

I&AP Correspondence

Revised

Basic Assessment Report

(Friday, 11 December 2020 – Monday, 01 February 2021)

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)

11 December 2020

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN
CAPE PROVINCE
(DEFF Ref.No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2228)**

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by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF). Our PP Plan is in compliance with the DEFF Directions issued on the 5th of June 2020. One of our approved consultation methods is for you to visit our online stakeholder engagement platform, register your interest in the project/s, and view project documentation: visit <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/gunstfontein-wind-farm1/>.

Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project, predominately through an interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person with interest in the project, enabling 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 allows participation in the consultation process in a meaningful way. 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.

You and/or the organisation, which you represent, has been identified as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed project as described above. Should you have an interest in the project, please register yourself as an I&AP by completing and returning the attached registration and comment form. By registering on the project database, you will be kept informed of the BA process being undertaken for the project and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input.

AVAILABILITY OF REVISED BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the project has been compiled and was made available for public review and comment from Friday 04 September to Monday, 05 October 2020. Subsequent to this, fine-scale walk-down surveys have been conducted by the environmental specialists and technical team allowing for more refined layout adjustments within the assessment corridor. 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. These refinements of the layout have been included in the revised BAR and is available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Friday, 11 December 2020** until **Monday, 01 February 2021**.¹

All comments received during the previous BAR review and comments period have been included in the updated comments and responses report which is included as **Appendix C6** of the revised BAR. The revised BAR is available for download from our website / stakeholder engagement platform on the above-mentioned link and the release code is: **8y{XD,**

¹A notification of the timeframe extension for the BA process was submitted to the DEFF in terms of Regulation 19(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, to cater for the additional 30-day comment period

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Please submit your written comments on the revised BAR, EMPr and associated appendices to Nicolene Venter or Ronald Baloyi by latest **Monday, 01 February 2021** via our website / stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or via:

- Telephone: 011 656 3237
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Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards



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BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEFF Ref.No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2228)

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- Access roads and service tracks
- Temporary laydown area/s and construction camp.
- A single 132kV incoming line bay at the Hidden Valley substation of up to 0.1ha located within the HV yard of the substation.

In terms of Appendix 1(2)(b) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, it is required to identify and assess alternatives. There is no corridor alternative being proposed as part of this Basic Assessment (BA) process as the proposed overhead power line is an extension of an already authorised 132kV overhead power line and no alternative start points are available. There is also no alternative endpoint than that at the Hidden Valley Substation as it is the only substation in the vicinity with sufficient capacity to evacuate the power from the Gunstfontein Wind Farm. The proposed routing for the grid connection infrastructure runs parallel (~15 metres away) of the authorised Soetwater 132kV overhead power line, in order to minimise associated environmental impacts and allow for shared access and maintenance routes.

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The proposed developments are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014 published in terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA. In terms of the EIA Regulations of 2014, as amended, and promulgated under Sections 24 and 24D of the NEMA, various aspects of the project are listed as activities that may have an impact on the environment. Due to the triggering of GNR 327, Listing Notice 1, Activities 11(i), 12(ii), 19, 28(ii) and GNR 324, Listing Notice 3, Activities 4(g)(ii)(ee), 12(g)(ii), 14(ii)(c)(g)(ii)(ff) and 18(g)(ii)(ee) of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), a Basic Assessment process must be undertaken in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation for the construction and operation of the extension of the Grid Connection infrastructure for the Gunstfontein Wind Farm.

Savannah Environmental was appointed as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the Basic Assessment and public participation process for the project to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed upgrades and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

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:

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- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on how public consultation can be conducted as part of a BA process. The consultation process for these projects has been designed considering these limitations, and the implementation is in line with our public participation plan (PP Plan), as approved

by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF). Our PP Plan is in compliance with the DEFF Directions issued on the 5th of June 2020. One of our approved consultation methods is for you to visit our online stakeholder engagement platform, register your interest in the project/s, and view project documentation: visit <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/gunstfontein-wind-farm1/>.

Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project, predominately through an interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person with interest in the project, enabling 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 allows participation in the consultation process in a meaningful way. 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.

You have been identified as an adjacent landowner of the above-mentioned property, and in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, Regulation 41.(2)(b)(i) and (ii) for the proposed project as described above.

AVAILABILITY OF REVISED BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

A Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the project has been compiled and was made available for public review and comment from Friday 04 September to Monday, 05 October 2020. Subsequent to this, fine-scale walk-down surveys have been conducted by the environmental specialists and technical team allowing for more refined layout adjustments within the assessment corridor. 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. These refinements of the layout have been included in the revised BAR and is available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Friday, 11 December 2020** until **Monday, 01 February 2021**.¹

All comments received during the previous BAR review and comments period have been included in the updated comments and responses report which is included as **Appendix C6** of the revised BAR. The revised BAR is available for download from our website / stakeholder engagement platform on the above-mentioned link and the release code is: **8y{XD,**

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In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, Regulation 43.(1) you are requested to please submit your written comments on the BAR to us by latest **Monday, 01 February 2021** via our website / stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or via:

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- Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including message)
- Fax: 086 684 0547
- Post: PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157
- E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards



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KEY STAKEHOLDERS

11 December 2020

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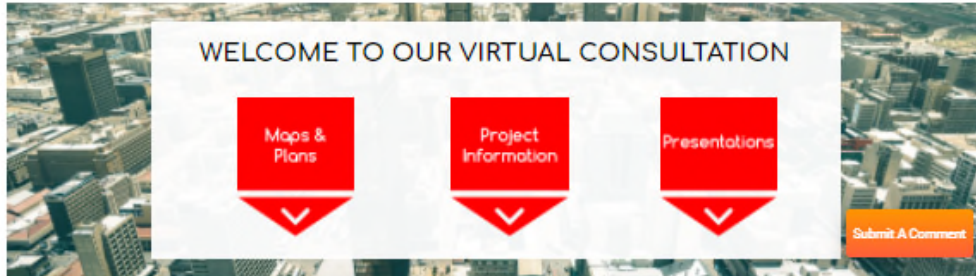
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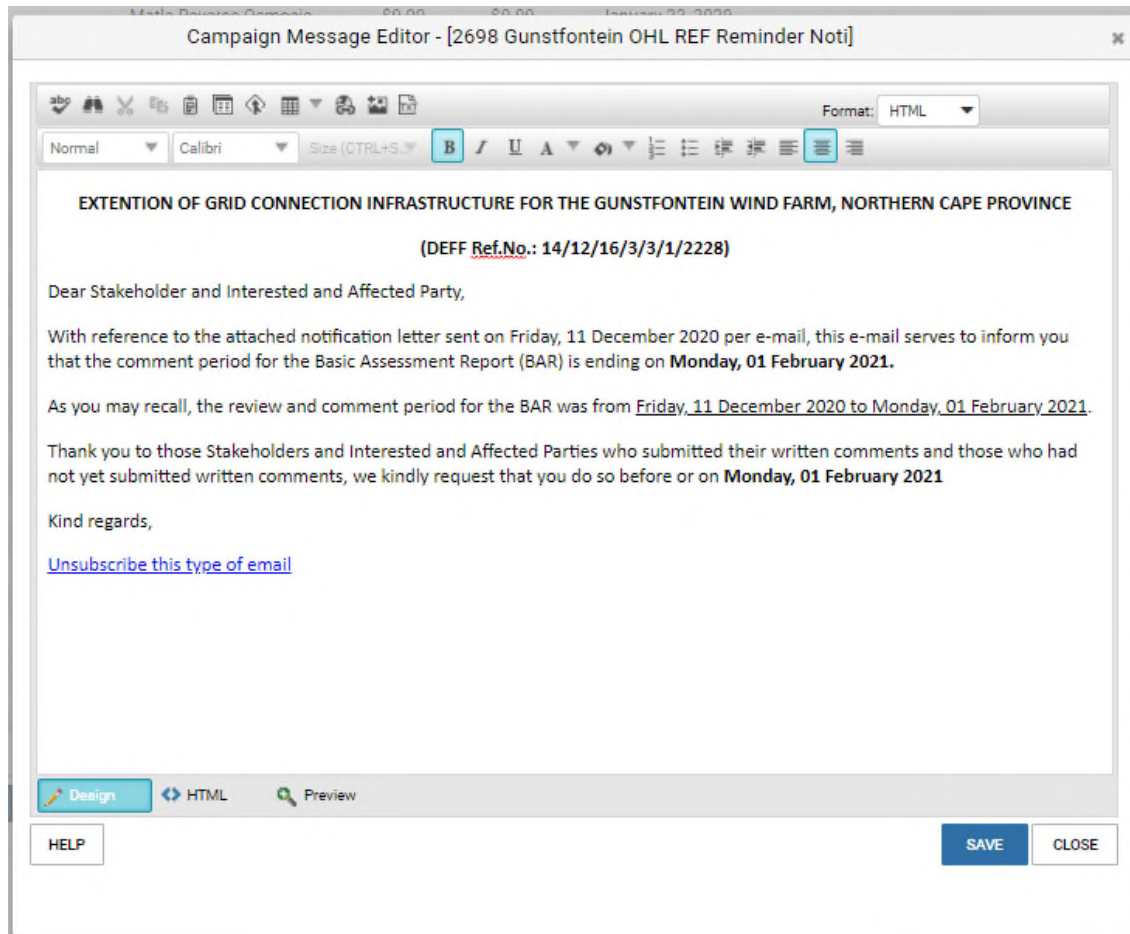
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From: Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, 25 January 2021 15:43
To: Rene de Kock
Cc: Ronald Baloyi
Subject: GUNSTFONTEIN WEF - Power Line Extension: Reminder of commenting period ending soon
Attachments: SE2698_Gunstfontein_OHL_RevisedBAR_Notification_I&APs-FINAL.pdf

EXTENTION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

(DEFF Ref.No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2228)

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From: Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, 01 February 2021 12:58
To: Francois Conradie
Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Windplaas: Verlenging van Kraglyn-konneksie & Battery Energie
Stoorstelsel: Opvolg rakende kommentaar op Basiese Evalueringsverslag

Francois Conradie
Grondeienaar
Plaas: Appelsfontein 201

Beste Francois,

Hoop dit gaan goed!

Francois, ek kon ongelukkig nie 'n boodskap op jou selfoon laat nie maar die antwoord fasiliteit op jou selfoon het aangedui dat MTN jou per SMS in kennis sal stel van my oproep. Die oproep het ten doel om net op te volg of jy, as aangrensende grondeienaar, dalk enige skriftelike kommentaar op die Hersiende Basiese Evalueringsverslae vir bogenoemde projekte gaan indien.

Die kommentaar periode eindig vandag, Maandag, 01 Februarie 2021.

Vriendelike groete,

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To: Abrie Du Plessis
Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Windplaas: Verlenging van Kraglyn-konneksie & Battery Energie
Stoorstelsel: Bevestiging van Telefoniese gesprek

Abrie du Plessis
Grondeienaar: Wagen Drift 175

Beste Abrie,

Baie dankie dat jy my oproep ontvang van vanoggend geneem het.

Hierdie e-pos het ten doel om ons telefoniese gesprek te bevestig naamlik dat jy geen kwellinge rakende die twee bogenoemde projekte het nie en ook nie skriftelike kommentaar op die Basiese Evalueringsverslae gaan indien nie.

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To: Hilletje Jordaan
Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Windplaas: Verlenging van Kraglyn-konneksie & Battery Energie
Stoorstelsel: Bevestiging van Telefoniese gesprek

Hilletje Jordaan
Grondeienaar
Plase: Leeuw Hoek 183; Orange Fontein 185 & Orangie Fontein 203

Beste Hilletje,

Baie dankie dat jy my oproep ontvang van vanoggend geneem het.

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From: Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, 01 February 2021 12:43
To: Andreas Muller
Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Windplaas: Verlenging van Kraglyn-konneksie & Battery Energie
Stoorstelsel: Opvolg rakende kommentaar op Basiese Evalueringsverslag

Andreas Muller
Grondeienaar
Plaas: Wolvenkop 207

Beste Andreas,

Hoop dit gaan goed!

Andreas, ek kon ongelukkig nie 'n boodskap laat nie maar die antwoord fasiliteit op jou mobiele foon het aangedui dat jy boodskap sal ontvang dat 'n persoon by telefoonnommer 011 656 3237 jou gekontak het. Die oproep was van my en ek wil net opvolg of jy, as aangrensende grondeienaar, dalk enige skriftelike kommentaar op die Hersiende Basiese Evalueringsverslae vir bogenoemde projekte gaan indien.

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Ronald Baloyi

From: Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, 01 February 2021 12:12
To: Nicolaas Paulsen
Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Windplaas: Verlenging van Kraglyn-konneksie & Battery Energie
Stoorstelsel: Opvolg rakende kommentaar op Basiese Evalueringsverslag

Nicolaas Paulsen
Grondeienaar
Plaas Zwanepoelshoek 184

Beste Nicolaas,

Hoop dit gaan goed!

Nicolaas, net 'n opvolg op my stem nota gelaat op jou selfoon, volg ek net op of jy, as aangrensende grondeienaar, dalk enige skriftelike kommentaar op die Hersiende Basiese Evalueringsverslag gaan indien.

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Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Windplaas: Verlenging van Kraglyn-konneksie & Battery Energie
Stoorstelsel: Opvolg rakende kommentaar op Basiese Evalueringsverslag

Eldri van Zyl
Grondeienaar
Plaas Kentucky 206

Beste Eldri,

Hoop dit gaan goed!

Eldri, net 'n opvolg op my stemnota gelaat op jou selfoon, volg ek net op of jy, as aangrensende grondeienaar, dalk enige skriftelike kommentaar op die Hersiende Basiese Evalueringsverslag gaan indien.

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Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Windplaas: Verlenging van Kraglyn-konneksie & Battery Energie
Stoorstelsel: Opvolg rakende kommentaar op Basiese Evalueringsverslag

Erasmus van Zyl
Grondeienaar
Plase Knoffel Vley 186 & De Hoop 202

Beste Erasmus

Hoop dit gaan goed!

Erasmus, net 'n opvolg op my stemnota gelaat op jou selfoon, volg ek net op of jy, as aangrensende grondeienaar, dalk enige skriftelike kommentaar op die Hersiende Basiese Evalueringsverslae gaan indien.

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Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Windplaas: Verlenging van Kraglyn-konneksie & Battery Energie
Stoorstelsel: Opvolg rakende kommentaar op Basiese Evalueringsverslag

Louis Venter
Grondeienaar
Plaas Brand Hoek 176

Beste Louis,

Hoop dit gaan goed!

Louis, net 'n opvolg op my stemnota gelaat op jou selfoon, volg ek net op of jy, as aangrensende grondeienaar, dalk enige skriftelike kommentaar op die Hersiende Basiese Evalueringsverslag gaan indien.

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From: Dave Ryan <onetime.dr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:23 AM
To: Savannah Public Process
Subject: Re: GUNSTFONTEIN WEF - Power Line Extension: Reminder of commenting period ending soon

Noted with thanks.

On Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 3:43 PM Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> wrote:

EXTENTION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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From: Marius Venter <VenterM@sentech.co.za>
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To: Savannah Public Process; Ronald Baloyi
Cc: Nicolene Venter
Subject: RE: GUNSTFONTEIN: EXTENTION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE: Notification of availability of Revised Basic Assessment Report for review and comment

Yes, please remove me.

From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, 14 December 2020 10:33
To: Marius Venter <VenterM@sentech.co.za>; Ronald Baloyi <Ronald@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: GUNSTFONTEIN: EXTENTION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE: Notification of availability of Revised Basic Assessment Report for review and comment

Dear Marius,

We can confirm that Mr Serame Mothlake is a registered I&AP on the project's database.

Please confirm by return e-mail whether we need to remove you from the project database.

Kind regards,

From: Marius Venter <VenterM@sentech.co.za>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 11:46 PM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>; Ronald Baloyi <Ronald@savannahsa.com>; Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>; savannahenvironmentalsa@gmail.com
Cc: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: GUNSTFONTEIN: EXTENTION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE: Notification of availability of Revised Basic Assessment Report for review and comment

Please send all future communication to mothlakes@sentech.co.za

From: Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Friday, 11 December 2020 20:46
To: ronald@savannahsa.com; nicolene@savannahsa.com; savannahenvironmentalsa@gmail.com
Cc: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Subject: GUNSTFONTEIN: EXTENTION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE: Notification of availability of Revised Basic Assessment Report for review and comment

EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DEFF Ref.No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2228)

Dear Stakeholder,

Gunstfontein Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of a single- or double circuit 132kV overhead power line to connect the already authorised Gunstfontein Wind Energy Facility to the national electricity grid via the Hidden Valley substation, Northern Cape Province. The proposed grid connection infrastructure is situated approximately 38km south of Sutherland in the Karoo Hoogland Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

This notification serves to inform you, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) that the Revised BAR is available for a 30-day review and comments and that the Revised BAR can be downloaded from Savannah Environmental's stakeholder engagement platform at <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/gunstfontein-wind-farm1/> and the release code is: **8y{XD,**

The attached notification letter also provides further details regarding the availability of the Revised Basic Assessment Reports.

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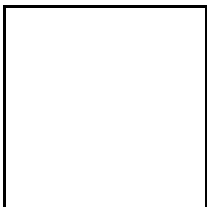


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Basic Assessment Report

(Friday, 04 September 2020 – Monday, 05 October 2020)

Notification of availability of BAR for review and comment

02 September 2020

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND ENERGY FACILITY,
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

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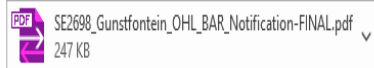
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Sent: Thursday, 03 September 2020 18:58
To: Francois Conradie
Cc: niclene@savannahsa.com; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Wind Farm: Extension of Grid Connection - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process & BA Report availability
Attachments: SE2698 Gunstfontein OHL-CONRADIE Francois.pdf

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Landowner
Farm Wagen Drift

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Cc: Nicolene Venter; Ronald Baloyi; Nicolene Venter
Subject: Gunstfontein Wind Farm: Extension of Grid Connection - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process & BA Report availability
Attachments: SE2698 Gunstfontein OHL-DU PLESSIS Andries.pdf

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Landowner
Farms Leeuwe Hoek, Annex Orange Fontein and Orange Fontein

Per e-mail: deplaat@roggeveld.co.za

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Subject: Gunstfontein Wind Farm: Extension of Grid Connection - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process & BA Report availability
Attachments: SE2698 Gunstfontein OHL-JORDAAN Hilletje.pdf

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Landowner
Farms Zwanepoelshoek and Orange Fontein

Per e-mail: mrlamb@breede.co.za

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Eldri van Zyl Trust
Landowner
Farm Kentuky

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Dear Mr Van Zyl,

EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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Subject: Gunstfontein Wind Farm: Extension of Grid Connection - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process & BA Report availability
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04 September 2020

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Subject: Gunstfontein Wind Farm: Extension of Grid Connection - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process & BA Report availability
Attachments: SE2698 Gunstfontein OHL BAR-CAA STROH Lizell.pdf

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Basic Assessment Process: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of NEMA, as read with the EIA Regulations 2014 of GNR 324 - R327 (as amended), a Basic Assessment process is required to obtain Environmental Authorisation for the proposed project. An application for Environmental Authorisation for the project has been lodged with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), as the competent authority. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required basic assessment and public participation process.

Basic Assessment Report Available for Review & Comment: A BA Report for the project has been compiled and is available for download, review and comment on the Savannah Environmental website: <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/gunstfontein-wind-farm/>. The 30-day review and comment period of the BA Report is from **Friday, 4th of September until Monday, 5th of October 2020**. Please submit written comments to the contact person below on or before **Monday, 5th of October 2020**

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project in writing to:

Nicolene Venter at Savannah Environmental
P.O. Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

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Email: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

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Documents for public review are available for download.

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Gunstfontein Wind Farm

Basic Assessment Report

Appendix A - EIA Project Consulting Team and Specialist CVs

Appendix B - Authority Consultation

Appendix C1 - I&APs Database

Appendix C2 - Site Notices and Newspaper Advertisements

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Appendix L - IQ Query regarding the format of the specialist reports

Correspondence

Nicolene Venter

From: Nicolene Venter
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Taylor Shaun
Subject: RE: Gunstfontein WEF - Power Line Extension: Notification of the Availability of the Basic Assessment for review and comment

Hi Shaun,

As requested: **8y{XD,**

Kind regards,

From: Taylor Shaun <shaun.taylor@enel.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: Gunstfontein WEF - Power Line Extension: Notification of the Availability of the Basic Assessment for review and comment

Hi Nicolene

Can you please provide me with the password to download the report.

Thank you.

Regards

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Hi Nicolene

Please note the website maintains that “downloads to be uploaded”. There aren’t any documents to download. Can you please look into this and let me know when they will be available.

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EXTENSION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE GUNSTFONTEIN WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

The Basic Assessment process notification for the development of a 132kV overhead power line to connect the already authorised Gunstfontein Wind Energy Facility to the national electricity grid via the Hidden Valley substation, has reference. The notification letter was accompanied by a registration and comment form and if you had not received these documents, please inform us accordingly or we encourage you to visit our website / online stakeholder engagement platform at <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/gunstfontein-wind-farm/> where the public documents for this project is available for your perusal.

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) including the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) and associated appendices for the proposed project is available for your review and comment from **Friday, 04 September** until **Monday, 05 October 2020**. The report is available for download from our website / stakeholder engagement platform on the above-mentioned link.

The restrictions enforced in terms of the Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on making hard copies of the BARs at the public places such as Libraries. We invite you to visit our online stakeholder engagement platform at <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/gunstfontein-wind-farm/>.

Should you not be able to access our online stakeholder engagement platform to download the BARs, please refer to the attached letter for alternative means to obtain the BARs. The attached letter also provides further details regarding the availability of the BARs.

Kind regards



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**Sent to all registered I&APs on project database
(Refer to Appendix C1)**

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