

APPENDIX B:
Correspondence with Authorities

25 September 2020

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

Attention: Ms Thabile Sangweni

**Proposed 100MW Upilanga PV1 Solar Energy Facility and its associated infrastructure near Upington
within the Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province**

DEA REF.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2218

Notification of extension of the 2014 EIA Regulations prescribed timeframes

Dear Ms Sangweni,

The Basic Assessment (BA) process currently being undertaken by Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd for the 100MW Upilanga PV1 Solar Energy Facility 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).

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) was made available for a 30-day review period from 03 August 2020 to 04 September 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 BA Report to the DEFF, comments were received from the DEFF and the DENC regarding the requirement for a Biodiversity Offset Plan. In order to address the comments and inputs associated with the inclusion of the offset plan the Basic Assessment report and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) must be updated to reflect all necessary information and submitted for a further 30 days public participation review period to I&APs and Stakeholders.

Considering the changes to the BA report to address biodiversity offset plan requirements, this letter serves to formally notify the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) that the final BA Report be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority in accordance with Regulation 19(1)(b) for the proposed 100MW Upilanga PV1 Solar Energy Facility. As significant changes have been made and new information has been added to the report, which changes the information or that the information was not contained in the report consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a), and that the revised report will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days.

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

Kind regards,



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Arlene Singh

From: Julliet Mahlangu <JMMahlangu@environment.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 01 October 2020 14:27
To: Arlene Singh
Cc: Ephron Maradwa; EIAAdmin; Thabile Sangweni
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2218

Dear Arlene Singh

14/12/16/3/3/1/2218

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTIFICATION IN TERMS REGULATION 19(1)(B), OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 AS AMENDED FOR THE PROPOSED THE UPILANGA PV1, SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON A SITE NEAR UPINGTON, IN THE 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 15 September 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 EMPr 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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Arlene Singh

From: Brenda Ton
Sent: Wednesday, 11 November 2020 12:15
To: EIA Applications
Cc: Arlene Singh; Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi
Subject: Re-Submission for BA - Upilanga PV1 - Ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2218 (SE2391)
Attachments: 00.Document control form.docx

Good day,

Please see attached document control form and proof of submission of the Re-Submission for the BA for The Upilanga PV1 facility and associated infrastructure, Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province - Ref.No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2218.



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Should you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Arlene Singh whom is cc'd in this email.

Thank you and kind regards,



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