

**APPENDIX C8**  
**COMMENTS & RESPONSES REPORT**



**MARIKANA SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE  
(NW DEDECT Ref. No.: NWP/EIA/36/2022)**

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The Scoping phase of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for the Marikana Solar PV was announced together with the Karee Solar PV and SRPM Solar PV facilities located in the North West Province on Friday, 06 May 2022. The Background Information Document was distributed together with a notification letter which served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&AFPs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments / queries that they might have on any of the three proposed developments or all. All written comments received during the Scoping Phase of the EIA process to date have been included in the table below and in **Appendix C6** of the Scoping Report.

The Scoping Report was made available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Friday, 17 June 2022** until **Monday, 17 July 2022**. The Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) has been updated with comments received during the review and comment period and included in **Appendix C6** of the final Scoping Report.

The C&RR is included as a separate document to the Scoping Report as **Appendix C8**.

**NOTE:**

All comments captured in the C&RR are verbatim and have not been summarised.

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS**

DEDECT	Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism	NFA	National Forestry Act
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	NPC	Non-Profit Company
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	NW	North West
FECW	Food-Water-Energy and Climate-NPC	PV	Photovoltaic
I&AP	Interested and Affected Party	SANRAL	South Africa National Roads Agency Limited
KSW	Key Stakeholder Workshop	WESSA	Wildlife and Environmental Society of South Africa

## 1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

### 1.1. Organs of State

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	Please send me KMZ files of the proposed development and grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as the setbacks guideline for renewable energy developments.	John Geeringh Senior Consultant Environmental Management Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	The .KMZ file was e-mailed to the stakeholder on 21 June 2022 (refer to <b>Appendix C4: Organs of State Correspondence</b> of the final Scoping Report).
	1. Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.	E-mail: 21 June 2022	The letter is included in <b>Appendix C4: Organs of State Correspondence</b> of the final Scoping Report and has been forwarded to the Applicant for their attention.
	2. Eskom shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes.		
	3. Eskom's consent does not relieve the developer from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals.		
	4. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer.		
	5. If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer's activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand.		
	6. The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the		

<p>blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard.</p>		
<p>7. Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom's satisfaction.</p>		
<p>8. Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer's equipment.</p>		
<p>9. No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager.</p> <p>Note: Where and electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it.</p>		
<p>10. Eskom's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with.</p>		

<p>11. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom's satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom.</p>		
<p>12. The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993).</p>		
<p>13. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.</p>		
<p>14. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.</p>		
<p>15. Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant.</p>		
<p>16. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.</p>		
<p>17. Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom's title deed at the developer's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.</p>		

2.	Please supply SANRAL with GPS co-ordinates as well as an A4 locality map of this proposed development. Info together with application can be emailed to <a href="mailto:nrstat@nra.co.za">nrstat@nra.co.za</a> .	Ria Barkhuizen Manager: Wayleave SANRAL  E-mail: 22 June 2022	The requested .KMZ and locality map was e-mailed to SANRAL on 24 June 2022 (refer to <b>Appendix C4: Organs of State Correspondence</b> of the final Scoping Report).
3.	Thank you for the invitation, but I will not be able to attend. WESSA is keeping an eye over all the PV and find farms being applied for. Setting asite site specific issues, while these facilities do have some environmental negatives, their overall impact on reducing use fossil fuel use is highly beneficial.  WESSA remains an I&AP.	Morgan Griffiths Manager WESSA  E-mail: 28 June 2022	The comment submitted by WESSA was acknowledged and WESSA can submit any additional information or clarification regarding the application if required (refer to <b>Appendix C4: Organs of State Correspondence</b> of the final Scoping Report).
4.	Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: <a href="http://sahra.org.za/sahris/">http://sahra.org.za/sahris/</a> . We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions.  Please create an application on SAHRIS and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA.  Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case application, please ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.	Elijah Katsetse APM Officer SAHRA  E-mail: 04 July 2022	The Scoping Report was uploaded onto SAHRIS with CaseID: 18838 on 17 June 2022 (refer to <b>Appendix C4: Organs of State correspondence</b> of the final Scoping Report).

5.	<p>The Directorate: Biodiversity conservation has reviewed and evaluated the report and does not have any objections to the Draft Scoping Report &amp; Plan of Study provided that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be considered in the final report.</p>	<p>Portia Makitla Case Officer DFFE: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation</p> <p>Letter: 18 July 2022</p>	<p>The comment that the Directorate does not have any objections to the Draft Scoping Report and Plan of Study is noted, and no further action is required.</p> <p>It can be confirmed that all relevant National and Provincial biodiversity guidelines will be taken into consideration with the drafting of the final Scoping Report.</p>
	<p>Please also note that any development within very highly sensitive biodiversity area; where residual impact will result with very high significant impacts rating will not be supported. The final report must also include the cumulative impacts assessment for similar developments in proximity with the proposed site (if any).</p>		<p>It has been noted by the developer that high sensitivity areas will be avoided as far as possible to ensure that any significant areas are not developed.</p>
	<p>NB: The Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review (EIA reports) and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: <a href="mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za">BCAdmin@environment.gov.za</a> for attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p>		<p>All Public Participation Process documents and related EIA report have been submitted as requested.</p>
6.	<p>Your communication dated <b>28 June 2022</b> has reference. This consent is issued in terms of the <b>Advertising on Roads and Ribbon Development Act No 21 of 1940</b> and <b>Roads Ordinance No 22 of 1957</b> as amended.</p> <p>There is no objection to the proposed development, subject to the strict adherence of the attached <b>Specific and Special Conditions</b> and should form part of the proposed planning/development, also that the conditions/requirements listed below are imposed and met in all respects by the applicant:</p> <p><b>NOTE: A written confirmation of acceptance of the attached conditions is required. In the event of not receiving a written acceptance of conditions, the approval is withdrawn, and this approval is cancelled.</b></p> <p><i>Conditions attached to letter</i></p>	<p>KA Sitase Director: Planning and Design Department of Public Works and Roads</p> <p>Letter: 20 July 2022</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that the Department of Public Works and Roads has no objection to the proposed development, subject to the strict adherence of the attached Specific and Special Conditions.</p> <p>The applicant received a copy of the consent and letter and the conditions attached thereto, and will respond accordingly directly to the Department of Public Works and Roads.</p>



	<p><b>A. <u>SPECIFIC AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS: PROPOSED ACCESS</u></b></p> <p><b>NB:</b> This comment is granted in favour of <b>MARIKANA SOLAR (PTY) LTD</b> as stipulated in the application.</p> <p><b>1. ILLEGAL/INFORMAL ACCESS</b></p> <p><b>1.1.</b> If there is any existing informal access (es) to the Provincial Road <b>D314_040</b> in the radius of <u>less than 650m</u> from the approved/ existing/ proposed access (es) will be illegal therefore should be closed along the affected Provincial Road(s), and the traffic should be directed to the approved access (es).</p> <p><b>1.2.</b> No <u>additional</u> access (es) will be allowed to Provincial Road(s) <b>D314_040</b> at all, without the written approval of the Controlling Authority (Department of Public Works and Roads).</p> <p><b>2. ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>The existing access(es) to the affected land i.e. <b>Locality Map_SE3241 Sibanye Stillwater Cluster_SRPM Solar PV Facility</b> will be used for the above-mentioned development(s).</p> <p>No <u>additional</u> access (es) will be allowed to Provincial Road(s) <b>D314_040</b> at all, without the written approval of the Controlling Authority (Department of Public Works and Roads).</p> <p><b>3. LINES OF NO ACCESS</b></p>		<p>The specific and special conditions are noted.</p> <p>It is noted that any/all access (es) to the Provincial Road <b>D314_040</b> require consent from the Department of Public Works and Roads.</p> <p>Should any work be required to be done inside the road reserve, the applicant will apply for the necessary permissions.</p> <p>The reference to "Sibanye Stillwater Cluster_RSPM Solar PV Facility" is incorrectly reference under point 2 and the comments submitted are applicable to <b>Marikana Solar PV (Pty) Ltd.</b></p>
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<p><b>3.1.</b> No ingress to or egress from the existing Road(s) <b>D314_040</b> to the above-mentioned proposed development other than the one mentioned in <b>paragraph 2</b> will be allowed, without the written approval of the Controlling Authority (Department of Public Works and Roads).</p>		
<p><b>4. ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES</b></p> <p>No structures will be allowed inside the road reserve of Road(s) <b>D314_040</b> without the written approval of the Controlling Authority (Provincial Department of Public Works and Roads).</p>		
<p><b>B. GENERAL/ CONDITIONS FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>NB:</b> This comment is granted in favour of <b>MARIKANA SOLAR (PTY) LTD</b> as stipulated in the application.</p> <p><b>5. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF JUNCTION(S) ON PROVINCIAL ROAD(S)</b></p> <p><b>5.1.</b> The minimum requirements of Intersection on a Provincial Road, as illustrated by the attached Typical Plan No: <b>NWP 3/6</b> for standard accesses on provincial roads.</p> <p><b>5.2. Layout plans</b> - Tapers, Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes, are a must for any access. A separate <b>Left-turn lane(s)</b>, with a <b>Slip-Lane(s)</b>, and dedicated <b>Right-Turning Lane(s)</b> from both directions shall be provided if more than <b>250 vehicles per hour</b> in any hour of a day are turning left out of the main road, as illustrated by the attached Typical Plan No: <b>Typical Plan_NWP 3-4</b>, (<i>but less than 250 vehicles per hour then Typical Plan No: Typical Plan_NWP 3-3 is applicable</i>) for standard accesses on provincial roads.</p>		<p>The general conditions are acknowledged, and a copy of the comment letter has been received by the Applicant for due consideration and action should the project proceed.</p> <p>The development activities are proposed to take place within the authorised development area.</p> <p>The Applicant will notify the Department of Public Works and Roads of any intentions of transporting abnormal/trucks or equipment onsite.</p> <p>The Applicant will report directly to the Departmental Roads Engineer/Manager should there be a need to blast onsite or any unstable conditions.</p>

	<p><b>Note: Should the need arise, the applicant shall build the above-mentioned development at own cost under the supervision of a Professional Civil Engineer to the satisfaction of the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads</b></p> <p><b>5.3.</b> Provision must be made for <b>15 x 45 m</b> road reserve splays or as determined by the Director-Roads/ Engineer. These road reserve splays must be fenced by the applicant/owner at his/her cost.</p> <p><b>Note: The longest distance is measured parallel to the main road. Attached please find typical Plans: NWP 5- 1 indicating the required road reserve splays and relevant type of Access.</b></p> <p><b>6. BUILDING LINE</b></p> <p>The above-mentioned Provincial Road(s), have a <b>95m Standard Building Line.</b></p> <p><b>6.1. Building</b> restriction areas in compliance with the requirements of Executive Committee Resolution 1112 of 26 June 1978 is as per paragraph 4.1 (Road Ordinance): The <b>standard building</b> line applicable is <b>95 m</b> measured from the centre of these roads.</p> <p><b>6.2. ROAD RESERVE WIDTHS OF THE AFFECTED PROVINCIAL ROADS</b></p> <p>Provision must be made for the following road reserves/ streets and must be excluded from the proposed development:</p>		
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<p>i) Road <b>D314_040</b> with the road reserve width of about <b>25 m</b>.</p>		
<p><b>6.3. BUILDING LINE RELAXATION</b></p> <p>The <i>Department of Public Works and Roads (DPWR)</i> is hereby granting the <b>minimum relaxation of the building</b> from the <b>Standard 95m</b> as stated by <b>Clause 4: Standard Building Line</b> above as follows.</p> <p>Also see the attached <i>Sketch Plans Road Reserve Widths</i>.</p> <p>i) <b>Road Reserve Width of 25 m:</b> The Building Line Relaxation is <b>45 m</b> from the centre of the Road Reserve; (i.e. <b>29 m road reserve boundary</b>).</p>		
<p><b>7. ABNORMAL TRUCKS/EQUIPMENTS</b></p> <p>Department of Public Works and Roads should also be notified with any of the intention of transporting abnormal trucks/ equipment's on any of the above stated provincial road(s).</p>		
<p><b>8. BLASTING/EXPLOSIVE OF ROCKS</b></p> <p>Any unstable conditions encountered or any rock requiring blasting to be reported directly and immediately to the <i>Departmental Roads Engineer/Manager</i>.</p> <p>Blasting to be done in accordance with the current applicable Explosives Regulations (e.g. Act No 26 of 1956) and possible damage to the road must be excluded as far as possible.</p>		

<p>Any damage to the road caused by unstable soil conditions (subsidence, etc.) or blasting must be repaired to the satisfaction of the: <i>Department Roads Engineer/Manager</i>.</p>		
<p><b>9. DAMAGED/ REMOVAL OF PROPERTIES</b></p> <p>No trees, shrubs, cultivated grass, gates or road fencing must be removed or damaged within the Road Reserve of the affected(s). If such plants or fenced were removed or damaged, you will have to replace it to the entire satisfaction of the <i>Departmental Roads Engineer/ Manager</i>.</p>		
<p><b>10. NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT: WAYLEAVE APPLICATION</b></p> <p>Based on the above-mentioned provincial road(s), the department should be notified (with appropriate detailed plans) about any intention or planning and before the commencement of the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of Land Utilisation (e.g. <i>From Agriculture to Business/ Settlements, etc</i>).</li> <li>• Construction of any structures (e.g. <i>Buildings</i>) along the affected road(s).</li> <li>• Construction of Permanent or Temporary Access (es) from the said provincial road(s).</li> <li>• Erection and or construction of Overhead and or Underground Services (e.g. <i>Water &amp; Sewerage pipe lines, Electrical and Telephone Cable Lines</i>) across or parallel to the affected road(s).</li> <li>• Closing and or Deviation of part or section(s) of the above stated provincial road(s).</li> <li>• Advertisement along the affected road(s).</li> <li>• Working inside the road reserves of any of the affected road(s).</li> </ul>		<p>Comment is acknowledged and the Applicant will apply for a wayleave from the Department of Public Works and Roads for any activities that will affect the <b>D314_040</b> provincial road.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary or Permanent Closure of Traffic on either of the above stated provincial road(s).</li> </ul>		
<p><b>11. GEOMETRIC DESIGN AND SPECIFICATION OF THE NEW ACCESS</b></p> <p><b>11.1.</b> For the construction of the access (es) the applicant (whoever is responsible for the construction thereof) shall submit to the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads, for his approval, a geometric layout plan(s) to a scale of 1: 500, prepared and signed by a Professional Civil Engineer.</p> <p><b>11.2.</b> For the construction of the access (es) the applicant (whoever is responsible for the construction thereof) shall submit to the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads, for his approval, a specification, for the building thereof.</p>		<p>The Applicant will submit a geometric layout plan(s) for any new access for approval to the Department of Public Works and Roads.</p> <p>Where new access is required, the applicant shall build the access(es) at their own cost under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Roads.</p>
<p><b>12. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ACCESS</b></p> <p><b>12.1.</b> After the plans and specifications stated in paragraph <b>11.1</b> and <b>11.2</b> above, have been approved by the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads, the applicant shall build the access(es) <b>at own cost</b> under the supervision of a Professional Civil Engineer to the satisfaction of the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads.</p> <p><b>12.2.</b> On completion of the work, the Professional Civil Engineer shall certify, that work has been carried</p>		

<p>out in accordance with the approved plan(s) and specifications.</p> <p><b>12.3.</b> The certificate of completion shall be handed over to the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads, with the copy to the Deputy Director General: Relevant Authority of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment Affairs.</p>		
<p><b>13. PERMISSION TO WORK INSIDE THE ROAD RESERVE</b></p> <p>The applicant shall not commence with work inside the road reserve until he has obtained written approval from the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads to do so.</p>		
<p><b>14. INDEMNITY OF PREMIER AGAINST CLAIMS</b></p> <p><b>14.1.</b> You indemnify the <b>PREMIER OF NORTH WEST</b> and exempt him from any claim or damage which may be instituted or suffered by any person, including legal costs, as a result of the laying or erection of any service or any other works caused or erected by you, or as a result of negligence on your part to protect or maintain the service or other works caused by any other person unless you can prove negligence on the part of Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport or its officials.</p> <p><b>14.2.</b> The Department of Public Works and Roads will not be liable for any damage suffered by the applicant as a result of operations carried out on road construction or road maintenance or any other operations whatsoever, unless negligence on the</p>		<p>The Applicant has been provided with the copy of the comments letter and understand their obligations to the Department of Public Works and Roads.</p>

	<p>part of Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport or its officials can be proved.</p> <p><b>14.3.</b> The applicant shall indemnify the Department of Public Works and Roads or its officials and workers against any claims arising out of any death of or injuries to any person or damage to any property whatsoever (including services such as water pipes, telephone and or electric cables, etc.) caused by or resulting from the activities of the applicant in the road reserve.</p> <p><b>14.4. Where someone other than the state,</b> applicant is responsible for the construction of the access (es), the applicant shall take out a policy covering him to the amount to be stipulated by the Controlling Authority (Department of Public Works and Roads).</p> <p>This is necessary to enable the applicant to comply with the above requirements. Before any work is done in the road reserve, the applicant shall deliver proof that the policy has been taken out and all costs of it have been paid.</p>		
	<p><b>15. LAND USE ALONG THE ROAD(S)</b></p> <p><b>15.1.</b> Land use of even build on the lines of no access shall be in accordance with the requirements of Executive Committee Resolution 1112 of 26 June 1978.</p> <p><b>15.2.</b> The applicant shall not erect/ built either permanent or temporarily structures, and or any</p>		<p>The requirements relating to the road reserve, noise barriers, and drainage are noted and would be considered further during the construction phase of the project.</p>



	<p>informal structures along the above-mentioned provincial roads inside the road reserve until he has obtained written approval from the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads to do so.</p> <p><b>16. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COST OF (ACOUSTIC SCREENING) NOISE BARRIER</b></p> <p>The applicant shall be responsible for any costs involved in the erection of Acoustic Screening (Noise Barrier).</p>		
	<p><b>17. ACCEPTANCE AND DISPOSAL OF STORM WATER</b></p> <p><b>17.1.</b> In terms of Section 84 of the road Ordinance, 1957, the applicant shall arrange the drainage of the proposed development(s) in such way that it fit in with the drainage of the provincial Road(S) <b>D314_040</b>, taking into account the capacity of the system.</p> <p><b>17.2.</b> The applicant/ local authority or whoever responsible for the drainage of the proposed development(s) shall receive and dispose all the storm water running from the road or being diverted from the road.</p> <p><b>17.3.</b> The state or the Provincial Administration will not be responsible for any damage caused by arising from such storm water.</p> <p><b>17.4.</b> Where, in the opinion of the Deputy Director General: Department of Public Works and Roads,</p>		

	<p>the system for the above-mentioned road(s) is too small to cope with any increased volume of the storm as a result of the establishment or proposed development(s), the applicant/ local authority (whoever responsible for the drainage) shall be responsible for the cost of installing a larger drainage system for the provincial Road(s) <b>D314_040</b>.</p> <p><b>17.5.</b> The applicant/ local authority or whoever responsible for the drainage of the proposed development(s) shall built/ construct the drainage scheme at own cost simultaneously with the construction of the access (es).</p> <p><b>It will be appreciated if you would kindly ensure that all the above conditions are included in the proposed and intended developments.</b> Should you have any questions and or clarification in regard to the above-mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact this Department.</p>		
7.	<p>The Department has reviewed the DSR and recommends the following for inclusion in the Final Scoping Report (FSR) to be submitted for decision as per the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All specialists must complete and sign the Departments Specialist declaration form for each specialist study</li> <li>• The EAP must sign the EAP affirmation as per Appendix 2 of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations as amended.</li> <li>• The Magaliesberg Biosphere must be registered as an Interested and Affected Party and be given opportunity to comment on the proposed development.</li> </ul>	<p>Tshegofatso Lekgari Case Officer NW DEDECT</p> <p>Letter: 10 August 2022</p>	<p>All specialist declarations have been included in the final scoping report as <b>Appendix J – Specialist Declarations</b></p> <p>An Eap affirmation and declaration has been signed an attached to the final scoping report as <b>Appendix L – Eap Declaration</b></p> <p>The Magaliesberg Biosphere is a registered I&amp;AP on the project's database (refer to <b>Appendix C1: I&amp;AP Database</b> in the final Scoping Report) and comments submitted as captured in this C&amp;RR (refer to point 1.2 below and <b>Appendix C6: Comments Received</b> of the final Scoping Report).</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The co-ordinates for the powerline must be provided for the start middle and end of the route.</li> </ul>		<p>The project development is not yet at the stage of confirming the preferred overhead powerline to the substation. The coordinates for each of the alternatives is as per the below:</p> <p>It must be noted that these are alternatives for the EPC Contractor to consider within the buffer.</p> <p>The Co ordinated of the gridline has been included under <b>CHAPTER 2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION section 2.2.2. Components of the KAREE Solar PV Facility</b> in the final report, for ease of reference the added sections have been underlined.</p>
	<p>Please note to submit the Final Scoping Report in 1 hard copy and 2 soft copies in the form of a USB flash.</p>		<p>The Final Scoping Report will be submitted to the Case Officer as requested once finalized.</p>

## 1.2. Key Stakeholders and Interested & Affected Parties

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	<p>Due to loadshedding we were not able to attend the online sessions for both projects (Sibanye and Buffelspoort). Could you please send a summary / presentation / meeting minutes for both applications when they are ready.</p> <p>Also some confusion as both had meetings yesterday conducted by Savannah – please can I ask you to confirm who I should communicate with for Buffelspoort Solar?</p>	<p>Belinda Cooper Manager: Magaliesberg Biosphere</p> <p>E-mail: 29 June 2022</p>	<p>The KSW presentation and meeting notes for the Sibanye Stillwater project were forwarded to the stakeholder as requested (refer to <b>Appendix C5: Interested &amp; Affected Party Correspondence</b> and <b>Appendix C6: Comments Received</b> of the final Scoping Report).</p>
2.	<p>Tenders.</p>	<p>Mokgaetji Setsiba Khunamala Trading Nd Projects</p>	<p>The request has been sent to the developer.</p>

		Ulwazi Platform (Sibanye Stillwater Free Site): 19 July 2022	
3.	<p>An official invitation for a discussion and submission therefore to Savanah Environmental's application for Environmental Authorisation and Water use License for your clients- SRPM Solar (PTY) Ltd, K4 Solar (PTY) Ltd, and Marikana Solar (PTY) Ltd on proposed three (3) Solar developments and its associated grid connections infrastructure (ourselves as Interested and Affected Party)' furthermore,</p> <p>1) Many mining communities are still relatively poor after many years of mining activity leading to communal fights and instabilities to other new projects like this one as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have designed an amazing multibillion investment prototype geared at addressing this issue which has to take-off and be demonstrated as a solution within a PHd study of one of the FWEC- NPC director; and we see your three clients as an important catalyst partners on it;</li> </ul> <p>2) We also wish to discuss with your clients after our meeting, an initiative — Energy, Waste and Water related, food security, we are having with University of Johannesburg Centre for Ecological Intelligence and Finland based Water-master and SolarO; in which we can work together.</p> <p>There are two new mining ventures we will touch with you, which we wish to apply for prospecting rights. We hope you find the above brief in order.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed venue for discussion:</u></b> Rustenburg Local Municipality MMC- Special Projects and Intergovernmental Relations <b>Suite Number:</b> 715 (7th Floor)</p>	<p>Nosiphelele Mafanya &amp; Lucentius Tukula Directors: FECW – NPC</p> <p>Letter: Undated (Attached to email dated 25 July 2022)</p>	<p>The FECW will be invited to the public meetings scheduled to take place during the impact phase of the project at which they would be provided an opportunity to be part of the consultation process.</p>

## 2. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SCOPING PHASE OF THE EIA PROCESS

### 2.1. Organs of State

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	<p><b>General Comment</b></p> <p>The Mandate of DFFE: Forestry Branch is mainly ensure control over development affecting natural forest, protected trees in terms of National Forestry Act of 1998, protected woodland, should you encounter any protected trees under NFA, such species cannot be cut, removed or damaged without a licence in terms of Section 15 of NFA.</p>	<p>Mulalo Sundani Environmental Impact Management DFFE</p>	<p>This Comment has been noted and no protected trees under NFA will be cut, removed or damaged without applying for the appropriate licensing, if applicable.</p>
2.	<p>Your application dated 23 May 2022 has reference.</p> <p>The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) has not objection to the application as no national roads or interchanges under the jurisdiction of SANRAL will be affected.</p>	<p>R Barkhuizen Statutory Control Officer: Northern Region SANRAL  Letter: 14 June 2022</p>	<p>SANRAL's confirmation of no objection to the application as no national roads or interchanges under their jurisdiction will be affected is noted and no further action is required.</p>

### 2.2. Key Stakeholders and Interested & Affected Parties

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
	No comments received.		