

Gideon Raath

From: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 06 October 2020 09:59
To: Gideon Raath
Cc: Constance Musemburi; Wayne Hector
Subject: FW: 2020-08-0004: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 100MW VREDE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND 100MW
Attachments: Vrede & Rondawel SEF PP Plan Combined 22.09.2020 GR.pdf
Importance: High

Dear Gideon

Please note that your PPP Plan is acceptable to the Department and you may continue as proposed.

Regards
Lerato Mokoena
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From: Gideon Raath [<mailto:gideon@savannahsa.com>]
Sent: 22 September 2020 11:11 AM
To: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>; Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: 2020-08-0004: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 100MW VREDE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND 100MW
Importance: High

Good day Constance,

Please see attached the revised PP plan for the two S&EIR processes. Please note that the schematic illustration includes both Scoping Report and EIA Report. Please also refer to pages 4 – 12 of the plan for a detailing of the various tools across the various phases of the project.

Please will you review and let me know if this can be approved, or if further adjustments are required?

Thank you,

Gideon Raath
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From: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2020 11:04
To: Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: 2020-08-0004: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 100MW VREDE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND 100MW

Dear Gideon

The abovementioned applications, your PP Plans and your email below refer;

Please note that the public participation plan submitted cannot be accepted by the Department as it does not provide adequate details with regards the public participation process to be followed in terms of Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIR) process for the proposed development of the 100MW Vrede Solar Energy Facility and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), near Kroonstad, Free State Province and the proposed development of the 100MW Rondawel Solar Energy Facility and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), near Kroonstad, Free State Province. The schematics illustration provided is for a basic assessment process. This must be corrected. You are required to provide a schematic illustration for a full S&EIR process, providing each phase or stage of application with an overview of tools that are available to I&As for that stage of application.

The Department awaits the submission of an amended PPP plan for consideration.

Regards

Constance

From: Gideon Raath [<mailto:gideon@savannahsa.com>]
Sent: 19 August 2020 02:28 PM
To: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>; Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: 2020-08-0004: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 100MW VREDE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND 100MW
Importance: High

Good day Constance,

Thank you for getting in touch regarding the Vrede and Rondawel projects. I have conferred this side and want to thank you for the opportunity to conduct a meeting, however in the interest of time we now believe no meeting is necessary as you have indicated is your preference.

Please find attached the Public Participation Plans for your review and approval please. Please note, there is one PP plan for the grid connection projects (2xBAR) which are identical, and one PP plan for the two SEF S&EIR processes (also identical). Together these two PP plans address the 2xSEFs and the 2xBARs for grid connection.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Thank you,

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From: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 13 August 2020 11:00
To: Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>
Subject: FW: 2020-08-0004: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 100MW VREDE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND 100MW

Dear Gideon

Your meeting request, the email below and our telephonic conversation yesterday refer;

From the information provided in the agenda, the Department deems a meeting is not required as the agenda issues can be clarified via email. However, from our telephonic conversation yesterday, you indicated that a meeting is required as there are "other things" you would want to ask.

Given the above, you are required to amend the agenda to include all the issues you would want to discuss. This would also give us enough information to prepare for the meeting, in the event that a meeting is required. Please send the amended agenda via email.

Regards

Constance

From: Constance Musemburi
Sent: 11 August 2020 01:09 PM
To: 'gideon@savannahsa.com' <gideon@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>; Wayne Hector <WHector@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: 2020-08-0004: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 100MW VREDE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND 100MW

Dear Gideon

This email serves as an acknowledgement of your Pre-app meeting request. The Department will get back to you shortly with further meeting details.

Regards

Constance

From: EIA Applications
Sent: 07 August 2020 03:33 PM
To: Constance Musemburi <CMusemburi@environment.gov.za>
Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMokoena@environment.gov.za>; Wayne Hector <WHector@environment.gov.za>; Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>
Subject: 2020-08-0004

Dear Constance

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

Type of Application: Pre-Application Meeting Request;
Reference Number: 2020-08-0004;
Date Received: 04/08/2020;
Action Required: Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set.

*EAP/Applicant: please use this reference number when submitting the application for EA/amendment application (page 1 of the application form), as well as attach the approved PP Plan if the application requires a PP process.

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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.

You are advised that this mailbox has a 48 hour response time.

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

From: Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 14:59

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

Subject: Request For Pre-Application Meeting For the Vrede and Rondawel SEF & grid connection EIAs, Kroonstad, Free State

Good Day,

Please find herewith attached the combined Pre-Application Meeting Request for the following projects:

- Proposed construction and operation of the **100MW Vrede Solar Energy Facility and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**, located near Kroonstad in the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Fezile Dabi District of the Free State Province, South Africa.
- Proposed construction and operation of the **grid connection infrastructure for the 100MW Vrede Solar Energy Facility and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**, located near Kroonstad in the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Fezile Dabi District of the Free State Province, South Africa.
- Proposed construction and operation of the **100MW Rondawel Solar Energy Facility and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**, located near Kroonstad in the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Fezile Dabi District of the Free State Province, South Africa.
- Proposed construction and operation of the **grid connection infrastructure for the 100MW Rondawel Solar Energy Facility and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**, located near Kroonstad in the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Fezile Dabi District of the Free State Province, South Africa.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and obtain approval of the proposed public participation plan. These projects are all related to one proponent and are within close vicinity of each other, therefore the combined request.

Please confirm receipt of the request.

Kindly advise should you require any further information. Thank you.

Kind regards,



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