

Gideon Raath

From: Juliet Mahlangu <JMMahlangu@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 02 December 2020 14:24
To: Gideon Raath
Cc: EIAAdmin; Ephron Maradwa; Matlhodi Mogorosi
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2228
Attachments: Closure Letter to Stakeholders.pdf

Dear Gideon Raath
14/12/16/3/3/1/2228

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTIFICATION IN TERMS REGULATION 19(1)(B), OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Department confirms having received the notification in terms of Regulation 19(1)(b) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended for the abovementioned project on 01 December 2020.

Please take note of Regulation 19 (1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that “and that the revised reports or EMP or, where applicable, a closure plan will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days.”

This Department will await for the amended Basic Environment Assessment Report for review and comment, which needs to clearly highlight the amendments and/or changes to the report.

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 time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of these Regulations.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours in admin

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1 December 2020

Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries
Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road
Arcadia, Pretoria

Attention: Ms Matlhodi Mogorosi

**THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE
GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
DEFF REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2228**

Notification of extension of the 2014 EIA Regulations prescribed timeframes

Dear Ms Mogorosi

The Basic Assessment (BA) process currently being undertaken by Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd for the proposed extension of the grid connection infrastructure for the Gunstfontein Wind Farm, Northern Cape Province has reference. The BA is being undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, NEMA (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) and the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (as amended).

An application for Environmental Authorisation was submitted to the Department on 04 September 2020 together with the draft Basic Assessment Report. The draft BAR was made available for a 30-day review period from 04 September 2020 to 05 October 2020. All comments received by interested and affected parties (I&APs) during this review period have been recorded and will be included as part of the final Basic Assessment Report.

Following the submission of the application and draft BA Report to the DEFF, fine-scale walk-down surveys have been conducted by the environmental specialists and technical team allowing for more refined layout adjustments. Following the results of the walkthroughs, it was identified that minor layout updates were required for the proposed power line in order to accommodate environmental sensitivities and technical considerations. In order to ensure the updated layout has been included into the Basic Assessment report and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr), for approval together with the Environmental Authorisation (should one be issued), the draft Basic Assessment report and EMPr has been updated to reflect the revised layout. This updated draft Basic Assessment report and EMPr will also be submitted for a further 30 days public participation review period to

I&APs and Stakeholders in order to provide I&APs an opportunity to comment on the refined layout. Considering the changes to the layout and the further 30-day public review period being provided on the report, this letter serves to formally notify the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) that the final BA Report will be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority for the proposed grid extension project in accordance with Regulation 19(1)(b).

Please acknowledge receipt of the notification and advise should any further clarification be required.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raath', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Gideon Raath
Environmental Consultant
Gideon@savannahsa.com

From: Fiona Grimett <FGrimett@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Ethanne Soar <Ethanne@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Bongeka Mtyana <BMtyana@environment.gov.za>; Sindiswa Dlomo <SDlomo@environment.gov.za>
Subject: Approval of PP plan for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, Northern Cape Province

Dear Ethanne,

The public participation plans for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, Northern Cape Province, on page 83 - 110 of the attached document, have reference.

The Department has reviewed the attached Public Participation Plans, submitted in terms of the Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 Relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences. The proposed plans contain suitable public consultation measures, and are hereby **approved**, however please make provision for supplying (e.g. posting) hard copy executive summaries of the draft report to I&APs who request it, because they are unable to access the e-version, and where hard copies could not safely be made available at a suitable location (e.g. library). You may proceed with the implementation of the PP plan.

Further note that the attached directions apply for submitting draft documents to the Competent Authority for comment.

Regards,

Fiona Grimett
Department of Environmental Affairs
Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Directorate: National Infrastructure Development: National Infrastructure Projects
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

IN TERMS OF THE DIRECTIONS REGARDING MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATING TO NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PERMITS AND LICENCES DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 3

EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE ("Gunstfontein OHL")

Application to be submitted

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and continuation of the public consultation as part of an EIA process. Considering these limitations, the following consultation process has been designed and will be implemented, on approval by the DEA, to cater for the conducting of the public participation process which includes I&APs, the competent authority, directly impacted landowners/occupiers, adjacent landowners/occupiers, relevant Organs of State departments, Municipalities, ward councillors and other key stakeholders.

Project Details:

Gunstfontein Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd proposes the construction and operation of a grid connection solution, known as the "grid extension infrastructure" for the authorised Gunstfontein Wind Farm (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/826), near Sutherland, Northern Cape Province. The grid connection solution will include the development of a double-circuit 132kV overhead power line (known as the Gunstfontein 132kV OHL extension double-circuit power line) to connect the Gunstfontein Wind Farm to the national grid, via the Hidden Valley substation. The proposed 132kV OHL extension will be an extension of the already authorised Gunstfontein Grid Connection (14/12/16/3/3/1/1619), which currently extends from the Gunstfontein Wind Farm to the Heuwels Substation. Other associated infrastructure will also be required for the grid connection solution, such as access tracks/roads and laydown areas. A corridor 300m wide and approximately 7.5km long along the power line with an assessment zone of 200m around the starting and terminating substation boundaries (collectively known as the grid corridor) is being assessed to allow for the optimisation of the grid (i.e. eventual micro siting) and associated infrastructure and to accommodate environmental sensitivities and other energy infrastructure currently under construction on the properties.

The 200MW Gunstfontein Wind Farm received an Environmental Authorisation in 2016, from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (DEA ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/826). A second Environmental Authorisation for the Gunstfontein Grid Connection (14/12/16/3/3/1/1619), including switching station, 132kV overhead powerline and ancillary infrastructure, was granted on 17 February 2017. The authorised grid connection infrastructure currently terminates at the Heuwels substation, however upon further investigation it has been identified that Heuwels substation will not have sufficient capacity to export the power from Gunstfontein Wind Farm. It is therefore necessary to by-pass Heuwels substation and extend the authorised grid connection to connect to the Hidden Valley substation located ~7.5km south of the Heuwels substation. This application therefore focusses on the extension of the already authorised 132kV power line, required by Gunstfontein Wind Farm to evacuate the generated power to the national grid, at the identified grid connection point, i.e. the Hidden Valley Substation.

The full length of the assessed 300m wide corridor and 200m around each substation traverses four (4) affected properties, namely:

- » RE Portion 1 of the Farm Orange Fontein No. 203;
- » RE of the Farm Annex Orange Fontein No. 185;
- » RE of the Farm Leeuwe Hoek No. 183; and
- » The Farm De Hoop No. 202.

The following activities will be triggered by the proposed development, requiring a Basic Assessment process for environmental authorisation:

Listing Notice 1 (GNR 327 of 7 April 2017):

- » 11 (i): infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity outside urban areas with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts.
- » 12 (ii): The development of infrastructure within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse
- » 14: the storage and handling, of a dangerous good exceeding 80 cubic meters or more but not exceeding 500 cubic meters.
- » 19 (i): infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into a watercourse
- » 24 (ii): development of a road with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres
- » 27 (i): clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation
- » 28 (ii): Commercial developments of more than 1ha where such land was used for agriculture on or after 01 April 1998

Listing Notice 3 (GNR 324 of 7 April 2017):

- » 4(a)(ii)(bb): The development of a road wider than 4 meters with a reserve less than 13,5 meters within a critical biodiversity area.
- » 10(g)(ii)(iii)(ee): storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 30 but not exceeding 80 cubic meters within critical biodiversity areas or within 100m from a watercourse.
- » 12(d)(ii): The clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation within a critical biodiversity area.
- » 14 (ii)(c)(g)(ii)(bb&ff): The development of (iii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square meters or more within 32m of a watercourse and within a critical biodiversity area.
- » 18(g)(ii)(bb & ee): The widening of a road by more than 4 metres; or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre within critical biodiversity areas.

Public Participation Plan:

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs;
- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project; and
- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

Alternative means of undertaking consultation has been designed and will be implemented by Savannah Environmental to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project through an interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person illustrating interest in the project and enables the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. This online stakeholder engagement platform allows the EAP to visually present details regarding the project and our consultation documentation, including project maps and plans, presentations and posters regarding the project, and reports available for review. The use of online tools enables stakeholders and I&APs to explore the project-specific content in their own time, and allow them to participate in a meaningful way in the consultation process. The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the

assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting. The online stakeholder engagement platform considers the limitations applied by the Disaster Management Act Regulations prohibiting the gathering of people, as well as limitations which certain I&APs may have in terms of access to computers and internet as well as access to public spaces not open for operation or which have restricted access.

The benefits of the online stakeholder engagement platform include:

- Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to project-related information.
- Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for major infrastructure projects.
- Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons accessing the online stakeholder consultation platform.
- Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually.
- Provides a resilient solution to a public consultation process.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities i.e. access to internet, mobile phones, or computers, provision has been made to include these I&APs in the consultation process by consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

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

i. Stakeholder identification and register of I&APs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register as an I&AP on the online platform via completion of a form and provision of contact information, by responding to an advert, or sending a 'please call me' which will be responded to • State interest in the project • Receive all project related information via email
ii. Advertisements and notifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertisements, site notices and email notifications provide information and details on where to access project information • Notifications regarding the EIA process and availability of project reports for public review to be sent via email, post or SMS notifications
iii. Public Involvement and consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of a notification letter providing details on the project and how I&APs can become involved in the process • Submission of comments or queries via the online platform to the PP team • Virtual presentations (both English and Afrikaans) available via the online platform • Availability of project information via the online platform • An opportunity for I&APs and stakeholders to request virtual meetings with the project team
iv. Comment on the BA Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of the project reports via the online platform for 30-day comment period • Submission of comments via the online platform, email or post to the PP team • Comments recorded and responded to, as part of the process
v. Identification and recording of comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments and Responses Report, including all comments received, and included within the final Report for decision-making

The PP plan, as set out in the table below, has been drafted for the above-mentioned project to ensure that reasonable opportunity is provided to I&APs and that all administrative actions are reasonable. Proof of all notifications will be included in the public participation appendix included in the Basic Assessment report.

The PP plan is submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs, for discussion and agreement before the PP process is undertaken for the proposed project.

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

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
Regulation 40(1), Regulation 40(3) & Regulation 43 – provide all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, access to project related information , access to the BA report which will be made available for a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on draft reports prior to submission of final reports for decision-making.	<p><u>Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) process to be undertaken for application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) to be distributed using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail • Dedicated project page on the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform • Post (where email or telephonic notifications is not possible) • Process notices placed at locations that are accessible to I&APs • Advertisement in the printed media. <p><u>Notification of availability of report and period for review using the following means:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper advert, including details of where the report can be accessed and details of the Savannah Environmental website. • Notification letter (to be sent via email, fax or post) to registered I&APs. • Notifications to communities via any of the following where available: Ward Councillor, ward committee members, identified and confirmed community representatives, and local community forum members. • SMS and/ or WhatsApp notifications where no other means are available. <p><u>Availability of report for review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report available on the Savannah Environmental website for download. • Electronic copies can be made available to parties via a secure Dropbox link that will be emailed upon request for the documentation. • CDs to be posted, if requested. • Hard copy report to be available only where appropriate sanitary conditions can be maintained. • Report will be submitted to the DEA using the DEA online portal.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report will be submitted to Organs of State and commenting authorities via an agreed electronic platform (such as on CD, or via a secure Dropbox link). <p><u>Submission of comments to EAP:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments will be able to be submitted directly to the EAP using the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform. A customised reply form is available on this webpage. The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting. Written comments can also be submitted via email, post or fax. Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments.
<p>Regulation 40(2) - Provide access to all project information that has the potential to influence any decision regarding the application, unless protected by law, and must include consultation with Competent Authority, Organs of State & registered I&APs.</p> <p>Regulation 41(6) – Relevant information available and accessible</p>	<p>Provision of project information and consultation via various means including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephonic consultation. Email correspondence. Correspondence sent via post (where email or telephonic correspondence is not available). SMS and/or WhatsApp. The Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform will ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to participate in the project and raise comments on the project to any person with interest in the BA process for the project. This online stakeholder engagement platform which will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A means to register on the project database and provide details of their interest in the project Background information on the project

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project maps (including locality map, layout map, sensitivity map, landowner map, etc) ○ Photos of the project site and surrounds ○ Presentation with narration providing a summary of the project details and the findings of the BA ○ Posters providing a summary of the findings of the BA ○ A means of submitting written comment or queries. • Virtual meetings using an appropriate platform agreeable to all parties (such as Zoom, Skype or Teams). The meeting will be recorded and the attendees' details captured in an attendance register. Confirmation of their attendance will also be requested by e-mail and the correspondence will be included in the report. • Communities will be consulted via one of the following where available: the relevant Ward Councillor, ward committee members, community representative or local community forum members, as determined and confirmed during the consultation process.
Regulation 41(2)(a) – Site notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site notices will be placed at affected properties by the EAP, landowner or specialist, depending on specific travel restrictions applicable at the time. • Size and content will be in accordance with Regulation 41(3) & 41(4).
Regulation 41(2)(b) – Written notification to affected and neighbouring landowners and occupiers; municipality; ward councillors; Organs of State & other parties required by the CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification letter to be sent via email, fax or post.
Regulation 41(2)(c) – (e) – Advertisements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advert to be placed in a local newspaper.
Regulation 42 – Project database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I&APs to be identified through a process of networking and referral, obtaining information from the Savannah Environmental existing stakeholder database, liaison with potentially affected parties in the greater surrounding area and a registration process involving the completion of a reply form.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organs of State, key stakeholders and affected and surrounding landowners will be identified and registered on the project database. • Other stakeholders will be required to formally register their interest in the project through either directly contacting the Savannah Environmental Public Participation team via email or fax or use of the Savannah Environmental website. • In order to access the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform for a specific project, I&APs will be required to provide their details such that they are automatically registered on the project database. • The register of I&APs will contain the names of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all persons who requested to be registered on the database through the use of the Savannah Environmental website, or in writing and disclosed their interest in the project; ○ all Organs of State which hold jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and ○ all persons who submitted written comments or attended virtual meetings and viewed virtual presentations on the Savannah Environmental website during the public participation process. • The information captured on the project database will contain the names, organisation and contact details, as required.
Regulation 44 – Comments to be recorded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments will be able to be submitted directly to the EAP using the Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform. A customised reply form is available on this webpage. • The Savannah Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A means to register on the project database and provide details of their interest in the project ○ A means of submitting written comment or queries.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting. • Written comments can also be submitted via email, post or fax. • Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. • I&APs without the applicable electronic facilities to access the Savannah Environmental website will be provided with the opportunity to submit their comments and communicate with the public participation team via SMS, WhatsApp or by sending a Please-call-me notification. These comments will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. • All comments received throughout the EIA process will be acknowledged and captured in the comments and responses report (C&RR) with a relevant response. • The C&RR will be included in the final report submitted to the CA.
Regulation 4(2) – Notification of decision on application	<u>Notification of Environmental Authorisation (EA) using the following means:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification letter with details as outlined in EA issued will be sent via email, fax or post. • Notification will be available on the Savannah Environmental website • Notifications that the EA has been issued and where to download and/or obtain a copy to communities via any of the following where available: Ward Councillor and his/her ward committee members and identified and confirmed community representatives. • SMS or WhatsApp notification.

From: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@environment.gov.za>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:59 PM

To: Ethanhe Soar <Ethanhe@savannahsa.com>; EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>

Cc: Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>; Stephnie Kot <stephnie.kot@aced.co.za>; Bongeka Mtyana <BMtyana@environment.gov.za>; Fiona Grimett <FGrimett@environment.gov.za>

Subject: RE: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Dear Ethanhe.

Your request was assigned to Bongeka.

She is copied in the email.

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Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

Please note that this email is for the receipt and processing of online applications only, and is not monitored for responses. All queries must be directed to EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za.

Please note that this mailbox has a 5mb mail limit.

From: Bongeka Mtyana <BMtyana@environment.gov.za>

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:45 PM

To: Ethanne Soar <Ethanne@savannahsa.com>

Cc: Fiona Grimett <FGrimett@environment.gov.za>; Sindiswa Dlomo <SDlomo@environment.gov.za>

Subject: RE: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Good day Ethanne,

Kindly note that we will be available on 8 July 2020 between 11:00-13:00 pm kindly choose the slot that will be suitable for you, thank you.

Regards
Bongeka Mtyana.

From: Ethanne Soar [Ethanne@savannahsa.com]

Sent: 30 June 2020 10:28 AM

To: Bongeka Mtyana

Cc: Fiona Grimett; Sindiswa Dlomo

Subject: RE: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Dear Bongeka,

Thank you for your email.

May we please request to have the Pre-application meeting between 11-12 on the 8th of July next week Wednesday?

Thank you and look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Ethanne Soar

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From: Bongeka Mtyana <BMtyana@environment.gov.za>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:46 AM

To: Ethanne Soar <Ethanne@savannahsa.com>

Cc: Fiona Grimett <FGrimett@environment.gov.za>; Sindiswa Dlomo <SDlomo@environment.gov.za>

Subject: RE: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Good day Ethanne,

The proposed time is fine you can proceed with the meeting invitation.

Regards

Bongeka

From: Bongeka Mtyana <BMtyana@environment.gov.za>

Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:47 PM

To: Ethanne Soar <Ethanne@savannahsa.com>

Cc: Fiona Grimett <FGrimett@environment.gov.za>; Sindiswa Dlomo <SDlomo@environment.gov.za>

Subject: RE: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Thanks kindly include three of us on the invitation.

From: Ethanne Soar [Ethanne@savannahsa.com]

Sent: 30 June 2020 01:28 PM

To: Bongeka Mtyana

Cc: Fiona Grimett; Sindiswa Dlomo

Subject: RE: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Thank you will arrange that accordingly.

Kind regards

From: Bongeka Mtyana <BMtyana@environment.gov.za>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 3:21 PM

To: Ethanhe Soar <Ethanhe@savannahsa.com>

Cc: Fiona Grimett <FGrimett@environment.gov.za>; Sindiswa Dlomo <SDlomo@environment.gov.za>; Stephnie Kot <stephnie.kot@aced.co.za>;

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Subject: RE: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Good day Ethanhe,

Confirmed.

From: Ethanhe Soar [Ethanhe@savannahsa.com]

Sent: 07 July 2020 02:43 PM

To: Bongeka Mtyana

Cc: Fiona Grimett; Sindiswa Dlomo; Stephnie Kot; Gideon Raath

Subject: RE: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Dear Bongeka,

I am just confirming our pre-app meeting scheduled for tomorrow from 11-12?

Kind regards

From: Ethanne Soar

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:31 PM

To: ElApplications@environment.gov.za

Cc: Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>

Subject: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

Importance: High

To whom it may concern,

Please find herewith attached the Pre-Application Meeting Request for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province.

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain confirmation of the listed activities applicable to the proposed application, as well the Department's requirements relating to the assessment of the proposed BESS and matters incidental thereto. The Applicant also wishes to confirm that the DEFF will be Competent Authority for this application. Please refer to attached agenda.

Please confirm receipt of the request.

Kindly advise should you require any further information.

Kind regards

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Subject: Request for a Pre-Application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province

To whom it may concern,

I am just following up with regards to the attached the Pre-Application Meeting Request for the Gunstfontein BESS project, Great Karoo BESS project and Gunstfontein OHL Project, located in the Northern Cape Province as we have not yet received any feedback yet from DEA or any email correspondence with regards to a possible meeting date.

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain confirmation of the listed activities applicable to the proposed application, as well the Department's requirements relating to the assessment of the proposed BESS and matters incidental thereto. The Applicant also wishes to confirm that the DEFF will be Competent Authority for this application. Please refer to attached agenda.

Please confirm receipt of the request as well as offer us a potential date for the meeting.

Kindly advise should you require any further information.

Kind regards
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