

## Process Notification

03 July 2020

Dear Stakeholder and Interested and/or Affected Party,

## **NALEDI PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) AND NGWEDI PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) DEVELOPMENTS NEAR UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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## Naledi PV & Ngwedi PV

### Notification of the Basic Assessment and Public Participation – Proof of email

Sent to all registered I&APs on project database

The screenshot shows a 'Campaign Message Editor' window for a project named 'Naledi&Ngwedi BID\_IAP'. The editor has a standard toolbar with options for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, align, link, unlink, list, indent, outdent) and a 'Format' dropdown set to 'HTML'. The email content is as follows:

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LANDOWNERS

03 July 2020

Mr Botha du Toit  
Landowner  
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UPINGTON 8806

Per e-pos: [jacothleun@hotmail.co.za](mailto:jacothleun@hotmail.co.za)

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Please refer to the email saved in the Documents window.

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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd

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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.

The benefits of the online stakeholder engagement platform include:

- » Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to project-related information.
- » Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for major infrastructure projects.
- » Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- » Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- » Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons accessing the online stakeholder consultation platform.
- » Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually.
- » Provides a resilient solution to a public consultation process.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, provision has been made to include these I&APs in the consultation process by consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

Should you have an interest in the project, please register yourself as an I&AP on our online stakeholder engagement platform (<https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/naledi-pv-and-ngwedi-pv/>) or by completing and returning the attached stakeholder registration/comment form. By registering on the project database, you will be kept informed of the BA processes being undertaken for the projects and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input.

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



**Nicolene Venter**

Public Participation and Social Consultant

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**Attached:** Background Information Document  
Registration and Comment Form

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Time: 3:44 PM  
Creator: Ronald Baloyi Baloyi

Note

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Subject: NALEDI PV & NGWEDI PV: Notification of the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Processes

Body:

**NALEDI PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) AND NGWEDI PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) DEVELOPMENTS NEAR UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

Dear Mr Van Schalkwyk,

The development of two 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities is proposed within a study area consisting of two properties, Portion 3 of the Farm McTaggarts Camp 453 and Portion 12, Portion of Portion 3 of the Farm Klip Punt 452, located 21km south-west of Upington in the Northern Cape Province. The two solar PV facilities are known as Naledi PV and Ngwedi PV. These facilities are located to the north of the existing Khi Solar One CSP facility within the Kai !Garib Local Municipality, and border the Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality located directly to the east, within the ZF Mgcawu District Municipality in the Northern Cape Province.

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

Please find attached the following documents which will provide you with additional information regarding these projects:

- Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process notification letter;
- Background Information Document; and
- Registration and Comment Form.

Kind regards,

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An email has been sent to "Piet van Schalkwyk" <strydam\_boerdery@lantic.net>; ronald@savannahsa.com;"Ronald Baloyi Baloyi" <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>

Please refer to the email saved in the Documents window.



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## Naledi PV and Ngwedi PV

### Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process for the Naledi PV and Ngwedi PV, Northern Cape Province

**Proposed Activity:** The development of two (2) separate solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities, each with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW.

**Location:** ~20km south-west of Upington within the Kai !Garib Local Municipality and the ZF Mgcawu District Municipality. The projects fall within the Upington Renewable Energy Development Zone (or REDZ 7).

<i>Applicant:</i>	<i>Project Name:</i>	<i>Affected Property:</i>
Naledi PV (Pty) Ltd	Naledi PV	Portion 3 of the Farm McTaggart's Camp 453; and Portion 12, Portion of Portion 3 of the Farm Klip Punt 452
Ngwedi PV (Pty) Ltd	Ngwedi PV	Portion 3 of the Farm McTaggart's Camp 453; and Portion 12, Portion of Portion 3 of the Farm Klip Punt 452

The following infrastructure will be developed for each project:

- Solar PV Panels;
- Centralised inverter stations or string inverters;
- Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical;
- On-site facility substation;
- Main access roads and internal access roads within the PV panel array areas;
- Permanent laydown area;
- Operation and Maintenance buildings.

**Basic Assessment Process:** In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 – R327, as amended, and GN R114 (February 2018), a Basic Assessment is required for each Solar PV Facility. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process for each project. A separate application for each project has been lodged with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), as the competent authority.

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

**Ronald Baleyi** at Savannah Environmental  
P.O. Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Tel: 011 656 3237

Fax: 086 684 0547

Email: [publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com)

Website: [www.savannahsa.com](http://www.savannahsa.com)

June 2020

Documents for public review are available for download.

Please click [publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com) to access the document.

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Notification of availability of Basic Assessment  
Report for review and comment

07 July 2020

Dear Stakeholder and Interested and/or Affected Party,

## NALEDI PV AND NGWEDI PV NEAR UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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### NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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The Basic Assessment process notification for the development of two 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities distributed on 03 July 2020, has reference. The notification letter was accompanied by the Background Information Document (BID) which provided information regarding these two Basic Assessment (BA) processes. 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/energy-generation/naledi-pv-and-ngwedi-pv/> where the public documents for these two (2) projects are available for your perusal.

#### AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) for the two (2) proposed projects are available for your review and comment from **Wednesday, 08 July 2020** until **Friday, 07 August 2020**. The reports are available for download from our website / stakeholder engagement platform on the above-mentioned link.

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 BARs available at public places such as libraries and municipal offices. As per our approved public participation plan submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs, you can also request that an electronic copy of the BARs be sent to you via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox or a compact disk (CD).

Please submit your written comments on the BARs to us by latest **Friday, 07 August 2020** via our website / stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or via:

- Telephone: 011 656 3237
- Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including message)
- Fax: 086 684 0547
- Post: PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157
- E-mail: [publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com)

to Nicolene Venter or Ronald Baloyi.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicolene Venter', written in a cursive style.

**Nicolene Venter**

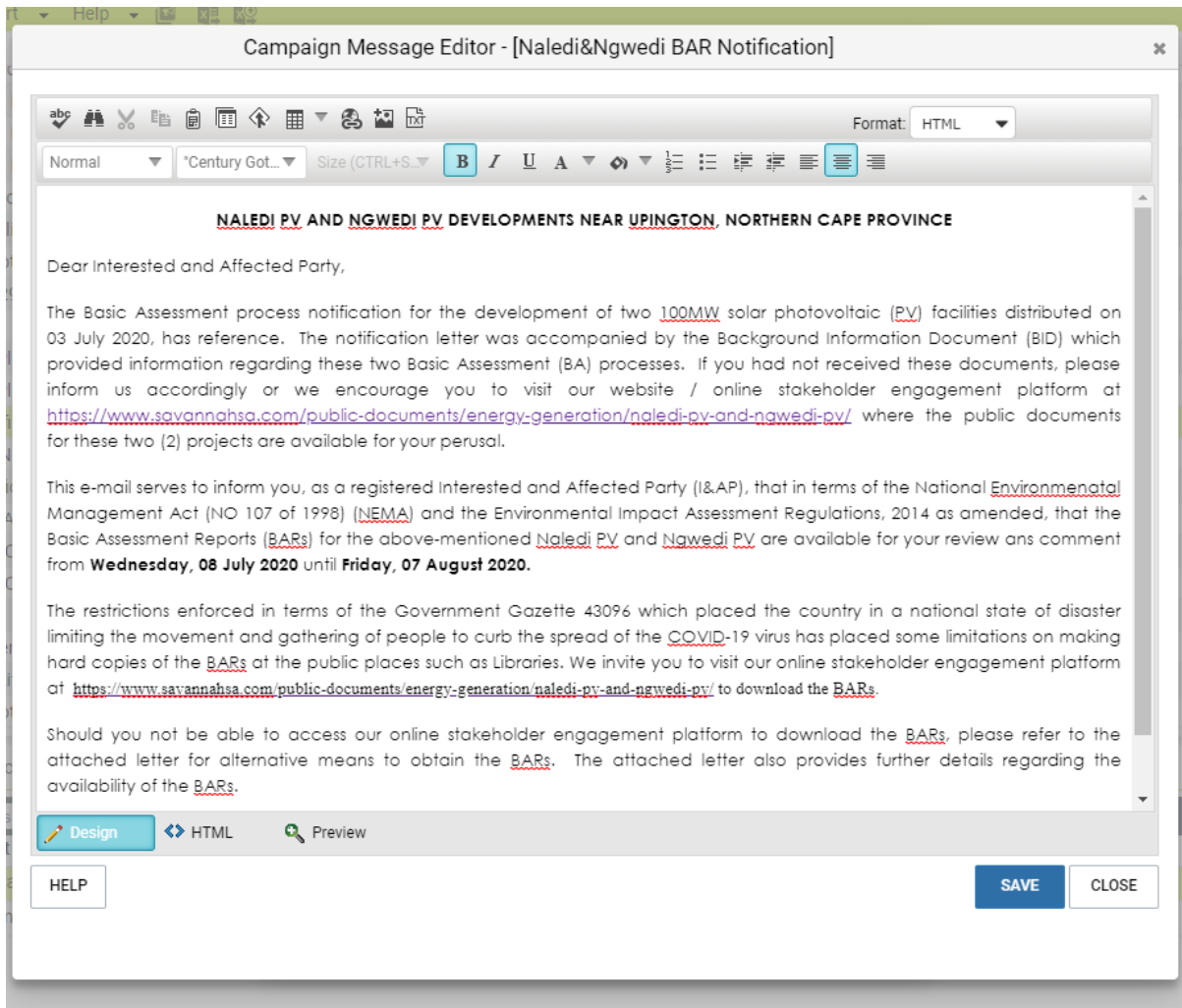
Public Participation and Social Consultant

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## NALEDI PV & NGWEDI PV

### NALEDI PV & NGWEDI PV: Notification of availability of Basic Assessment Report

Sent to all registered I&APs on project database



The screenshot shows a 'Campaign Message Editor' window titled '[Naledi&Ngwedi BAR Notification]'. The interface includes a menu bar with 'Help', a toolbar with various editing tools, and a 'Format' dropdown set to 'HTML'. The main text area contains the following content:

**NALEDI PV AND NGWEDI PV DEVELOPMENTS NEAR UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

The Basic Assessment process notification for the development of two 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities distributed on 03 July 2020, has reference. The notification letter was accompanied by the Background Information Document (BID) which provided information regarding these two Basic Assessment (BA) processes. 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/energy-generation/naledi-pv-and-ngwedi-pv/> where the public documents for these two (2) projects are available for your perusal.

This e-mail serves to inform you, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), that in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NO 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, that the Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) for the above-mentioned Naledi PV and Ngwedi PV are available for your review and comment from **Wednesday, 08 July 2020** until **Friday, 07 August 2020**.

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/energy-generation/naledi-pv-and-ngwedi-pv/> to download the BARs.

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.

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## Downloads

Naledi PV

Basic Assessment Report

Appendix A - Curriculum Vitae

Appendix B - Correspondence with Authorities

Appendix C1 - Public Participation Plan

Appendix C2 - I&AP Database

Appendix C3 - Site Notices & Advertisements.doc

Appendix C4 - Background Information Document

Appendix C5 - Organs of State Correspondence

Appendix C6 - I&AP Correspondence

Appendix C7 - Comments Received

Appendix C8 - Minutes of Meeting

Appendix C9 - Comments and Responses Report

Appendix D - Ecological Impact Assessment

Appendix E - Avifauna Impact Assessment

Appendix F - Aquatic Impact Assessment

Appendix G - Soils, Land Use & Agricultural Potential Impact Assessment

Appendix H - Heritage Impact Assessment

Appendix I - Visual Impact Assessment

Appendix J - Social Impact Assessment

Appendix J(a) - Social Impact Assessment Review

Appendix K - Traffic Impact Assessment

Appendix L - Screening Report

Appendix M(a) - Curriculum Vitae



Appendix M(b) - Grievance Mechanism

Appendix M(j) - Emergency Preparedness & Fire Management Plan

Appendix M(c) - Alien Plant & Open Space Management Plan

Appendix M(k) - Key Legislation

Appendix M(d) - Plant Rescue & Revegetation Plan

Appendix M(l) - Chance Find Procedure

Appendix M(e) - Revegetation & Rehabilitation Plan

Appendix M(m) - A3 Maps

Appendix M(f) - Erosion Management Plan

Appendix N - EAP Affirmation & Specialist Declarations

Appendix M(g) - Stormwater Management Plan

Appendix O - A3 Maps

Appendix M(h) - Waste Management Plan

Appendix P - Additional Information

Appendix M(i) - Traffic Management Plan

Appendix M(j) - Emergency Preparedness & Fire Management Plan

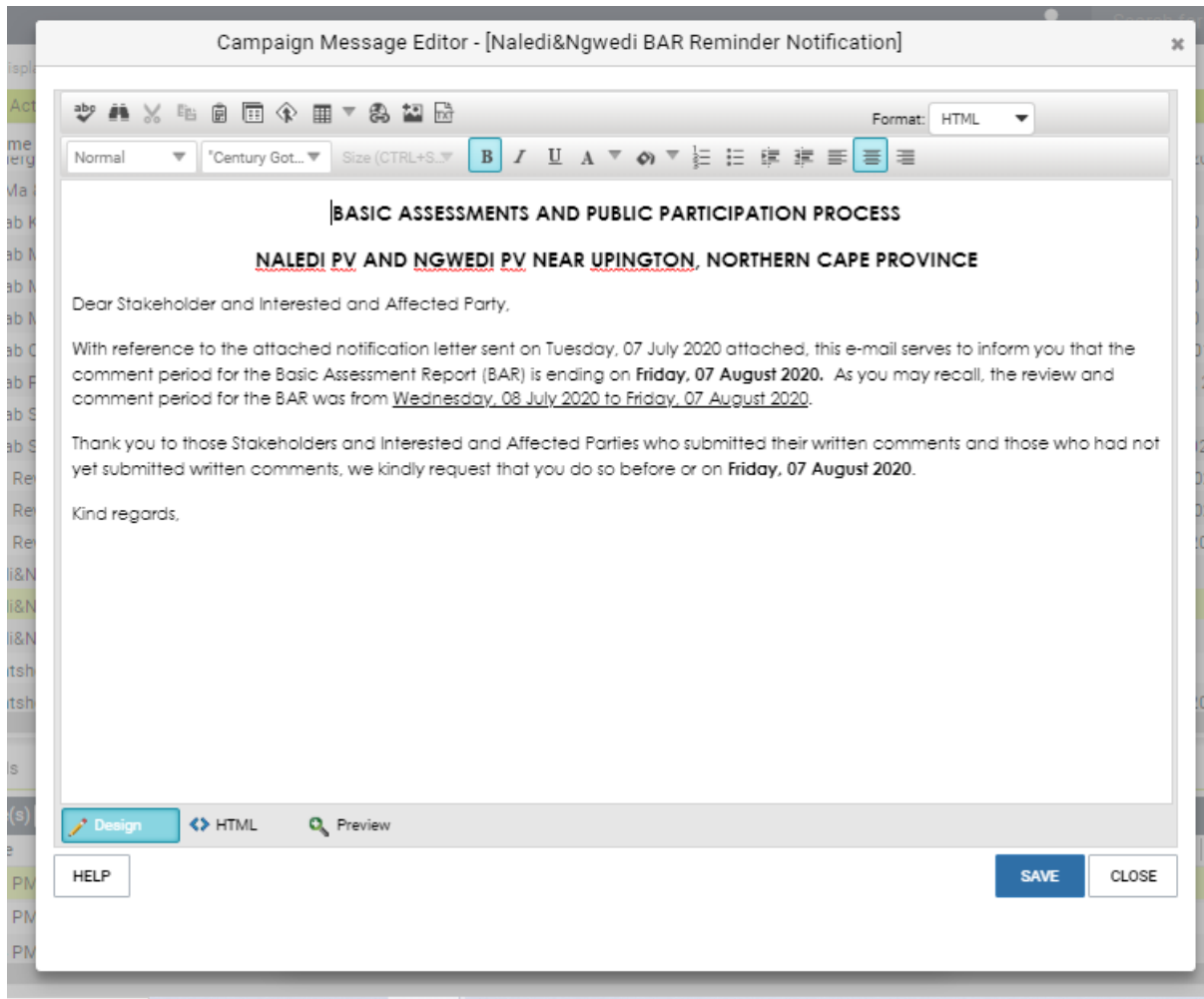
Appendix M(k) - Key Legislation

Reminder:

BAR Notification review and comment period  
ending soon

**NALEFI PV & NGWEDI PV: BAR Notification review and comment period ending soon.**

Sent to all I&APs on project database



## Nicolene Venter

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**Subject:** Naledi PV & Ngwedi PV: Focus Group Meeting (Keimoes Community)  
**Location:** <https://zoom.us/j/93861334808?pwd=R2lJdlZ0WVBJY1B2cis4cHlCMdH4QT09>

**Start:** Tue 7/21/2020 11:00 AM  
**End:** Tue 7/21/2020 11:30 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Nicolene Venter  
**Required Attendees:** [saccovictor6@gmail.com](mailto:saccovictor6@gmail.com); Peter Smith; Lisa Opperman; Ronald Baloyi  
**Optional Attendees:** Reuben Maroga

**zmMeetingNum:** 93861334808

Dear Councillor Sacco,

As per the telephone discussion last week Thursday with Ronald Baloyi from Savannah Environmental, please receive herewith the formal confirmation of the Focus Group Meeting to be held as follows:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 21 July 2020
- **Time:** 11h00
- **On-line Platform:** Zoom (link to meeting below)
- **Attendees:**
  - Yourself and as indicated 4 Ward Committee Members / Community Representatives
  - Applicant – Atlantic Energy Partners
    - Pete Smith
  - Savannah Environmental
    - Lisa Opperman: Environmental Assessment Practitioner
    - Ronald Baloyi: Public Participation Administrator

The purpose of the Focus Group Meeting is to:

- provide your Constituency (Keimoes Community) the opportunity to raise questions for clarification regarding the two projects; and
- submit comments on the Basic Assessment Reports which is currently available for comment (comment period: Wednesday, 08 July to Friday, 07 August 2020).

The Basic Assessment Reports can be downloaded on:

- Naledi PV: <https://www.savannahsa.com/portal/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Naledi-PV-Basic-Assessment-Report.pdf>
  - Links to the Appendices: <https://www.savannahsa.com/portal/downloads/energy-generation/naledi-pv/>
- Ngwedi PV: <https://www.savannahsa.com/portal/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Basic-Assessment-Report.pdf>
  - Links to the Appendices: <https://www.savannahsa.com/portal/downloads/energy-generation/ngwedi-pv/>

The presentations will also be sent to you via WeTransfer. You are kindly requested to please view these narrated presentations prior to the meeting as it will not be presented during the meeting.

Councillor Sacco, will you please confirm that this invitation will be extended to the Ward Committee Members / Community Representatives you mentioned to my colleague, Ronald Baloyi, whom you believe needs to be part of this meeting.

Attendees can also participate through Whatsapp or if the Zoom App has been downloaded on their mobile phones, they will be invited to join the meeting. For this method of participation, we need the mobile numbers of the participants.

We are looking forward to a fruitful and productive on-line meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 938 6133 4808

Password: 7rWpUJ

Kind regards,

**Nicolene Venter**

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Wednesday, 29 July 2020

Goeie more Roelien, Nicolene Venter van Savannah Environmental. Sal jy asb jou epos adres vir my stuur en ook die volgende bevestig of korrigeer.  
As ek reg onthou is jy:  
Principle: McTaggarts Camp High School  
Dit is vir die verg van Dinsdag 21 Julie rakende die Naledi PV & Ngwedi PV projekte  
Vriend

08:40

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Goeiemre Nicoleen. Ja ek is die Prinsipaal van Mc Taggartskamp (RK) Primere Skool. Moodag

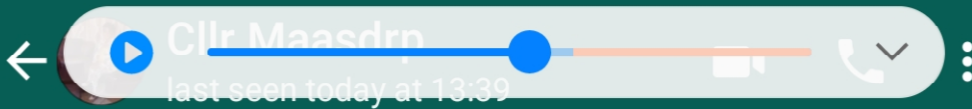
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Baie dankie vir die bevestiging Roelien.





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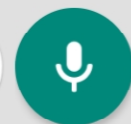
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Graag bevestig ek dat u die Agergrondinligtingsdokumente en aanbiedingsmateriaal rakende die Naledi & Ngwedi PV projekte gister ontvang het.  
Groete Nicolene Venter, Savannah Environmental

09:15 ✓✓

More Nicolene dankie ons prt weer met mekaar lekker dag verder

09:20

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Geen probleem. Soos gereël sal ek jou more om 09h00 skakel. Hoor by Raadslid Maasdorpnof sy kan by wees asb. Groete Nicolene, Savannah Environmental 15:10 ✓✓

Dit is vir die Naledi PV en Ngwedi PV projekte - omgewingstudies. Groete 15:11 ✓✓

TODAY

More Bennit, blyk daar is dalk n sein probleem aan julle kant. Laat my asb weet of jy en Raadslid Maasdorp nog n WhatsApp call vergadering verlang. Dit is ons vergadering met julle as verteenwoordigers van Kalksloot gemeenskap. Raadslid Maasdorp het gister bevestig dat sy die Agtergrondinligtingsdokumente en aanbiedingsmateriaal rakende die Naledi & Ngwedi PV projekte ontvang het. Groete Nicolene Venter, Savannah Environmental 09:12 ✓✓



## Ronald Baloyi

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**From:** Savannah Public Process  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 August 2020 08:20  
**To:** deon bezuidenhout  
**Cc:** Ronald Baloyi  
**Subject:** Naledi PV & Ngwedi PV: Acknowledgement of SMME service list RE: community public process in upington sez solarplants

Dear Mr Bezuidenhout,

Thank you for the list of services of SMME's attached to your e-mail below.

The information has been forwarded to the project team.

Kind Regards,



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**From:** deon bezuidenhout <deonbezuidenhout36@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 11:29 PM  
**To:** Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>  
**Subject:** Re: community public process in upington sez solarplants

good day see our participation and we are directly effected according to the law.we do our part thank you  
reply with any enquiries  
tjank you

deon

On Fri, 07 Aug 2020, 5:34 PM Savannah Public Process, <[publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com)> wrote:

Dear Mr Bezuidenhout,

Thank you for your organisation's written comments on the Naledi PV and Ngwedi PV projects.

These comments are forwarded to the project team for their attention.

Kind Regards,



Nicolene Venter

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**Sent:** Friday, August 7, 2020 11:13 AM

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**Subject:** community public process in upington sez solarplants

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List of services and smmes

1-ppe supply

2-water or water purification

3-fireservices and ambulance services

3-upcoming security companies

4-transport supply

5-semi skilled labour ,safety reps,general labour and skills development for upskilled the labour for supervisors and team managers,safety officers

6-general building and civil works

7-mirror cleaner contractors

8-data typers

9-electrician small to big companies

10-experienced community based accountable trust or similar structure

11-community based experienced clo,s

12-cement and mixer suppliers

13-legal sand supplies

14-humanresource workers

15-consultants who understand the dynamics of this communities the mistake current and previous plants do is give thos jobs for outsiders

Thank you don't hesitate to caontact us for clarity or metings