download/or/at/Hantam%20Local%20Municipality,%2013%20Long%20Street,%20Loeriesfontein,%205165). The comment period for the draft Scoping Report will run from 10 March 2023 to 12 April 2023.

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JONG VROU BOER MET MERINO'S

LENZY CONSTABLE is 'n 25-jarige vrou van Fraserburg wat vir die afgelope twee jaar met skape op Fraserburg se meent boer. Op die oomblik boer sy met 30 merino's. Op ons foto staan by 'n paar van haar wolskape. Lenzy wat sedert haar kinderdae af 'n belangstelling in kleinvee boerdery het, moedig jong mense aan om betrokke te raak by boerdery as 'n manier om 'n lewe te maak as entrepreneur.

JAPIE OOR KOPHOU IN 'N VERANDERENDE WÊRELD

Bakkies tien myl per gelling tot duur produksie van vee

Geagte Leser,

'n Mens staan verbaas oor hoe vinnig dinge verander. Of is dit net die mening van iemand wat lank genoeg in die tand is om hierdie veranderinge eerstehand te ervaar? Tog is dit waar dat verandering plaasvind.

Daarmee is op sig self nie iets verkeerd nie. Wie wil vandag nog met 'n bakkie ry waarvan die brandstofverbruik 10 myl per gelling is? Laat ons ons haas om te sê dat 10 myl 16 km. is en een gelling ongeveer 4,5 liter is. As my som reg is, beteken dit 3,6 km. per liter, terwyl vandag se bakkies 10 of selfs meer km. per liter gee.

Die poskantoor was altyd 'n prestige besigheid. Die posmeester was 'n gerekende man op die dorp. Dit bestaan nie meer vandag nie. Indien ons ons daarby kan aanpas (saam met die nuwe tegnologie ontwikkel), is dit eintlik baie geriefliker om korrespondensie op jou rekenaar

te ontvang. Selfs die dag se koerant is vanaf vyfuur die oggend op alle plekke met internet beskikbaar. Die nuus kom nie by ons eers 'n paar dae later aan nie en die koste aan die koerant is minder as 'n derde van wat die gedrukte koerant ons sou kos.

Is dit altyd so dat verandering met 'n positiewe ontwikkeling saamval? Ek dink nie noodwendig so nie. As 'n mens met kenners gesels, kom jy agter dat kleinveeboerdery onder druk is. Dit is die tyd wanneer oplossings vir hoer produksie gesoek moet word. Om hoer produksie te kan bereik, moet daar navorsing gedoen word. Hierdie navorsing moet aan die boer via 'n voorligtingsaksie oorgedra word. Dit is so dat voorligting gemik op die kommersiële veeboer, bykans tot stilstand gekom het. Lê die oplossing daarin dat die produkte wat ons bemark self navorsing moet befonds? Dalk sal dit 'n klein prys wees om vir hoer produktiwiteit te betaal.

Toe ek vanoggend by die voordeur uitloop met die vurs reuk van reën in die lug, die donderweer wat gedemp dreun en die son wat die kranse van die Hantamberg plek-plek helder verlig, besef ek dat alles nie verander het nie.

Deur die eeue het die berge rondom Calvinia gestaan en het hierdie gebeure homself veranderend herhaal. Ek het ook onder die indruk gekom van die onveranderlikheid van die Skepper al het ons verstaan van Hom dalk oor tyd verander.

Wanneer ontwikkeling in die wêreld ons soos vreemde-linge laat voel, laat ons vas hou aan dit wat onveranderlik is en laat ons probeer om by te hou en aan te pas by 'n veranderende wêreld.

Groete, Japie.

(Dalk moet Japie vir ons gaan uitvind hoeveel die gelling petrol destyds gekos het 'n Vyf-liter kannetjie kos nou R115,00. — RN)



JONG VROU BOER MET MERINO'S

Lenzy Constable stel 'n voorbeeld

FRASERBURG — Lenzy Constable is 'n 25-jarige jong vrou van die dorp en lid van die Kleinvee Vereniging van Fraserburg. Lenzy het begin boer op die ouderdom van 23 jaar. As kind het sy skoolvakansies by familielede se boerderye deurgebring en deelgeneem aan die aktiwiteite op die plaas.

Na sy voor matriek die skool verlaat het weens gesondheidsprobleme het sy begin belangstel in boerdery. Al was sy so jonk en 'n vrou het sy in 2021 met haar pa se ondersteuning begin boer met 5 skape.

Neef Gert se Sêgoed
Inflaste klop jy nie met 'n plat hand nie, maar wel met 'n toe hand.

Lenzy het baie geleer by die Landbou Kleinvee Vereniging waar sy aangesluit het en by ander organisasies wat gestig is vir jong opkomende kleinvee.

Sy moedig jong mense aan om betrokke te raak by kleinvee boerdery, by 'n vereniging aan te sluit en vrae te vra.

Daar is instansies wat finansiële hulp bied. Jongmense het baie om te bied vir die gemeenskap en kan mekaar ondersteun deur werk te skep.

Onlangs is Lenzy verkies as sekretaresse van die Karikama Boere Vereniging en nooi die jeug uit om sessies by te woon waar sy graag vrae sal beantwoord. Sy is ook 'n ad-disonale lid van YARD se bestuur.

Haar boerdery is op die meent van Fraserburg waar sy met 30 merinoskape boer.



HANTAM MUNISIPALITEIT

KENNISGEWING: MM - WK01/2023

PUBLIEKE VERGADERINGS VIR DIE VUL VAN
VAKANTE WYKSKOMITEE POSISIES

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 73 van die Munisipale Strukture Wet, Wet 117 van 1998 dat die Munisipaliteit van voorneme is om in 'n een (1) van die sewe (7) wyke publieke deelname vergaderings te hou om vakante wykskomitee posisies te vul ingevolge COGHSTA Omsendbrief 29 van 2016.

Ingevolge Artikel 73(3) van die Munisipale Strukture Wet, Wet 117 van 1998 het 'n munisipale raad die reg om reëls te maak wat die volgende reguleer:

- * Die prosedures wat gevolg word om wykskomiteelede te verkies met inagneming van die volgende:
 - * Gelyke verteenwoordiging van vroue op 'n wykskomitee;
 - * Diversiteit in terme van verteenwoordiging in die wyk (sektorale verteenwoordiging);
 - * Die omstandighede waaronder lede se termyn beëindig word; en
 - * Hoe gereeld komiteevergaderings gehou word.

Besonderhede van die Wykskomitee Verkiezingsvergaderings is as volg:

DATUM	WYK	DORP	PLEK	TYD	VAKANTE POSISIES
22 Maart 2023	1	Calvinia	Lenie Skippers Gemeenskapsaal	18:00	3
22 Maart 2023	7	Middelpos	Middelpos Gemeenskapsaal	11:00	4
23 Maart 2023	5	Loeriesfontein	Loeriesfontein Raadsaal	18:00	3

Nominasievorms sowel as die kriteria vir 'n wykskomiteelid is verkrygbaar by die betrokke wyksraadslid en by die kantoor. Vir navrae tydens kantoor ure (07:30-16:30) skakel gerus Mnr. Garth Mathys / Me. Kelly-Ann Persence by tel: 027 341 8500

SAMANTHA TATAS-TITUS

Waarnemende Munisipale Bestuurder

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Subject: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESAKA 1 AND 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES (SEFs) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DFFE Reference No: To be announced)

• AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Lesaka 2 Solar Energy Facility (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 **10 March 2023 to 12 April 2023** (end of business day).

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

Electronic copy of the DSRs will be uploaded onto a Tablet that can be reviewed at the following public place:

VENUE	STREET ADDRESS	HOURS	CONTACT NO
Hantam Local Municipality – Loeriesfontein Office	13 Long Street, Loeriesfontein, 8185	Monday Thursday 07h30 - 16:30 Friday 07:30 - 13:00	- 027 662 8600

The reports 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 ‘17793 Lesaka 1 and 2 Solar Energy Facilities’.

Alternatively you can download the documents from wetransfer: <https://we.tl/t-oQKxbfbOmE>

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.

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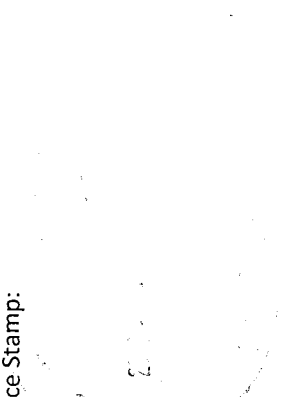
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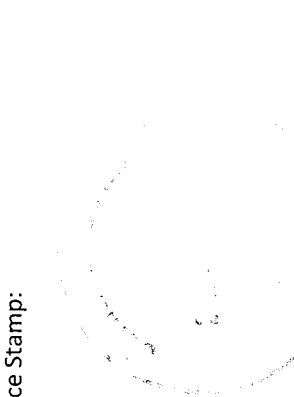
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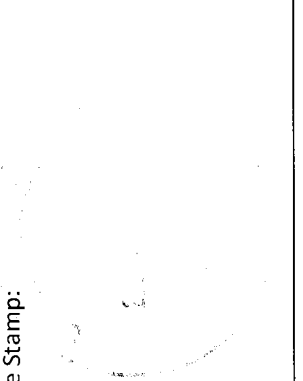
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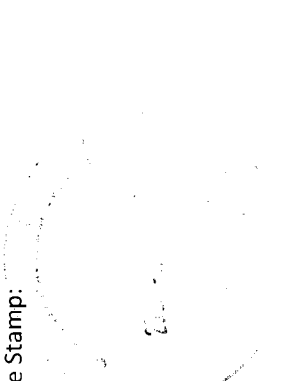
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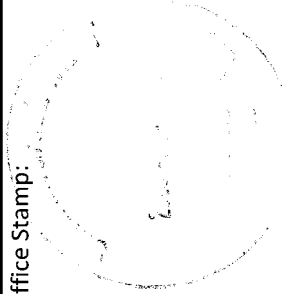
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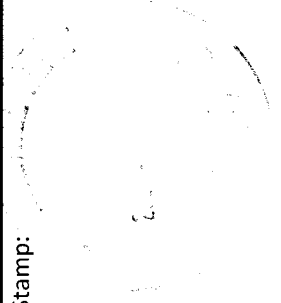
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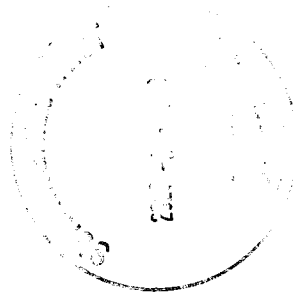
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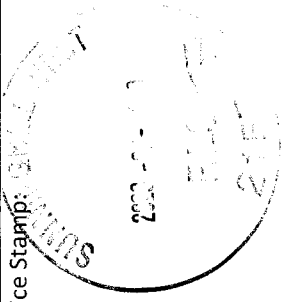
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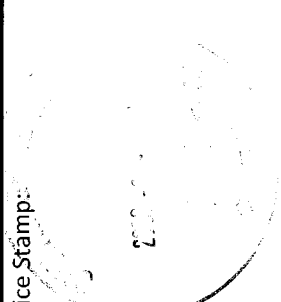
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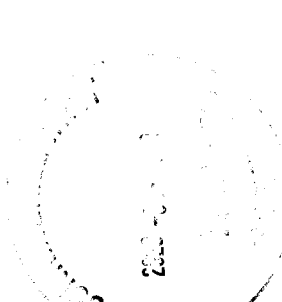
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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

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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 from **10 March 2023 to 12 April 2023** (end of business day).

The review and comment period for the above-mentioned projects therefore ends on **12 April 2023** (end of business day).

SiVEST therefore wish to remind you to submit comments for the above-mentioned projects before close of business on **12 April 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 '17793 Lesaka 1 and 2 Solar Energy Facilities'.

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.

Kind regards,

Hlengiwe Ntuli
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From: sivist_PPP
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:15 PM
Cc: Michelle Guy <MichelleG@sivest.com>
Subject: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

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• AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Lesaka 2 Solar Energy Facility (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 **10 March 2023 to 12 April 2023** (end of business day).

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

Electronic copy of the DSRs will be uploaded onto a Tablet that can be reviewed at the following public place:

VENUE	STREET ADDRESS	HOURS	CONTACT NO
Hantam Local Municipality – Loeriesfontein Office	13 Long Street, Loeriesfontein, 8185	Monday Thursday 07h30 - 16:30 Friday 07:30 - 13:00	- 027 662 8600

The reports 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 '17793 Lesaka 1 and 2 Solar Energy Facilities'.

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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 from **10 March 2023 to 12 April 2023** (end of business day).

The review and comment period for the above-mentioned projects therefore ends today **12 April 2023** (end of business day).

SiVEST therefore wish to remind you to submit comments for the above-mentioned projects before close of business on **12 April 2023**, if you have not done so already.

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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.

Kind regards,

Hlengiwe Ntuli
Projects Secretary & PPP Administrator

From: sivest_PPP

Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 12:18 PM

Cc: Michelle Guy <MichelleG@sivest.com>

Subject: RE: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Ending

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Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:15 PM

Cc: Michelle Guy <MichelleG@sivest.com>

Subject: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

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• AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Lesaka 2 Solar Energy Facility (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 **10 March 2023 to 12 April 2023** (end of business day).

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Alternatively you can download the documents from wetransfer: <https://we.tl/t-oQKxbfbOmE>

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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LESAKA 1 SEF - DFFE Reference No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2327

LESAKA 2 SEF - DFFE Reference No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2328

• **AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Lesaka 2 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the abovementioned projects.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIARs) for the above-mentioned proposed developments have been compiled, taking into consideration the issues and concerns raised by Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs), Organs of State (OoS) / Authorities, Landowners and Stakeholders, and the DEIARs were submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) on **25 July 2023**.

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the DEIARs for the above-mentioned proposed developments will be available for public comment and review for a 30-day period (excluding public holidays) from **25 July 2023 to 24 August 2023** (end of business day). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DEIARs (on CD), please forward your request in writing to us. Comments can be submitted as follows:

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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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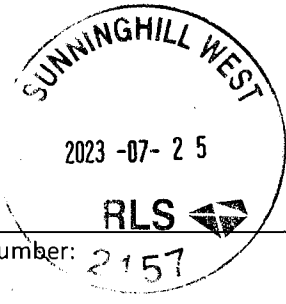
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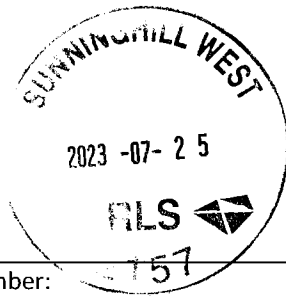
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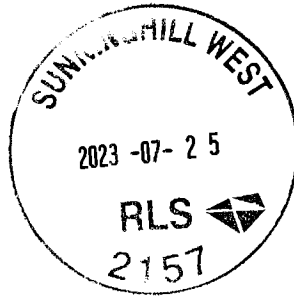
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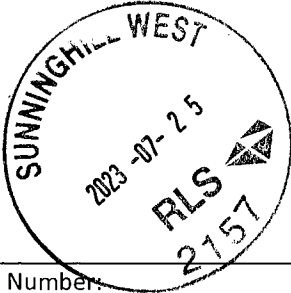
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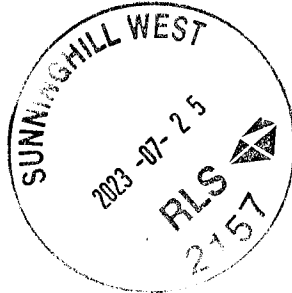
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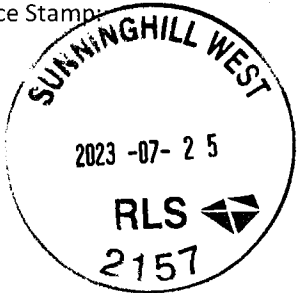
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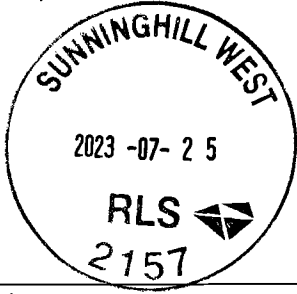
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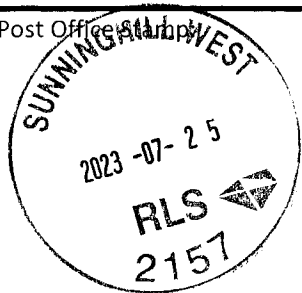
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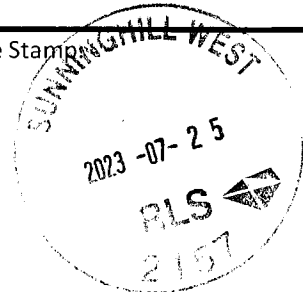
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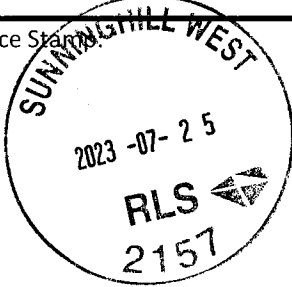
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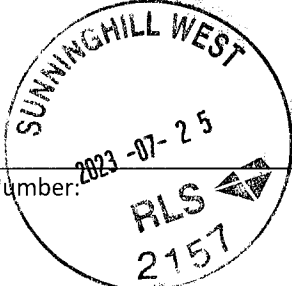
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LESAKA 1 SEF - DFFE Reference No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2327

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• AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Lesaka 2 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the abovementioned projects.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIAs) for the above-mentioned proposed developments have been compiled, taking into consideration the issues and concerns raised by Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs), Organs of State (OoS) / Authorities, Landowners and Stakeholders, and the DEIAs were submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) on **25 July 2023**.

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the DEIAs for the above-mentioned proposed developments will be available for public comment and review for a 30-day period (excluding public holidays) from **25 July 2023 to 24 August 2023** (end of business day). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DEIAs (on CD), please forward your request in writing to us. Comments can be submitted as follows:

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

VENUE	STREET ADDRESS	HOURS	CONTACT NO
Hantam Local Municipality – Loeriesfontein Office	13 Long Street, Loeriesfontein, 8185	Mondays- Fridays 8:30am - 4:30pm	027 662 8600

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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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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. DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

The following issues were raised on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR):

Table 1: Comments and Responses Table for DSR

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
04 April 2023 National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Millicent Solomons / Coenrad Agenbach)	<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 350MW LESAKA 1 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN THE HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Department on 10 March 2023, refer.</p> <p>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:</p>	<p>Please note that the project is for the proposed 240MW facility, and not 350MW as indicated in the title of the correspondence.</p>
	<p>a) Specific Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The co-ordinates in the SR must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, substations and battery energy storage systems (BESS) must be included in the report, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site. Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope). This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure. 	<p>The Department's comment is noted, and the co-ordinates have been included. Refer to Section 5.2 for all of the project co-ordinates.</p> <p>The area for each development parameter has been include in the FSR. Refer to Section 5 and 6.</p> <p>The Key Project Information has been included at the beginning of the FSR.</p> <p>A concise bullet list of the development components and associated infrastructure is included in Section 6.1.5.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindly ensure the development footprints (hectares/square metres) and specifications of all proposed infrastructure and associated infrastructure during all phases are included in the final SR. 	<p>The area for each development parameter has been include in the FSR. Refer to Section 5 6.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindly take note that when finalising the layout plan the position of all proposed infrastructure and linear activities, which includes but not limited to the following must be illustrated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar fields; Construction camp laydown areas; Substations; Internal roads; Battery energy storage systems (BESS); Operation and maintenance buildings; and Power lines. 	<p>The development layout plan will be finalised subsequent to receiving specialist reports/inputs and will be included in the dEIR. The positioning of all proposed infrastructure will be included in the finalised development layout plan.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final SR must clearly provide a detailed section which addresses the site sensitivity verification requirements where a specialist assessment is required but no specific assessment protocol has been prescribed, as well as the site sensitivity verification and minimum report content requirements for all specialist assessments undertaken, which were included in the screening tool report. 	<p>Refer to Table 17, under Section 7 of the FSR where the site sensitivity verification requirements have been included.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further to the above take note that a site sensitivity verification report should be included in the final SR which can be undertaken by either an EAP or specialist, which must clearly confirm or dispute the environmental sensitivity as identified in the screening tool report for each theme. 	<p>Refer to Table 17, under Section 7 of the FSR where the site sensitivity verification requirements have been included. In addition, the relevant site verification specialist reports have been attached as Appendix 6 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the application form, Critical Biodiversity Area occurs on the site. Therefore, the mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full, and a Biodiversity Offset should be considered to ensure that significant residual impacts of the development are remedied. 	<p>The applicant commissioned a Terrestrial Biodiversity Screening Assessment before they decided to proceed with the project to determine project feasibility. The initial screening assessment identified high-level no-go areas that were then used to determine the preliminary layout. The preliminary layout was based on an avoidance approach in which the development avoids the high sensitivity environments. Once</p>

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		<p>the detailed in-field investigations were undertaken during the Scoping Phase, additional high sensitivity environments were identified by the specialists and identified as no-go. The proposed layout which is currently being developed for the DEIA phase will avoid all no-go areas identified by the specialists as far as possible to produce a layout that will be taken forward to the DEIA phase.</p> <p>The mitigation hierarchy has been followed in that the avoidance of all high sensitivity areas has been implemented from project onset. The layout is being designed as an iterative process in conjunction with a specialist team to avoid impacts as far as possible. All residual impacts will be minimized as far as possible in accordance with a well-designed layout as well as an Environmental Management Programme.</p> <p>The development avoids all CBA 1 areas, and while development is being pursued within a CBA 2 area, the aquatic specialist has confirmed that no wetlands were identified within the study area, and thus the criteria for the designated CBA 2 areas within this study area is based solely on the presence of the FEPA catchment of the Rooiberg and Klein Rooiberg river catchments. Given that the proposed development almost exclusively falls outside of the delineated freshwater ecosystems (which will be further amended during the EIA phase) the specialist has confirmed that no change in the Present Ecological State category is deemed likely. They have confirmed that development within the CBA catchment is not deemed an unacceptable land use.</p> <p>The terrestrial specialist further confirmed they CBAs are based on aquatic features and not terrestrial features.</p>

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		<p>As a result of the above, the residual impact is not deemed significant, and an offset is not warranted based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All CBA 1 areas have been avoided by the PV's • There are no wetlands on site and thus the criteria for the designated CBA 2 areas within this study area is based solely on the presence of the FEPA catchment of the Rooiberg and Klein Rooiberg river catchments. • The development falls almost exclusively outside of all freshwater ecosystems (with additional layout amendments to be made during the EIA Phase) • No change in the Present Ecological State category is deemed likely given the fact there are no wetlands and the Present Ecological State category is deemed likely <p>This is included in Section 13.4 of the FSR.</p>
	<p>b) 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. • The listed activities represented in the final SR and the application form must be the same and correct. • 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.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms. 	<p>Noted, all relevant listed activities and sub-activities have been applied for.</p> <p>The listed activities in the final SR are the same as was included in the application form.</p> <p>Noted, should the listed activities change, an updated application form will be included.</p> <p>Noted, the correct application form has been used.</p>

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	<p>c) <u>Layout and Sensitivity Maps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final SR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities. 	<p>Noted, all site co-ordinates (including bend point co-ordinates) have been included in Section 5.2.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar fields; ○ Position of the solar panels; ○ Power lines; ○ Internal roads; ○ All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc. (existing and proposed); ○ Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters; ○ Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS); ○ Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; ○ All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and ○ Buildings. 	<p>A layout map has been included in Appendix 3 of the FSR. The “preliminary layout” includes the proposed infrastructure, as well as the position of the proposed access roads, which will be updated and included in the draft EIA Report.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; ○ Buffer areas; and ○ All “no-go” areas 	<p>A map of the CBA associated with the project is included in Appendix 2. A sensitivity map has been included in Appendix 3. The no-go areas have been identified which include the buffers prescribed by the specialists.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure. 	<p>A map showing other projects within a 35km radius has been included in Appendix 2.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google maps will not be accepted. 	No google maps have been included.
	<p>d) Alternatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of GN R.982 of 2014 (as amended). 	<p>Alternatives have been discussed in Section 13.1 of the FSR.</p> <p>Alternative locations for the temporary laydown area have been identified and an assessment of such alternatives have been included in Section 13.3.6 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2. 	Where alternatives have not been provided, a written motivation has been included. Refer Section 13 of the FSR.
	<p>e) Public Participation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za. 	Noted, comments were obtained from DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Directorate. They are included below and dated 12 April 2023.
	<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 in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR, including comments from this Department, and must be incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR). 	All comments have been addressed in the FSR and are included in this Comments and Response Report.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Noted, proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders have been included in Appendix 5 of the FSR.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. 	The Public Participation Process has been conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Issues, comments and concerns raised to date have been captured in the C&RR (this document). The C&RR has incorporated all comments for the proposed development received from commencement of the EIA process. The C&RR

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>is a separate document from the main report and is in the table format as requested. All comments have been copied verbatim.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, and the District and Local Municipalities. 	<p>Noted, all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment. The I&AP database (inclusive of the departments stated) and proof of notification has been included in Appendix 5. The Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform have been invited to provide comment as well as the District and Local Municipalities.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final SR. 	<p>Noted, none have been held to date.</p>
	<p>f) Specialist Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is noted that the property is affected by numerous watercourses and wetlands, and that activities that may trigger Section 19 and Section 21 of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998 were applied for/included in the application form. Please note that a separate hydrological impact assessment must be conducted to assess the impacts of the proposed development on the surface hydrology of the area. The terms of reference for the study must include, inter alia the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification and sensitivity rating of all surface water courses for the impact phase of the proposed development; Identification, assessment of all potential impacts to the water courses and suggestion of mitigation measures; and, Recommendations on the preferred placement of the PV Facility and all associated infrastructure and preference must be provided to the avoidance of the watercourses on the property. 	<p>There are no wetlands within the study area however there are a number of watercourses that were identified by the Aquatic specialist during the field investigations. A separate hydrological impact assessment will be undertaken to assess the impact of the surface hydrology of the area. This will be included in the DEIAr.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The study area falls within the ambit of the Square Kilometre Array - South Africa. The impacts associated with radio frequency interference on the SKA must form part of the environmental impact assessment. The applicant must liaise with SKA-SA for advice on the terms of reference for possible EMI and RFI detailed specialist studies. 	<p>The SKA-SA was contacted at the onset of the project to determine their requirements in terms on the impact of the radio frequency interference of the proposed project.</p> <p>Their comments are included below and dated 13 April 2023. They confirmed that “SARAO has undertaken a high-level impact assessment based on the information provided for the Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facilities located at central coordinates 30°36’25.55”S 19°28’16.10”E. It was determined that the projects represent a low risk of interference to the nearest SKA radio telescope with a compliance surplus of 36.12 dBm/Hz. As such, we do not have any objection to the proposed developments”.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final SR. The forms are available on Department’s website (please use the Department’s template). 	<p>All specialists have signed declarations of interest forms which are included along with their respective specialist study in Appendix 6.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation. Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed. Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas. Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Department’s definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable. 	<p>Noted, the specified TOR has been included in the specialist assessments.</p> <p>All specialist studies have been conducted taking into account the correct season.</p> <p>All no-go areas provided by the specialist are inclusive of the buffers they have applied and no additional buffer areas are required. In terms of the no-go areas, the specialists have made allowance for linear activities to pass through these areas where it is otherwise unavoidable. In these instances, strict mitigation measures will be implemented during construction to minimize impacts.</p> <p>Birdlife South Africa was requested to comment however they confirmed as per comment dated 13 April 2023 the following:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bird specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa. ○ All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA. 	<p>“Thank you for following up. We do not have the capacity to comment on the Scoping Reports. We trust that a suitably qualified specialist has been appointed to assess impacts on birds. They are welcome to reach out to us if there any specific bird-related questions or concerns they would like to discuss”.</p> <p>All specialist studies will be final with detailed mitigation measures for the preferred alternative included. However, the specialist studies may recommend walk-downs and additional management plans that will be included in the Final EMPr prior to construction.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated. 	<p>All recommendations/mitigations provided by the specialists have been indicated in the DSR (refer section 13.3). These mitigations are being taken into consideration by the Developer in their proposed layout to be included in the DEIAr phase.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. 	<p>Contradicting specialist recommendations have not been identified. Should the specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP will clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons, and where necessary, include further expert advice.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines. 	<p>All mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 	<p>All specialist assessments have been undertaken in line with the following:</p> <p>The gazetted Environmental Assessment Protocols of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014, as amended), where applicable (Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on the Identified Environmental Themes must be in</p>

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	<p>species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Where a specialist assessment is required and no specific environmental theme protocol has been prescribed, the required level of assessment has been based on the findings of the site sensitivity verification and complies with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations any relevant legislation and guidelines deemed necessary.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist. 	<p>Noted, this was taken into account when the required specialists were appointed. The declarations including their scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership are included in Appendix 6.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please also ensure that the final SR includes the Site Verification Report as required by the relevant environmental themes and assessments. 	<p>The Site Verification Reports are included in the respective specialist reports in Appendix 6.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists’ to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports. 	<p>Noted, this was taken into account when the required specialists were appointed. The specialist certifications are included in the specialist reports.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We note that the screening tool indicates that thirteen specialist studies need to be undertaken or conducted. We note that the SR does not include thirteen specialist reports. Please kindly peruse the protocols and provide in the SR site sensitivity reports for each theme/study listed, as well as compliance statements for assessments not needed to be conducted based on your site sensitivity verification. 	<p>In terms of the protocol, all specialist studies have been taken into account.</p> <p>The separate biodiversity and avifaunal reports include reporting on more than one theme i.e., the animal species theme, avian theme, plant species theme and terrestrial biodiversity theme.</p>

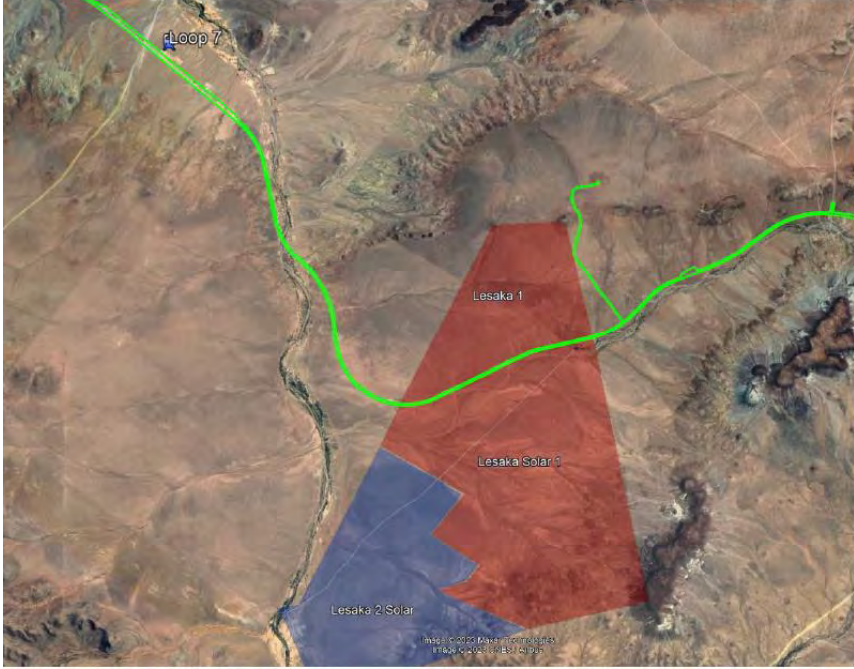
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		<p>Separate reports are provided for the following themes: agricultural, aquatic, archaeological, cultural, and palaeontological.</p> <p>Other specialist reports include social, geotechnical, traffic and risk.</p> <p>Defence and civil aviation are both low and no additional assessments are required.</p> <p>The RFI theme was identified as high as a result of the project being identified within the SKA however the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory were contacted, and they confirmed the following: "It was determined that the projects represent a low risk of interference to the nearest SKA radio telescope with a compliance surplus of 36.12 dBm/Hz. As such, we do not have any objection to the proposed developments". No further assessment in this regard is therefore required.</p>
	<p>g) Cumulative Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are any other similar facilities within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, a cumulative impact assessment must be conducted for all identified and assessed impacts which must 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 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>There are a number of solar and wind projects within 30km of the proposed development site. Cumulative impacts have been considered in the DSR (refer section 13.3.5). A full Cumulative Impact Assessment will be conducted during the EIA Phase and included in the DEIAr.</p>

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	<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>h) 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"</p>	<p>Noted, the Final Scoping Report will be submitted to the Department by the 23rd of April 2023.</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>The EAP can confirm that the FSR complies 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. This has been tabulated in Table 1 in Section 1.2 of the FSR.</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>Noted, the prescribed timeframes will be met.</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 commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>Noted, the developer is aware that no activity should commence prior to the Environmental Authorisation being granted.</p>
<p>13 April 2023 Department of Water and Sanitation (M. Mangwegape)</p>	<p>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESAKA 1 AND 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR LOEROIESFONTEIN IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>Reference is made to the above-mentioned report within issues date 10 March 2023 submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation.</p>	<p>No response required.</p>

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	This Department takes note of the proposed activity of the above-mentioned report, as well as all the mitigation and damage management controls directed towards water resources, surface, and subsurface water flow. The department, however, still wishes to make the following comments:	
	Any activity within the 1:100-year floodline or within 100 metres of a watercourse (river, spring, natural channel, a lake or dam) or within a 500 m radius from the delineated boundary (extent) of any wetland or pan triggers a water use activity in terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).	Noted, the applicant has been informed of this and is aware of the need to apply for a water use license.
	All battery storage facilities need to be constructed in such a way as no surface or groundwater will be polluted by any leakage from the battery storage facilities.	Noted, the placement of the BESS is being undertaken in consultation with an aquatic specialist and a risk assessor to determine best placement.
	If any pollution incident is experienced, the DWA must be notified immediately (within 24 hours) as required in terms of section 19 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no. 36 of 1998).	Comment noted. This measure will be included into the EMPr that will be prepared for this project.
	General waste needs to be collected and disposed of at a registered municipal site during construction, and written agreement should be provided to this department.	Noted, this requirement will be added to the EMPr and will be provided by the applicant prior to construction.
	The applicant shall ensure that hazardous waste generated during the construction is removed from site and disposed of at a registered waste disposal facility.	Comment noted. This measure will be included into the EMPr that will be prepared for this project.
	Please note that all requirements as stipulated in the National Water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act no. 36 of 1998) must be adhered to.	Noted, the applicant has been informed of this and is aware of the need to adhere to the National Water Act.
13 April 2023 Endangered Wildlife Trust (Kishaylin Chetty)	At present, we do not have any comments further, but will like to be added as an I&AP for further consultation on this project.	Comment noted. EWT is included in the I&AP database for this project and will be copied into any further correspondence.
13 April 2023 Birdlife (Sam Ralston)	Thank you for following up. We do not have the capacity to comment on the Scoping Reports. We trust that a suitably qualified specialist has been appointed to assess impacts on birds. They are welcome to reach out to us if there any specific bird-related questions or concerns they would like to discuss.	Comment noted. A suitably qualified specialist has been appointed to assess the impact on birds. Mr Sam Laurence from Enviro-Insight has been appointed. He holds the following qualifications: BSc, BSC Hons, M.Sc. candidate; Pr. Sci. Nat: Zoological Science

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<p>12 April 2023 Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Conservation Directorate (Seoka Lekota)</p>	<p>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESAKA 1 AND 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES (SEF) AN ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the draft Scoping Report and the Plan of Study for EIA. The final Scoping Report must comply with the 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.</p> <p>All requirements as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) guideline for renewable energy projects and the Best Practice for Birds and Solar Energy for assessing and monitoring the impact of solar energy facilities on birds in Southern Africa must be adhered to.</p> <p>All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>Noted, the final Scoping Report complies with the 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.</p> <p>Noted, these guidelines will be adhered to. A specialist was appointed to undertake the required monitoring. The proposed study area is classified as a Regime 2. The duration, in terms of data collection for this study was 1 reconnaissance and 2 peak season visits of 3 days.</p> <p>Noted, all documents will be submitted to the email address listed.</p>
<p>13 April 2023 South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) (Selaelo Matlhane)</p>	<p>RE: Development of Lesaka 1 and 2 Solar Energy Facilities located about 40km north of the town of Loeriesfontein in the Northern Cape Province.</p> <p>This letter is in response to the proposed solar energy facilities and their possible impact on the Square Kilometre Array radio telescopes.</p> <p>SARAO has undertaken a high-level impact assessment based on the information provided for the Lesaka 1 and 2 Solar Energy Facilities located at central coordinates 30°36'25.55"S 19°28'16.10"E. It was determined that the projects represent a low risk of interference to the nearest SKA radio telescope with a compliance surplus of 36.12 dBm/Hz. As such, we do not have any objection to the proposed developments.</p>	<p>Comment noted. No response required and no further requirements in terms of SARAO.</p>

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	Thank you for your correspondence, our office remains open to discuss any matter relating to the above.	
11 April 2023 Eskom: Transmission Division (John Geeringh)	Please send me KMZ files of the affected properties, proposed development footprint and the proposed grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as a setbacks guideline for renewable energy developments.	The KMZ files as requested were provided to Eskom. The requirements in terms of Eskom will be adhered to.
17 March 2023 Transnet (Burton Siljeur / Marina Lourens)	Note that it appears that the Lesaka 1 Solar Energy facility will be located directly adjacent to the Ore Line @ ±349,7km (between Loop 7 & Loop 8).	Noted.
	The Lesaka 2 Solar facility will not be affecting the Ore line directly.	Comment will be addressed in the Lesaka 2 C&RR.
	In order to comment further, we require more detailed information depicting details around:	Two (2) existing crossings are proposed to be used. Upgrades will be made as required before construction commences. Drawings will be submitted before construction for approval.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If any new services or level crossings are planned to cross the railway line. 	Transnet was requested to clarify the process regarding the Wayleaves in the Northern Cape as well as to share their design standards if possible.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the Transnet service road will be utilised during the construction period or for normal day to day operation of the facilities. 	The Transnet service road will be used to gain access to the site during construction and operation. The use of the service road during construction and operation may have a small impact on the road conditions. During construction several heavy load vehicles will make use of this road daily, thereafter during operation several standard sized vehicles will use the road frequently.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other impact on Transnet owned land or infrastructure. 	Transnet was requested to advise as to the current state of the road and potential upgrades that would be required once the proposed project reaches construction phase.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any new crossings or the use of the Transnet service road must be approved by TFR and covered by agreements. 	None anticipated.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When will the project start? 	Comment noted. The applicant has been informed of this requirement
		Construction is set to commence in 2025.

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	<p>Locality sketch below shows the solar facilities in relation to Transnet owned land:</p> 	<p>The Locality sketch of the solar facilities in relation to Transnet owned land is noted. No response required.</p>
<p>17 April 2023 Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform Peter Cloete District Ecologist Elsabe Swart</p>	<p>Lesaka 1 & 2; PV Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd is proposing to construct the Lesaka 1 & 2 Solar Energy Facilities (SEF), and associated infrastructure located on Portion 0 of farm Kluitjies Kraal No.264, approximately 35 km north of Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province. Both solar developments will have a total development footprint of approximately 1465 hectares (excluding associated power lines).</p>	<p>The DSR went out for comment on the 10th of March 2023.</p> <p>Following the commencement of the comment period, and as a result of the CBA on site, a meeting was with the Avifaunal, Biodiversity and Wetland Specialist on the 23rd of March 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the development of the CBA2 area to ensure that all concerns regarding the development thereof are adequately addressed and to ensure</p>

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Scientific Manager		<p>the acceptability of the development from an ecological perspective.</p> <p>DFFE also requested at the pre-application meeting, that NCDAEA be consulted with regarding development within the CBA.</p> <p>Following the meeting, specialist opinions were obtained, and thereafter shared with the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform to further consult with them on the CBA. The specialist opinions have been included in the respective specialist folder under Appendix 6.</p> <p>The comment provided by NCDAEA are a result of the Draft Scoping Reports as well as the additional specialist opinions provided to them.</p>
	<p>The spatial extent of impacts is potentially significant in the study area. Considering the diversification of South Africa's energy developments, identification and understanding of the associated impacts on the natural resources of the area is considered important.</p> <p>Although the terrestrial specialist has confirmed that the CBAs are based on aquatic features and not terrestrial features, it must be noted that the EIA must fully (cumulative) consider the impacts of the solar developments in addition to other renewable energy developments on habitat transformation/loss, harm to birds, impact on total water resource availability, impact on local ecology and biodiversity, vegetation clearance and associated erosion, visual and dust impact.</p>	<p>Noted, the EIA will fully consider the impacts of the development in addition to the other renewable energy developments in the area with regards to all specialist assessments.</p>
	<p>The Aquatic specialist confirmed the following:</p> <p>"No wetlands were identified within the study area, and thus the criteria for the designated CBA 2 areas within this study area is based solely on the presence of</p>	<p>Noted, this was confirmed by the aquatic specialist during the meeting as well as in the subsequent specialist opinion letter which is included in Appendix 6.</p>

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	<p>the FEPA catchment of the Rooiberg and Klein Rooiberg River catchments. Given that the PVSEF1 and PVSEF2 proposed development footprints almost exclusively fall outside of the development setbacks of the delineated freshwater ecosystems except in the case of some overhead powerline's routes, SEF 2 Buildable area 5 and the collector substations being located within 32m of some small drainage features no change in the Present Ecological State (PES) Category of these freshwater ecosystems is deemed likely. This is provided that the mitigation measures as listed in the freshwater specialist report are strictly applied, with routine monitoring of freshwater ecosystems during the operational phase. For this reason, development of the SEF within a CBA catchment is not deemed an unacceptable land use and can be considered for authorisation from a freshwater resource management point of view".</p>	
	<p>In relation to the freshwater impacts, one of the reasons the CBA`s was mapped in the area is for water source protection. Since this proposed development requires a full EIA, a more comprehensive study on water source protection and the mitigation of impacts on water source protection is critical for decision making. Especially also as water is a scarce resource within this area and ground water often the only access to water for the people. The loss of freshwater related CBA`s must not further compromise conservation targets of freshwater ecosystems.</p>	<p>Noted, a full impact assessment will be undertaken during the DEIA stage to better understand the anticipated impacts of the proposed development.</p> <p>Further to this, a hydrological impact assessment has been requested by DFFE and will be undertaken and included in the DEIAr.</p>
	<p>The opinion of the terrestrial and avifaunal specialist concluded the following:</p> <p>"The vegetation unit is not considered threatened or highly sensitive and there are limited sensitive features or important landscape features that, if disturbed or transformed, will result in a catastrophic collapse of the system. The proposed Lesaka SEF does not represent a significant impact on the ecosystem processes and services, except for the main river courses and wetland pans as well as Koppies located on the study area which needs to be excluded from construction activities. Large sections of the affected area are not considered highly sensitive and there are no specific features of the affected area which would indicate that it is of broad-scale significance for faunal movement or landscape connectivity. The CBA are mainly aquatic related, and as indicated the Hantam Karoo is not a threatened system or highly sensitive, accordingly the CBA is not justified for this,</p>	<p>Noted, this was confirmed by the terrestrial and avifaunal specialist during the meeting as well as in the subsequent specialist opinion letter which is included in Appendix 6.</p>

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	<p>unless certain elements or endemism, rarity or important ecosystem processes have been identified, which this assessment has not.</p> <p>There is accordingly no reason based on the collected data to indicate that the CBA1 and CBA2 are from a Terrestrial Biodiversity perspective. Should the sensitive areas, specifically the no-go areas with indicated buffers be avoided by the proposed development, and the indicated mitigation measures in the reports be implemented, the proposed Lesaka 1 and 2 SEFs can proceed”.</p>	
	<p>It is not evident that specialist inputs have already gone into the screening study to screen out the various alternatives. The specialist studies must refer to all the alternatives assessed prior to screening in order to provide the necessary information and motivation for screening these alternatives out, particularly where the motivation for screening these alternatives was biodiversity-related impacts. It is a concern that no alternatives were considered during the study. Thus, it is interpreted that the mitigation hierarchy has not been fully applied yet.</p>	<p>The applicant commissioned a Terrestrial Biodiversity Screening Assessment before they decided to proceed with the project to determine project feasibility. The initial screening assessment identified high-level no-go areas that were then used to determine the preliminary layout. The preliminary layout was based on an avoidance approach in which the development avoids the high sensitivity environments. Once the detailed in field investigations were undertaken during the Scoping Phase, additional high sensitivity environments were identified by the specialists and identified as no-go. The proposed layout, which is currently being developed for the DEIA phase, will avoid all no-go areas identified by the specialists as far as possible to produce a layout that will be taken forward to the DEIA phase. All I&APs will be afforded the opportunity to comment on the updated layout.</p> <p>The mitigation hierarchy has been followed in that the avoidance of all high sensitivity areas has been implemented from project onset. The layout is being designed as an iterative process in conjunction with a specialist team to avoid impacts as far as possible. All residual impacts will be minimized as far as possible in accordance with a well-designed layout as well as an Environmental Management Programme.</p>

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	<p>DAERL recommends that any protected, specially protected (including TOPS listed) vegetation that requires removal be rescued and used for rehabilitation purposes. The DEAERL would like to reiterate that all protected species listed in Schedules 1,2 and 3 respectively, in terms of the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 1999 (Act No. 109 of 2009) may not be picked or removed without the relevant permits (fauna and flora), which must be obtained from</p>	<p>The development will avoid all CBA 1 areas, and while development is being pursued within a CBA 2 area, the aquatic specialist has confirmed that no wetlands were identified within the study area, and thus the criteria for the designated CBA 2 areas within this study area is based solely on the presence of the FEPA catchment of the Rooiberg and Klein Rooiberg river catchments. Given that the proposed development almost exclusively falls outside of the delineated freshwater ecosystems (which will be further amended during the EIA phase) the specialist has confirmed that no change in the Present Ecological State category is deemed likely. They have confirmed that development within the CBA catchment is not deemed an unacceptable land use.</p> <p>The terrestrial specialist further confirmed the CBAs are based on aquatic features and not terrestrial features.</p> <p>Site layouts will not necessarily be comparatively assessed but rather a single layout will be refined as additional information becomes available throughout the EIA process (e.g. specialist input, additional site surveys, and ongoing stakeholder engagement). For example, Buildable Area 3 has been identified within an avifaunal sensitive area and therefore needs to be removed/amended to avoid these areas. The final layouts, taking into account all sensitivities, will be amended and assessed during the EIR phase.</p> <p>Noted, this will be included as a requirement in the draft EMPr during the DEIAr phase. The necessary permits will be obtained for the rescued and rehabilitation process.</p> <p>Dust suppression mitigations as well as measures for efficient erosion control will be included in the draft EMPr.</p>

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	<p>DAERL. This is also to ensure that rescued plant material is accounted for and used in the rehabilitation or relocation processes. This includes for fauna capture or removal permits.</p> <p>Dust during strong winds can be problematic where vegetation and topsoil were removed. Vegetation regrowth is generally encouraged under the solar panels, except where vegetation in the solar field is a fire hazard. Where natural vegetation is kept intact, it is seen as an effective natural dust suppressor.</p> <p>Erosion is also a concern and must be addressed comprehensively to not negatively impact the freshwater ecosystems and surrounding ecosystems, and general cause soil degradation (edge effect impacts extend over time if not managed and contained).</p>	
	<p>The following comments are based on faunal, vegetation and landscape connectivity in the study area:</p> <p>1. Can the specialist provide more comments regarding how the site is proposed to be fenced and what impacts this may have on faunal movements and migration corridors. Also provide management guidelines on how the movement of animals in and out of the development footprints will be managed. Mammal drownings (e.g., bat-eared fox and aardwolf) are common at evaporation ponds associated with solar developments.</p>	<p>Noted, details on the proposed fencing will be included in the DEIAr and the specialists will be requested to comment on faunal movement and migration corridors.</p> <p>Guidelines on the movement of animals in and out of the development footprints will be included in the DEIAr.</p>
	<p>2. Given the extent of the neighbouring renewable energy developments (to the north) can the specialist comment on the cumulative impact that this development will have on the ecological connectivity in the landscape. This impact is very important given how this development has not yet been approved, while the developments to the north has been approved. Not to say that the applicants need to take responsibility for other developers but to assess the impacts of the proposed development on ecosystem function and specific vegetation units and/or protected species on a local and regional scale.</p>	<p>A Cumulative Impact Assessment will be undertaken during the EIA phase and included in the DEIAr.</p> <p>The specialist will be requested to comment specifically on ecological connectivity in the landscape as a result of the renewable energy developments to the north.</p>
	<p>3. The timeframe for rehabilitation to occur after development has commenced should be specified. Many plants species' seed banks do not remain viable within</p>	<p>The timeframe for rehabilitation to occur will be included in the EIA Phase reporting.</p>

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	<p>the topsoil for such a long time period or may be lost. In addition, disturbed areas and stockpiled topsoil is prone to invasion by alien plants and pioneer species. Soil erosion management to be included.</p> <p>4. The ecological specialist study should also be updated to refer to the updated 2018 South African Vegetation Map. The list of species provided at quarter degree grid scale are not meaningful on its own. Lists of species (plants and animals) seen on site should be provided and where surveys are not conducted should be explained and motivated.</p> <p>In addition, it is unclear if there is synchronisation of the NEMA and WULA processes, however this will be for the Competent Authorities to decide.</p>	<p>Noted, the updated 2018 South African Vegetation Map will be included as well as a list of species seen on site.</p> <p>The applicant is aware of the need to apply for a WULA use license prior to construction commencing. This will be undertaken as a separate process.</p>
<p>4 May 2023 South African Heritage Resources Agency Natasha Higgitt</p>	<p>Interim Comment In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)</p> <p>Proposed Development of the Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (SEF) and Associated Infrastructure near Loeriesfontein in the Northern Cape Province.</p> <p>Sivest SA (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility and associated infrastructure near Loeriesfontein, 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 a solar field, site substation and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Operation and Maintenance Buildings, internal and access roads, construction camp and laydown area, underground or overhead cables, fencing, stormwater infrastructure, water pipelines and other associated infrastructure within a development footprint of 600 ha.</p>	<p>Thank you for the comment received.</p> <p>The recommendations provide by SAHRA are noted and will be implemented and included in the layout and reporting.</p> <p>SiVEST will await additional comment during the EIA Phase.</p>

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	<p>CTS Heritage was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). Lavin, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility near Loeriesfontein, Northern Cape.</p> <p>The HIA draws on the results of Archaeological Specialist Study (Lavin, J and Wiltshire, N. 2022) and Palaeontological report (Butler, E. 2023).</p> <p>The proposed development area is underlain by non-fossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite and potentially very highly fossiliferous Prince Albert Formation, as well as Quaternary sand soils and alluvium. No fossils were identified during the site visit.</p> <p>A total of 58 heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include surface scatters of Stone Age lithics of negligible and Grade IIIC heritage significance and one surface scatter of StoneAge lithics of Grade IIIB heritage significance. A historical farm werf of Grade IIIB heritage significance was identified outside of the development footprint area.</p> <p><u>Recommendations provided in the report include the following:</u></p> <p>The area of high archaeological sensitivity identified in Figure 5.2 must be avoided in the final configuration of the PV layout; A Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented; A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.</p> <p>The SAHRA notes the submitted HIA and associated heritage specialist reports. SAHRA will provide further comments upon receipt of the Draft EIA and associated appendices. Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p>	

2.2. FINAL SCOPING REPORT

The following issues were raised on the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report (FSR):

Table 2: Comments and Responses Table for FSR

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
25 May 2023 Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Coenrad Agenbach)	ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 350MW LESAKA 1 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN THE HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE	Noted, we will proceed with the Environmental Impact Assessment Process.
	The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated April 2023 and received by the Department on 21 April 2023, refer.	
	The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated April 2023 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The final SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.	
	You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.	
	In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):	All relevant and applicable listed activities have been applied for.
	(a) Listed Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that all relevant listed activities and sub-activities are correctly numbered as per the relevant listing notices. 	All relevant listed activities and sub-activities have been correctly numbered as per the relevant listing notices.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EIAR must assess the correct sub listed activity for each listed activity applied for. 	All sub-listed activities have been included.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The listed activities represented in the EIAr and the application form must be the same and correct. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the draft EIAr, an amended application form must be submitted. 	<p>If required, the application form will be updated and included in the final submission.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms. 	<p>The most up to date template has been used.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for. 	<p>All impacts associated with the listed activities have been assessed.</p>
	<p>(b) Public Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure the language used to inform potential I&APs in the newspaper advertisement is not only communicated in the language English but should also utilise other dominant languages spoken in the study area. The EAP must ensure that the newspaper medium adequately caters for all potential I&APs in the study area. This should also apply to any site notification boards as well. 	<p>The advert and site notice has been placed in both English and Afrikaans.</p> <p>The advert has been placed in the Noordwester which is widely distributed throughout the area.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, the Hantam Local Municipality, the Namakwa District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation. 	<p>Noted, all listed stakeholders are on the project database and comment has been/will be requested in the PPP.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAr. 	<p>Noted, all comments will be adequately addressed and submitted with the Final EIAr.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. 	<p>All proof of correspondence will be included in the Final EIAr.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAr. The C&R report must incorporate all 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 Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarizing comments made by I&As. All comments from I&As 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&A’s comments. 	<p>The updated CRR containing all comments received throughout the process will be included in the final EIA report.</p> <p>All comments are included verbatim.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments from I&As must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually. 	<p>Noted, all comments will be responded to individually.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. 	<p>Noted, the PPP is being undertaken with Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>
	<p>(c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIAr must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site and all proposed infrastructure (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities. 	<p>Noted, all site co-ordinates (including bend point co-ordinates) have been included in Section 5.2.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIAr must provide a copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar energy facility; b) Position of the solar panels; c) Powerlines; d) Internal roads; e) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.; f) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters; g) Battery Energy Storage System; h) Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; i) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and 	<p>All maps are included in Appendix 2 and 3 of the DEIAr and includes the required information.</p> <p>Panels will be maximized within the buildable areas provided.</p>

	j) Buildings, including accommodation.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nesting and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; Buffer areas; and All “no-go” areas. 	All maps are included in Appendix 2 and 3 of the DEIAR and includes the required information.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure. 	All maps are included in Appendix 2 and 3 of the DEIAR and includes the required information.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google maps will not be accepted. 	Noted, no google maps have been provided.
	<p>(d) Specialist assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a detailed description as well as any associated assessments related to the technology required for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the EIAR. 	The different type of technology is included in Section 6.1.4. Additional technical information as well as a high-level risk assessment for the BESS has been included in Appendix 6.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation. Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed. Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas. Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Department’s definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable. Bird specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa. 	Noted, the specialists have included all aspects in their respective studies.

	<p>f) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</p> <p>g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures; these must be clearly indicated.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 expert advice. 	<p>Contradicting specialist recommendations have not been identified. Should the specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP will clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons, and where necessary, include further expert advice.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting in 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>All specialist assessments have been undertaken in line with the following:</p> <p>The gazetted Environmental Assessment Protocols of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014, as amended), where applicable (Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on the Identified Environmental Themes must be 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.</p> <p>Where a specialist assessment is required and no specific environmental theme protocol has been prescribed, the required level of assessment has been based on the findings of the site sensitivity verification and complies with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations any relevant legislation and guidelines deemed necessary.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please also ensure that the EIAR includes the Site Verification Report and Compliance Statements (where applicable) as required by the relevant themes. 	<p>All specialists have completed a site sensitivity verification and/or compliance statements and are included in Appendix 6.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialists certificates are attached to the relevant reports. 	<p>Noted, this was taken into account when the required specialists were appointed. The specialist certifications are included in the specialist reports.</p>																						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist. 	<p>All specialists have signed declarations of interest forms, containing the required information, which are included along with their respective specialist study in Appendix 6.</p>																						
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the study. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study. 	<p>A summary of the proposed study and the relevant specialist undertaking the studies is included in Section 4.3. The specialist findings as well as their recommendations are included in Section 8 and 16 respectively.</p>																						
	<p>(e) Cumulative Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there are other similar facilities proposed within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, a cumulative impact assessment must be conducted for all identified and assessed impacts which must be refined to indicate the following: 	<p>There are few solar projects within 30km of the proposed development site. Cumulative impacts have been considered. A full Cumulative Impact Assessment will be conducted during the EIA Phase and included in the DEIAr.</p>																						

	<p>a) 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.</p> <p>b) 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.</p> <p>c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</p> <p>d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</p>	
	<p>(f) Specific Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EAP must provide details of the specific locations in the EIAR, and not provide vague locations of the proposed developments. All associated infrastructure must be clearly indicated in the EIAR and its associated layout plans. 	All infrastructure locations have been specified in the site layouts with coordinates included in the DEIAR.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EAP must identify and provide a map which shows this development and its associated infrastructure in relation to the other proposed facilities in the area. 	All similar renewable energy facilities within a 35km radius have been assessed as part of the cumulative assessment. All maps are included in Appendix 2 and 3 of the DEIAR and includes the required information.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The co-ordinates in the EIAR must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, the substation, BESS, power line route, and laydown areas must be included in the EIAR, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site. 	Noted, all site co-ordinates (including bend point co-ordinates for the solar fields, substation, BESS and laydown areas) have been included in Section 5.2. The specific development footprints for each development parameter have been included in the DEIAR.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope) to be included in the decision (or as it should appear in the decision), should a positive Environmental Authorisation be granted. This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure. 	Noted, this is included under key project information at the beginning of the report as well as contained within the report itself.
	<p>(g) General</p>	All technical details have been included in a table format.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under Annexure 2 below. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EAP must provide landowner consent for all farm portions affected by the proposed project i.e., all farm portions where the solar field and associated infrastructure are to be located. 	Landowner consent has been obtained and included in the application form. The application form will be updated (if required) and included in the final submission.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAr, including the Generic EMPr for substations and powerlines. 	Both a generic EMPr for the substation as well as a construction and operational phase EMPr for the SEF will be drafted and included in the draft EIAr.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When submitting the EIAr and future documents kindly name each of the documents and attachments according to the information it contains. E.g., instead of only naming it Appendix A, it must be Appendix A: Maps, Appendix B: EAP Declaration etc. 	Noted, the name conventions requested will be implemented.
	The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.	Noted, all timeframes as stipulated in the regulations will be adhered to.
	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.	

2.3. DRAFT EIA REPORT

The following issues were raised on the Draft EIA Report (DEIAr):

Table 3: Comments and Responses Table for DEIAr

Date of comment, format of comment, name of organisation / I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP / Applicant / Specialist
21 August 2023	COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 240MW LESAKA 1 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF	Noted, thank you for the comments provided.

<p>Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Coenrad Agenbach</p>	<p>LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN THE HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) received by the Department on 10 March 2023 and 25 July 2023, respectively, refer.</p> <p>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAR:</p>	
	<p>(a) Specific comments</p> <p>(i) The CBA map (Figure 5-3) included in the Terrestrial Biodiversity Reports depicts a large segment of the development occurs within Critical Biodiversity Areas 2. Therefore, the mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full to ensure that significant residual impacts of the development are remedied.</p>	<p>The applicant commissioned a Terrestrial Biodiversity Screening Assessment before they decided to proceed with the project to determine project feasibility. The initial screening assessment identified high-level no-go areas that were then used to determine the preliminary layout. The preliminary layout was based on an avoidance approach in which the development avoids the high sensitivity environments. Once the detailed in-field investigations were undertaken during the Scoping Phase, additional high sensitivity environments were identified by the specialists and identified as no-go. The proposed layout avoids all no-go areas identified by the specialists (with the exception of certain roads).</p> <p>The mitigation hierarchy has been followed in that the avoidance of all high sensitivity areas has been implemented from project onset. The layout has been designed as an iterative process in conjunction with a specialist team to avoid impacts as far as possible. All residual impacts will be minimized as far as possible in accordance with a well-designed layout as well as an Environmental Management Programme.</p> <p>The development avoids all CBA 1 areas, and while development is being pursued within a CBA 2 area, the aquatic specialist has confirmed that no wetlands were</p>

		identified within the study area, and thus the criteria for the designated CBA 2 areas within this study area is based solely on the presence of the FEPA catchment of the Rooiberg and Klein Rooiberg river catchments. Given that the proposed development almost exclusively falls outside of the delineated freshwater ecosystems the aquatic specialist has confirmed that no change in the Present Ecological State category is deemed likely. They have confirmed that development within the CBA catchment is not deemed an unacceptable land use.
	(ii) Whilst we note that the specialist has provided an opinion on the status of the CBA, it must be noted that inputs and comments on this must be obtained from the Department's Biodiversity and Conservation unit, as well as the Northern Cape's Biodiversity unit.	Noted, inputs from the DFFE Biodiversity and Conservation Unit as well as the Northern Cape Biodiversity Unit have been obtained and are included in the CRR.
	(iii) The combined sensitivity maps (Figure 51) included in the draft EIAr depicts a few of the proposed activities encroaching areas declared as "No-Go" areas by the relevant specialist. The proposed infrastructures/activities could potentially have significant adverse impacts on the sensitivities within these areas. The mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full, and where possible areas declared as highly sensitive should be avoided.	All no-go areas identified by the various specialists have been avoided by the development, with the exception of a few roads which are deemed acceptable by the specialists and have been included in the impact assessment. The mitigation hierarchy has been followed in that the avoidance of all high sensitivity areas has been implemented from project onset. The layout has been designed as an iterative process in conjunction with a specialist team to avoid impacts as far as possible. All residual impacts will be minimized as far as possible in accordance with a well-designed layout as well as an Environmental Management Programme.
	(iv) Please take note that each specialist study should be updated in the final EIAr to include the sensitivity map overlain with the positions of all the proposed infrastructure/activities.	All specialist studies contain their respective sensitivity map overlain with the positions of all infrastructure. The specialist reports are included in Appendix 6 .
	(v) Further to the above, this must be adequately assessed and addressed in the final EIAr, and the provincial conservation body, the Department's Biodiversity and Conservation, and Protected Areas Directorates must be engaged, and comments obtained from them.	The final proposed layout has been assessed by all specialists in the Final EIAr.

		<p>Inputs from the DFFE Biodiversity and Conservation Unit as well as the Northern Cape Biodiversity Unit have been obtained and are included in the CRR.</p> <p>The Protected Areas Department was notified of the project and provided with the opportunity to comment. It must be noted however, that no protected areas were identified in or near the site boundary.</p>
	(vi) Comments from all other developers surrounding the development must be obtained and included in the final EIAr.	Developers within a 35km radius of the project were notified of the availability of the DEIA report and given the opportunity to provide comment. However, no comments from developers within the area were obtained.
	(vii) The recommendations provided by the specialist reports must be considered and used to inform the preferred layout alternative.	<p>The recommendations and site sensitivities provided by the various specialists were used to inform the preferred layout.</p> <p>All no-go areas identified by the various specialists have been avoided by the development, with the exception of a few roads which are deemed acceptable by the specialists and have been included in the impact assessment.</p>
	(viii) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with the applicable and most recent guidelines.	Noted, all specialists studies have been undertaken according to the most recent guidelines.
	(ix) You are further reminded that the final EIAr to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of the EIAr in accordance with Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Noted, all requirements in terms of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 have been complied with.
	(x) Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope) to be included in the decision (or as it should appear in the decision), should a positive Environmental Authorisation be granted. This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure.	All key project information has been included at the beginning of the Final EIA Report, this includes the project description, summary of project technical details as well as the project coordinates.
	(xi) The EAP must provide details of the specific locations in the final EIAr, and not provide vague locations of the proposed developments. All associated infrastructure must be clearly indicated in the final EIAr and its associated layout plans.	Specific locations for all infrastructure has been provided, including coordinates of where the infrastructure is located. All infrastructure has been included in the layout plans included in Appendix 3 .

	(xii) A list of what the proposed project entails as well as the associated infrastructure must be included in the EIAr.	Details of the project as well as associated infrastructure has been included in Section 6 of the FEIAr.
	(xiii) The final EIAr must comply with all the conditions of the acceptance of the SR signed on 25 May 2023 and must address all comments contained in the final SR, the draft EIAr and this letter.	The Final EIA complies with the conditions of the acceptance of the Scoping Report, and addresses all comments obtained throughout the project as well as the comment on the FEIAr.
	(xiv) The final EIAr must clearly provide a detailed section which addresses the site sensitivity verification requirements where a specialist assessment is required but no specific assessment protocol has been prescribed as well as the site sensitivity verification and minimum report content requirements for all specialist assessments undertaken which was included in the screening tool report.	Section 7 of the FEIAr details the site sensitivity verification as identified in the screening tool.
	(xv) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.	All specialist studies will be final with detailed and practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative included. However, some studies for example rehabilitation plans and alien invasive management plans will be required to be drafted prior to construction.
	(b) Listed Activities	Noted, all applicable, relevant and specific listed activities have been applied for.
	(i) 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. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.	
	(ii) The EAP must clearly identify and provide a final list of all applicable listed activities. If any activities are to be removed, motivation for their removal must be included in the final EIAr.	A final list of all applicable listed activities is included in the FEIAr. No activities have been removed.
	(iii) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAr, 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.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms .	Noted, the activities applied for in the application form have not changed and are still valid.
	(iv) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of numerous GN R. 985 Activities. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant authorities and submitted to this	The relevant authorities have been continuously involved throughout the EIA process. Written comments are contained in the CRR (this report) as well as proof of consultation.

Department. In addition, a graphical representation of the proposed development within the respective geographical areas must be provided.	A geographical representation is included in Appendix 2.
(v) The EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.	A full impact assessment is included in Section 14.3 .
(c) Public Participation Process	The public participation process has been undertaken in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
(i) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.	
(ii) Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za	Comments have been obtained from DFFE biodiversity and are included in the CRR.
(iii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, the Hantam Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources and the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.	All of the relevant stakeholders, including the ones listed have been given the opportunity to provide comment. All comments received to date have been added to the CRR and included in Appendix 5 .
(iv) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAR from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state (including this Department's Biodiversity and Protected Area Sections), as listed in your I&APs Database, and others that have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final EIAR and are incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).	Noted, all issues raised and comments received have been included in the CRR.
(v) Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the final EIAR.	All original comments received from stakeholders are included in Appendix 5 .
(vi) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. In terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the EIAR for comment.	Proof of correspondence as well as written notice of the availability of the draft EIA for comment is included in Appendix 5 .
(vii) The CRR 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.	The CRR (this report) is a separate document, and the format is as per Annexure 1 of the comments letter.

	(viii) 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.	All comments received from I&APs are copied verbatim and have not been summarised. Clear responses have been provided.
	(ix) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final EIAR.	Noted, no additional meetings with I&APs have been undertaken.
	(d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps (i) The final EIAR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.	All coordinates, including bend point coordinates, for each activities have been included in Section 5.2 of the FEIAR.
	(ii) The EIAR must provide a copy of the final preferred site layout map for the facility and its supporting infrastructure, as determined by the detailed engineering phase and micro-siting, and all mitigation measures. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map, including the findings and recommendations made by the specialists. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following: a) The envisioned area for the infrastructure, i.e. placing of infrastructure and all associated infrastructure should be mapped at an appropriate scale. b) Location of panels and inverters; c) All supporting onsite infrastructure required such as laydown areas, roads etc. (existing and proposed); d) Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint; e) Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and f) All necessary details regarding all possible locations and sizes of the infrastructure. g) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure.	A copy of the final preferred site layout (with engineering detail) and its supporting infrastructure has been included in Appendix 3 . The layout has been informed by confirmed specialist sensitivity data. No micro-siting is required in terms of the layout, besides the need for a survey in order to obtain the necessary plant permits prior to construction. Pylons for the grid infrastructure will be placed outside of the 25 m development setback (ecological protection buffer) of the Klein Rooiberg River.
	(iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following: a) The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nest and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; b) Buffer areas; and	The environmental sensitivity map is included in Appendix 3 .

	c) All “no-go” areas.	
	(iv) The above layout map must be overlain with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring energy developments and existing grid infrastructure.	A cumulative maps showing neighbouring developments, existing grid infrastructure as well as the Lesaka projects is included in Appendix 2 .
	(v) Google maps will not be accepted.	Noted, google maps have not been provided.
	(e) Cumulative Assessment (i) The cumulative impacts of all intended activities must be assessed together, which include the facility and its supporting infrastructure (including the grid connection infrastructure e.g., the power line and substations even if separate applications have been lodged for these).	The cumulative impacts of all intended activities (including grid infrastructure) have been assessed. As the grid infrastructure is located outside of all sensitivities identified by the specialists, the addition of the grid does not change the cumulative impacts substantially.
	(ii) 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.	All similar renewable energy facilities within a 35km radius have been assessed as part of the cumulative assessment. Refer to Section 14.3.5 of the Final EIA Report. A map indicating all renewable energy developments within a 35km of the proposed application site is included in Section 14.3.5 and Appendix 2 . Furthermore, the cumulative impact significance rating also informed the need and desirability of the proposed development.
	(f) Specialist Declaration of Interest (i) Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final EIAR. You are therefore requested to submit original signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms for each specialist study conducted. The forms are available on Department’s website (please use the Department’s template).	Specialist declarations are included in Appendix 6 along with the respective specialist study.
	(ii) 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,	All specialist assessments have been undertaken in line with the following:

	<p>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>	<p>The gazetted Environmental Assessment Protocols of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014, as amended), where applicable (Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on the Identified Environmental Themes must be 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.</p> <p>Where a specialist assessment is required and no specific environmental theme protocol has been prescribed, the required level of assessment has been based on the findings of the site sensitivity verification and complies with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations any relevant legislation and guidelines deemed necessary.</p>
	<p>(g) Undertaking of an Oath</p> <p>(i) Please note that the final EIAr must have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP.</p> <p>(ii) Based on the above, you are therefore required to include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP (administered by a Commissioner of Oaths) as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that the EIAr must include:</p> <p>“an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the correctness of the information provided in the reports; (ii) the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs; (iii) the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant; and (iv) any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties”. 	<p>An undertaking of oath has been included in Appendix 1 of the FEIAr.</p>

	<p>(h) Details and Expertise of the EAP</p> <p>(i) You are required to include the details and expertise of the EAP in the EIAR, including a curriculum vitae, in order to comply with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>Details and expertise of the EAP as well as a curriculum vitae has been included in Appendix 1.</p>
	<p>(i) Environmental Management Programme</p> <p>(i) The EIAR must include a final EMPr with measures, as dictated by the final site layout plan and micro- siting, and the recommendations of the EIAR.</p> <p>(ii) The EMPr must also include the following:</p> <p>a) All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.</p> <p>b) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.</p> <p>(iii) In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>(iv) With regards to generic Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs), please ensure that all the sections are adequately completed and signed.</p>	<p>The EMPr included in the final EIA is Final and no micro siting has been recommended by any of the specialists, besides a survey required for plant permits prior to construction.</p> <p>The EMPr includes the information requested. The Final EMPr is included Appendix 10.</p>
	<p>General</p> <p>The EIAR must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions.</p> <p>Please also ensure that the final EIAR includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: "The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority -</p> <p>(a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which must have been subjected to a public participation</p>	<p>The Final EIA provides a detailed description of the project as well as technical details for the proposed facility in a table format.</p> <p>The period for which the EA is required is included as well as the date on which it is anticipated the activity will commence.</p> <p>All timeframes in terms of the EIA regulations have been complied with.</p> <p>No significant changes have been made to the EIA. The cumulative impact assessment of the grids has been included however the grid infrastructure is fully contained within the boundary of the site already assessed (as it is a loop-in-loop-out to an existing 400kV Eskom line crossing the site) and is located outside of all sensitivities identified</p>

	<p>process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.”</p> <p>Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAr or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: “The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days”.</p> <p>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</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 commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>by the specialists, aside from one 132kV line crossing a sensitive area. The specialist have confirmed that the addition of the grid infrastructure will not alter the cumulative impact assessment significantly.</p> <p>The activity will not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>
<p>24 August 2023 Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Conservation Directorate (Seoka Lekota)</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESAKA 1 & 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES (SEF) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the report.</p> <p>Based on the information provided in the report and the specialist studies, the study area is located within the Hantam Karoo vegetation type, listed as Least Threatened, and intersection Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA 1 & 2), and Ecological Support Area</p>	<p>Noted, existing roads will be used as far as possible, as well as for access to powerline infrastructure.</p> <p>All raised powerline crossings and powerlines will be installed with bird diverters to enhance visibility of line.</p> <p>All mitigation measures provided by the specialists have been included in the Final EMPr submitted to the Department for approval.</p>

	<p>(ESA) according to the Northern Cape CBA Map. There are approximately 12 renewable energy projects within 35km of the SEF property.</p> <p>The findings of the site verification confirmed the Very High environmental sensitivity of the Terrestrial Biodiversity theme, however, the terrestrial specialist further confirmed that the CBAs are based on aquatic features and not terrestrial features. For the Avifaunal Theme, the relative animal species theme is indicated as high sensitivity, due to confirmed presence of two Red List species, <i>Neotis ludwigii</i> and <i>Calendulauda burra</i>.</p> <p>Furthermore, only the proposed access roads pose direct impacts to freshwater ecosystems, but the layout as proposed in a manner to, as far as possible, avoid and minimize crossings. Therefore, it is recommended that in all raised powerline crossings, powerlines must install bird diverters to enhance visibility of lines and existing roads must be used to access powerlines. The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objections to the proposed development, provided that all mitigation measures provided in the report and specialist recommendations are adhered to.</p> <p>Kindly note that the National List of Threatened Ecosystems was revised therefore the final report must refer to the Revised National List of Threatened Terrestrial Ecosystems, 2022.</p> <p>In conclusion, all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>The final report has been updated to refer to Revised National List of Threatened Terrestrial Ecosystems, 2022</p>
<p>24 August 2023 South African Heritage Resources Agency Natasha Higgitt</p>	<p>Final Comment In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)</p> <p>Proposed Development of the Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (SEF) and Associated Infrastructure near Loeriesfontein in the Northern Cape Province</p> <p>Sivest SA (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility and associated infrastructure near Loeriesfontein, Northern Cape Province.</p>	<p>The recommendations that were identified by the heritage specialist following the EIA phase reporting, as well as by SAHRA have been included in the EIA and EMP for implementation on site.</p> <p>The Heritage Specialist has recommended that a fossil finds procedure and a chance finds procedure be reported as early as possible. This has been included in the EMP. The appropriate SAHRA Unit will be notified should archaeological sites or remains be identified on site.</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 a solar field, site substation and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Operation and Maintenance Buildings, internal and access roads, construction camp and laydown area, underground or overhead cables, fencing, stormwater infrastructure, water pipelines and other associated infrastructure within a development footprint of 600 ha.</p> <p>CTS Heritage was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). Lavin, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility near Loeriesfontein, Northern Cape</p> <p>The HIA draws on the results of Archaeological Specialist Study (Lavin, J and Wiltshire, N. 2022) and Palaeontological report (Butler, E. 2023).</p> <p>The proposed development area is underlain by non-fossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite and potentially very highly fossiliferous Prince Albert Formation, as well as Quaternary sand soils and alluvium. No fossils were identified during the site visit.</p> <p>A total of 58 heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include surface scatters of Stone Age lithics of negligible and Grade IIIC heritage significance and one surface scatter of Stone Age lithics of Grade IIIB heritage significance. A historical farm werf of Grade IIIB heritage significance was identified outside of the development footprint area.</p> <p>Recommendations provided in the report include the following:</p> <p>The area of high archaeological sensitivity identified in Figure 5.2 must be avoided in the final configuration of the PV layout; A Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented; A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.</p>	<p>A professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, will be contracted as soon as possible to inspect any heritage resource uncovered during the course of the development.</p> <p>Noted, the Final EIA and EMPR will be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes.</p> <p>The decision regarding the EA Application will be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.</p>
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	<p>The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p>	
<p>24 August 2023 Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform Peter Cloete District Ecologist Elsabe Swart Scientific Manager</p>	<p>Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the proposed development of the Lesaka 1 & 2, PV Solar Energy Facility on Portion 0 of farm Kluitjies Kraal No.264, approximately 35 km north of Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province.</p> <p>Background Lesaka 1 & 2; PV Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd is proposing to construct the Lesaka 1 & 2 Solar Energy Facilities (SEF), and associated infrastructure located on Portion 0 of farm Kluitjies Kraal No.264, approximately 35 km north of Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province. Both solar developments will have a total development footprint of approximately 1465 ha (excluding associated power lines).</p> <p>DAERL commented on the Scoping Report for the proposed project. In the comments, issues were raised regarding the loss of Critical Biodiversity Areas. It is now evident that specialist inputs have gone into the screening study to screen out the various alternatives. The specialist studies must refer to all the alternatives assessed prior to screening to provide the necessary information and motivation for screening these alternatives out, particularly where the motivation for screening these alternatives was biodiversity-related impacts. It is noted that alternatives were considered. The findings and recommendations undertaken for the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, follow-up specialist assessments for the proposed amendments, and the specialist walk-throughs that were undertaken are supported. Particularly, the recommendation in the follow-up avifaunal and bat assessment, once operational, be undertaken to effectively monitor the cumulative impacts of the two solar developments on birds and bats, is supported. The Department concurs with the recommendation of the environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”) that the recommendations in the Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”) for Lesaka Solar Pv1 & PV2 must be amended accordingly before construction activities commence. The Department further request to be provided with an opportunity to comment on the final layout of the</p>	<p>Noted, the comments issued by DAERL are included in Section 2.2 above.</p> <p>The alternatives assessed during the EIA process were included in the Draft Scoping Report. The layout was then refined taking into account all specialist recommendations and the final layout was included in the Draft EIA Report that went out for comment.</p> <p>The avifaunal specialist has recommended an avifaunal monitoring plan for the operational phase which has been included in the Final EMPr.</p> <p>No specialists made recommendations for specialist walk downs in their assessments, as the site was assessed in detail during the site visits. The layout for the SEF has therefore been finalized, taking into account all specialist findings. As a result of this, no detailed specialist walkthroughs and/or micro siting will be undertaken, unless this is specifically identified as a requirement by DFFE.</p>

	amended Lesaka Solar PV1 & PV2 and associated EMPr once the final layout has been informed by detailed specialist walkthroughs and on-site micro-siting.	
	The developers of the proposed Solar Energy Facilities are reminded of their “general duty of care towards the environment” as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998, which states that “Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”	Noted, the applicant is aware of Section 28 of NEMA as well as their duty of care towards the environment.
	Provided all mitigation measures are strictly adhered to, the aquatic specialist has confirmed that no change in the PES of the freshwater systems is likely to take place and the development of the SEF within the landscape is acceptable. The terrestrial specialist confirmed that there is no reason based on the collected data to indicate that the CBA1 and CBA2 are from a terrestrial biodiversity perspective and, provided the no-go areas are adhered to, and the mitigation measures are implemented.	Noted, this has been confirmed by both the terrestrial and aquatic specialist and is contained in their respective specialist reports.
	In terms of the botanical impacts, the “vygie” plant family group, especially, is extremely difficult to assess and requires expert knowledge. The Northern Cape Critical Biodiversity Map is an review of possible sensitive areas in the region but is provided on a broad scale. Possible site specific and fine scale heterogeneities need to be investigated by appropriate experts.	The appropriated SACNASP registered specialist was appointed to undertake the assessment and has undertaken a full site assessment.
	The area of interest lies within the summer and winter rainfall transition zone and does not have a true Mediterranean climate as stipulated. This also indicates the necessity of conducting botanical surveys over an extended period due to rainfall variability and a weak annual rainfall peak. (The supplied information is of course modelled data).	The terrestrial survey was undertaken taking into account the correct seasonal surveys. Site visits were undertaken in July and September 2022 (wet seasons) by an ecologist where the floral and the faunal aspects of the survey area were evaluated. The timing of the surveys represented wet season conditions in order to cover biophysical seasonal aspects. Many of the shrubs and other plant species were in flower during the survey.
	Dust during strong winds can be problematic where vegetation and topsoil were removed. Vegetation regrowth is generally encouraged under the solar panels, except where vegetation in the solar field is a fire hazard. Where natural vegetation is kept intact, it is seen as an effective natural dust suppressor.	Natural vegetation will be kept intact under the solar panels as far as possible.
	The timeframe for rehabilitation to occur after development has commenced should be specified. Many plant species seed banks do not remain viable within the topsoil for	The specialist has advised that a Rehabilitation Management Plan must be developed and implemented

	such a long time or may be lost. In addition, disturbed areas and stockpiled topsoil is prone to invasion by alien plants and pioneer species.	during the construction phase as construction is complete at each site.
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From: Michelle Guy
Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 10:50
To: Marina Lourens Transnet Freight Rail
Cc: sivest_PPP
Subject: RE: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

Hi Marina

I hope you are well!

Please see responses from the client below:

- If any new services or level crossings are planned to cross the railway line. **2 existing crossings are proposed to be used. Upgrades will be made as required before construction commences. Please clarify the process regarding the Wayleaves in the Northern Cape. Drawings will be submitted before construction for approval. Please share Transnet standard designs if possible.**
- If the Transnet service road will be utilised during the construction period or for normal day to day operation of the facilities. **The Transnet service road will be used to gain access to the site during construction and operation. The use of the service road during construction and operation may have a small impact on the road conditions. During construction several heavy load vehicles will make use of this road daily, thereafter during operation several standard sized vehicles will use the road frequently. Please advise as to the current state of the road and potential upgrades that would be required once the proposed project reaches construction phase.**
- Any other impact on Transnet owned land or infrastructure. **None anticipated.**
- Any new crossings or the use of the Transnet service road must be approved by TFR and covered by agreements. **Understood.**
- When will the project start? **Construction is set to commence in 2025.**

Thank you.

Kind Regards,



Michelle Guy
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From: Marina Lourens Transnet Freight Rail <Marina.Lourens@transnet.net>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 12:30 PM
To: Michelle Guy <MichelleG@sivest.com>
Subject: RE: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

Thanks a million

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From: Michelle Guy <MichelleG@sivest.com>
Sent: Friday, 17 March 2023 12:12
To: Marina Lourens Transnet Freight Rail <Marina.Lourens@transnet.net>

Cc: sivist_PPP <sivist_ppp@sivest.com>

Subject: RE: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

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Hi Marina

Yes, I am the contact for this project.

I will send your queries to our client and come back to you once I have further clarity.

Thanks.

Kind Regards,



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From: Marina Lourens Transnet Freight Rail <Marina.Lourens@transnet.net>

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 11:59 AM

To: sivist_PPP <sivist_ppp@sivest.com>; Michelle Guy <MichelleG@sivest.com>

Subject: FW: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

Hi Michelle

Not sure if you will be the contact person to speak to for this application – please see below notes from our Property side – please come back to me if any of this will happen as we need to proceed with Level crossings applications and also permission if the Transnet Road will be used – last question by when will the project start?

Thanks

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From: Burton Siljeur *Transnet Property CPT <Burton.Siljeur@transnet.net>

Sent: Friday, 17 March 2023 11:49

To: Marina Lourens Transnet Freight Rail <Marina.Lourens@transnet.net>

Cc: Eddie Seaton <eddie.seaton@gmail.com>

Subject: FW: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

Hi Marina

Below notifications are for your further attention.

Note that it appears that the Lesaka 1 Solar Energy facility will be located directly adjacent to the Ore Line @ ±349,7km (between Loop 7 & Loop 8).

The Lesaka 2 Solar facility will not be affecting the Ore line directly.

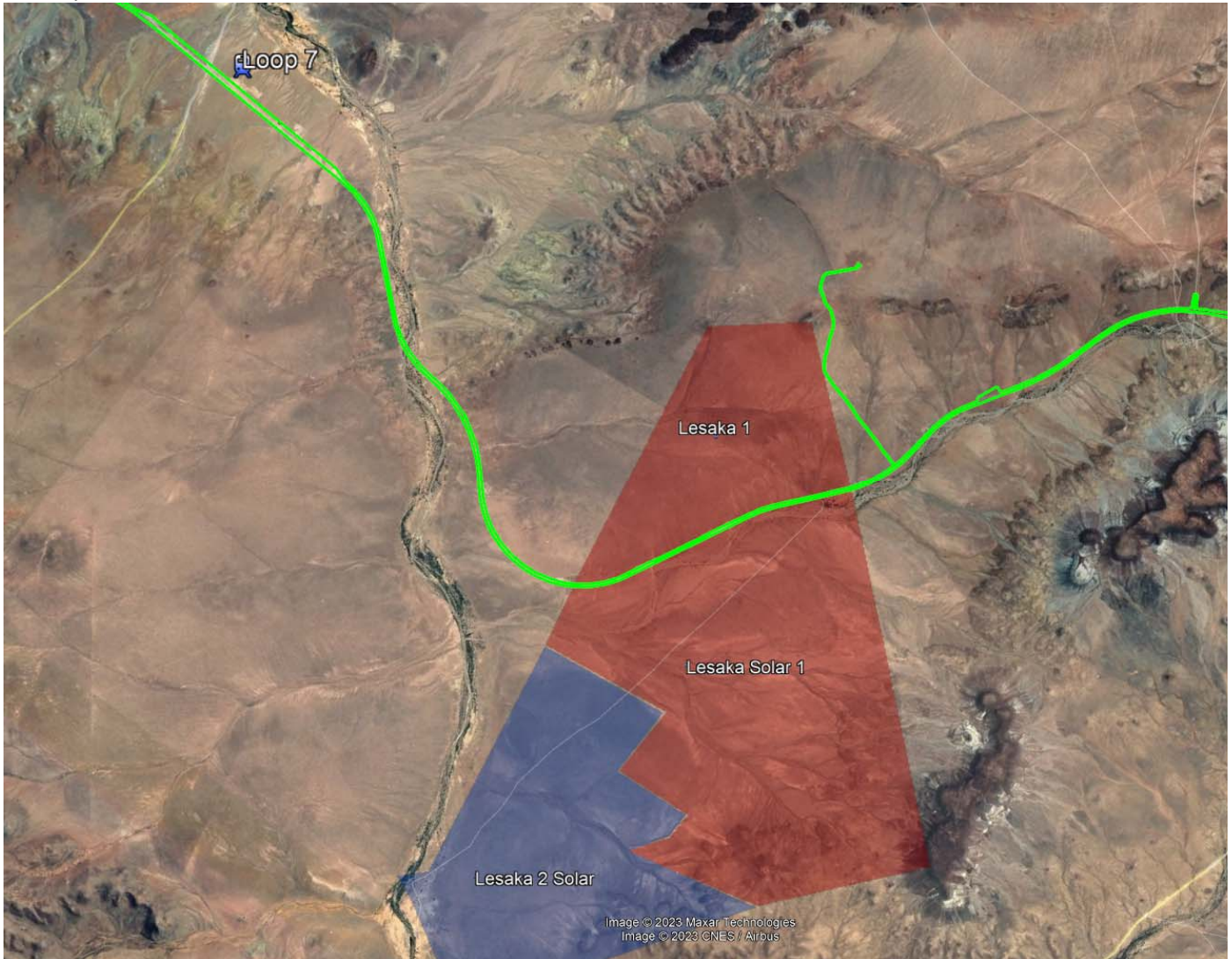
In order to comment further, we require more detailed information depicting details around:

- If any new services or level crossings are planned to cross the railway line.

- If the Transnet service road will be utilised during the construction period or for normal day to day operation of the facilities.
- Any other impact on Transnet owned land or infrastructure.

Any new crossings or the use of the Transnet service road must be approved by TFR and covered by agreements.

Locality sketch below shows the solar facilities in relation to Transnet owned land:



Kind regards



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Date: 10 March 2023 at 14:14:43 SAST

Cc: Michelle Guy <>

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party

NOTICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESAKA 1 AND 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES (SEFs) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DFFE Reference No: To be announced)

• **AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Lesaka 2 Solar Energy Facility (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 **10 March 2023 to 12 April 2023** (end of business day).

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

Electronic copy of the DSRs will be uploaded onto a Tablet that can be reviewed at the following public place:

VENUE	STREET ADDRESS	HOURS	CONTACT NO
Hantam Local Municipality – Loeriesfontein Office	13 Long Street, Loeriesfontein, 8185	Monday Thursday 07h30 - 16:30 Friday 07:30 - 13:00	027 662 8600

The reports 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 '17793 Lesaka 1 and 2 Solar Energy Facilities'.

Alternatively you can download the documents from wetransfer: <https://we.tl/t-oQKxbfbOmE>

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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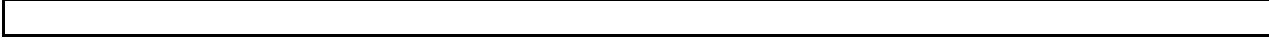
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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Guy

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 350MW LESAKA 1 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN THE HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Department on 10 March 2023, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:

(a) Specific Comments

- (i) The co-ordinates in the SR must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, substations and battery energy storage systems (BESS) must be included in the report, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site.
- (ii) Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope). This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure.
- (iii) Kindly ensure the development footprints (hectares/square metres) and specifications of all proposed infrastructure and associated infrastructure during all phases are included in the final SR.
- (iv) Kindly take note that when finalising the layout plan the position of all proposed infrastructure and linear activities, which includes but not limited to the following must be illustrated:
 - Solar fields;
 - Construction camp laydown areas;
 - Substations;
 - Internal roads;
 - Battery energy storage systems (BESS);
 - Operation and maintenance buildings; and
 - Power lines.

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- (v) The final SR must clearly provide a detailed section which addresses the site sensitivity verification requirements where a specialist assessment is required but no specific assessment protocol has been prescribed, as well as the site sensitivity verification and minimum report content requirements for all specialist assessments undertaken, which were included in the screening tool report.
- (vi) Further to the above take note that a site sensitivity verification report should be included in the final SR which can be undertaken by either an EAP or specialist, which must clearly confirm or dispute the environmental sensitivity as identified in the screening tool report for each theme.
- (vii) According to the application form, Critical Biodiversity Area occurs on the site. Therefore, the mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full, and a Biodiversity Offset should be considered to ensure that significant residual impacts of the development are remedied.

(b) Listed Activities

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The listed activities represented in the final SR and the application form must be the same and correct.
- (iii) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted.
- (iv) **Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.**

(c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The final SR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
 - a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar fields;
 - b) Position of the solar panels;
 - c) Power lines;
 - d) Internal roads;
 - e) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc. (existing and proposed);
 - f) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;
 - g) Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS);
 - h) Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
 - i) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and
 - j) Buildings.
- (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:
 - a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - b) Buffer areas; and
 - c) **All "no-go" areas.**
- (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.
- (v) Google maps will not be accepted.

(d) Alternatives

- (i) Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of GN R.982 of 2014 (as amended).
- (ii) Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.

(e) Public Participation Process

- (i) **Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za.**
- (ii) 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 in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR, including comments from this Department, and must be incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- (v) 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.**
- (vi) 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 Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, and the District and Local Municipalities.
- (vii) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final SR.

(f) Specialist Assessments

- (i) It is noted that the property is affected by numerous watercourses and wetlands, and that activities that may trigger Section 19 and Section 21 of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998 were applied for/included in the application form. Please note that a separate hydrological impact assessment must be conducted to assess the impacts of the proposed development on the surface hydrology of the area. The terms of reference for the study must include, *inter alia* the following:
 - a) Identification and sensitivity rating of all surface water courses for the impact phase of the proposed development;
 - b) Identification, assessment of all potential impacts to the water courses and suggestion of mitigation measures; and,
 - c) Recommendations on the preferred placement of the PV Facility and all associated infrastructure and preference must be provided to the avoidance of the watercourses on the property.
- (ii) The study area falls within the ambit of the Square Kilometre Array - South Africa. The impacts associated with radio frequency interference on the SKA must form part of the environmental impact

assessment. The applicant must liaise with SKA-SA for advice on the terms of reference for possible EMI and RFI detailed specialist studies.

- (iii) Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final SR. The forms are available on **Department's website (please use the Department's template)**.
- (iv) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following:
 - a) **A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.**
 - b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
 - c) **Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.**
 - d) **Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.**
 - e) Bird specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa.
 - f) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
- (v) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.
- (x) Please also ensure that the final SR includes the Site Verification Report as required by the relevant environmental themes and assessments.
- (xi) Please note further that **the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered**. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.
- (xii) We note that the screening tool indicates that thirteen specialist studies need to be undertaken or conducted. We note that the SR does not include thirteen specialist reports. Please kindly peruse the protocols and provide in the SR site sensitivity reports for each theme/study listed, as well as compliance statements for assessments not needed to be conducted based on your site sensitivity verification.

(g) Cumulative Assessment

- (i) If there are any other similar facilities within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, a cumulative impact assessment must be conducted for all identified and assessed impacts which must indicate the following:
 - a) 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.

- b) **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.
- c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

(h) General

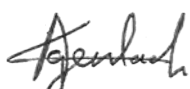
You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that: ***"If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping 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



Ms Millicent Solomons
Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Letter signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach
Designation: Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects
Date: **04 April 2023**

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Annexure 1

Format for Comments and Response Report:

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP,	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
27/03/2021 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Priority Infrastructure Projects (Joe Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format. Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority.	EAP: (Noted) The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K. EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form.



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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Guy

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 350MW LESAKA 1 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN THE HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Department on 10 March 2023, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:

(a) Specific Comments

- (i) The co-ordinates in the SR must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, substations and battery energy storage systems (BESS) must be included in the report, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site.
- (ii) Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope). This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure.
- (iii) Kindly ensure the development footprints (hectares/square metres) and specifications of all proposed infrastructure and associated infrastructure during all phases are included in the final SR.
- (iv) Kindly take note that when finalising the layout plan the position of all proposed infrastructure and linear activities, which includes but not limited to the following must be illustrated:
 - Solar fields;
 - Construction camp laydown areas;
 - Substations;
 - Internal roads;
 - Battery energy storage systems (BESS);
 - Operation and maintenance buildings; and
 - Power lines.

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- (v) The final SR must clearly provide a detailed section which addresses the site sensitivity verification requirements where a specialist assessment is required but no specific assessment protocol has been prescribed, as well as the site sensitivity verification and minimum report content requirements for all specialist assessments undertaken, which were included in the screening tool report.
- (vi) Further to the above take note that a site sensitivity verification report should be included in the final SR which can be undertaken by either an EAP or specialist, which must clearly confirm or dispute the environmental sensitivity as identified in the screening tool report for each theme.
- (vii) According to the application form, Critical Biodiversity Area occurs on the site. Therefore, the mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full, and a Biodiversity Offset should be considered to ensure that significant residual impacts of the development are remedied.

(b) Listed Activities

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The listed activities represented in the final SR and the application form must be the same and correct.
- (iii) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted.
- (iv) **Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.**

(c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The final SR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
 - a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar fields;
 - b) Position of the solar panels;
 - c) Power lines;
 - d) Internal roads;
 - e) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc. (existing and proposed);
 - f) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;
 - g) Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS);
 - h) Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
 - i) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and
 - j) Buildings.
- (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:
 - a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - b) Buffer areas; and
 - c) **All "no-go" areas.**
- (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.
- (v) Google maps will not be accepted.

(d) Alternatives

- (i) Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of GN R.982 of 2014 (as amended).
- (ii) Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.

(e) Public Participation Process

- (i) **Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za.**
- (ii) 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 in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR, including comments from this Department, and must be incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- (v) 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.**
- (vi) 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 Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, and the District and Local Municipalities.
- (vii) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final SR.

(f) Specialist Assessments

- (i) It is noted that the property is affected by numerous watercourses and wetlands, and that activities that may trigger Section 19 and Section 21 of the National Water Act No. 36 of 1998 were applied for/included in the application form. Please note that a separate hydrological impact assessment must be conducted to assess the impacts of the proposed development on the surface hydrology of the area. The terms of reference for the study must include, *inter alia* the following:
 - a) Identification and sensitivity rating of all surface water courses for the impact phase of the proposed development;
 - b) Identification, assessment of all potential impacts to the water courses and suggestion of mitigation measures; and,
 - c) Recommendations on the preferred placement of the PV Facility and all associated infrastructure and preference must be provided to the avoidance of the watercourses on the property.
- (ii) The study area falls within the ambit of the Square Kilometre Array - South Africa. The impacts associated with radio frequency interference on the SKA must form part of the environmental impact

assessment. The applicant must liaise with SKA-SA for advice on the terms of reference for possible EMI and RFI detailed specialist studies.

- (iii) Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final SR. The forms are available on **Department's website (please use the Department's template)**.
- (iv) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following:
 - a) **A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.**
 - b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
 - c) **Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.**
 - d) **Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.**
 - e) Bird specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa.
 - f) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
- (v) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.
- (x) Please also ensure that the final SR includes the Site Verification Report as required by the relevant environmental themes and assessments.
- (xi) Please note further that **the protocols, if applicable, require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered**. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.
- (xii) We note that the screening tool indicates that thirteen specialist studies need to be undertaken or conducted. We note that the SR does not include thirteen specialist reports. Please kindly peruse the protocols and provide in the SR site sensitivity reports for each theme/study listed, as well as compliance statements for assessments not needed to be conducted based on your site sensitivity verification.

(g) Cumulative Assessment

- (i) If there are any other similar facilities within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, a cumulative impact assessment must be conducted for all identified and assessed impacts which must indicate the following:
 - a) 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.

- b) **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.
- c) The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- d) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

(h) 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



Ms Millicent Solomons
Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Letter signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach
Designation: Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects
Date: **04 April 2023**

cc:	Ms. Mercia Grimbeek	Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd.	E-mail: mercia.grimbeek@enertag.com ; michael.barnes@enertag.com
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Annexure 1

Format for Comments and Response Report:

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP,	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
27/03/2021 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Priority Infrastructure Projects (Joe Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format. Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority.	EAP: (Noted) The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K. EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form.

From: [John Geeringh](#)
To: [sivest_PPP](#)
Cc: [Michelle Guy](#)
Subject: RE: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Ending
Date: Tuesday, 11 April 2023 10:39:45
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitutes.doc](#)
[Renewable Energy Generation Plant Setbacks to Eskom Infrastructure Rev2 - signed.pdf](#)

Please send me KMZ files of the affected properties, proposed development footprint and the proposed grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitutes, as well as a setbacks guideline for renewable energy developments.

Kind regards

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From: [sivest_PPP](#) <sivest_ppp@sivest.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 04 April 2023 12:18
Cc: [Michelle Guy](#) <MichelleG@sivest.com>
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Ending

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 from **10 March 2023 to 12 April 2023** (end of business day).

The review and comment period for the above-mentioned projects therefore ends on **12 April 2023** (end of business day).

SIVEST therefore wish to remind you to submit comments for the above-mentioned projects before close of business on **12 April 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 '17793 Lesaka 1 and 2 Solar Energy Facilities'.

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

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Phone: (011) 798 0600
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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.

Kind regards,



Hlengiwe Ntuli
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From: [sivest_PPP](#)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:15 PM
Cc: [Michelle Guy](#) <MichelleG@sivest.com>
Subject: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

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From: Sam Ralston <energy@birdlife.org.za>
Sent: Thursday, 13 April 2023 15:09
To: Hlengiwe Ntuli
Subject: Re: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape

Dear Hlengiwe

Thank you for following up. We do not have the capacity to comment on the Scoping Reports. We trust that a suitably qualified specialist has been appointed to assess impacts on birds. They are welcome to reach out to us if there are any specific bird-related questions or concerns they would like to discuss.

Kind regards
Sam

From: Hlengiwe Ntuli <HlengiweN@sivest.com>
Date: Thursday, 13 April 2023 at 10:30
To: Advocacy <advocacy@birdlife.org.za>, Sam Ralston <energy@birdlife.org.za>
Subject: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape

Good Day Sam,

Hope you are well.

Just need to follow up on the above mentioned project and find out if we will be receiving any comments from BirdLife as the comment period closed yesterday?

Kind Regards,





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From: sivest_PPP
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To: Kamogelo Mathetja
Cc: Portia Makitla; Mashudu Mudau; BC Admin
Subject: RE: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting
Attachments: Lesaka 1 Site Area.kml; Lesaka 2 Site Area.kml; Lesaka 1 SEF.kmz; Lesaka 2 SEF.kmz

Good Day Kamogelo/Portia/Mashudu,

Thank you for your email and apologies for the late reply.

Please find attached shapefiles as requested.

From: Kamogelo Mathetja <KMathetja@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 9:13 AM
To: sivest_PPP <sivest_ppp@sivest.com>
Cc: Portia Makitla <PMakitla@dffe.gov.za>; Mashudu Mudau <MaMudau@dffe.gov.za>
Subject: RE: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape: DSR Comment Period Starting

Dear Sir/Madam

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms M Mudau (Both copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.

Please note: 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

Regards,
Kamogelo

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Cc: Michelle Guy <MichelleG@sivest.com>
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Attention: Michelle Guy

RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESAKA 1 AND 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR LOEROIESFONTEIN IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Reference is made to the above-mentioned report with issue date 10 March 2023 submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation.

This Department takes note of the proposed activity of the above-mentioned report, as well as all the mitigation and damage management controls directed towards water resources, surface, and subsurface water flow. The department, however, still wishes to make the following comments:

1. Any activity within the 1:100-year floodline or within 100 metres of a watercourse (river, spring, natural channel, a lake or dam) or within a 500 m radius from the delineated boundary (extent) of any wetland or pan triggers a water use activity in terms of Section 21 (c) & (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
2. All battery storage facilities need to be constructed in such a way as no surface or groundwater will be polluted by any leakage from the battery storage facilities.



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3. If any pollution incident is experienced, the DWA must be notified immediately (within 24 hours) as required in terms of section 19 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no.36 of 1998).
4. General waste needs to be collected and disposed of at a registered municipal site during construction, and written agreement should be provided to this department.
5. The applicant shall ensure that hazardous waste generated during the construction is removed from site and disposed of at a registered waste disposal facility and a signed copy of service agreement is submitted to DWS as proof of such a service.
6. Please note that all requirements as stipulated in the National Water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act no.36 of 1998) must be adhered to.

Please feel free to contact this department, should there be any enquiries.

Yours sincerely,


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PROVINCIAL HEAD: NORTHERN CAPE OPERATIONS

DATE: 13/04/2023

Hlengiwe Ntuli

From: Kish Chetty <KishC@ewt.org.za>
Sent: Thursday, 13 April 2023 12:01
To: Hlengiwe Ntuli
Subject: FW: 17793 Lesaka Solar Energy Facilities 1 and 2 near Loeriesfontein in Northern Cape
Attachments: 17793 Lesaka SEF DSR Notification Letter Rev 1.0 080323 Final.pdf

Dear Hlengiwe

At present, we do not have any comments further, but will like to be added as an I&AP for further consultation on this project.

Kind regards,

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Good Day Ian,

Hope you are well.

Just need to follow up on the above mentioned project and find out if we will be receiving any comments from EWT as the comment period closed yesterday?

Kind Regards,



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Date:	12/04/2023	Reference:	DFFE Reference to be allocated.
To:	Muhammed Essop	From:	P. Cloete
Comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the proposed development of the Lesaka 1 & 2, PV Solar Energy Facility on Portion 0 of farm Kluitjies Kraal No.264, approximately 35 km north of Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province.			

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Attention: Muhammed Essop (DFFE: Priority Infrastructure Projects) (MEssop@dfpe.gov.za); cc the EAP (Michelle Guy) on behalf of SIVEST Environmental Consultancy (michelleg@sivest.com).

Dear Mr. Essop

Background:

Lesaka 1 & 2; PV Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd is proposing to construct the Lesaka 1 & 2 Solar Energy Facilities (SEF), and associated infrastructure located on Portion 0 of farm Kluitjies Kraal No.264, approximately 35 km north of Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province. Both solar developments will have a total development footprint of approximately 1465 hectares (excluding associated power lines).

The comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts for the Lesaka 1 & 2 Solar Developments



The spatial extent of impacts is potentially significant in the study area. Considering the diversification of South Africa's energy developments, identification and understanding of the associated impacts on the natural resources of the area is considered important.

Although the terrestrial specialist has confirmed that the CBAs are based on aquatic features and not terrestrial features, it must be noted that the EIA must fully (cumulative) consider the impacts of the solar developments in addition to other renewable energy developments on habitat transformation/loss, harm to birds, impact on total water resource availability, impact on local ecology and biodiversity, vegetation clearance and associated erosion, visual and dust impact.

The Aquatic specialist confirmed the following:

“No wetlands were identified within the study area, and thus the criteria for the designated CBA 2 areas within this study area is based solely on the presence of the FEPA catchment of the Rooiberg and Klein Rooiberg River catchments. Given that the PVSEF1 and PVSEF2 proposed development footprints almost exclusively fall outside of the development setbacks of the delineated freshwater ecosystems except in the case of some overhead powerline's routes, SEF 2 Buildable area 5 and the collector substations being located within 32m of some small drainage features no change in the Present Ecological State (PES) Category of these freshwater ecosystems is deemed likely. This is provided that the mitigation measures as listed in the freshwater specialist report are strictly applied, with routine monitoring of freshwater ecosystems during the operational phase. For this reason, development of the SEF within a CBA catchment is not deemed an unacceptable land use and can be considered for authorisation from a freshwater resource management point of view”.

In relation to the freshwater impacts, one of the reasons the CBA's was mapped in the area is for water source protection. Since this proposed development requires a full EIA, a more comprehensive study on water source protection and the mitigation of impacts on water source protection is critical for decision making. Especially also as water is a scarce resource within this area and ground water often the only access to water for the people. The loss of freshwater related CBA's must not further compromise conservation targets of freshwater ecosystems.

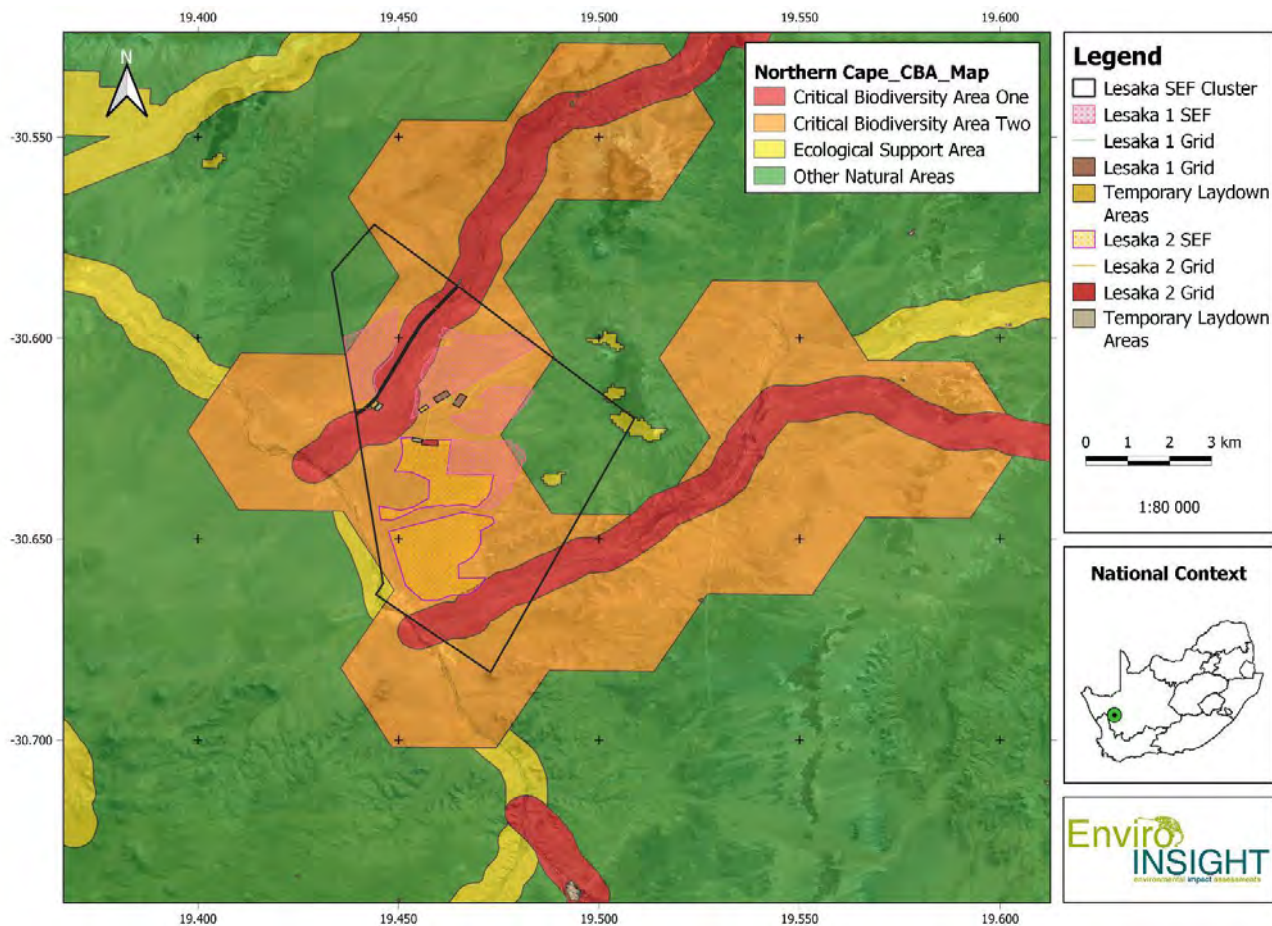


Figure 1: CBA's in relation to the Lesaka Solar 1 & 2 developments.

The opinion of the terrestrial and avifaunal specialist concluded the following:

“The vegetation unit is not considered threatened or highly sensitive and there are limited sensitive features or important landscape features that, if disturbed or transformed, will result in a catastrophic collapse of the system. The proposed Lesaka SEF does not represent a significant impact on the ecosystem processes and services, except for the main river courses and wetland pans as well as Koppies located on the study area which needs to be excluded from construction activities. Large sections of the affected area are not considered highly sensitive and there are no specific features of the affected area which would indicate that it is of broad-scale significance for faunal movement or landscape connectivity. The CBA are mainly aquatic related, and as indicated the Hantam Karoo is not a threatened system or highly sensitive, accordingly the CBA is not justified for this, unless certain elements or endemism, rarity or important ecosystem processes have been identified, which this assessment has not.

There is accordingly no reason based on the collected data to indicate that the CBA1 and CBA2 are from a Terrestrial Biodiversity perspective. Should the sensitive areas, specifically the no-go areas with indicated

buffers be avoided by the proposed development, and the indicated mitigation measures in the reports be implemented, the proposed Lesaka 1 and 2 SEFs can proceed”.

It is not evident that specialist inputs have already gone into the screening study to screen out the various alternatives. The specialist studies must refer to all the alternatives assessed prior to screening in order to provide the necessary information and motivation for screening these alternatives out, particularly where the motivation for screening these alternatives was biodiversity-related impacts. It is a concern that no alternatives were considered during the study. Thus it is interpreted that the mitigation hierarchy has not been fully applied yet.

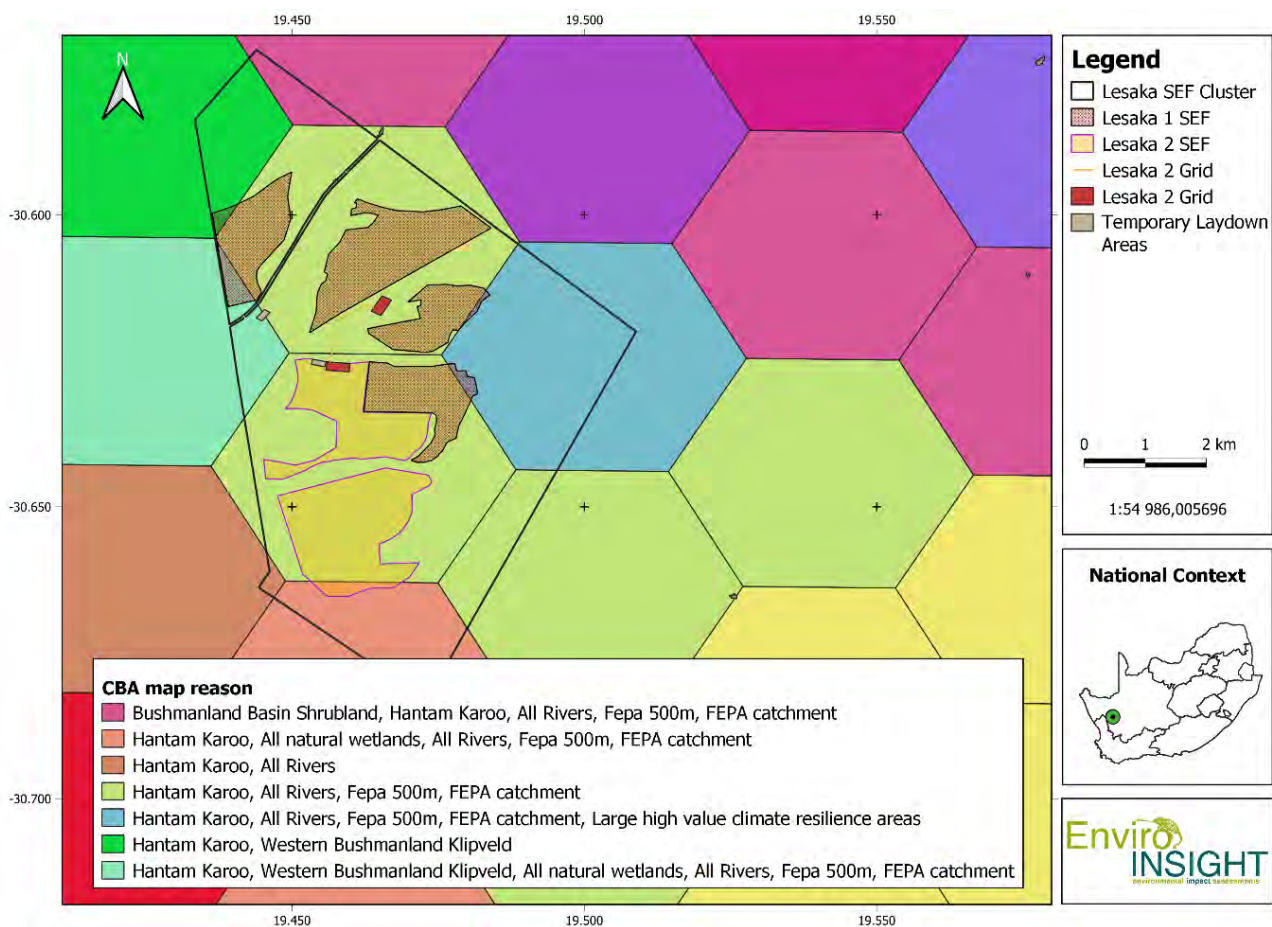


Figure 2: Sensitivity map of the area

DAERL recommends that any protected, specially protected (including TOPS listed) vegetation that requires removal be rescued and used for rehabilitation purposes. The DEARL would like to reiterate that all protected species listed in Schedules 1,2 and 3 respectively, in terms of the Northern Cape Nature Conservation Act, 1999 (Act No. 109 of 2009) may not be picked or removed without the relevant permits (fauna and flora), which

must be obtained from DAERL. This is also to ensure that rescued plant material is accounted for and used in the rehabilitation or relocation processes. This includes for fauna capture or removal permits.

Dust during strong winds can be problematic where vegetation and topsoil were removed. Vegetation regrowth is generally encouraged under the solar panels, except where vegetation in the solar field is a fire hazard. Where natural vegetation is kept intact, it is seen as an effective natural dust suppressor.

Erosion is also a concern and must be addressed comprehensively to not negatively impact the freshwater ecosystems and surrounding ecosystems, and general cause soil degradation (edge effect impacts extend over time if not managed and contained).

The following comments are based on faunal, vegetation and landscape connectivity in the study area:

1. Can the specialist provide more comments regarding how the site is proposed to be fenced and what impacts this may have on faunal movements and migration corridors. Also provide management guidelines on how the movement of animals in and out of the development footprints will be managed. Mammal drownings (e.g., bat-eared fox and aardwolf) are common at evaporation ponds associated with solar developments.
2. Given the extent of the neighbouring renewable energy developments (to the north) can the specialist comment on the cumulative impact that this development will have on the ecological connectivity in the landscape. This impact is very important given how this development has not yet been approved, while the developments to the north has been approved. Not to say that the applicants need to take responsibility for other developers but to assess the impacts of the proposed development on ecosystem function and specific vegetation units and/or protected species on a local and regional scale.
3. The timeframe for rehabilitation to occur after development has commenced should be specified. Many plants species' seed banks do not remain viable within the topsoil for such a long time period or may be lost. In addition, disturbed areas and stockpiled topsoil is prone to invasion by alien plants and pioneer species. Soil erosion management to be included.
4. The ecological specialist study should also be updated to refer to the updated 2018 South African Vegetation Map. The list of species provided at quarter degree grid scale are not meaningful on its own. Lists of species (plants and animals) seen on site should be provided and where surveys are not conducted should be explained and motivated.

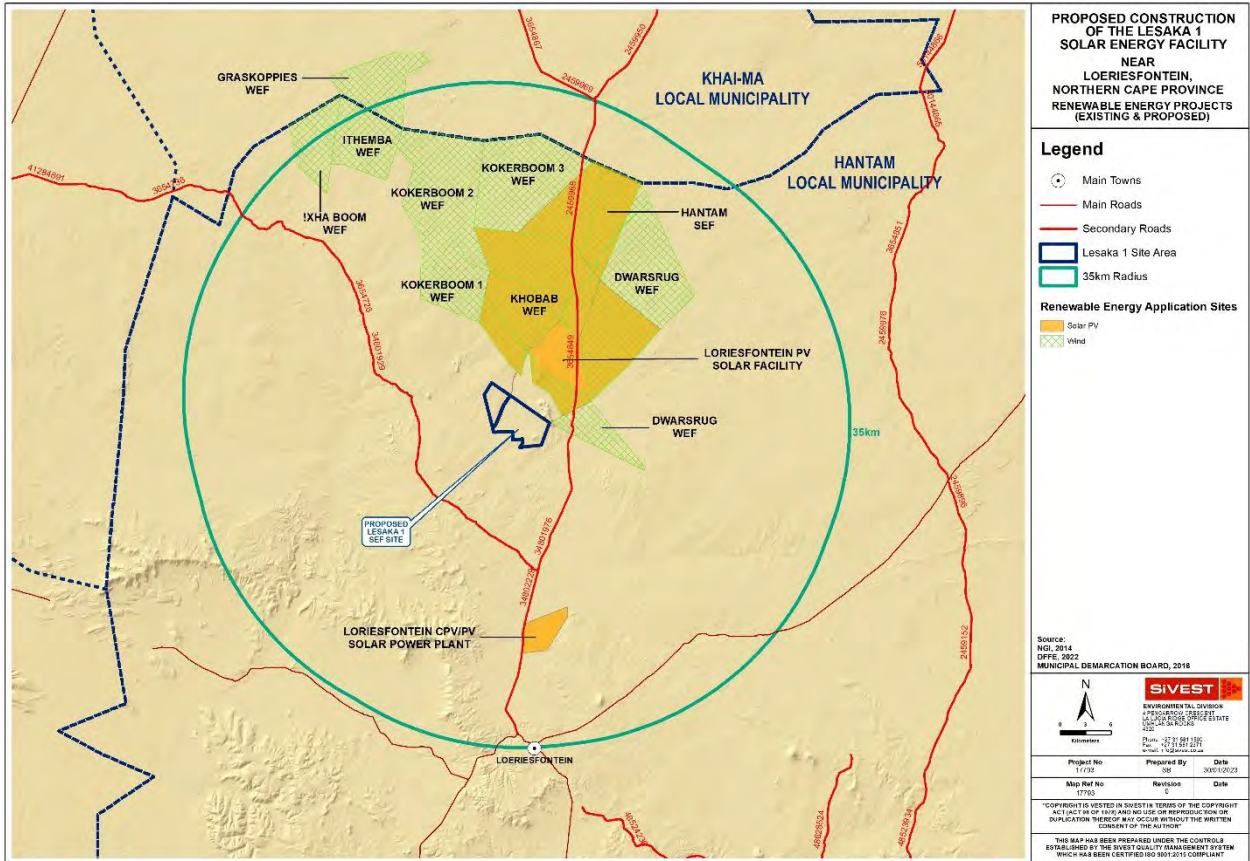


Figure 3: Geographical location of proposed Lesaka Solar 1 & 2 Energy Facilities in relation to neighbouring renewable energy developments.

In addition, it is unclear if there is synchronisation of the NEMA and WULA processes, however this will be for the Competent Authorities to decide.

Yours truly

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Interim Comment

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

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Lavin, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility near Loeriesfontein, Northern Cape

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The proposed development area is underlain by non-fossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite and potentially very highly fossiliferous Prince Albert Formation, as well as Quaternary sand soils and alluvium. No fossils were identified during the site visit.

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Yours faithfully

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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Guy

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 240MW LESAKA 1 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN THE HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated April 2023 and received by the Department on 21 April 2023, refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated April 2023 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The final SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):

(a) Listed Activities

- (i) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- (ii) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities and sub-activities are correctly numbered as per the relevant listing notices.
- (iii) The EIAR must assess the correct sub listed activity for each listed activity applied for.
- (iv) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the draft EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted.

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- (v) Please note that the **Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded** from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- (vi) The EIA must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.

(b) Public Participation

- (i) Please ensure the language used to inform potential I&APs in the newspaper advertisement is not only communicated in the language English but should also utilise other dominant languages spoken in the study area. The EAP must ensure that the newspaper medium adequately caters for all potential I&APs in the study area. This should also apply to any site notification boards as well.
- (ii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIA. This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, the Hantam Local Municipality, the Namakwa District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.
- (iii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIA from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIA.
- (iv) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIA. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- (v) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIA. The C&R report must incorporate all 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 Appendix 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.**
- (vi) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.
- (vii) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

(c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The EIA must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site and all proposed infrastructure (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) The EIA must provide a copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar energy facility;
 - b) Position of the solar panels;
 - c) Powerlines;
 - d) Internal roads;
 - e) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.;
 - f) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;
 - g) Battery Energy Storage System;

- h) Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
- i) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and
- j) Buildings, including accommodation.
- (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:
 - a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nesting and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - b) Buffer areas; and
 - c) **All “no-go” areas.**
- (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.
- (v) Google maps will not be accepted.

(d) Specialist assessments

- (i) Please provide a detailed description as well as any associated assessments related to the technology required for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the EIAr.
- (ii) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:
 - a) **A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.**
 - b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
 - c) **Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas.**
 - d) **Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Department’s definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable.**
 - e) Bird specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa.
 - f) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
 - g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- (iii) 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 expert advice.
- (iv) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting in 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.
- (v) Please also ensure that the EIAr includes the Site Verification Report and Compliance Statements (where applicable) as required by the relevant themes.
- (vi) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain **specialists’ to be SACNASP** registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.
- (vii) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.

(viii) The following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIAr:

Specialist Study	Company
Agricultural Compliance Statement	Johann Lanz
Avifauna Scoping Report	Enviro Insight
Freshwater Assessment	Fen Consulting
Terrestrial Biodiversity	Environ Insight
Social Assessment	Tony Barbour Environmental Consulting
Visual Scoping Report	SRK Consulting
Heritage Impact Assessment	CTS Heritage
Geotechnical Specialist Study	GaGE Consulting (Pty) Ltd
Transportation Study	Enertag
High Level Safety Health and Environmental Risk Assessment	ishecon

- (ix) Please ensure that each specialist study has the correct and same project description and layout to assess.
- (x) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the **study**. **In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.**

(e) Cumulative Assessment

- (i) If there other similar facilities proposed within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, a cumulative impact assessment must be conducted for all identified and assessed impacts which 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) Specific comments

- The EAP must provide details of the specific locations in the EIAr, and not provide vague locations of the proposed developments. All associated infrastructure must be clearly indicated in the EIAr and its associated layout plans.
- The EAP must identify and provide a map which shows this development and its associated infrastructure in relation to the other proposed facilities in the area.
- The co-ordinates in the EIAr must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, the substation, BESS, power line route, and laydown areas must be included in the EIAr, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site.
- Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope) to be included in the decision (or as it should appear in the decision), should a positive Environmental Authorisation be granted. This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure.

(g) General

- (i) The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under Annexure 2 below.
- (ii) The EAP must provide landowner consent for all farm portions affected by the proposed project i.e., all farm portions where the solar field and associated infrastructure are to be located.
- (iii) A construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAr, including the Generic EMPr for substations and powerlines.
- (iv) When submitting the EIAr and future documents kindly name each of the documents and attachments according to the information it contains. E.g., instead of only naming it Appendix A, it must be Appendix A: Maps, Appendix B: EAP Declaration etc.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

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 faithfully



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Annexure 1: Format for Comments and Response Trail Report:

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27/01/2016 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Priority Infrastructure Projects (John Doe)	Please record C&R trail report in this format Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority	EAP: (Noted) The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form

Annexure 2: Sample of technical details for the proposed facility

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Height of PV panels	
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Capacity of on-site substation	
Area occupied by both permanent and construction laydown areas	
Area occupied by buildings	
Length of internal roads	
Width of internal roads	
Proximity to grid connection	
Height of fencing	
Type of fencing	



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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Guy

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 240MW LESAKA 1 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN THE HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated April 2023 and received by the Department on 21 April 2023, refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated April 2023 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The final SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):

(a) Listed Activities

- (i) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- (ii) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities and sub-activities are correctly numbered as per the relevant listing notices.
- (iii) The EIAR must assess the correct sub listed activity for each listed activity applied for.
- (iv) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the draft EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted.

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- (v) Please note that the **Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded** from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- (vi) The EIA must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.

(b) Public Participation

- (i) Please ensure the language used to inform potential I&APs in the newspaper advertisement is not only communicated in the language English but should also utilise other dominant languages spoken in the study area. The EAP must ensure that the newspaper medium adequately caters for all potential I&APs in the study area. This should also apply to any site notification boards as well.
- (ii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIA. This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, the Hantam Local Municipality, the Namakwa District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.
- (iii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIA from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIA.
- (iv) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIA. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- (v) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIA. The C&R report must incorporate all 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 Appendix 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.**
- (vi) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.
- (vii) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

(c) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The EIA must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site and all proposed infrastructure (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) The EIA must provide a copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - a) A clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar energy facility;
 - b) Position of the solar panels;
 - c) Powerlines;
 - d) Internal roads;
 - e) All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.;
 - f) Substations, transformers, switching stations and inverters;
 - g) Battery Energy Storage System;

- h) Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
- i) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads; and
- j) Buildings, including accommodation.
- (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:
 - a) The location of sensitive environmental features identified on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nesting and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - b) Buffer areas; and
 - c) **All “no-go” areas.**
- (iv) The above layout map must be superimposed (overlain) with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring and existing infrastructure.
- (v) Google maps will not be accepted.

(d) Specialist assessments

- (i) Please provide a detailed description as well as any associated assessments related to the technology required for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the EIAr.
- (ii) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:
 - a) **A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.**
 - b) Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
 - c) **Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas.**
 - d) **Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Department’s definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable.**
 - e) Bird specialist studies must have support from Birdlife South Africa.
 - f) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
 - g) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- (iii) 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 expert advice.
- (iv) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting in 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.
- (v) Please also ensure that the EIAr includes the Site Verification Report and Compliance Statements (where applicable) as required by the relevant themes.
- (vi) Please note further that the protocols, if applicable, require certain **specialists’ to be SACNASP** registered. Please ensure that the relevant specialist certificates are attached to the relevant reports.
- (vii) As such, the Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.

(viii) The following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIAr:

Specialist Study	Company
Agricultural Compliance Statement	Johann Lanz
Avifauna Scoping Report	Enviro Insight
Freshwater Assessment	Fen Consulting
Terrestrial Biodiversity	Environ Insight
Social Assessment	Tony Barbour Environmental Consulting
Visual Scoping Report	SRK Consulting
Heritage Impact Assessment	CTS Heritage
Geotechnical Specialist Study	GaGE Consulting (Pty) Ltd
Transportation Study	Enertag
High Level Safety Health and Environmental Risk Assessment	ishecon

- (ix) Please ensure that each specialist study has the correct and same project description and layout to assess.
- (x) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the **study**. **In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.**

(e) Cumulative Assessment

- (i) If there other similar facilities proposed within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, a cumulative impact assessment must be conducted for all identified and assessed impacts which 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) Specific comments

- The EAP must provide details of the specific locations in the EIAr, and not provide vague locations of the proposed developments. All associated infrastructure must be clearly indicated in the EIAr and its associated layout plans.
- The EAP must identify and provide a map which shows this development and its associated infrastructure in relation to the other proposed facilities in the area.
- The co-ordinates in the EIAr must be specific to each activity and infrastructure that is proposed on the site. The co-ordinates for each corner of the solar fields, the substation, BESS, power line route, and laydown areas must be included in the EIAr, i.e., we require that you provide us with the specific development footprints for each development parameter, and not an area outlining the entire site.
- Please provide a concise, but complete, summary and bullet list of the project description and associated infrastructure (or project scope) to be included in the decision (or as it should appear in the decision), should a positive Environmental Authorisation be granted. This must include a list of all development components and associated infrastructure.

(g) General

- (i) The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under Annexure 2 below.
- (ii) The EAP must provide landowner consent for all farm portions affected by the proposed project i.e., all farm portions where the solar field and associated infrastructure are to be located.
- (iii) A construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAr, including the Generic EMPr for substations and powerlines.
- (iv) When submitting the EIAr and future documents kindly name each of the documents and attachments according to the information it contains. E.g., instead of only naming it Appendix A, it must be Appendix A: Maps, Appendix B: EAP Declaration etc.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

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Yours faithfully



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Dear Ms Guy

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 240MW LESAKA 1 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND THE ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF LOERIESFONTEIN WITHIN THE HANTAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr) received by the Department on 10 March 2023 and 25 July 2023, respectively, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAr:

(a) Specific comments

- (i) The CBA map (Figure 5-3) included in the Terrestrial Biodiversity Reports depicts a large segment of the development occurs within Critical Biodiversity Areas 2. Therefore, the mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full to ensure that significant residual impacts of the development are remedied.
- (ii) Whilst we note that the specialist has provided an opinion on the status of the CBA, it must be noted **that inputs and comments on this must be obtained from the Department's Biodiversity and Conservation unit, as well as the Northern Cape's Biodiversity unit.**
- (iii) The combined sensitivity maps (Figure 51) included in the draft EIAr depicts a few of the proposed **activities encroaching areas declared as "No-Go" areas** by the relevant specialist. The proposed infrastructures/activities could potentially have significant adverse impacts on the sensitivities within these areas. The mitigation hierarchy should be applied in full, and where possible areas declared as highly sensitive should be avoided.
- (iv) Please take note that each specialist study should be updated in the final EIAr to include the sensitivity map overlain with the positions of all the proposed infrastructure/activities.
- (v) Further to the above, this must be adequately assessed and addressed in the final EIAr, and the **provincial conservation body, the Department's Biodiversity and Conservation, and Protected Areas Directorates** must be engaged, and comments obtained from them.
- (vi) Comments from all other developers surrounding the development must be obtained and included in the final EIAr.

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- (vii) The recommendations provided by the specialist reports must be considered and used to inform the preferred layout alternative.
- (viii) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with the applicable and most recent guidelines.
- (ix) You are further reminded that the final EIAr to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of the EIAr in accordance with Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
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- (xi) The EAP must provide details of the specific locations in the final EIAr, and not provide vague locations of the proposed developments. All associated infrastructure must be clearly indicated in the final EIAr and its associated layout plans.
- (xii) A list of what the proposed project entails as well as the associated infrastructure must be included in the EIAr.
- (xiii) The final EIAr must comply with all the conditions of the acceptance of the SR signed on 25 May 2023 and must address all comments contained in the final SR, the draft EIAr and this letter.
- (xiv) The final EIAr must clearly provide a detailed section which addresses the site sensitivity verification requirements where a specialist assessment is required but no specific assessment protocol has been prescribed as well as the site sensitivity verification and minimum report content requirements for all specialist assessments undertaken which was included in the screening tool report.
- (xv) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.

(b) Listed Activities

- (i) 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. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.
- (ii) The EAP must clearly identify and provide a final list of all applicable listed activities. If any activities are to be removed, motivation for their removal must be included in the final EIAr.
- (iii) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAr, 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.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.**
- (iv) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of numerous GN R. 985 Activities. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant authorities and submitted to this Department. In addition, a graphical representation of the proposed development within the respective geographical areas must be provided.
- (v) The EIAr must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.

(c) Public Participation Process

- (i) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- (ii) **Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za.**

- (iii) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, the Hantam Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources and the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.
- (iv) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state (including this **Department's Biodiversity and Protected Area Sections**), as listed in your I&APs Database, and others that have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final EIAr and are incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).
- (v) Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the final EIAr.
- (vi) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. In terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the EIAr for comment.
- (vii) The CRR 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.
- (viii) 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.**
- (ix) Minutes and attendance registers (where applicable) of any physical/virtual meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final EIAr.

(d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps

- (i) The final EIAr must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) The EIAr must provide a copy of the final preferred site layout map for the facility and its supporting infrastructure, as determined by the detailed engineering phase and micro-siting, and all mitigation measures. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map, including the findings and recommendations made by the specialists. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - a) The envisioned area for the infrastructure, i.e. placing of infrastructure and all associated infrastructure should be mapped at an appropriate scale.
 - b) Location of panels and inverters;
 - c) All supporting onsite infrastructure required such as laydown areas, roads etc. (existing and proposed);
 - d) Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
 - e) Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and
 - f) All necessary details regarding all possible locations and sizes of the infrastructure.
 - g) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure.
- (iii) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map which indicates the following:
 - a) The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g. CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines, nest and roosting sites, etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - b) Buffer areas; and

c) **All “no-go” areas.**

- (iv) The above layout map must be overlain with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring energy developments and existing grid infrastructure.
- (v) Google maps will not be accepted.

(e) Cumulative Assessment

- (i) The cumulative impacts of all intended activities must be assessed together, which include the facility and its supporting infrastructure (including the grid connection infrastructure e.g. the power line and substations even if separate applications have been lodged for these).
- (ii) 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) Specialist Declaration of Interest

- (i) Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final EIAr. You are therefore requested to submit original signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms for each specialist study conducted. **The forms are available on Department’s website (please use the Department’s template).**
- (ii) 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.

(g) Undertaking of an Oath

- (i) Please note that the final EIAr must have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP.
- (ii) Based on the above, you are therefore required to include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP (administered by a Commissioner of Oaths) as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that the EIAr must include:

“an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:

 - (i) *the correctness of the information provided in the reports;*
 - (ii) *the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs;*
 - (iii) *the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant; and*
 - (iv) *any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties”.*

(h) Details and Expertise of the EAP

- (i) You are required to include the details and expertise of the EAP in the EIAr, including a curriculum vitae, in order to comply with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

(i) Environmental Management Programme

- (i) The EIAr must include a final EMPr with measures, as dictated by the final site layout plan and micro-siting, and the recommendations of the EIAr.
- (ii) The EMPr must also include the following:
 - a) All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted.
 - b) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.
- (iii) In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- (iv) With regards to generic Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs), please ensure that all the sections are adequately completed and signed.

General

The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions.

Please also ensure that the final EIAr includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: *“The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority -*

(a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which must have 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.”

Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAr or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: *“The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days”.*

Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.

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



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Date: **21 August 2023**

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Annexure 1: Format for Comments and Response Trail Report

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
27/01/2016 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects (John Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority	EAP: (Noted)The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form



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Date:	24/08/2023	Reference:	DFFE Reference to allocated.
To:	Muhammed Essop	From:	P. Cloete
Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the proposed development of the Lesaka 1 & 2, PV Solar Energy Facility on Portion 0 of farm Kluitjies Kraal No.264, approximately 35 km north of Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province.			

Mohammed Essop
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
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Attention: Muhammed Essop (DFFE: Priority Infrastructure Projects) (MEssop@dffe.gov.za); cc the EAP (Michelle Guy) on behalf of SIVEST Environmental Consultancy (michelleg@sivest.com).

Dear Mr. Essop

Background:

Lesaka 1 & 2; PV Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd is proposing to construct the Lesaka 1 & 2 Solar Energy Facilities (SEF), and associated infrastructure located on Portion 0 of farm Kluitjies Kraal No.264, approximately 35 km north of Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality, in the Northern Cape Province. Both solar developments will have a total development footprint of approximately 1465 ha (excluding associated power lines).

DAERL commented on the Scoping Report for the proposed project. In the comments, issues were raised regarding the loss of Critical Biodiversity Areas. It is now evident that specialist inputs have gone into the screening study to screen out the various alternatives. The specialist studies must refer to all the alternatives assessed prior to screening to provide the necessary information and motivation for screening these alternatives



out, particularly where the motivation for screening these alternatives was biodiversity-related impacts. It is noted that alternatives were considered. The findings and recommendations undertaken for the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report, follow-up specialist assessments for the proposed amendments, and the specialist walk-throughs that were undertaken are supported. Particularly, the recommendation in the follow-up avifaunal and bat assessment, once operational, be undertaken to effectively monitor the cumulative impacts of the two solar developments on birds and bats, is supported. The Department concurs with the **recommendation of the environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”) that the recommendations in the Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”) for Lesaka Solar Pv1 & PV2 must be amended accordingly** before construction activities commence. The Department further request to be provided with an opportunity to comment on the final layout of the amended Lesaka Solar PV1 & PV2 and associated EMPr once the final layout has been informed by detailed specialist walkthroughs and on-site micro-siting.

The developers of the proposed Solar Energy Facilities **are reminded of their** “general duty of care towards the environment” **as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998, which states that** “Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”

Provided all mitigation measures are strictly adhered to, the aquatic specialist has confirmed that no change in the PES of the freshwater systems is likely to take place and the development of the SEF within the landscape is acceptable. The terrestrial specialist confirmed that there is no reason based on the collected data to indicate that the CBA1 and CBA2 are from a terrestrial biodiversity perspective and, provided the no-go areas are adhered to, and the mitigation measures are implemented.

In terms of the botanical impacts, the “*vygie*” plant family group, especially, is extremely difficult to assess and requires expert knowledge. The Northern Cape Critical Biodiversity Map is an review of possible sensitive areas in the region but is provided on a broad scale. Possible site specific and fine scale heterogeneities need to be investigated by appropriate experts.

The area of interest lies within the summer and winter rainfall transition zone and does not have a true Mediterranean climate as stipulated. This also indicates the necessity of conducting botanical surveys over an extended period due to rainfall variability and a weak annual rainfall peak. (The supplied information is of course modelled data).

Dust during strong winds can be problematic where vegetation and topsoil were removed. Vegetation regrowth is generally encouraged under the solar panels, except where vegetation in the solar field is a fire hazard. Where natural vegetation is kept intact, it is seen as an effective natural dust suppressor.

The timeframe for rehabilitation to occur after development has commenced should be specified. Many plant species seed banks do not remain viable within the topsoil for such a long time or may be lost. In addition, disturbed areas and stockpiled topsoil is prone to invasion by alien plants and pioneer species.

For any enquiries feel free to contact Peter Cloete (pcloete@daerl.co.za)

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Cloete". The signature is written in a cursive style with a circular flourish at the beginning.

District Ecologist: Research and Development

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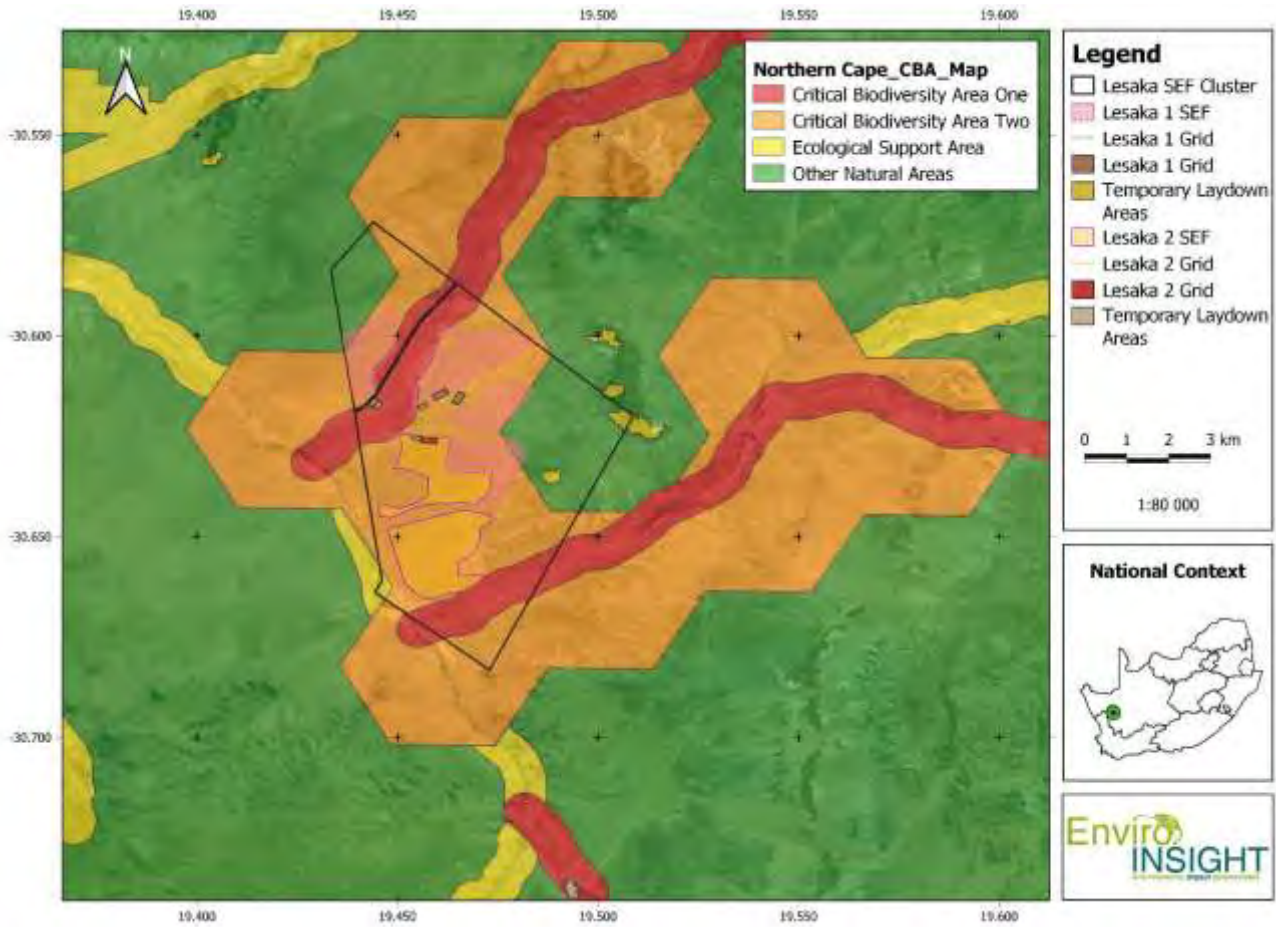


Figure 1: CBA's in relation to the Lesaka Solar 1 & 2 developments.



Figure 2: Sensitivity map of the area

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

Attention: SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Development of the Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (SEF) and Associated Infrastructure near Loeriesfontein in the Northern Cape Province

Sivest SA (Pty) Ltd have been appointed by Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility and associated infrastructure near Loeriesfontein, 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 a solar field, site substation and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Operation and Maintenance Buildings, internal and access roads, construction camp and laydown area, underground or overhead cables, fencing, stormwater infrastructure, water pipelines and other associated infrastructure within a development footprint of 600 ha.

CTS Heritage was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

Lavin, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed Lesaka 1 Solar Energy Facility near Loeriesfontein, Northern Cape

The HIA draws on the results of Archaeological Specialist Study (Lavin, J and Wiltshire, N. 2022) and Palaeontological report (Butler, E. 2023).

The proposed development area is underlain by non-fossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite and potentially very highly fossiliferous Prince Albert Formation, as well as Quaternary sand soils and alluvium. No fossils were identified during the site visit.

A total of 8 heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include surface scatters of Stone Age lithics of negligible and Grade IIIC heritage significance and one surface scatter of Stone

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Age lithics of Grade IIIB heritage significance. A historical farm werf of Grade IIIB heritage significance was identified outside of the development footprint area.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- The area of high archaeological sensitivity identified in Figure 5.2 must be avoided in the final configuration of the PV layout;
- A Fossil Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented;
- A Chance Finds Procedure is recommended to be implemented.

In an Interim Comment issued on the 04/05/2023, SAHRA noted the submitted heritage reports and awaited the submission of the Draft EIA and associated appendices before further comments could be issued. The DEIA has been submitted and includes the results and recommendations of the heritage specialist reports (25/07/2023).

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 EIA and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660 / nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660 / nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;

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- 38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA regarding offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
- If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to 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 EIA 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:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/613255>
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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.

PLANT NOT AFFECTED

If any plant not indicated exists and information or supervision is required please contact this office at least 48 hours before any work commences.

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04 September 2023

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Wayleave application : NEW SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES, THE LESAKA 1 NEAR
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With reference to your letter received **31 August 2023**

Please notify this office immediately if you locate any Openseve plant that was not indicated.

Please contact our representative

Marius Makier / 021 981 3399 / 081 348 2317 / Mariusm1@openseve.co.za

48 hours prior to commencement of construction work.

I hereby inform you that Openseve approves the proposed work indicated on your drawing in principle. This approval is valid for **06 MONTHS ONLY**, after which reapplication must be made if the work has not been completed.

Any changes or deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.

As per supplied sketches it would appear as if Openseve infrastructure **would not be affected**.

However, care should still be taken should it become evident that there is in fact Openseve network present at the actual sites. Such lines should be treated in accordance with, and clearances stipulated in the Occupational Health and Safety Act no 85 of 1993, Electrical Machinery Regulations 20 - Crossings, and

Electrical Machinery Regulations 15 – Clearances of Power Lines. If the specifications could not be met, all deviation costs will be for the applicant's account. We also refer to Section 25 of the Electronic Communication Act 36 of 2005.

Please notify this office immediately if you locate any Openserve plant not indicated.

It would be appreciated if this office can be notified within 30 days of completion of the construction work. Confirmation is required on completion of construction as per agreed requirements.

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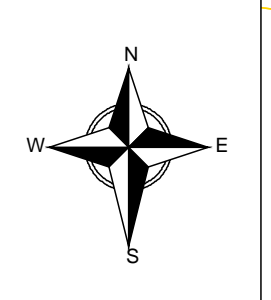
Should Openserve infrastructure be damaged while work is undertaken, kindly contact our representative immediately.

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Yours faithfully



For Selwyn Bowers
Operations Manager
Wayleave Management: Western Region



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	Planned Jointing Pit		Planned Signal Line Concentrator
	To Be Reassigned Existing Pit		To Be Reassigned Signal Line Concentrator
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	Planned Pole Junction Box		Existing Pole Joint
	To Be Reassigned Pole Junction Box		Planned Pole Joint
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Please find attached your approved Openserve wayleave.

Please note: Our area representative as listed on the wayleave **should be contacted at least 48 hours prior to commencement of construction** in order to show services out on site, as our services on the attached plan(s) are **APPROXIMATE ONLY**.

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Environmental Impact Assessment I&AP Database

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First Namw	Last Name	Company
Henry	Mouton	Adjacent Landowner
Jacobus	Nel	Adjacent Landowner (Jacobus Nel estate managed by Alywn Muller)
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Hendrik	Nel	Adjacent Landowner
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Elias Albertus	Nel	Adjacent Landowner
Werner	Cloete	Adjacent Landowner
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