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Notification of initiation of EIA & Public Participation
Process

21 October 2021

Dear Stakeholder and Interested and Affected Party,

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND
GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DEFF Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of a cluster of renewable energy facilities and associated infrastructure, including Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI), ~35km South-West of the town of Richmond along the N1 and 80km South-East of Victoria West along the R63 in the Northern Cape Province. The cluster consists of three (3) 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facilities, and two (2) 140MW wind farms. The grid connection infrastructure for all projects will include one central collector 132kV substation and a double circuit 132kV power line to the existing Eskom Gamma Substation, located within the Western Cape Province.

Each renewable energy facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project and therefore, separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes will be undertaken for each of the renewable energy facilities. Similarly, the grid connection solution will be subjected to a separate Basic Assessment (BA) process which will consider feasible alternatives for the power line corridors. A combined six (6) applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) are currently being pursued as follows:

- » Two (2) wind farm EAs:
 - o Angora Wind Energy Facility
 - o Merino Wind Energy Facility
- » Three (3) solar PV facility EAs:
 - o Nku Solar PV Facility
 - o Moiro Solar PV Facility
 - o Kwana Solar PV Facility
- » One (1) Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI)
 - o A central collector 132kV substation and double circuit 132kV power line EA.

Additional technical information regarding these renewable energy facilities is available in the Background Information Document attached to this notification letter.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicants require Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DFFE) in consultation with the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAEARD&LR) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) for the development of the proposed projects. In terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA, the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) and Listing Notices (GNR 327, GNR 325, and GNR 324), the five (5) applications for EA for the renewable energy facilities are subject to the completion of Scoping/EIA processes, and that for the EGI is subject to the completion of a BA process. Each application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The proponent has appointed Savannah Environmental, as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the EIA processes for the projects to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the projects and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs).

Due to the proximity of the renewable energy facilities and their associated grid connection solution to one another, the public participation processes for the projects will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and provide comment on all the projects. The Public Participation Plan submitted to the DFFE and this approach was approved by the DFFE on 15 September 2021. As part of the environmental studies, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process being undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

You and/or the organization/company, which you represent, have been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed projects as described above. The nature and extent of the solar PV, wind energy facilities, the EGI and associated infrastructure are explored in more detail in the BID which is attached to this letter and is also available for download from the Savannah Environmental website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/the-great-karoo-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities/>.

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:

- » 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.

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 an EIA processes. The consultation process for these projects has been designed considering these limitations, and the implementation is in line with our public participation plan, as approved by the DFFE. Savannah Environmental have established an online stakeholder engagement platform, where you are invited to register your interest in the project/s, and view project documentation. Please visit our website: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/the-great-karoo-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities/>.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, alternative means for consultation and to facilitate comment on the projects will be made, including consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

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

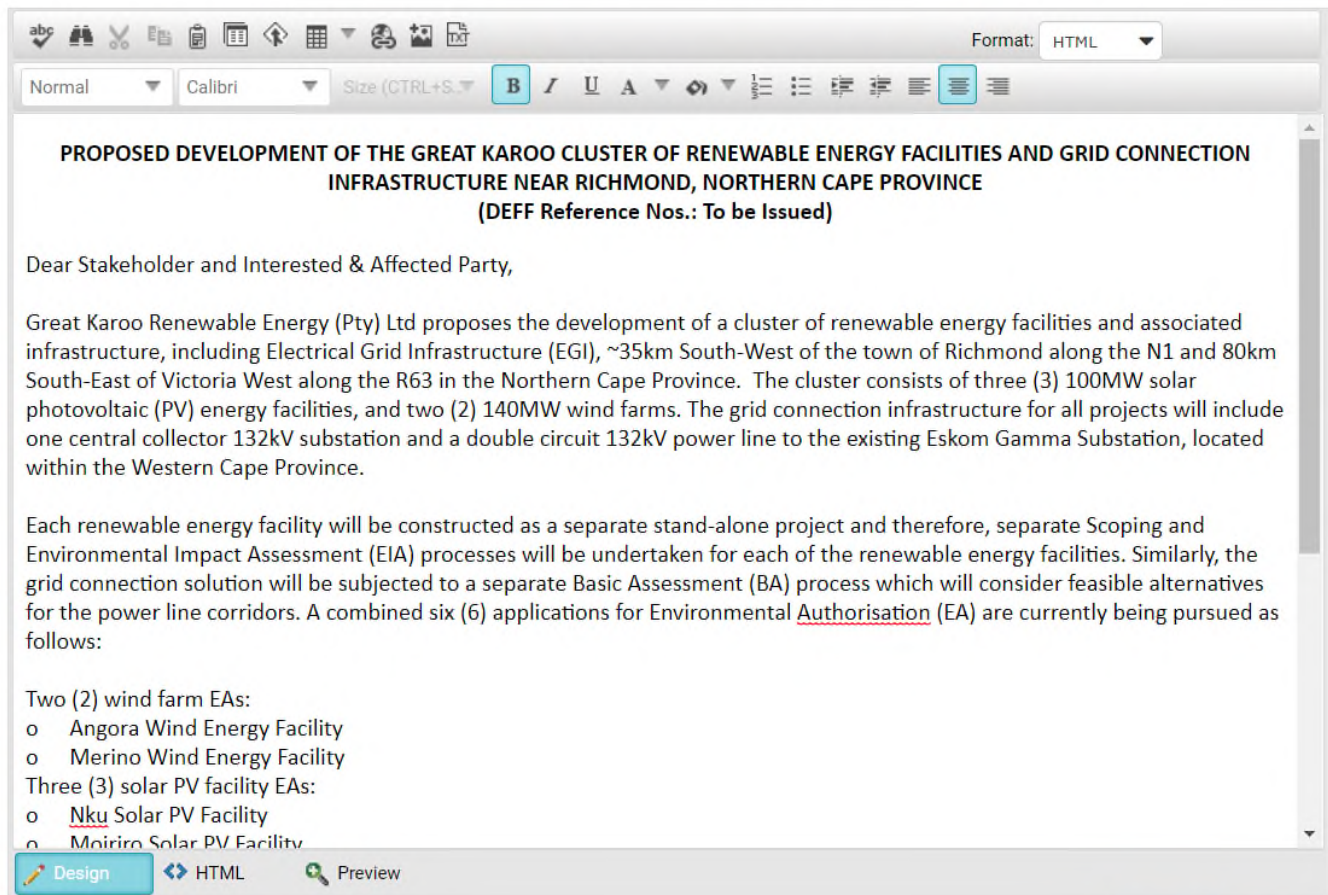


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Public Participation and Social Consultant

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Attached: Background Information Document
Registration and Comment Form



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Notification of availability of Scoping Report for review
and comment

10 November 2021

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NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

The development of the three (3) 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facilities, and the two (2) 140MW wind farms for which separate Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes and a combined Public Participation Process are being conducted, namely:

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The detailed project information that was provided in the Background Information Document (BID) distributed on 21 October 2021, has reference.

SCOPING REPORTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Scoping Reports for each of the renewable energy facilities are available for review and comment from **Friday, 12 November 2021** until **Monday, 13 December 2021**. The reports are available for download from the Savannah Environmental website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/the-great-karoo-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities/>.

Please note Regulation 3(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, i.e.:

Subject to subregulations (2) and (3), when a period of days must in terms of these Regulations be reckoned from or after a particular day, that period must be reckoned as from the start of the day following that particular day to the end of the last day of the period, but if the last day of the period fails on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

Although the Scoping Reports for the renewable energy facilities will be available during the course of the day on Friday, 12 November 2021, Saturday, 13 November 2021 would be the first day of your 30-day review and comment period. The due date for written comments is Monday, 13 December 2021.

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 making hard copies of the Scoping Reports available at public places such as libraries and municipal offices.

As per our approved public participation plan submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), you can also request that an electronic copy of the Scoping Reports be sent to you via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox.

Please submit your written comments on the Scoping Reports via one of the following means:

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All comments should be addressed to Nicolene Venter or Tumelo Mathulwe at Savannah Environmental.

All comments received during the 30-day review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final Scoping Reports for submission to the DFFE in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326).

INVITATION TO INFORMATION SESSION

You are invited to attend the Information Session (poster display) which will take place at the Richmond Show Grounds on **Thursday, 02 December 2021 at 14h00 until 17h00**. The Information Session will take place in compliance with COVID-19 protocols, and attendees are limited to 12 persons at a time in the Hall. Please contact Nicolene Venter or Tumelo Mathulwe (details below) to register your attendance:

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We are looking forward to your participation in the public participation processes for these projects as your valuable contribution to the proposed projects will ensure an inclusive approach and allow the DFFE to make an informed decision.

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

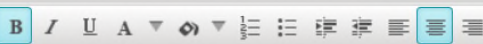


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
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Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd is proposing the construction and operation of a photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility and associated infrastructure on Portion 0 of Farm Rondavel 85, located approximately 35km south-west of Richmond and 80km south-east of Victoria West, within the Ubuntu Local Municipality and the Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. A preferred project site with an extent of ~29 909ha and a development area of ~577ha within the project site has been identified by Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd as a technically suitable area for the development of the Moriri Solar PV Facility with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW. The Moriri Solar PV Facility project site is proposed to accommodate the following infrastructure, which will enable the facility to supply a contracted capacity of up to 100MW: Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures. Inverters and transformers. Cabling between the panels. 33/132kV onsite facility substation. Cabling from the onsite substation to the collector substation (either underground or overhead). Electrical and auxiliary equipment required at the collector substation that serves that solar energy facility, including switchyard/bay, control building, fences, etc. Battery Energy Storage System

(BESS). Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage. Laydown areas. Access roads and internal distribution roads. The solar PV facility is proposed in response to the identified objectives of the national and provincial government and local and district municipalities to develop renewable energy facilities for power generation purposes. It is the developer's intention to bid for the Moriri Solar PV Facility under the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy's (DMRE's) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme, with the aim of evacuating the generated power into the national grid. This will aid in the diversification and stabilisation of the country's electricity supply, in line with the objectives of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the Moriri Solar PV Facility set to inject up to 100MW into the national grid. The project is planned as part of a larger cluster of renewable energy projects, which include two (2) 140MW Wind Energy Facilities (known as Merino Wind Farm and Angora Wind Farm) two (2) additional 100MW PV facilities (known as Nku Solar PV and Kwana Solar PV), as well as the grid connection infrastructure connecting the renewable energy facilities to the existing Eskom Gamma Substation.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MORIRI SOLAR PV FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Application form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 12 November 2021. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

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 by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 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.

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Date: 2021/11/10

Time: 16:50

Creator: Nicolene Venter

Note

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From: Savannah Public Process
Sent: Wednesday, 24 November 2021 14:20
To: BC Admin
Cc: Portia Makitla; Mmakoena Mmola; Nondumiso Bulunga
Subject: SE3125: Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Facilities - Case Officers & Reference numbers

Dear Portia,

As requested at yesterday's Key Stakeholders Workshop, herewith the DFFE Case Officers for each of the EA Applications:

1. Angora Wind Farm (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2113) – Herman Alberts or Salome Mambane
2. Merino Wind Farm (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2114) - Herman Alberts or Salome Mambane
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4. Moriri PV (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2116) – Thabile Sangweni or Salome Mambane
5. Kwana PV (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2118) - Thabile Sangweni or Salome Mambane

The reference numbers will also be included as post-meeting notes in the Workshop Notes.

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Cc: BC Admin
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GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Dear Portia & Aulicia,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation that the comment period for the Scoping Reports of the above-mentioned projects are ending on **Monday, 13 December 2021**.

Would you please be so kind and confirm that written comments will be submitted.

Kind regards,



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To: Precious Mocumi
Subject: SE2662: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Consultation & written comments on Scoping Reports

Dear Ms Mocumi,

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, Regulation 41.(2)(b)(v) our e-mail dated 12 November 2021 complied with this Regulation in which the DMRE is informed of the application for Environmental Authorisation, and in terms of Regulation 43.(2) your Department received the notification attached to our e-mail dated 12 November 2021 in which your Department is requested, subjected to regulation 7(2), to submit written comments on the Scoping Reports within 30 days of the notification.

Would you please be so kind and inform us of the name and contact details of the DMRE Official who will be submitting written comments on the Scoping Reports.

Kind regards,



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To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of Scoping Reports

afternoon

you do not have to send me our specialist reports as you only consult with us, we do not deal with your actual application for solar.

Regards,
Precious Mocumi

From: Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 10 November 2021 5:00 PM

To: Precious Mocumi <Precious.Mocumi@dmre.gov.za>

Subject: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of Scoping Reports

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From: Chris Schutte (CE) <SchutCE5@telkom.co.za>
Sent: Thursday, 28 October 2021 15:45
To: Savannah Public Process
Subject: FW: CRHC0633-21 Moiriro Solar PV Facility

Good day

Hereby do we acknowledge your proposed project.

For future reference please quote CRHC0633-21.

Kind regards

Chris Schutte
Mvelaphande Trading
SchutCE5@telkom.co.za
078 741 5862

Department of Water and Sanitation

Nicolene Venter

From: Ackerman Pieter <AckermanP@dws.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 16:03
To: Nicolene Venter
Subject: RE: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES & GRID CONNECTION: Notification of EIA, BA and Public Participation Processes

Pleasure

From: Nicolene Venter [mailto:nicolene@savannahsa.com]
Sent: 21 October 2021 02:25 PM
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Subject: RE: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES & GRID CONNECTION: Notification of EIA, BA and Public Participation Processes

Thank you Pieter – appreciated.

From: Ackerman Pieter <AckermanP@dws.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 14:21
To: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Subject: FW: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES & GRID CONNECTION: Notification of EIA, BA and Public Participation Processes

fyi

From: Fourie Lizna (ELS)
Sent: 21 October 2021 01:00 PM
To: Ackerman Pieter <AckermanP@dws.gov.za>; Bera Moosa (ELS) <BeraM@dws.gov.za>; Ntoi Mosala(KBY) <NtoiM@dws.gov.za>; Feni Ntombizanele (KBY) <FeniN2@dws.gov.za>; Daniel Shaddai <DanielS@dws.gov.za>
Cc: nicolene@savannahsa.com
Subject: RE: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES & GRID CONNECTION: Notification of EIA, BA and Public Participation Processes

Hi Pieter

Nicolene can work through my office for the L 21B catchment. We will get the application and then assign it to the PE office

Thanks

Lizna

From: Ackerman Pieter [mailto:AckermanP@dws.gov.za]
Sent: Thursday, 21 October 2021 12:51
To: Fourie Lizna (ELS) <FourieL4@dws.gov.za>; Bera Moosa (ELS) <BeraM@dws.gov.za>; Ntoi Mosala(KBY) <NtoiM@dws.gov.za>; Feni Ntombizanele (KBY) <FeniN2@dws.gov.za>; Daniel Shaddai <DanielS@dws.gov.za>
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Hi

Can anyone assist Nicolene which regional office will be involved.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES & GRID CONNECTION: Notification of EIA, BA and Public Participation Processes

Hi Pieter,

Thank you for your e-mail below.

Your Department's notification that a WUL needs to be applied for has been forwarded to the applicant.

These projects extends into two WMA namely the Lower Orange WMA (WMA 6) and the Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma WMA (WMA7) and the locally affected quaternary catchments include D61A, D61D and L21B.

I would be appreciated if your Department can inform us who the commenting official for the two WMAs are so that we can follow-up in terms of written comments on the Scoping Reports for the PV and Wind Facilities and the BA Report for the Electrical Grid Infrastructure.

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Hi Nicolene

Water use authorisation to be applied for

Regards

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Sent: Sunday, 14 November 2021 20:00
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Subject: RE: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of Scoping Reports
Attachments: Great Karoo 27.09.2021.kmz

Dear Lizna,

Thank you for your e-mail below.

Attached is the .KMZ file which I believe would assist the DWS to determine within which WMA. The projects are located within the Northern Cape Province and a small section of the grid corridor falls within the Western Cape Province.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Kind regards,



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Subject: RE: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of Scoping Reports

Afternoon Nicolene

Please could you indicate which are the closest towns to the said properties mentioned in the BID?

We need to establish how many are within the Eastern Cape Water Management Area boundaries and which ones are for the Northern Cape. Co-ordinates will also assist

Thank you

Lizna Fourie

From: Savannah Environmental Public Process [<mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, 10 November 2021 17:02

To: Fourie Lizna (ELS) <FourieL4@dws.gov.za>

Subject: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of Scoping Reports

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Morning Elsabé,

Will Monday, 6th of December 2021 at 14h00 be suitable. It is a week before the end of the commenting period i.e. Monday, 13 December 2021.

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Subject: Re: GREAT KAROO RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER: Invitation to Focus Group Meeting (DAEARD&LR)

Morning Nicolene,

The 6th or 7th of December seems to be possible date options for us.

Enjoy your weekend

On Thu, Nov 18, 2021 at 10:24 PM Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> wrote:

Dear Elsabé,

Thank you for your response below.

To ensure that we do meet with you as the commenting authority on the proposed projects would you please indicate which of the following dates and times would be suitable to reschedule the meeting:

- Wednesday, 24 November 2021: Any time
- Friday, 26 November 2021: Any time
- Monday, 06 December 2021: Any time
- Tuesday, 07 December 2021: Any time

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Subject: Re: GREAT KAROO RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER: Invitation to Focus Group Meeting (DAEARD&LR)

Dear Nicolene,

Thank you for the invitation, but due to other prior commitments on the same day, Samantha de la Fontaine, Peter Cloete, Natalie Uys, Conrad Geldenhuis and myself will not be able to attend on 23 Nov 2021.

Please keep us updated and inform us if the date is moved for this meeting.

Kind regards

Elsabe

On Tue, Nov 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com> wrote:

Dear Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform Officials,

Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of a cluster of renewable energy facilities and associated infrastructure, including Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI), ~35km South-West of the town of Richmond along the N1 and 80km South-East of Victoria West along the R63 in the Northern Cape Province. The cluster consists of three (3) 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facilities, and two (2) 140MW wind farms. The grid connection infrastructure for all projects will include one central collector 132kV substation and a double circuit 132kV power line to the existing Eskom Gamma Substation, located within the Western Cape Province.

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- brief background to the proposed projects;
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You are kindly requested to submit any questions that you would want the project team to respond to at the FGM to us prior to the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

Kind regards,



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From: Nicolene Venter
Sent: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 12:52
To: Lizell Stroh
Subject: RE: GREAT KAROO RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER: Invitation to Key Stakeholder Workshop

Dear Lizell,

Thank you, I will add a formal apology on your behalf in the workshop notes.

And yes, your colleague joined and added value to the workshop.

Kind regards,

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From: Lizell Stroh <StrohL@caa.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 11:39
To: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: GREAT KAROO RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER: Invitation to Key Stakeholder Workshop

Good day Nicolene, hope this e-mail finds you well, I would not attend the meeting but some of SACAA inspectors would attend.

Kind regards



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From: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 11:12

To: Nicolene Venter; Savannah Public Process; Mmakoena Mmola; Tamryn Lee Goddard

Cc: Nondumiso Bulunga

Subject: GREAT KAROO RENEWABLE ENERGY CLUSTER: Invitation to Key Stakeholder Workshop

When: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 11:00-12:30 (UTC+02:00) Harare, Pretoria.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Importance: High

Dear Key Stakeholders,

Just a friendly reminder of the Key Stakeholder Workshop taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, 23 November 2021 at 11h00 (we had move the meeting 30min earlier to end before lunch time).

Thank you to those Key Stakeholders who already RSVP and we urged those who had not yet done so to please at your earliest convenience.

The team is looking forward to a fruitful meeting.

Kind regards,

Nicolene Venter

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To: Chumisa Tsolekile-Njingana (SR)
Subject: RE: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Contact details of Western Region commenting official

Dear Chumisa,

Thank you for your e-mail and the information provided below.

We can concern that Nicole Abrahams received the notification that the Scoping Reports are available for review and comment.

Kind regards,



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Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2021 06:09
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Contact details of Western Region commenting official
Importance: High

Good day Nicolene

Hope all is well.

I am only in-charge for project in the Eastern Cape. Any Eastern Cape project, you send it to me.

The projects in the Western Cape and Northern Cape is not me, but Nicole Abrahams (abrahamsn@nra.co.za) our Western Region office.

Have a blessed day.

Keep safe and kind regards
Chumisa

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Subject: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Contact details of Western Region commenting official

Dear Chumisa,

Thank you for the information provided below.

Please confirm whether we need to remove you from the project database.

@Zingisa Tshali (WR) – we are looking forward to receive the relevant commenting official from SANRAL's Western Region.

Kind regards,



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Sent: Thursday, 11 November 2021 10:24

To: Zingisa Tshali (WR) <TshaliZ@nra.co.za>; Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>

Subject: FW: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of Scoping Reports

Importance: High

Good day Zingi and Nicolene

Hope all is well.

Zingi, can you please forward this to the relevant person in your region that deals with energy facilities.

Nicolene, this proposed project is in the Northern Cape and the Western Cape and the SANRAL Western Region has jurisdiction and not southern.

Have a blessed day.

Keep safe and kind regards

Chumisa

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Subject: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of Scoping Reports

**GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

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Please find attached for your perusal the notification letter informing you of the availability of the Scoping Reports for your review and comments. The Scoping Reports are available for downloading from our website [click here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information and/or clarification regarding these projects.

Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout the Basic Assessment Process.

Kind regards,

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Subject: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Focus Group Meeting presentation
Attachments: SE3125-Great Karoo FGM Ubuntu LM Presentation FINAL.pdf

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Nku Solar

PV: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2115

Moriri Solar

PV: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2116

Kwana Solar

PV: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2118

Dear Councilors,

Thank you for your attendance at this morning's Focus Group Meeting.

As promised, attached the presentation.

As discussed, you are most welcome to share the presentation with any other interested and/or affected party you believe should be informed of the Environmental Impact Assessments for these proposed projects.

Kind regards,



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Cc: Nondumiso Bulunga; Nicolene Venter; Tumelo Mathulwe; Nicolene Venter
Subject: SE3125: Great Karoo Cluster Renewable Energy Facilities: Key Stakeholders Workshop - Meeting Notes
Attachments: SE3125-Great Karoo KSW Presentation FINAL.pdf

GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
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Dear Key Stakeholders,

As promised at yesterday's Key Stakeholder Workshop, please find herewith the presentation material.

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Subject: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES & GRID CONNECTION: Notification of EIA, BA and Public Participation Processes

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
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Each renewable energy facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project and therefore, separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes will be undertaken for each of the renewable energy facilities. Similarly, the grid connection solution will be subjected to a separate Basic Assessment (BA) process which will consider feasible alternatives for the power line corridors. A combined six (6) applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) are currently being pursued as follows:

Two (2) wind farm EAs:

- o Angora Wind Energy Facility
- o Merino Wind Energy Facility

Three (3) solar PV facility EAs:

- o Nku Solar PV Facility
- o Moiriro Solar PV Facility
- o Kwana Solar PV Facility

One (1) Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI)

- o A central collector 132kV substation and double circuit 132kV power line EA.

Please find attached the Background Information Document (BID) which provides additional information regarding the applications for the Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities and Grid connection. The BID is also available on our website:

- Wind Energy Facility & Solar PV Facilities: [click here](#)
- EGI: [click here](#)

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Attachments: SE3125-Great_Karoo_PVWEF_Cluster_SR-FINAL.pdf
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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

With reference to the attached notification letter sent on Friday, 12 November 2021, this e-mail serves to inform you that the review and comment period for the Scoping Reports are ending on **Monday, 13 December 2021**.

As you may recall, the review and comment period for the Scoping Reports commenced on Friday, 12 November 2021.

The Scoping Reports are available on our website [click here](#)

Thank you to those Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties who submitted their written comments and those who had not yet to please do so before on **Monday, 13 December 2021**.

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