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## Gabriele Wood

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**From:** Neil Faber <neilfabar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 12 January 2016 12:10  
**To:** gabriele@savannahsa.com  
**Subject:** Woodhouse solar at Vryburg

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Good day Gabriele

When is building going to start on the Woodhouse solar project at Vryburg.

I see you have a poster at the door at the library

Thank you

Regards  
Neil

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**From:** Gabriele Wood <gabriele@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** 12 January 2016 15:03  
**To:** 'Neil Faber'  
**Subject:** RE: Woodhouse solar at Vryburg  
**Attachments:** Reply Form.pdf; Woodhouse PV BID (Eng).pdf

Dear Niel Faber

Thank you for your enquiry. The construction date for the Woodhouse Solar project is not yet know. The project still needs to receive Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs and approval from the Department of Energy before it can be constructed. The project developer aims to bid this project into the Department of Energy's Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) in the next bidding round which is anticipated to be in August 2016. If the project is approved by the Department of Energy then construction is likely to commence in the second half of 2017 or beginning of 2018, however this will be confirmed at a later stage.

I have attached a background information document on the project and Environmental Impact Assessment process for your information. Please complete and return the attached form if you would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project.

Kind regards

**Gabriele Wood**

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**From:** Mike Levington <mike.levington@kabisolar.co.za>  
**Sent:** 29 February 2016 09:46  
**To:** Wood Gabriele  
**Cc:** Jodas Karen  
**Subject:** Woodhouse 1 & 2 PV

Dear Gabi

could I please be included as an I & AP for the above projects?

Kind regards

Mike

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**From:** Lisa Opperman <lisa.o@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** 07 March 2016 10:18  
**To:** 'Mike Levington'  
**Cc:** 'Gabriele Wood'  
**Subject:** Woodhouse Solar 1 and Woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facilities - Site KMZ file  
**Attachments:** Woodhouse 729 .kml

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Morning Mike

As requested, please see attached a KMZ file of the Remaining Extent of the Farm Woodhouse 729 (i.e. the site proposed for the Woodhouse 1 & 2 PV Facilities).

Unfortunately I don't have more info on where the developer plans to locate the facilities within the site at this point.

Kind regards  
Lisa

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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Ms Jodas

### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE 100 MW WOODHOUSE SOLAR 2 PV FACILITY ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF THE FARM WOODHOUSE 729 WITHIN THE NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

The draft Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAR) dated May 2016 and received by this Department on 10 May 2016 refers.

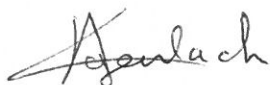
This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

- i. The environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) must ensure that the exact thresholds related to the listed activities are specified in both the application form and the final EIAR.
- ii. Should there be a need to amend the application form, please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- iii. Coordinates for the proposed site as well as substation and powerline must be provided with the final EIAR. Coordinates must be provided in the format DDMMSS.
- iv. In terms of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the report must include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:
  - the correctness of the information provided in the reports;
  - the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and interested and affected parties (I&APs);
  - the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant;
  - any information provided by the EAP to I&APs; and
  - responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by I&APs.
- v. In terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, the environmental management programme (EMPr) must include an environmental awareness plan describing the manner in which-
  - the applicant intends to inform his or her employees of any environmental risk which may result from their work; and
  - risks must be dealt with in order to avoid pollution or the degradation of the environment.

- vi. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final EIAr.
- vii. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- viii. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014.
- ix. Proof that the notice of Environmental Impact Assessment process was advertised in print media must be included in the final EIAr. Alternatively, motivation as to why this was not done must be provided.
- x. Recommendations provided by specialist reports must be considered and used to inform the Layout Plan and EMPr.
- xi. All specialist reports that were done in-house must be externally peer reviewed before submission of the final EIAr. The peer-review must address the following:
  - Acceptability of the ToR;
  - Is the methodology clearly explained and acceptable;
  - Evaluate the validity of the findings (review data evidence);
  - Discuss the mitigation measures and recommendations;
  - Evaluate the appropriateness of the reference literature;
  - Is the article well-written and easy to understand; and
  - Identify any short comings.
- xii. The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample of the minimum information required is listed under point 2 of the EIA information required for solar energy facility as requested in the acceptance of the final Scoping Report (SR).
- xiii. The final EIAr must provide the final EMPr and final Layout Plan with the information as requested in the acceptance of the SR.
- xiv. You are further reminded that the final EIAr to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of the EIAr in accordance with Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.
- xv. Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

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.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**  
**Signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach**  
**Designation: Deputy Director: Strategic Infrastructure Developments**  
**Date: 06/06/2016**

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**From:** Jo-Anne Thomas <joanne@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** 18 February 2016 12:25  
**To:** Gabriele Wood; lisa.o@savannahsa.com  
**Subject:** FW: EIA for the proposed WOODHOUSE Solar 1 and 2

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**Subject:** EIA for the proposed WOODHOUSE Solar 1 and 2

Good day

Kindly provide the layout map (footprint) for both the proposed PV solar 1 and solar 2.

Regards,

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**From:** Lisa Opperman <lisa.o@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** 02 March 2016 16:22  
**To:** MotseiM@daff.gov.za  
**Cc:** 'Gabriele Wood'  
**Subject:** RE: EIA for the proposed WOODhouse Solar 1 and 2

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Dear Motsei

Thank you for the email. Your request is noted. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process is still being undertaken and the results of the environmental assessments will inform the layout of the facilities. The preliminary layout maps will be presented in the draft EIA report which will be made available for review and comment in the coming weeks. The layout maps will be sent to your office once finalised.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Kind regards  
Lisa

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**From:** Jo-Anne Thomas [mailto:joanne@savannahsa.com]  
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**From:** Lisa Opperman <lisa.o@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** 06 June 2016 10:57  
**To:** 'Gabriele Wood'  
**Subject:** FW: Woodhouse Solar 1 PV Facility (Case ID: 8723) and Woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facility (Case ID: 8724)

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**From:** Lisa Opperman [mailto:lisa.o@savannahsa.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2016 9:38 AM  
**To:** 'Ragna Redelstorff' <rredelstorff@sahra.org.za>  
**Subject:** Woodhouse Solar 1 PV Facility (Case ID: 8723) and Woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facility (Case ID: 8724)

Good Day Ragna

I trust you are doing well.

I just want to follow up with you on the final comments for the Woodhouse Solar 1 PV Facility (Case ID: 8723) and the woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facility (Case ID:8724) as the review periods of the projects is close to the end.

Are there any comments from SAHRA for me to include in the Final EIA Reports for submission to DEA?

Kindly let me know if you require more information.

Kind regards  
Lisa

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**From:** Lisa Opperman <lisa.o@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** 02 June 2016 16:31  
**To:** oskosana@nwpg.gov.za  
**Cc:** 'Gabriele Wood'  
**Subject:** Woodhouse Solar 1 and Woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facilities (READ Ref.: NWP/DEA/45/2015)

Good Day Ms. Obitseng

I trust you are well.

I just want to follow up with you on the Woodhouse Solar 1 and Woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facilities (READ Ref.: NWP/DEA/45/2015). Will the Department be submitting comments for consideration on the EIA reports?

Kindly send any comments relating to the projects as soon as possible as the 30-day review periods for the projects will be ending soon (i.e. the Woodhouse Solar 1 review period ends on 02 June 2016 (today) and the Woodhouse Solar 2 review period end on 06 June 2016 (this coming Monday)).

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**Subject:** Woodhouse Solar 1 and Woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facilities (READ Ref.: NWP/DEA/45/2015)  
**Attachments:** 7. READ Acknowledgment 23.11.2015.pdf; ..\_PODImages\_P11860~17155288.jpg; Woodhouse DEIAr Letter 3.05.2016.pdf

Dear Obitseng Moholo

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed Woodhouse Solar 1 and Woodhouse Solar 2 PV Facilities (READ Ref: NWP/DEA/45/2015) has reference. The draft EIA Reports were released for a 30-day review period on 3 May and 5 May 2016 for Woodhouse Solar 1 and Woodhouse Solar 2 respectively. Hard copy and electronic versions of the draft EIA Reports were sent to your office via courier on 4 May 2016 (refer to attached courier waybill). Further to our telephone conversation this morning, please could you kindly submit comments on the aforementioned projects at your earliest convenience.

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