

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
CONSTRUCTION OF THE 150MW NOUPOORT CONCENTRATED SOLAR
POWER (CSP) PROJECT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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Application for Environmental Authorisation: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with the EIA Regulations (2014) of GN R982 to GN R985, a Scoping and EIA is required to be undertaken for the proposed project.

Public Involvement Process: Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process. To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to Savannah Environmental:

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OPRIGTING VAN DIE 150MW NOUPOORT KONSENTRERENDE SONKRAG AANLEG (KSK-AANLEG), NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE

Projeknaam: Noupoort Konsentrerende Sonkragaanleg (KSK-aanleg) Projek

Applikant: CRESCO Energy (Edms.) Bpk.

Beoogde Aktiwiteit: Die oprigting van 'n konsentrerende sonkrag (KSK) paraboliese trog aanleg met 'n gekontrakteerde vermoë van hoogstens 150 MW. Die aanleg se ontwikkelings-voetspoor sal ongeveer 900 ha beslaan en sal die volgende infrastruktuur insluit:

- » Sonkrag aanleg: paraboliese trogtegnologie, insluitende 'n energie sentrum.
- » Geassosieerde infrastruktuur: toegangspaaie, 'n pyplyn vir watertoevoer, 'n waterbergingsreservoir en -tenks, 'n waterbehandelingsaanleg, gevoerde verdampingsdamme, en 'n werkswinkel en kantoorgeboue.
- » 'n Interne substasie en kraglyn (vir koppeling aan Eskom se kragrooster).

Projek Ligging: Die Restant van die Plaas 207, Gedeelte 1 en Gedeelte 4 van die plaas Carolus Poort 167, ongeveer 4 km noordwes van Noupoort in die Umsobomvu plaaslike Munisipaliteit (Pixley ka Seme Distriksmunisipaliteit) in die Noord-Kaap.

Aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging: Ingevolge Artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998), saamgelees met die OIE-regulasies (2014) van Staatskennisgewing R892 tot R985, moet 'n Bestekopname en 'n OIE vir hierdie voorgestelde projek onderneem word.

Openbare Deelnameproses: Savannah Environmental onderneem die nodige omgewingsevaluering en openbare deelnameproses. Ten einde meer inligting te bekom en om op die projek se databasis te registreer, verstrek asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede en belang by die projek skriftelik aan Savannah Environmental:

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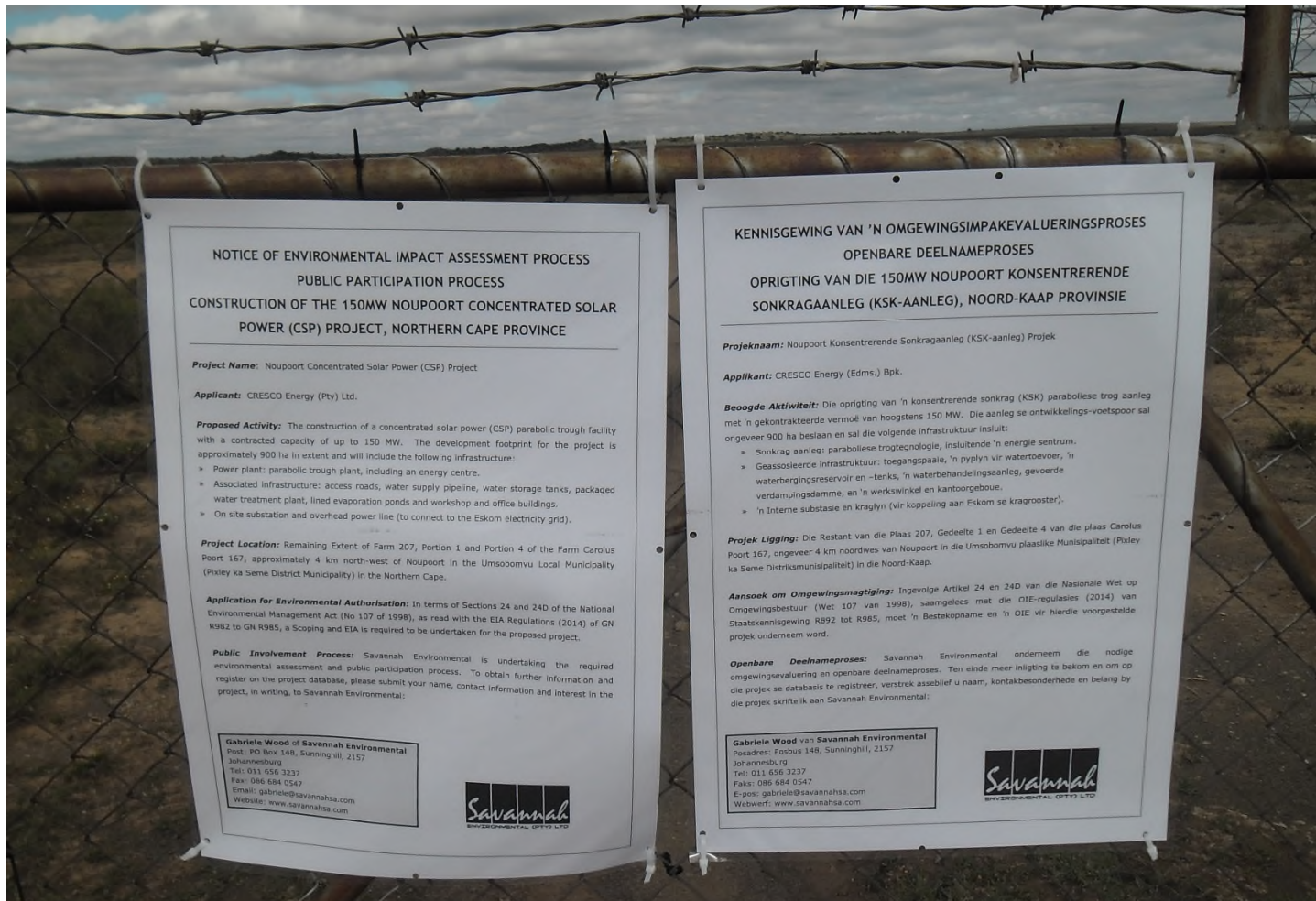


Figure 1: Site Notice placed on the boundary fence of Portion 1 of Farm Carolus Poort 167. Coordinates; S 31° 9'19.54", E 24°55'19.77"

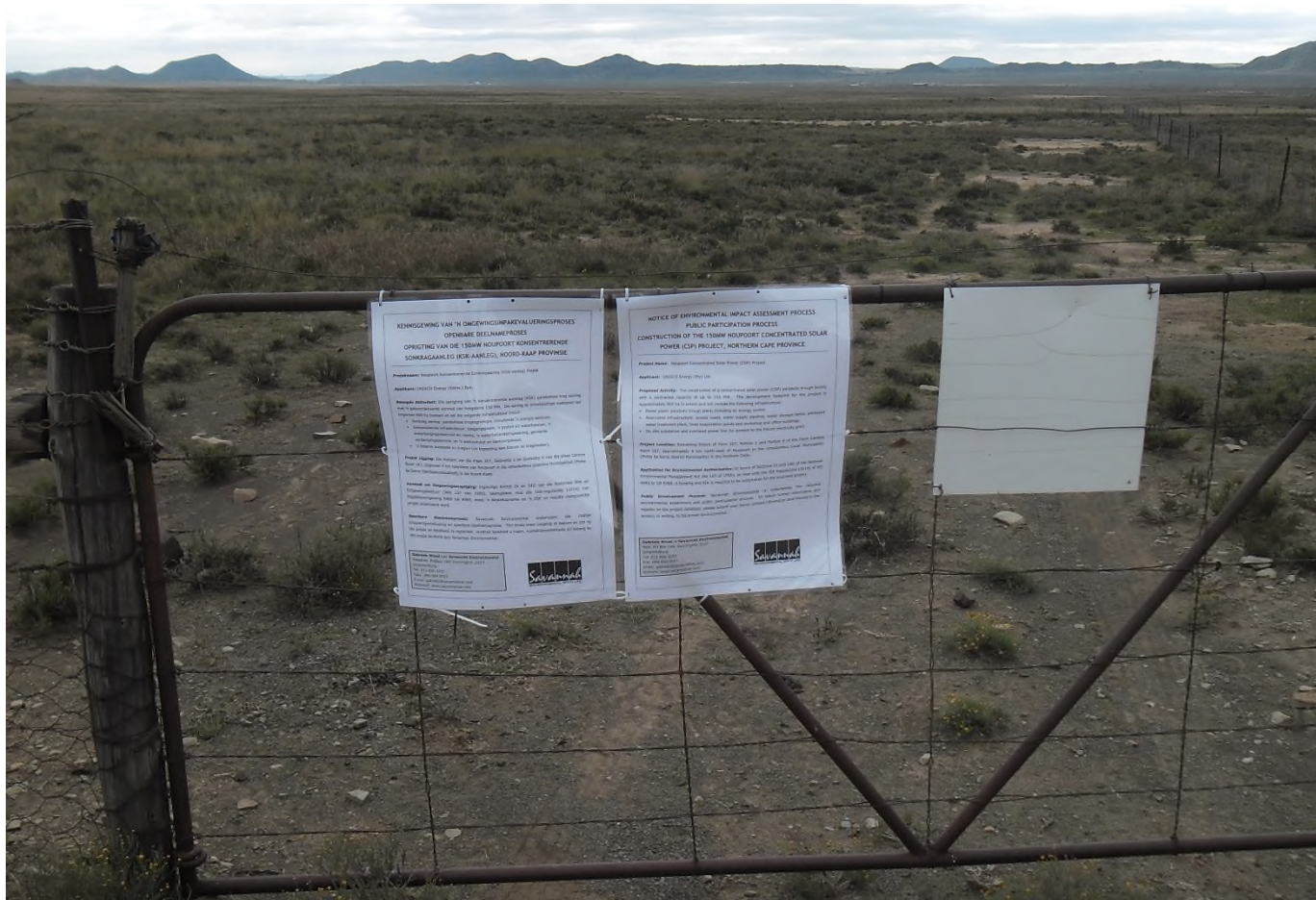


Figure 2: Site Notices placed on the boundary fence of Portion 4 of Farm Carolus Poort 167. Coordinates; S 31°10'36.33"; E 24°53'16.24"

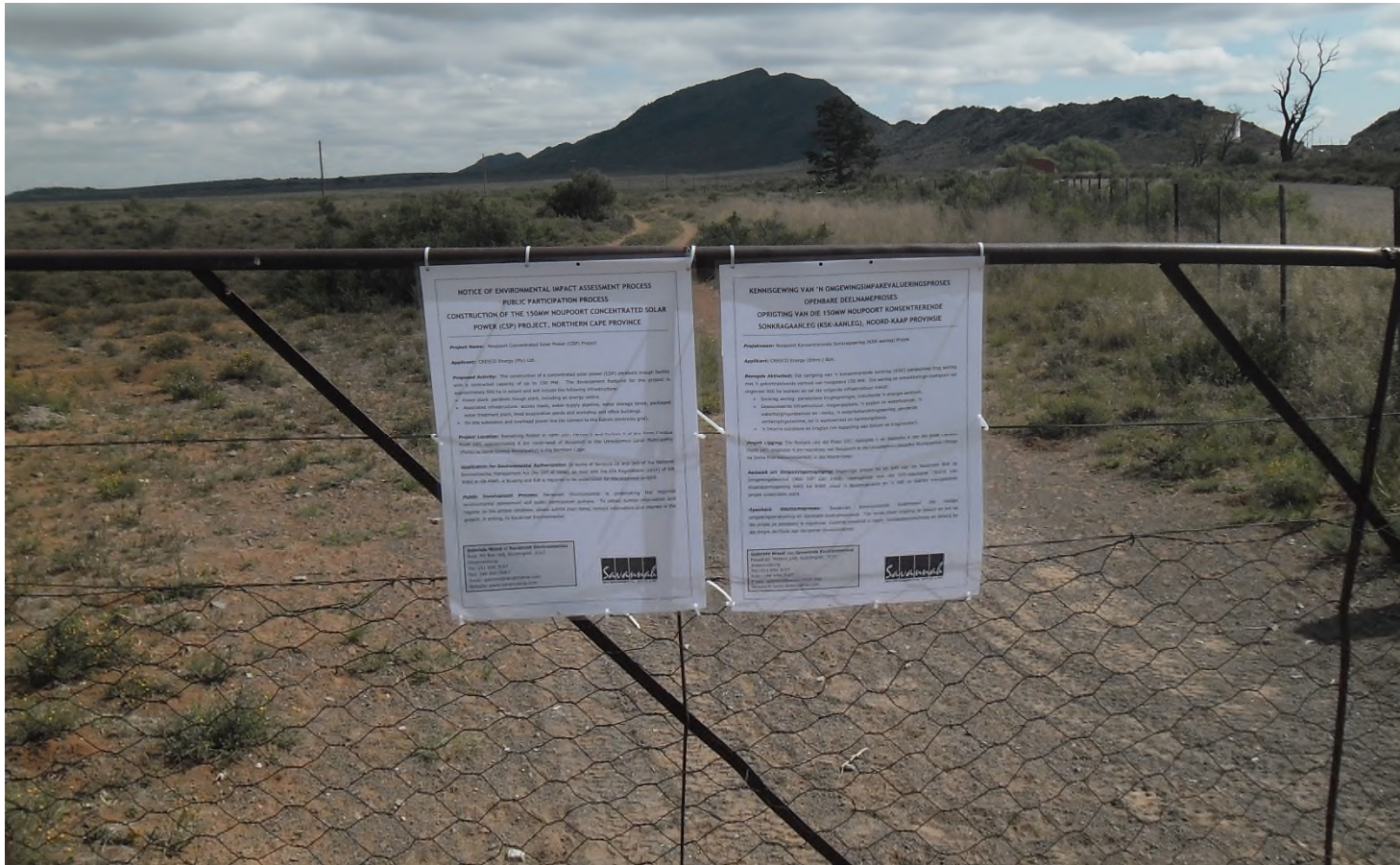


Figure 3: Site Notices placed on the boundary fence of the Remaining Extent of Farm 207. Coordinates; S 31° 7' 50.3184" E 24° 53' 55.878"

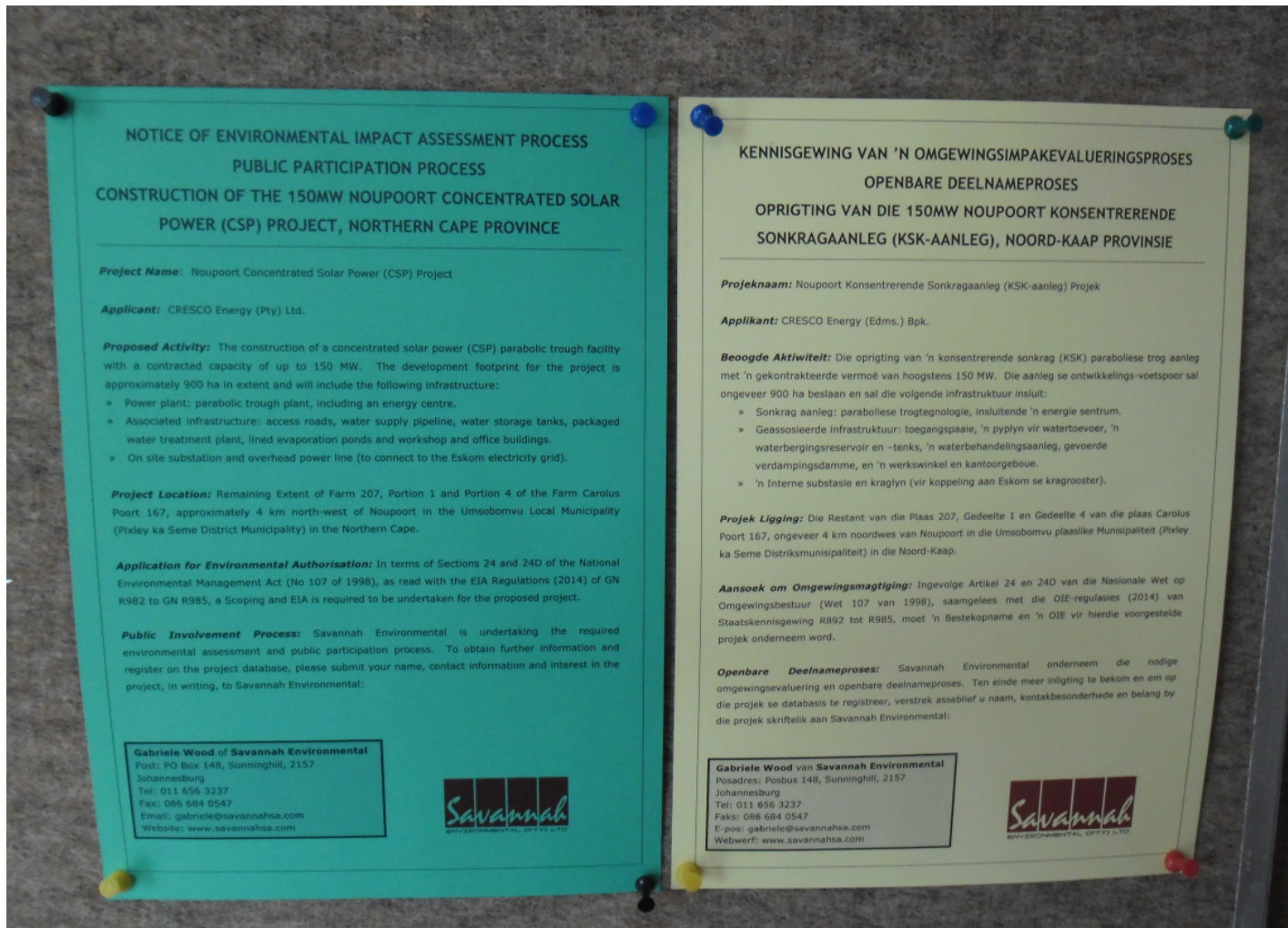


Figure 4: Notices placed at Umsobomvu Local Municipality (Noupoort). Coordinates; S 31°10'40.97"; E 24°57'12.49"

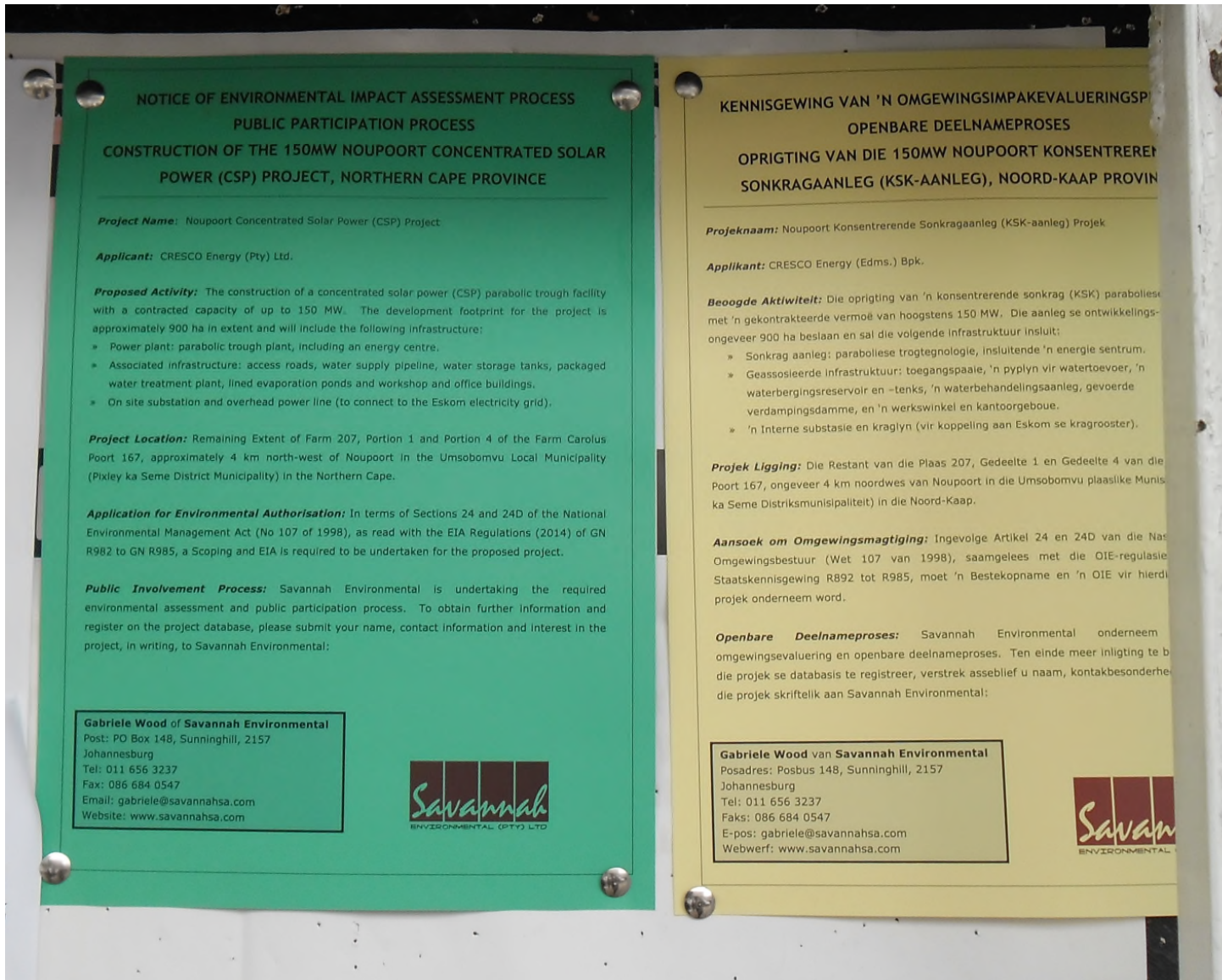


Figure 6: Notices placed at the Umsobomvu Local Municipality (Colesberg). Coordinates; S 30°43'13.22"; E 25° 5'49.39"

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Scoping Report Available for Review: A Scoping Report is available for review and comment. The report is available at the Hanover Public Library (Darling Street) and the Noupoort Public Library (Shaw Street) from **30 June 2016 – 1 August 2016**. The report is also available for download on www.savannahsa.com/projects. The due date for written comment is **1 August 2016**.

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Public asked to step in to save Graaff-Reinet's historic museums

GRAAFF-REINET — The future of the Graaff-Reinet Museum Complex is in jeopardy as the institution is facing its biggest financial crisis to date.

The Graaff-Reinet Museum is of inestimable value to Graaff-Reinet as a public facility, research institution, tourist attraction and custodian of the heritage of the region. Since its establishment in 1956 it has grown to become the fifth largest museum in the Eastern Cape and one of the most visited. It has four culturally irreplaceable nineteenth century buildings in its property portfolio and wide ranging collections of national significance in its care. Museums, in general, have become such an important part of Graaff-Reinet's ethos that it is virtually inconceivable to imagine the town without them. The primary buildings of the museum complex comprise Urquhart House and The Old Residency both c. 1818, The Old Library c. 1847 and the flagship, Reinet House (the former DR Church parsonage) c.1812 including more recent outbuildings.

The Museum has for the past number of years endured considerable financial hardship owing to the decrease in visitor numbers, declining income and the concurrent escalation in running costs. Entrance fees and sales from the museum shop remain the main source of income, while the annual provincial subsidy is barely enough to cover the museum's considerable insurance bill. At the recent Annual General Meeting it was brought to the attention of the public that the museum is experiencing a severe financial crisis which might compel the Board of Trustees to close the doors of the museum in the not too distant future.

Possibly even more pervasive is the difficulty in raising funds in an adverse economic environment. To complicate matters the museum is confronted with the gradual numerical attrition of provincial staff appointees to a position

where they have now, for more than a year, operated with only two, of a total administrative compliment of six, posts filled. Four general assistant posts remain and truly form the backbone of the staff component. By far the biggest problems for the Board are staffing and maintenance of buildings.

They simply do not have the finance nor earning power currently to employ numbers of personnel, at realistic salaries for the skill and qualification levels required, and will remain reliant on outside funding for this. The chances of filling vacant Departmental posts in the foreseeable future (or ever for that matter) is extremely slim indeed, owing to austerity measures within the Department.

The Board of Trustees, who keep the museum buildings in trust for the Graaff-Reinet community, cannot keep up with the costly maintenance of these heritage buildings. The maintenance of buildings requires additional funding and the Museum Complex does not have the money to replace thatch roofs, buy a polisher, fix leaking roofs and the like. All that they can do is to practice good housekeeping techniques to keep the collections spotless.

The financial statements reflect that the complex is operating at a deficit of almost R30 000 per month - pleas to the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture and the MEC remain unheeded and no benefactor has stepped forward notwithstanding numerous requests for funding.

Over the years the institution has taken the lead in developing and continuously re-interpreting its exhibitions and collections. It was the first museum in the province to establish a transformation exhibition - namely the Robert Sobukwe exhibition - and the first to establish an accredited walk-in fire arm safe. While two Lotto Grants helped in realizing this, the funds were allocated towards specific projects and



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could not be used for the day-to-day operating expenses of the museums.

Despite all these developments, the subsidy granted to the Museum Complex's Board of Trustees to run the institution, remained the same at R230 000 per annum.

The Board of Trustees, however, is not sitting idly by watching the crumbling edifice of the museum from the side-lines but has recently, as a product of a brain storming session, launched the Save Reinet House Programme to build up a maintenance fund over the longer term. The core idea behind this scheme is to canvas do-

nors to donate, preferably via debit / stop order, a monthly or regular sum of money of their choice. The programme has now been running for a month or two and a number of very generous donations have already been received. If you are handed a bright orange ticket please do not toss it into the dustbin after reading it. Should you be unable to assist please hand the ticket to someone who you think may.

Debit orders, for as little as R20, can be made out to Graaff-Reinet Museum, Standard Bank, Graaff-Reinet, Account Number 082522863.

Needles ready? Knitting, crocheting and looming craft morning planned



GRAAFF-REINET — Enjoy a creative knitting, crocheting and looming craft morning with Jacky Bezuidenhout from the Loop Wool Boutique.

This craft morning is designed to give ladies of all ages the opportunity to learn as well as share ideas and patterns.

Activities will start at 9.30am on Friday, July 8, on the premises of the Loop Wool Boutique at Karoo Trade in Church Street, Graaff-Reinet.

Those interested can contact Bezuidenhout at 082 377 5049 or e-mail loopwoolboutique@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome.



Elena Britz vier 102 wonderlike jare

Elena Cornelia Britz, 'n bekende inwoner van Cypress Grove, het haar 102de verjaarsdag Woensdag, 29 Junie, tussen haar hartsense gevier. Britz is in 1914 gebore en woon sy reeds haar hele lewe lank in Graaff-Reinet. Sy spog graag met haar drie kinders, ses agter-kleinkinders en vier agter-agter-kleinkinders.

Church Street car guards appreciated

ABERDEEN — Two weeks ago, the Advertiser published an article about the demise of the official car guards in the streets of Graaff-Reinet.

These parking marshalls worked with meters, and motorists were charged when they returned to their vehicles, with the cost dependent on how long they had stayed. Many motorists however would avoid parking on the main streets, being reluctant to pay for a brief visit to the shops. Due to problems experienced with the service provider employed by the municipality, the contract with this service provider was to be terminated. Since then, many informal guards have appeared on the streets, and the behaviour of many of them has given rise to concern. Some of the businesses at the top of Church Street in particular have had bad experiences.

Nicola Beldon, of Country Mouse Design

and Décor, explains: "We are grateful that the parking at the top of Church Street is now free. However we then had a problem with young children who would try directing motorists into a parking bay and then pester them for money. They would sit on the pavements and electricity boxes, then follow motorists to their cars, begging for money or food. They were loud, boisterous and often misbehaved, giving this part of town a negative image". Beldon's cellphone was stolen from her shop recently, and she is concerned for the safety of customers who park outside the shop.

This area now has two car guards who are working both during the day and at night while Spur is open. The businesses in the area feel that the guards are doing a good job in keeping the unwanted children and other vagrants away. They are working in the area with permission from shop owners in the vicinity, but are not being paid by the businesses - the men work for themselves.

Beldon stressed that motorists are not obliged to pay these car guards, but asks that they be allowed to do their job to the best of their ability, and treated with courtesy.

They are polite and helpful, but unfortunately have been subjected to some verbal abuse from irate motorists.



Dawie van Rooyen and Danie Erasmus on duty in Church Street.

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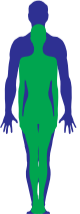
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