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Sent: 23 March 2016 21:26
To: Gabriele Wood
Subject: Re: UPDATE: PROPOSED LETHABO PV SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY NEAR SASOLBURG, FREE STATE PROVINCE (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/753) - NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND PUBLIC MEETING

Dear mrs
thanks for sending the email very much.
i think i need more information on when are we going to quote/tender for this project?
or if there are channels to follow please let me know.
thanks for the co operation
mr simon

On Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 9:08 AM, Gabriele Wood <gabriele@savannahsa.com> wrote:
Dear Stakeholder

The email below has reference. Please note that there is a typing error in the email body of the message (as per the highlighted text) which was distributed yesterday. The email should read "...the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report which is **now** available for public review." Kindly refer to the attached notification letter for further details regarding the public review period for the draft EIA Report and public meeting details.

Apologies for any confusion or misunderstanding this error may have caused.

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Subject: EIA comments for 75mw PV plant in metsimaholo eskom lethabo

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Good day Gabi and team

Thank you for the recent update on the project. The presentation was impressive.

I am curious though why is Eskom building a solar power station that will only cater for their own private energy consumption?

Would it not be more correct to assist the communities to start generating thier own power for minor consumptions like lights using solar technology.

The global trend is going that way from what we can tell from the internet.

If we implement solar geysers and solar power systems at our homes in my opinion the national carbon emission footprint would shrink drastically.

The issue on unemployment is a national matter as per recent national statistics report I missed where it said Freestate or Gauteng. If there is an economic opportunity let it be for all South Africans.

With that said do still believe that there are benifits that can be realized from the project. Like for instance environmental conservation measures, strategies for sustainable development, economic opportunities and skills development.

I look forward to participating in the project as a business person, providing constructive criticism and applauding Eskom when its due.

Keep up the good work.

King regards

On 23 Mar 2016 9:09 AM, "Gabriele Wood" <gabriele@savannahsa.com> wrote:

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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Eskom Holdings SOC Limited
Limpopo Operating Unit
Land Development and Environment Section

Project Name: Lethabo Solar Energy Facility Applicant: Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd Proposed Activity: Construction of a 75MW solar energy facility and associated infrastructure within the Lethabo coal fired power station boundary near Sasolburg in Free State Province. The proposed facility will comprise: Arrays of photovoltaic (PV) panels. Mounting structures to support the PV panels. Cabling between the project components. Inverters/transformer enclosures. An on-site substation or switching station. A power line to facilitate the connection of the solar energy facility to a substation located within the Lethabo power station. Internal access roads. Buildings (which could include workshop area for maintenance and storage, and an on-site office) Location: The site is located on Eskom-owned land within the Lethabo coal fired power station boundary, on Farm 1814 and the remaining portion of farm Brankfontein 9 approximately 25 km north-east of Sasolburg in Free State Province. An area of ~112 ha is intended to be utilised for the establishment of the 75MW PV facility. The site is located within the jurisdiction of Fezile Dabi District Municipality and Metsimaholo Local Municipality. In terms of sections 24 and 24D of NEMA, as read with the EIA Regulations of GNR543, GNR544; GNR545; and GNR546, a Scoping and EIA Study process is required to be undertaken for the proposed project.

The proposed project entails the construction of a solar energy facility and associated infrastructure in an area of approximately 112 ha within the Lethabo coal fired power station boundary on Farm 1814 and remaining portion of farm Brankfontein 9, northeast of Sasolburg, Free State Province. Proposed activities include the mounting of arrays of photovoltaic (PV) panels and structures to support the PV panels and cabling between components; construction of on-site substation/switching station and buildings including workshop area for maintenance, storage, and on-site office; building of inverters/transformer enclosures, internal access roads and a power line to facilitate the connection to a substation located within the Lethabo power station.

A full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was submitted to the case as requested by the SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit in an interim comment dated 24 March 2015:

Van der Walt, J., September 2015. Archaeological Impact Assessment for the Proposed Establishment of the Lethabo Solar PV facility, Free State Province.



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The study area is extensively disturbed by agricultural activities. No archaeological and historical resources or graves were found in the proposed development area. Several known graves occur in the area, which lie outside the development footprint area.

As the vegetation cover resulted in poor visibility in the area, graves may be expected in the area and the author recommends that a chance find procedure be in place and incorporated in the EMP for this project.

Final comment

Based on the lack of archaeological and palaeontological heritage resources in the proposed area, the SAHRA APM Unit has no objection to the proposed construction of the solar facility within the Lethabo coal fired power station boundary. The following conditions, as recommended in the HIA, PIA and incorporated in the EMPR, must be adhered to:

1. Should any objects of archaeological or palaeontological remains be found during construction activities, work must immediately stop in that area and the Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must be informed.
2. The ECO must inform the South African Heritage Recourse Agency (SAHRA) and contact an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the find, to assess the importance and rescue them if necessary (with the relevant SAHRA permit). No work may be resumed in this area without the permission from the ECO and SAHRA.
3. If the newly discovered heritage resource is considered significant a Phase 2 assessment may be required. A permit from the responsible heritage authority will be needed.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/254895>
(DEA, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/753)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

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Good day Gabriele

1. We kindly request the minutes of the public meeting held at Eskom premises on the 12 April 2016.
2. We would like to know eskom stance on public participation, in terms of ownership, skill development and local contractor participation in the project.
3. Public meetings are supposed to be held in public venues, townhalls, public libraries like where I found your EIA report, why is it that Eskom is excluding the public in this project. Why are you playing referee and player at the same time, we see a conflict of interest.

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On Tue, Apr 5, 2016 at 3:21 PM, Gabriele Wood <gabriele@savannahsa.com> wrote:

Dear Sicelo Mtsali

This serves to confirm receipt of your email. Please note that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 18:00 at the Lethabo Power Station Visitor's Centre. We have requested Eskom to respond to your query relating to local participation in the project. I will revert back to you in due course in this regard.

Kind regards

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