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GLOSSARY

Abbreviation	Definition
BA	Basic Assessment
CA	Competent Authority
CAA	South African Civil Aviation Authority
DALRRD	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
DMRE	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EGI	Electrical Grid Infrastructure
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
GN	Government Notice
HWC	Heritage Western Cape
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties
NC DENC	Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation
NC DALRRD	Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)
PPP	Public Participation Process
PV	Photovoltaic
REDZ	Renewable Energy Development Zone
S&EIR	Scoping & Environmental Impact Report
SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
SANRAL	South African National Roads Agency Limited



SAWS	South African Weather Service
SKA	Square Kilometre Array
WC DEADP	Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
WSP	WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd

1 INTRODUCTION

Changes made from the Draft Public Participation Process (PPP) Report have been underlined in this Final PPP Report for ease of reference to the updates made in the reporting.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Mura 1 (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to meet the requirements under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), for the proposed Mura Photovoltaic (PV) Development between Loxton and Beaufort West in the Beaufort West Local Municipality and Ubuntu Local Municipality and the Central Karoo District Municipality and Pixley ka Seme District Municipality in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces.

1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

Red Cap Energy is proposing to develop four solar facilities, namely Mura 1, Mura 2, Mura 3, and Mura 4, and an associated grid connection, collectively known as the Mura PV Development between Loxton and Beaufort West (Refer to **Figure 1-1**). The proposed Mura PV Development is located in close proximity to the approved Nuweveld Wind Farm Development.

Each solar facility will connect to the Eskom grid via new 132 kV overhead lines (assessed in a separate process to the PV facilities) connecting up to two on-site solar substations via adjacent Eskom switching stations to the approved Nuweveld Collector Substation.

For the grid connection, an Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) Corridor is proposed and is assessed as a separate project. The grid line is arranged in what is called a "collector ring line". This implies that it is a circular grid line and not just a single line between the Nuweveld Collector Substation and the Mura facilities. The use of a circular "collector ring line" is an approach used by Eskom and others to improve the grid stability and to ensure that if the grid line is damaged on one side of the "collector ring line", that the solar facilities can still export their energy along the other side of the ring line while the fault is repaired. This allows these facilities to be better integrated into the national grid and to better reduce risks of downtime which enables these solar facility projects to be better adapted to potential amendments to future bidding requirements or to potentially give them a competitive advantage over other similar projects.

Mura 1 Solar PV Facility and Mura EGI Corridor fall within the Beaufort West Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ), as per Government Notice (GN) No. 145 in Government Gazette 44191, therefore these applications will be subject to a Basic Assessment (BA) Process in terms of NEMA (as amended) and Appendix 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 promulgated in Government Gazette 40772 and GN R326, R327, R325 and R324 on 7 April 2017. Mura 1 (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2715) and Mura EGI (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2721) applications received Environmental Authorisation on 06 June 2023. Mura 2, 3 and 4 Solar PV Facilities have been subject to a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process in terms of NEMA (as amended) and Appendix 2 and 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 promulgated in Government Gazette 40772 and GN R326, R327, R325 and R324 on 7 April 2017.

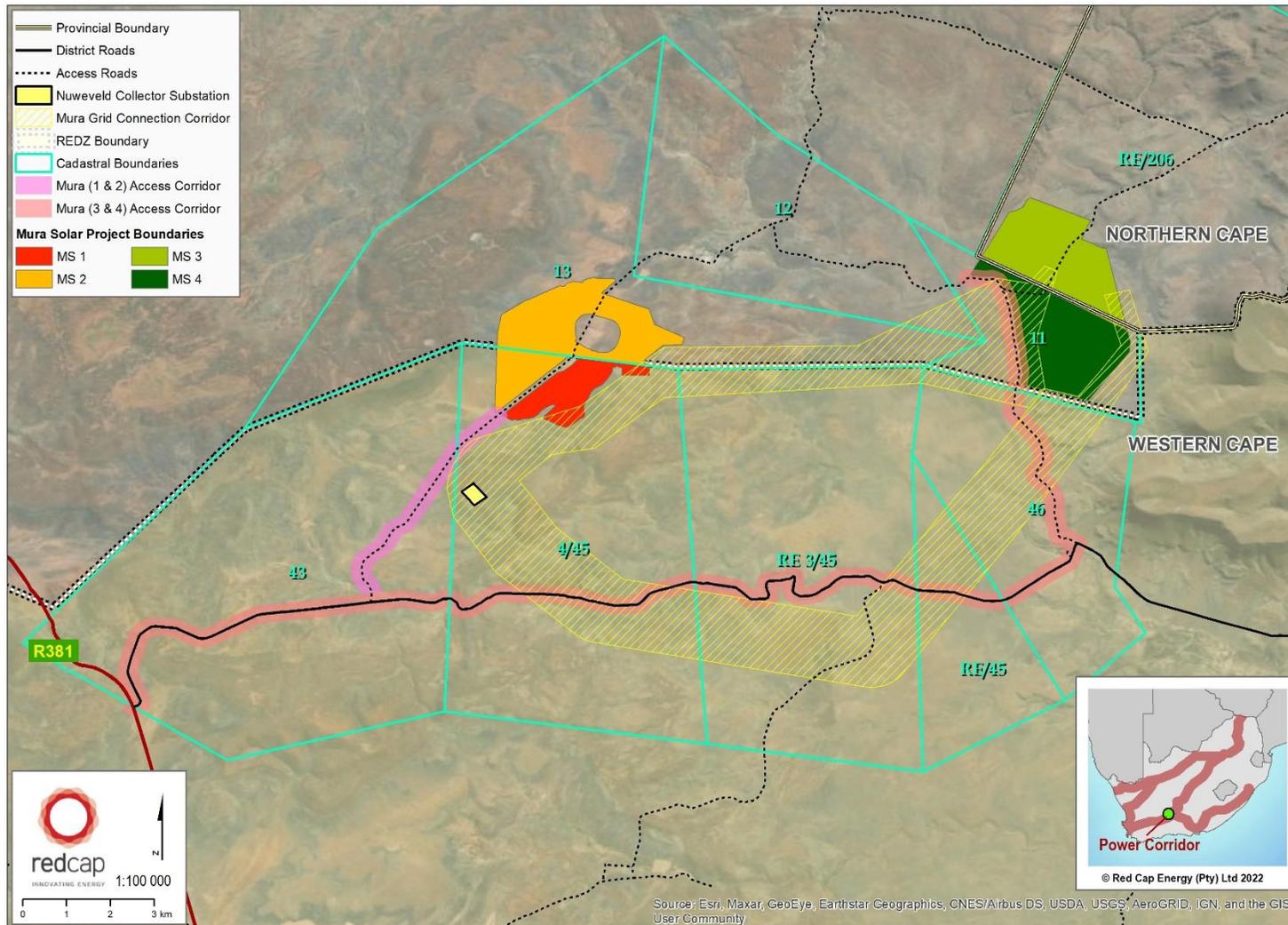


Figure 1-1 - Mura PV Development Locality



1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

There are five applications associated with the Mura PV Development as indicated in **Table 1-1**.

Table 1-1 – Mura PV Development Environmental Applications

Project	Details	Environmental Process
Mura 1 Solar PV Facility	Up to 150 MW solar facility including associated infrastructure	BA Process <u>Mura 1 (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2715) received Environmental Authorisation on 06 June 2023.</u>
Mura 2 Solar PV Facility	Up to 400 MW solar facility including associated infrastructure	Scoping & Environmental Impact Report (S&EIR) Process
Mura 3 Solar PV Facility	Up to 320 MW solar facility including associated infrastructure	S&EIR Process
Mura 4 Solar PV Facility	Up to 360 MW solar facility including associated infrastructure	S&EIR Process
Mura EGI Corridor	132 kV lines and associated infrastructure within the Mura EGI Corridor	BA Process <u>The Mura EGI (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2721) application received Environmental Authorisation on 06 June 2023.</u>

A combined Public Participation Process (PPP) is being undertaken for all projects mentioned above. This PPP Report is applicable to the Mura 2 Solar PV Facility, Mura 3 Solar PV Facility and Mura 4 Solar PV Facility Projects following a S&EIR Process.

1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Process for the proposed project. This PPP Report was compiled as part of the EA Process and must be read in conjunction with the applicable Scoping Reports in support of the EA applications. **Table 1-2** details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

Table 1-2 – Details of the EAP

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EAPASA Registration Number:	EAPASA (2019/1005)

To adequately identify and assess potential environmental impacts, the EAP was supported by a number of specialists, the details of which are provided in the applicable EIA Reports.

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

Neither WSP nor any of the authors of this Report have any material present or contingent interest in the outcome of this Report, nor do they have any business, financial, personal or other interest that could be reasonably regarded as being capable of affecting their independence. WSP has no beneficial interest in the outcome of the assessment.

1.4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is understood to be a series of inclusive and culturally appropriate interactions aimed at providing stakeholders with opportunities to express their views, so that these can be considered and incorporated into the decision-making process. Effective public participation requires the prior disclosure of relevant and adequate project information to enable stakeholders to understand the risks, impacts, and opportunities of the proposed Project.

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the PPP:

- The environment is held in public trust; therefore, use of environmental resources is everyone's concern;
- To ensure that projects meet the citizens' needs and are suitable to the affected public;
- The project carries more legitimacy, and less hostility, if interested and affected parties (I&APs) are able to influence the decision-making process; and
- The final decision is deemed informed when local knowledge and values are included and when expert knowledge is publicly examined.

1.4.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the PPP can be summarised as follows:

- Identify relevant individuals, organisations and communities who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project;
- Clearly outline the scope of the proposed Project, including the scale and nature of the existing and proposed activities;
- Identify viable proposed Project alternatives that will assist the relevant authorities in making an informed decision;
- Identify shortcomings and gaps in existing information;
- Identify key concerns, raised by I&APs that should be addressed in the subsequent specialist studies;

- Highlight the potential for environmental impacts, whether positive or negative; and
- To inform and provide the public with information and an understanding of the proposed Project, issues and solutions.

1.4.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

An I&AP is defined as any person, group of persons or organisations interested in or affected by an activity, and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity.

The difference between an I&AP and a registered I&AP:

- An I&AP can be directly or indirectly impacted on by a proposed activity.
- A registered I&AP is a person whose name has been placed on the register of registered I&APs. According to the PPP Guidance document, 2017, only registered I&APs will be notified:
 - Of the availability of reports and other written submissions made to the Competent Authority (CA) by the Applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions; and
 - Of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision.

For the purpose of this report, registered I&APs will be referred to as Stakeholders.

Rights, Roles and Responsibilities of the Stakeholders

Stakeholders have the right to bring to the attention of the CA any issues that they believe may be of significance to the consideration of the application. The rights of stakeholder are qualified by certain obligations, namely:

- Stakeholders must ensure that their comments are submitted within the timeframes that have been approved by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE), or within any extension of a timeframe agreed by the Proponent, EAP or competent authorities;
- Serve a copy of the comments submitted directly to the competent authorities, the Proponent or the EAP; and
- Disclose to the EAP any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they might have in the approval or refusal of the application.

The roles of stakeholders in a public participation process usually include one or more of the following:

- Assisting in the identification and prioritisation of issues that need to be investigated;
- Making suggestions on alternatives and means of preventing, minimising and managing negative impacts and enhancing proposed Project benefits;
- Assisting in or commenting on the development of mutually acceptable criteria for the evaluation of decision options;
- Contributing information on public needs, values and expectations;
- Contributing local and traditional knowledge; and
- Verifying that their issues have been considered.

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

- Become involved in the process as early as possible;
- Advise the EAP of other stakeholders who should be consulted;

- Contribute towards the design of the public participation process (including timeframes) to ensure that it is acceptable to all stakeholders;
- Follow the process once it has been accepted;
- Read the material provided and actively seek to understand the issues involved;
- Give timeous responses to correspondence;
- Be respectful and courteous towards other stakeholders;
- Refrain from making subjective, unfounded or ill-informed statements; and
- Recognise that the process is confined to issues that are directly relevant to the application.

1.5 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our approach to stakeholder engagement is based on the following principles:

- Undertake meaningful and timely participation with stakeholders;
- Focus on important issues during the process;
- Undertake due consideration of alternatives;
- Take accountability for information used;
- Encourage co-regulation, shared responsibility and a sense of ownership over the proposed Project lifecycle;
- Apply “due process” particularly with regard to public participation as provided for in the EIA Regulations; and
- Consider the needs, interests and values of stakeholders.

The Public Participation guideline in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, drafted by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (now DFFE) in 2017, tabulates the level of Public Participation required for various levels of anticipated project impacts. This table has been used to identify additional Public Participation methods which are required for the Project. Highlighted cells (red) indicate the applicable response to the anticipated impacts. Results of the process are shown in **Table 1-3**.

Table 1-3 – Level of Public Participation as per Public Participation Guideline (DEA, 2017)

Scale of Anticipated Impacts	Recommended Response	
	If “Yes”	If “No”
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality?	Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA must be met.
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province?	Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA must be met.

Scale of Anticipated Impacts	Recommended Response	
	If “Yes”	If “No”
Is the project a greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)?	Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) or environmental problems (e.g. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these?	Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more information on both the socio-economic and environmental problems.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socio-economic and ecological)?	Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Public and environmental sensitivity of the project:		
Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project?	Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs?	There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant?	Consultation with the private landowner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)?	Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Potentially affected parties:		
Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area?	More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.

Scale of Anticipated Impacts	Recommended Response	
	If “Yes”	If “No”
Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict?	Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs?	Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.t.o. socio-economic status, language or culture)?	Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past?	PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high level of unemployment in the area?	The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.
Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)?	Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance with the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP.

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on **22 September 2022** with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting and approval from the DFFE are included in **Appendix C.1**.

2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Section 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) states that written notices must be given to identified stakeholders as outlined in **Table 2-1**.

Relevant authorities (Organs of State) have been automatically registered as stakeholders. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), all other persons must request in writing to be placed on the register, submit written comments, or attend meetings to be registered as stakeholders, and included in future communication regarding the Project.

Table 2-1 – Interested and Affected Parties

NEMA Requirement	Discussion
(i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land	<p>The project activity is located on various portions of privately owned land. The landowners have been included on the stakeholder database. The land portions associated with the Mura PV Development include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Leeuwkloof Farm 43 ■ Bultfontein Farm 13 ■ Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 ■ RE of Portion 3 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 ■ Bultfontein Farm 12 ■ Aangrensend Abramskraal Farm 11 ■ RE of Abrams Kraal Farm 206 ■ Sneeuwkraal Farm 46 ■ RE of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 ■ Portion 2 of Paardeberg Farm 49
(ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken	All landowners have been contacted to confirm whether there are any occupiers on the land portions. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
(iii) owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken	Adjacent landowner details were collected and have been included on the stakeholder database. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
(iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area	Ward Councillors of Ward 7 (Beaufort West Local Municipality) and Ward 3 (Ubuntu Local Municipality) have been included on the stakeholder database.

NEMA Requirement	Discussion
(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area	The project is located in Beaufort West Local Municipality and Ubuntu Local Municipality located within the Central Karoo District Municipality and Pixley ka Seme District Municipality. Both Local and District Municipalities have been included on the stakeholder database.
(vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity	DFFE has been, and will continue to be, consulted. The Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (WC DEADP) and Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (NC DENC) have been included on the stakeholder database.
(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority.	<p>All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included on the stakeholder database. Inclusive of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ DFFE; ■ Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS); ■ Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE); ■ Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD); ■ Department of Public Works; ■ Department of Defence; ■ National Department of Transport; ■ South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL); ■ South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); ■ South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA); ■ Square Kilometre Array (SKA); ■ South African Weather Service (SAWS); ■ Air Traffic Navigation Services (ATNS); ■ Beaufort West Local Municipality; ■ Ubuntu Local Municipality; ■ Central Karoo District Municipality; ■ Pixley ka Sema District Municipality; ■ WC DEADP; ■ Heritage Western Cape (HWC); ■ Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (NC DALRRD); ■ NC DENC; ■ Northern Cape Heritage Resources Authority; ■ BirdLife South Africa; ■ CapeNature; ■ Endangered Wildlife Trust; and ■ South African National Parks. <p>For a full list of registered stakeholders please refer to Appendix A.</p>

Appendix A provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholder database will be updated throughout the EA process.

2.3 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

AUTHORITY CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on **22 September 2022** with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting and approval from the DFFE are included in **Appendix C.1**.

DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to potential and existing Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e., site notices, emails, SMSes, etc.). Proof of notification is included in **Appendix B**.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of GNR 982, as amended, the proposed project was advertised in three local newspapers. The purpose of the advertisement is to notify the public about the proposed project and to invite them to register as stakeholders. A copy of the advertisement and proof of placement is included in **Appendix B.1**. The advertisement publication details are provided in **Table 2-2**.

Table 2-2 – Dates on which the adverts were published

Newspaper	Distribution Area	Language	Publication Date
Die Burger	Western Cape	Afrikaans	3 March 2023
Die Courier	Beaufort West, Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka, Nelspoort, Murraysburg, Laingsburg, Victoria West, Merweville	English	3 March 2023
Victoria Messenger	Loxton, Victoria West, Vosburg	Afrikaans	3 March 2023

SITE NOTICES

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices have been developed and have been placed at strategic points in close proximity to the proposed Project site, as well as in public places within Beaufort West Local Municipality and Ubuntu Local Municipality. Proof of placement is included in **Appendix B.2**.

2.4 AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS

2.4.1 AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS

The Draft Scoping Reports were placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **06 March 2023** to **06 April 2023**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Beaufort West Public Library;
- Hard Copy: Beaufort West Municipal Offices;
- Hard Copy: Loxton Library;
- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>); and
- Electronic Copy: Datafree Website (<https://wsp-engage.com/>).

The Draft Reports were also made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link ([Mura PV Development - Public Review](#)).

In order to ensure maximum participation of all I&APs, reports were shared on the Datafree website as well as an audio presentation in both English and Afrikaans.

Proof of placement of the Draft Reports is provided in **Appendix B.6**.

2.4.2 AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORTS

The final scoping reports were submitted to the DFFE on 18 April 2023 and was made available to registered I&APs on the WSP website. Proof of placement is provided in **Appendix B.6**.

The acceptance of the final scoping reports is indicated in **Table 2-3**.

Table 2-3 – Acceptance of final scoping reports

Project	DFFE Reference	Date of Acceptance of Final Scoping Report
Mura 2 Solar PV Facility	14/12/16/3/3/2/2323	12 May 2023
Mura 3 Solar PV Facility	14/12/16/3/3/2/2324	12 May 2023
Mura 4 Solar PV Facility	14/12/16/3/3/2/2325	29 May 2023

2.4.3 AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIRS

The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) were placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **03 July 2023** to **02 August 2023**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Beaufort West Public Library;
- Hard Copy: Loxton Library;
- Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>); and
- Electronic Copy: Datafree Website (<https://wsp-engage.com/>).

The Draft Reports were also be made available to Commenting Authorities via a One Drive link ([Mura PV Development - Public Review](#)).

Proof of placement of the Draft Reports is provided in **Appendix B.6**.

2.5 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

All I&APs that either call in or send written correspondence, such as emails, fax, or post, to the EAP have been added to the database and their comments and/or queries have been responded to.

2.6 SITE VISIT

As per the comments received on the Final Scoping Reports for Mura 2 Solar PV (14/12/16/3/3/2/2323), Mura 3 Solar PV (14/12/16/3/3/2/2324) and Mura 4 Solar PV (14/12/16/3/3/2/2325), WSP was requested to contact the DFFE to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAR. WSP contacted Jay-Jay Mpelane from the DFFE initially on 03 July 2023 for a site visit. Follow up emails and telephonic communication was made on 10 July 2023, 21 July 2023 and 24 July 2023. During a telephonic call on 24 July 2023, Jay-Jay Mpelane confirmed that the DFFE are still evaluating the Draft EIARs and if the DFFE requires a site visit WSP will be contacted.



A request for a site visit was made by the DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Directorate on 25 July 2023. A site visit was undertaken on 10 August 2023. The meeting register is included in **Appendix C.2.**

Jay-Jay Mpelane from the DFFE was informed of the site visit with the DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Directorate taking place on 10 August 2023, and WSP enquired if the DFFE would like to attend as well. No response was received. Proof of correspondence is attached in **Appendix E.**

3 COMMENTS RECEIVED

All concerns, comments, viewpoints, and questions (collectively referred to as 'issues') received have been documented and responded to adequately in the Comments and Responses tables below. The original comments are included in **Appendix D**.

3.1 COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING SCOPING PHASE

The Draft Scoping Reports were placed on public review from 06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023. The Final Scoping Reports were submitted to the DFFE on 18 April 2023. The comments received are reflected in the sections below.

3.1.1 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR ALL MURA PROJECTS

Comments received during the Draft Scoping Phase and Final Scoping Phase for all the Mura Projects are incorporate in **Table 3-1** and **Table 3-2**, respectfully and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.1**.

Table 3-1 – Comments received during Draft Scoping Phase for all Mura Projects

Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
Central Karoo District Municipality			
Rene Van Tonder 07 March 2023 Via Email	Good afternoon Megan I cannot open the attachment that you send to the manager address Regards Rene Van Tonder Manager: Records - Central Karoo District Municipality	WSP Responded: Good Morning Rene I have shared the folder with your email address. You should have received the attached email. Please let me know if you still have any issues downloading the reports. Alternatively, you can also download the reports from the WSP website or a Datafree Website using the links below: WSP Website https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents Datafree Website https://wsp-engage.com/ Kind Regards,	Appendix D1 of the PPP Report



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Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC)			
Natalie Uys 06 March 2023 Via Email	Good day Could you please send the kml/kmz/shapefile layer for the development . Please could you send the onedrive link? I cannot get access to the onedrive link. Best regards Natalie	WSP Responded: Good Morning Natalie Please see attached .kml files of the development areas as requested. I have also shared the One Drive Folder with your email address. You should have received the attached email. Please let me know if you still have any issues downloading the reports. Alternatively, you can also download the reports from the WSP website or a Datafree Website using the links below: WSP Website https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents Datafree Website https://wsp-engage.com/ Kind Regards,	Appendix D1 of the PPP Report
Western Cape Department of Agriculture			
Brandon Layman 06 March 2023 Via Email	Hi Ms. Govender Please note that this office is bound by the government filing system which is currently in physical file format as approved by the Auditor General. The transition to electronic filing is slow and must be according to government protocols. The provincial	WSP Responded: Good Morning Brandon The below is noted. WSP will courier a USB to your offices. Kind Regards,	Appendix D1 of the PPP Report

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	<p>department responsible for our electronic storage/filing etc. is in process to develop that.</p> <p>As solution to the cost of printing hard copies and lack of electronic filing system on our side (as discussed above) we decided the best option is to give you as consultants the option for a CD or USB as alternative to hard copy.</p> <p>The main difference between a CD or USB is storage. A hard copy, CD or USB is the “store”. Email or we-transfer needs to be printed to be stored physically as we do not have an approved filing system available in the cloud or other network.</p> <p>CD or USB we can still put on a physical file.</p> <p>With many thanks and kind regards</p> <p>Brandon Layman</p>		
Department of Water and Sanitation			
<p>Fourie Lizna 07 March 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Morning Megan</p> <p>SITA does not allow me to open this</p> <p>Please email me the relevant docs which we need to review</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Lizna Fourie</p>	<p>WSP Responded:</p> <p>Good Morning Lizna</p> <p>The total size of the files is 601 MB (with a total of 101 reports) so I am unable to send it via email. Are you perhaps able to download the report from either the WSP website or the Datafree Website using the links below:</p> <p>WSP Website https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</p> <p>Datafree Website https://wsp-engage.com/</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>



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		<p>If you are unable to download the reports, please let me know if there is an alternative method of sending you the reports?</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	
DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation			
<p>Kamogelo Mathetja 07 March 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms M Mudau (Both copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.</p> <p>Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota</p> <p>Regards, Kamogelo</p>	<p>WSP Responded:</p> <p>Good Day Mrs Makitla and Ms Mudau</p> <p>Please find attached .kml files related to the project.</p> <p>Should you have any additional queries, please feel free to contact me.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>

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<p>Mashudu Mudau 06 April 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Good day Ashlea and Megan.</p> <p>Kindly find attached comments for the three scoping reports Mura 2, 3 and 4.</p> <p>I will be sending out comments for the remaining two DBAR soon.</p> <p>Regards, Mashudu Mudau</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms receipt of the comments from the DFFE Biodiversity Directorate.</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>
<p>Mashudu Mudau 06 April 2023 Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Dear Ms. Strong</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES, NAMELY MURA 2, MURA 3, AND MURA 4, BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE BEAUFORT WEST LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND THE CENTRAL KAROO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports.</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports and does not have any objection to the draft Scoping Reports and the Plans of Study, however, the EIA reports must comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A)</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the Directorates statement of no objection. In addition, WSP confirms that the EIA reports will comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.</p> <p>All documents will continue to be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dfre.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Mr. Seoka Lekota</p> <p>Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation</p>		
Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment			
<p>Annette Geertsema</p> <p>07 March 2023</p> <p>Via Email</p>	<p>Good day Megan</p> <p>Can you please send the title deeds, proposed site development and locality maps to enable the Department to consider the applications?</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Annette</p>	<p>WSP Responded:</p> <p>Good Day Annette</p> <p>I have uploaded the title deeds, development site and locality maps to this One Drive Folder: Mura Additional Information as the files are too big to send via email.</p> <p>Please confirm receipt and download of the files.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>
SANRAL			
<p>René de Kock</p> <p>08 March 2023</p>	<p>Good day</p> <p>Thank you for your email, unfortunately I cannot open it.</p>	<p>WSP Responded:</p> <p>Good Day Rene</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>

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Via Email	regards René de Kock STATUTORY CONTROLLER	Please see if you can access the files using the following link: Mura Solar PV Development_For Public Review Alternatively, you can also download the reports from the WSP website or a Datafree Website using the links below: WSP Website https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents Datafree Website https://wsp-engage.com/ Please let me know if you have any issues downloading the reports. Kind Regards,	
René de Kock 08 March 2023 Via Email	Thank you, Megan. Please forward all EIA related emails to Nicole Abrahams at abrahamsn@nra.co.za for comment. Kind regards René de Kock STATUTORY CONTROLLER	WSP Response: WSP confirms that Nicole Abrahams has been included in the Database.	Appendix D1 of the PPP Report Appendix A of the PPP Report
Sinazo Pekula 14 March 2023 Via Email	Good day Megan Please find the attached letter for your attention. Kind Regards Sinazo Pekula	WSP Responded: Good Day Sinazo Thank you, your comment is noted. Kind Regards,	Appendix D1 of the PPP Report
Sinazo Pekula 14 March 2023	Dear Megan Govender	WSP Response: WSP acknowledges the comment from SANRAL.	

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Letter (Via Email)	<p>NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MURA PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES</p> <p>Thank you for your email dated 6 March 2023.</p> <p>The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) has no jurisdiction regarding the above application and therefore, has no comment.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p> <p>Ms. S Pekula</p> <p>STATUTORY CONTROL</p>		
Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works Chief Directorate: Road Planning			
<p>Vanessa Stoffels</p> <p>13 March 2023</p> <p>Via Email</p>	<p>Good day Megan</p> <p>Thank you for your e-mail.</p> <p>Unfortunately I could not access your documents. Staff are blocked by our IT department to open links due to Cyber threats.</p> <p>Please feel free to send documents via multiple e-mails.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Vanessa Stoffels</p> <p>Admin Clerk: Road Use Management</p>	<p>WSP Responded:</p> <p>Good Day Vanessa</p> <p>There are a total of 101 reports with several above the email limit size so I am unable to send it via email. Are you perhaps able to download the report from either the WSP website or the Datafree Website using the links below:</p> <p>WSP Website https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</p> <p>Datafree Website https://wsp-engage.com/</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>

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		<p>If you are unable to download the reports, please let me know if there is an alternative method of sending you the reports?</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	
<p>Vanessa Stoffels 14 March 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Good day</p> <p>Received your application, our reference Job 30235.</p> <p>The matter is receiving attention and further communication will be addressed to you as soon as circumstances permit.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Vanessa Stoffels</p> <p>Admin Clerk: Road Use Management</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the Directorates reference number.</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>
AGRI Northern Cape			
<p>Marian Van Der Westhuizen 08 March 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>HI</p> <p>Please send this information in the future to bestuurder@agrink.co.za and geo@agrink.co.za</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>MARIAN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN</p> <p>Finansies / Finance</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that bestuurder@agrink.co.za and geo@agrink.co.za have been included in the Database.</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p> <p>Appendix A of the PPP Report</p>



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I&AP: SOLA			
<p>Reuben Maroga 16 March 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Hi Megan, I hope you are well.</p> <p>We would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the proposed Mura 1 Solar PV facility between Loxton and Beaufort West in the Western Cape Province. For the registration, please capture this email address: iap@solagroup.co.za</p> <p>Furthermore, could you kindly share the KML files of the proposed development extent and the grid connection corridor route assessed to the nearest ESKOM substation.</p> <p>Lastly, we would also like to request that WSP registers us as an I&AP for all renewable energy projects. We are continuously developing sites across various Provinces so it would be great to have sight of other projects that we can include in our own stakeholder databases for our projects, as well as take into consideration from a technical perspective.</p> <p>Looking forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Best Regards Reuben Maroga Permitting Specialist</p>	<p>WSP Responded:</p> <p>Good Day Reuben</p> <p>Please find attached kml files as requested. I can also confirm that you have been added to our stakeholder database.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p> <p>Appendix A of the PPP Report</p>



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Endangered Wildlife Trust			
Bonnie Schumann 17 March 2023 Via Email	Hi Megan Thank you for the email below. We note the proposed development and at this stage and have no comments. Kind Regards	WSP Response: WSP acknowledges the EWT's statement of no comment.	Appendix D1 of the PPP Report
I&AP: G7 Energies			
Shonese Bloy 27 March 2023 Via Email	Good day Ashlea, Could you please register Caryn Clarke with email address eia@g7energies.com as an I&AP for the proposed Mura 1-4 Solar Energy Facility and Mura Grid Infrastructure. Would you kindly send through any relevant documents and reply with confirmation of registration. Thanks so much. Kind Regards,	WSP Responded: Dear Shonese Thank you for your email. I can confirm that Caryn has been added to the database as requested and will receive all project related notifications going forward. Kind regards	Appendix D1 of the PPP Report Appendix A of the PPP Report
Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP)			
Adri La Meyer 05 April 2023 Via Email	Dear Megan and Ashlea, I hope you are well. The comments on the DSRs and Draft BARs for the MURA PV and EGI development are due tomorrow (06 April 2023). I have received comments from our Waste and Pollution Management Directorates.	WSP Responded: Good Day Adri Thank you so much for letting us know. We can still accommodate your comments if you send it on Tuesday morning.	Appendix D1 of the PPP Report



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	<p>However, our Development Management Directorate (EIA section) is unable to provide comments as the case officer's laptop has crashed and her comments cannot be retrieved by our IT section.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I also cannot provide you with the collated comments tomorrow as I am already under so much stress to deliver collated comments on 4 x BARs for solar facilities that are also due tomorrow. (I'm sure Megan from CapeNature feels my pain!). I'm still waiting for our George Office's comments on those 4 BARs.</p> <p>Whilst I am only supposed to collate comments from our commenting directorates and not review the reports myself, I will now have to review the DSRs and BARs for the Mura development this weekend in the absence of comments from our EIA section. Such comments can however only be provided to you on Tuesday morning. Should you however be unable to accommodate the Department's comments to be submitted on Thursday morning, please go ahead and finalise the reports without our inputs.</p> <p>Kind regards, Adri</p>	<p>Goodluck! Kind Regards,</p>	
I&AP: Anthony Jeffathon			
<p>Anthony Jeffathon 07 April 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Dear M/s Megan Govender, Attached comments for the four subject matter applications.</p>	<p>WSP Responded: Good Day Anthony</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>



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	<p>Kindly note it is a day late due to loadshedding interruptions and reviewing and commenting on more than 1.5 applications documents was very time constraining within 30 days.</p> <p>Kind regards Anthony</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. We will include them in the Stakeholder Engagement Report and respond accordingly.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	
Cape Nature			
<p>Megan Simons 14 April 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Good morning, Megan I hope you are well.</p> <p>Thank you for following up, we have been battling with internet connectivity since stage 6 loadshedding was implemented. Kindly see attached comments from CapeNature and our apology for the delay. If you require anything else, do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Have a good day. Megan Simons Land Use Scientist – Landscape East Conservation Operations: Conservation Intelligence</p>	<p>WSP Responded:</p> <p>Thank you very much Megan. Cape Nature’s comment is noted.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>
<p>Megan Simons 14 April 2023 Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the above report. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application. CapeNature wishes to make the following comments:</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP takes note of Cape Nature’s consideration of rehabilitation. Natural habitats will be avoided as much as possible and a rehabilitation plan will be included in the</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>According to the Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (Pool-Stanvliet et.al. 2017) the proposed Mura series of PV developments and infrastructure footprints are within Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA 1: Terrestrial, Aquatic, River; CBA 2: Terrestrial), Ecological Support Areas (ESA 1: Aquatic, ESA 2: restore), and Other Natural Areas over most of the area. The freshwater features include the Krom Rivers, numerous non-perennial drainage lines, and wetlands. The wetlands are classified as National Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas (NFEPA) are important in achieving biodiversity targets for riverine ecosystems and have an important role in allowing plant and animal species movement within the landscape.</p> <p>According to the National Biodiversity Assessment (Skowno et al. 2018) the vegetation for the proposed development area is Eastern Upper Karoo which is Least Concerned (SANBI 2022). The Eastern Upper Karoo has experienced low rates of natural habitat loss and 97% of the original extent remains (SANBI 2022). Although, the vegetation type is Least Threatened (LT), kindly note that any loss to natural habitat should be avoided. Considering that arid habitats could take years to rehabilitate, even from temporary disturbances and we only consider habitat as rehabilitated when comparable level of ecosystem functionality has been proven.</p>	<p>EMPr for the rehabilitation of any disturbed natural vegetation.</p>	

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	<p>The Department of Environment and Forestry identified geographical areas as renewable energy development zones (REDZ). Thus, it can be expected that renewable energy developments will increase, and such a monitoring program are essential to inform future renewable energy developments, especially in the Karoo. It is noted that the proposed WEF is situated within a Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZs) known as the Beaufort West REDZ 117.</p> <p>The Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan (Pool-Stanvliet et.al. 2017) has specific guidelines regarding CBA and ESA loss and their sensitivity and conservation objectives.</p> <p>Thus, the proposed development must be guided by those objectives to conserve and protect the CBAs and ESAs (Pool-Stanvliet et al. 2017). CapeNature maintains minimal habitat loss is acceptable, in line with the WCSBP Land Use Guidelines Handbook, provided the underlying biodiversity objectives and ecological functioning are not compromised.</p> <p>CapeNature notes that not all the Mura PV facilities are located within CBAs and ESAs. Existing infrastructure (i.e., already disturbed areas) must be used where possible and constructing new infrastructure must avoid watercourse/ sensitive areas and their buffers.</p> <p>The areas of medium sensitivity areas must not be disturbed by the solar PV development or associated infrastructure. Furthermore, No-Go Areas and 35m</p>	<p>The site and layout selection process undertaken for this development included a screening assessment whereby the specialists provided No-Go layers of areas that have to be avoided by the development. Following this, the layout of the facilities was determined and subject to further assessment. The outcomes of this are the Development Envelopes presented within the reports. A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Sensitivity Map has been included in Table 7-18 and Table 7-19 of each FSR for each Facility. The Development Envelope avoids the required No-Go Areas.</p> <p>The aquatic biodiversity and species specialist assessment for the Proposed Development of the four Mura Solar Projects, north of Beaufort West in the Western and Northern Cape Provinces provided sensitivity layers and associated development restrictions that had to be implemented when determining the Development Envelope. The report states that the no-go areas are areas of high aquatic sensitivity should be avoided for the PV facilities. The existing access roads that intersecting with the high sensitivity areas will be upgraded and is acceptable. The medium sensitivity should be avoided where possible, or in the case of the new service tracks and underground cables, adequately mitigated as stipulated in this report.</p> <p>Therefore, no development, with the exception of limited underground cables and new access tracks, will occur within the medium sensitivity areas and this has been assessed and found acceptable by the specialist. Should development occur within these areas, specific mitigation measures will have to be applied.</p>	<p>Table 7-18 and Table 7-19 of each FSR</p>

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	<p>aquatic buffer areas must be demarcated with the necessary signage.</p>		
	<p>The Aquatic Report stated Riverine Rabbit may potentially occur in the area/ landscape associated with the watercourse while the Terrestrial Report stated the habitat is not suitable for the species. CapeNature requires clarity whether the proposed Mura area has habit that supports the Riverine Rabbit.</p> <p>CapeNature acknowledges that the relevant plant permit for endangered species or protected species listed in Schedules 3 and 4 respectively, in terms of the Western Cape Nature Conservation Laws Amendment Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000) will be obtained from CapeNature.</p>	<p>It is noted that the Aquatic Report states that there is potential Riverine Rabbit habitat within the area, this is based on the wider area where there are records from the Krom River and some of the larger tributaries of the Riverine Rabbit being presented in the area.</p> <p>A stand-alone Animal Species Compliance Statements were compiled for the Projects- this assessment was based on the outcomes of two site visits as well as camera trapping. Based on the Animal Species Statement, in terms of the Riverine Rabbit, there is no suitable habitat for the species within the development footprints. The Riverine Rabbit is associated with well-vegetated alluvial floodplains of the ephemeral rivers of the central and upper Karoo and in the Upper Karoo at least, do not tend to stray far from this habitat. Since there is no alluvial floodplain habitat within the site, it can be confirmed that the site can considered low sensitivity for this species. Although there is a dam within the Mura 2 study area, the drainage leading into the dam is not well-developed and there is no riparian vegetation or actual clearly defined channel.</p>	<p>Section 6.4.2 of the FSR</p>
	<p>The compilation of Alien Control Plan, Rehabilitation and Monitoring Plans are supported.</p> <p>However, not all these plans can be developed post-authorisation as alien clearing can be implemented from the onset of the proposed development and must be on-going for the duration of this project and continue beyond the operational phase. Furthermore,</p>	<p>The Alien Control Plan, Rehabilitation Plan, Monitoring Plan and Soil Erosion Management Plan will be compiled and included in the EMPr to be submitted with the Draft EIA.</p> <p>The EMPr will include requirements for the Environmental Control Officer to ensure that mitigation measures and recommendations are being implemented.</p>	

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	<p>the Soil Erosion Management plan must be included in the EMPr as to mitigate for erosion during this project. To reiterate these plans must not be a condition of authorisation and compiled after EA is granted but compiled before the development commences.</p> <p>Flooding events can change watercourses within a short period, and it must be mitigated in the EMPr.</p> <p>The Ecological Control Officer must ensure that the mitigation measures and recommendations proposed by the specialists are implemented to protect the remaining ecological services and connectivity. The Aquatic buffers and Riverine Rabbit habitat buffers must be protected and not impacted.</p>		
	<p>CapeNature supports the development of renewable energy facilities however we remain concerned that the cumulative impacts of energy facilities, if not properly considered and planned for, could be quite significant. There are a few renewable energy developments planned in the broader region of which some were issued with Environmental Authorisation and other applications are still in progress. It is therefore essential to take a precautionary approach and to ensure that the infrastructure (i.e., roads, power lines, substations, etc.) be positioned outside ecologically sensitive areas. On-going monitoring throughout the various phases of this project is important to assess the impacts of these developments on different species biodiversity and the impact these facilities will have on habitat fragmentation and associated ecological corridors. It</p>	<p>A cumulative impact assessment has been undertaken and is included in Section 9 of the FSR for each facility. The cumulative impact assessment considers renewable energy projects within 30km of the proposed development. The cumulative impact assessment will be further investigated during the EIA Phase.</p> <p>In addition to the above, being cognisant of the potential cumulative impact and the required monitoring that has to be undertaken in the area, the ecological specialist recommended the following:</p> <p>The Mura series of projects would potentially generate some negative cumulative impacts on fauna, particularly as a result of the increased levels of traffic into the area. As the Mura project is located within an area that has been identified as part of the core habitat for the Riverine Rabbit in the Upper Karoo and forms part of an increasing</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>is also vital that a clear monitoring and reporting protocol is established so that lessons learned from newly established facilities can be shared with the wider community.</p> <p>CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Megan Simons For: Manager (Landscape Conservation Intelligence)</p>	<p>pressure from renewable energy development on this species, a contribution of the project towards the Riverine Rabbit conservation initiatives happening in the area is recommended. The following contribution from the project is recommended towards conservation initiatives or Riverine Rabbit monitoring being undertaken in the area:</p> <p>R100 000 per year based on 2022 value must be made available for two years once construction has commenced. The way in which the funding is structured should be flexible, however, it is recommended that if Riverine Rabbit monitoring is still being undertaken on the Nuweveld Wind Farms and/or Hoogland Wind Farms, the project funding should prioritise contributing to these associated monitoring programmes or alternatively, contribute to the broader conservation initiative by any wind farms in the broader area.</p>	
SAHRA			
<p>Natasha Higgitt 06 April 2023 Email</p>	<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>SAHRIS Case ID 20670, 20671 and 20673 are located in the Western Cape Province. SAHRA does not have jurisdiction to provide comments on development applications located in the Western Cape. Comments must be sought from Heritage Western Cape in this regard.</p> <p>I further note that PoP were uploaded to Case ID 20671 and 20673. @Dumisani Bhambatha, please proceed with the refund process for these two cases, as they should have been for HWC and not SAHRA.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP takes note of this clarification. Comment from Heritage Western Cape has been sought and included in the Comments and Responses Table.</p>	<p>Appendix D1 of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>Megan, please confirm if payment was made in terms of Case ID 20670 and upload the PoP so that the refund may be made.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>		
Heritage Western Cape			
<p>Sneha Jhupsee 17 April 2023 Formal Letter</p>	<p>HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED MURA 1-4 PV FACILITIES, BEAUFORT WEST MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, WESTERN CAPE, SUBMITTED IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(1) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999)</p> <p>The matter above has reference.</p> <p>This matter was discussed at the Heritage Officer Committee (HOMs) held on 11 April 2023.</p> <p>FINAL COMMENT</p> <p>The Committee resolved to endorse the HIA prepared by ASHA Consulting dated 15 December 2022 as meeting the requirements of Section 38 (3) of the NHRA and the following recommendations on page 60;</p> <p>Mura 1 (Western Cape):</p> <p>It is recommended that the proposed Mura 1 PV facility should be authorised but subject to the following recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation:</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation from Heritage Western Cape. These recommendations will be included in the Draft and Final EIAs.</p>	<p>Appendix D.1 of the PPP Report</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr; • No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and • If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution. <p>Mura 2 (Western Cape):</p> <p>It is recommended that the proposed Mura 2 PV facility should be authorised but subject to the following recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr; • No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and • If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such 		

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	<p>heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.</p> <p>Mura 4 (Western Cape):</p> <p>It is recommended that the proposed Mura 4 PV facility should be authorised but subject to the following recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr; • The site at waypoint 1399 should be avoided if possible but this is not required (if avoided and protected then the buffer can be reduced to 25 m); and • Any realignment of the DR02317 within 400 m of waypoint 2000 must be checked in the field and approved by an archaeologist; • No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and • If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution. <p>HWC reserves the right to request additional information as required.</p>		



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	Should you have any further queries, please contact the official above and quote the case number. Sneha Jhupsee Acting Assistant Director: Professional Service		

Table 3-2 – Comments received during Final Scoping Phase for all Mura Projects

Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
Western Cape Government Chief Directorate: Road Planning			
SW Carstens 25 April 2023 Letter via email	1. Your letter 41103930 dated 6 March 2023 refers. 2. This Branch offers no objection to the issuing of an Environmental Authorisation in favour of the proposed Mura Photovoltaic Facilities, provided that this Branch is offered the opportunity to comment on the land use application, at which stage this Branch will issue its approvals in terms of Act 21 of 1940 (building restrictions, if applicable) and Roads Ordinance 19 of 1976 (accesses and construction activities within the road reserves and adjacent building lines).	WSP response: WSP acknowledges the departments on objection. An application for Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (SALA) Consent / Change of Land Use (re-zoning) will be submitted and the department will be offered the opportunity to comment.	Section 6.6 of the Draft EIR
	3. The proposed facility affects Trunk Road 58, Section 1 (R381), Divisional Road 2317, and Minor Road 8881 of which this Branch is the Road Authority.(Other roads may be affected as well, depending on the final routes taken and accesses used, and the plans will need to be adapted to take this into account).	All remedial work or modifications to any of the public roads shall be done in consultation with and have the approval of the local road’s authority (as is standard practice, this will be finalised during and be a requirement of the municipal planning approval process)	-
	4. All the abovementioned Provincial Roads’ Public accessibility must be retained (if not closed / de-proclaimed to become private or servitude roads) and they must be evaluated for the purposes of construction, operation, and decommissioning.		
	5. This Branch, for now, will ultimately require the following:	A Traffic Impact Assessment has been included in Appendix H10 of the Draft EIR that assess the impact the	Appendix H-10

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	<p>a. A geotechnical and geometric design report, including improvement proposals, must be compiled to ensure that all the roads that will be affected by these developments during the construction phase are adequately improved and maintained before any other construction activity may commence on any of the farm portions. This is to ensure that no more than normal deterioration and additional maintenance costs are experienced by the Road Authority during the construction and operating phases. It will be required that any design affecting any Proclaimed Provincial Road must carry this Branch's Chief Directorate Road Design's (Ms M Hofmeyr – tel: 2721-4833999) approval before implementation thereof may commence.</p>	<p>proposed project will have on the roads. A geotechnical and geometric design report will only be undertaken during the detailed design phase of the project.</p>	
	<p>b. Confirmation that a similar geotechnical proposal (as per paragraph 5.a) will be compiled, and approval obtained prior to commencing with any major upgrade or decommissioning phase; whenever that may be.</p>	<p>A geotechnical design report will only be undertaken during the detailed design phase of the project.</p>	
	<p>c. Indication of all the access(es) to each respective farm portion, ownership thereof and application for any changed access to the provincial road network - in line with this Branch's Access Management Guidelines, 2020. It will be required to clearly state which access will serve what purpose (e.g., energy and / or farming).</p>	<p>Access to the facilities will be via existing local roads and the existing road network will be utilised.</p>	

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	<p>d. Construction applications, including wayleaves for third party services, when building restrictions, building lines and road reserves are affected.</p>	<p>Construction applications, including wayleaves for third party services, when building restrictions, building lines and road reserves are affected will be applied for.</p>	
	<p>e. Abnormal load transportation implications, which will require a route clearance report and prior application for any geometric and materials designs for approval before construction. It is recommended to commence with planning in this regard once detail of energy infrastructure and transportation equipment are known.</p>	<p>All construction material (i.e. PV support structure materials), machinery and equipment (i.e. graders, excavators, trucks, cement mixers etc.) will be transported to site utilising the national, regional and local road network. Large components (such as substation transformers) may be defined as abnormal loads in terms of the Road Traffic Act (No. 29 of 1989). In such cases a permit will be applied for the transportation of these loads on public roads.</p>	-
	<p>f. If any accesses are to be upgraded, it must be submitted to this Branch's Chief Directorate Road Design's approval before implementation thereof may commence.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely SW CARSTENS</p>	<p>All upgrades will be submitted to the Department for approval before implementation.</p>	-

3.1.2 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR MURA 2 SOLAR PV FACILITY

Comments received during the Draft Scoping Phase and Final Scoping Phase for Mura 2 Solar PV Facility are incorporate in **Table 3-3** and **Table 3-4**, respectfully and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.2**.

Table 3-3 – Comments received during Draft Scoping Phase for Mura 2 Solar PV Facility

Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
DFFE			
<p>Salome Mambane 06 March 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Dear Ashlea 14/12/16/3/3/2/2323</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 400 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The Department confirms having received the Application form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 03 March 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that the I&APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DSR from 06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023.</p> <p>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</p> <p>WSP and the Applicant take note that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>Appendix D.2 of the PPP Report.</p>

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	<p>referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>EIA Applications Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p>		

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	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment		
<p>Milicent Solomons 27 March 2023 Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 400 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Department on 03 March 2023, refer.</p> <p>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:</p> <p>1. Application form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindly clarify the reason why this Department is the Competent Authority (CA) in terms of Section 24C of NEMA. State clearly if the applicant intends to bid the project in terms of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and the Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP). 	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>The Project is intended to be submitted as part of the REIPPPP in support of the IRP as indicated in Section 1.3.2 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that the Minister is the competent authority for applications for facilities or infrastructure, that will form part of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Programmes for technologies whose procurement processes have been determined under the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 and / or the Electricity Regulations on New Generation Capacity. If the applicant will not, or does not intend to, 	<p>WSP confirms that that the proposed Mura 2 Solar PV Development is related to the IRP. The Application Form has been updated to clearly state this and was submitted with the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>participate in any of the IRP programmes, the competent authority will be the MEC responsible for environmental affairs in the respective province. Be advised that this this information must be clearly presented in Section 1 –Competent Authority in the application form.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflecting the above, the reasons provided in Section 1 of the application form for this Department being the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA are incomplete. This must be rectified and expanded on in the application form as well as the report. Please refer to GN 779. 	<p>The Application Form has been updated to clearly state that the DFFE is the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA. The amended Application Form will be submitted with the FSR. Section 1.3.2 of the FSR states that confirms that the DFFE is the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers and the EAP’s contact details are correct. The farm names and SG codes must be clearly differentiated for the grid infrastructure and the PV facility infrastructure. 	<p>WSP confirms that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers and the EAP’s contact details included in the Application Form and FSR are correct. The Grid Infrastructure is included in a separate application (Mura EGI Corridor).</p>	<p>Section 1.3.4 and Section 3.1 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include the GPS Coordinates for the onsite substation and battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. 	<p>WSP confirms that the coordinates for the BESS substation, onsite substations and switching stations have been included in the Application Form and Section 3.1 of the FSR. The BESS will be located within the project area, adjacent to or slightly removed from the substations. The substations and BESS will be placed within the Development Footprint, as assessed by the specialists and avoid all No-Go areas as indicated in Figure 7-18 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 of the FSR. Figure 7-18 of the FSR</p>
	<p>2. Listed Activities</p>	<p>WSP confirms that this statement is correct.</p>	<p>Section 1.2 of the FSR.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is noted that the proposed solar facility does not fall within any renewable energy development zones. Although the application form indicates that part of the project is within the Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) as per GN 113, it is noted that the proposed solar facility does not fall within any renewable energy development zones, as such this application will be considered as a normal EIA application. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. 	<p>WSP can confirm that all relevant listed activities have been applied for. Furthermore, the descriptions of applicability in the Application Form and Table 5-1 of the FSR are specific and have been linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are required to confirm whether systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans are adopted by the competent authority. There are certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that Bioregional Plans to be adopted. 	<p>As confirmed by Western Cape DEADP there are no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans for the Western Cape Province that have been adopted by the Department. The application form and Table 5-1 has been amended to remove Activity 12, Activity 14 and Activity 23 of Listing Notice 3, as requested by Western Cape DEADP. However, the assessment does consider the impact to CBAs and ESAs as part of the terrestrial and aquatic impact assessment.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process, as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of Listing Notice 3 Activities. Written comments must be obtained from 	<p>WSP confirms that all relevant authorities have been consulted and will continue to be consulted throughout the environmental impact assessment process.</p>	<p>Appendix A of the PPP Report Appendix B of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>the relevant authorities (or proof of consultation if no comments were received) and submitted to this Department. In addition, a graphical representation of the proposed development within the respective geographical areas must be provided. Please also ensure that the potential impacts on the affected Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas are fully assessed in the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms. 	<p>WSP can confirm that an amended application form has been submitted to included coordinates of the on-site substations and amended listed activities. Furthermore, the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>3. Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed location of the PV array and associated infrastructure of the proposed 400MW Mura 2 Solar Photovoltaic Facility - The proposed grid infrastructure connecting the PV facility to the existing substation, overlain by the sensitivity map; - All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g., roads (existing and proposed); fence, office buildings, and etc. 	<p>A layout map of the development is included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope for Mura 2 PV Facility is included as Figure 7-18 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; - Buffer areas; and - All “no-go” areas. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure, as well as the neighbouring PV Solar Clusters. 	<p>A Sensitivity Map for Mura 2 PV Facility has been included as Figure 7-19 of the FSR.</p> <p>A Cumulative map showing Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the Mura Solar Development has been included as Figure 9-1 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 7-19 and Figure 9-1 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes. 	<p>No Google maps have been used.</p>	<p>Appendix E of the EIA Report</p>
	<p>4. Public Participation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received on the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department’s Biodiversity Section: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za, the provincial authority and the local municipality) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. 	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in the PPP Report and adequately addressed and responded to.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that comments from the Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were received and are included in the PPP Report.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of the approved public participation plan and Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Take note of the timeframes required for adequate public participation. 	<p>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments (pre and post submission of the draft SR) for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments. 	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 3 of the PPP Report.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report is also being submitted as a separate report.</p> <p>WSP confirm that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p> <p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>5. Specialist Assessments to be conducted in the EIA Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of PV arrays, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations. 	<p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of 30 October 2020). Therefore, the requested information will be included.</p>	<p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted. 	<p>All relevant specialist assumptions and limitations have been included Section 2.7 of the FSR. These will be updated as required during the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Section 2.7 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice. 	<p>WSP can confirm that to date no contradictory recommendations have been received.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are further required to ensure that all required specialist studies are recommended and assessed for the proposed 400MW Mura 2 Solar Photovoltaic Facility. 	<p>Section 2.2 of the FSR contains the results of the DFFE Screening Tool and notes the specialist studies commissioned.</p>	<p>Section 2.2 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. Please note further that the protocols require the specialists’ to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field. 	<p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of 30 October 2020).</p>	<p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols.	Table 2-2 of the FSR contains a summary of the specialist studies required by the DFFE Screening Tool including motivation for specialist studies not commissioned.	Table 2-2 of the FSR

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	<p>6. Cumulative Assessment to be conducted in the EIA Phase</p> <p>Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land. • Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist’s recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. • The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. • A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. 	<p>Section 9 of the FSR includes Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the Mura Solar Development. The cumulative impact significance has been preliminary identified in Section 9 of the FSR. The cumulative impact will be further investigated in the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR.</p>
	<p>7. Environmental Management Programme</p> <p>The EMPr must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is drawn to your attention that for the substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 	<p>This information will be included in the EMPrs to be compiled in the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme (GEMPr), must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. This means that a GEMPr must be included for the substation and the powerline. In total, 3 EMPs should accompany the final report.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended. 	<p>WSP confirm that the EMPs to be submitted in the EIA phase, will comply with the requirements of Appendix 4 in the EIA Regulation, as amended</p>	-
	<p>General</p> <p>Please refrain from creating compounded folders and file names that are too long. This affects the download and saving of documents for review.</p>	<p>WSP takes note of this request.</p>	-
	<p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:</p> <p>“If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a SR which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE within the required timeframe of the regulations. Please note that due to the public holidays occurring during the prescribed timeframes. the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE in line with Section 3(5) of Chapter 2 of the EIA Regulations which states “<i>Where a prescribed timeframe is affected by one or more public holidays, the timeframe must be extended by the number of public holiday days falling within that timeframe</i>”.</p>	-

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	<p>You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of SRs in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP confirm that the FSR complies with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping report in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Please refer to Table 1-5 of the final Scoping Report for the checklist against the regulatory requirements.</p>	<p>Table 1-5 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Further 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 timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).</p>	<p>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</p>	
	<p>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.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Ms Milicent Solomons Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Letter signed by: Mr Wayne Hector</p>	<p>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p>	

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Western Cape DEADP			
<p>Thea Jordan 11 April 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Dear EAP, Your request for comment refers. Please find attached this Department's comment in the above regard. Yours faithfully Thea Jordan</p>	<p>WSP Response: WSP confirms receipt of the comments from the WC DEADP.</p>	<p>Appendix D.2</p>
<p>Thea Jordan 11 April 2023 Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Dear Madam</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 400MW MURA 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRUCTURES (INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND SUBSTATION, 2 ON-SITE SOLAR FARM SUBSTATIONS, ACCESS ROADS, SITE CAMPS, CABLING, BUILDINGS, ETC.) ON FARM LEEUWKLOOF NO. 43, PORTION 4 OF FARM DUIKER KRANSE NO. 45, AND FARM BULTFONTEIN NO. 13, BEAUFORT WEST</p> <p>1. The email correspondence of 06 March 2023, informing interested and affected parties of the release of Draft Scoping Report (“DSR”) for comments, the email received on the same day, providing an additional link to download the DSR and appendices, and the Department’s email of 05 April</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>The total project area is 506 ha and should be assumed to be wholly transformed. The total development envelope for the project PV installation is approximately 484 ha to allow for the construction of a PV facility, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS, underground cables, internal gravel roads, fencing, construction site camps and other infrastructure but does not consider the access road to the PV facility nor the two site camps within the road corridor</p> <p>The footprints for each of infrastructure forming part of the project are also outlined within the Table at the beginning of the Assessment Report under “General Site Information”.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 and Section 3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>2023, informing the environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”) that the Department is unable to meet the deadline of 06 April 2023, refer.</p> <p>2. The Department extends its appreciation to the EAP for extending the deadline for comments on the DSR. Please find consolidated comments from various directorates within the Department on the DSR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) dated March 2023 that was available for download from various online platforms provided by the EAP.</p> <p>3. Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887):</p> <p>3.1. This Directorate requires clarity on the extent of the development footprint and that of the proposed site (indicated as Farm Leeuwkloof No. 43, Portion 4 of Farm Duiker Kranse No. 45, and Farm Bultfontein No. 13). The DSR interchangeably refers to the total project area as 506 ha and 484 ha. On page 26 of the DSR it is indicated that “The proposed Mura 2 Facility will be developed within a project area of approximately 484 hectares (ha), excluding the access road corridor”, whereas on page 38 it is indicated that “The total project area is 506 ha” and that “The total development envelope for project installation is approximately 484 ha”. Assuming that the proposed 400MW solar field will be constructed on 484 ha; the proposed battery energy storage system (“BESS”) and BESS substation will be developed on ~ 4 ha; internal gravel access roads</p>		

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	<p>will have a development footprint of 17 ha; and up to two 2.2 ha site camps / laydown areas (i.e., 4.4 ha in total) will be developed, then more than 509 ha is required for the proposed Mura 2 solar photovoltaic (“PV”) facility and associated structures and infrastructure. The development footprint of the associated buildings (offices, ablution facilities, operational and maintenance centre, etc.) and the two on-site solar substations were not indicated. Please ensure that the Final Scoping Report (“FSR”) and the forthcoming Draft EIA Report clearly describe the size of the proposed site, the development footprint, and the individual components of the proposed solar PV development.</p>		
	<p>3.2. Further to the above, section 4.1.1 of the DSR deals with the site selection process. It is noted that the original five potential Mura PV development areas were further reduced to two areas (Areas 2 and 5) that were considered suitable for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 solar PV developments. Area 2 consist of two sites of 176 ha and 484 ha, respectively. The 484-ha area corresponds with the project area for the proposed Mura 2 solar PV facility. It is again reiterated that the 484 ha appears to only be sufficient for the proposed solar field, based on the information provided in the DSR. The FSR and the Draft EIA Report must indicate the size of the development footprint against the size of the proposed site.</p>	<p>The total development envelope for PV project installation is approximately 484 ha to allow for the construction of a PV facility, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS, underground cables, internal gravel roads, fencing, construction site camps and other infrastructure but <i>excludes</i> the footprint associated with the access road and site camps. The total footprint of the whole project is 506 ha for whole Project.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 and Section 3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>3.3. It is noted that Activities 12, 14 and 23 of Listing Notice (“LN”) 3 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) are applied for. Please be advised that no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans for the Western Cape Province have been adopted by this Department. As such, Activity 12.i.ii, Activity 14(ii)(a) and (c) i.i.(ff) and Activity 23(ii)(a) i.i.(ff) of LN 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) are not applicable to the application for environmental authorisation.</p>	<p>Activities 12, 14 and 23 of Listing Notice 3 have been removed. An amended Application Form was submitted to the DFFE with the FSR.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the FSR.</p>

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	<p>3.4. Appendix F and Table 2-1 of the DSR list the specialist studies identified by the Screening Tool, that should be undertaken in the environmental impact reporting (“EIR”) phase. The EAP has provided motivation for undertaking or not undertaking the recommended Screening Tool specialist studies, as well as the undertaking of additional specialist studies not identified by the Screening Tool. The Plan of Study for EIA (Section 10.5) lists the specialist studies that have been commissioned for the EIR phase, which are mostly aligned to section 2.2.1 of the DSR. It is however noted that the Plan of Study for EIA does not include the undertaking of a Radio Frequency Interference (“RFI”) Assessment. Section 2.2.1 of the DSR notes that “An RFI Study will not be undertaken... As this theme has been identified as high, a compliance statement will be prepared by the EAP and included in the EIA Report.” Please indicate the following:</p> <p>3.4.1. Whether a RFI Compliance Statement will be undertaken by the EAP in the EIR phase. If so, the Plan of Study for EIA must be amended to include the RFI Compliance Statement.</p> <p>3.4.2. The Plan of Study for EIA must be amended to include an Archaeological Impact Assessment as part of the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment</p>	<p>WSP confirms that and RFI Compliance Statement will be undertaken in the EIA Phase. Section 10 of the FSR has been updated to include this.</p> <p>The plan of study for the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment during the EIA Phase will include the assessment of archaeological resources. Section 10 of the FSR has been updated to include this.</p>	<p>Section 10 of the FSR</p>
	<p>3.5. Please ensure that the specialist assessments include a cumulative assessment of the same renewable energy projects within a 30km radius of the proposed site. It is noted that the Terrestrial</p>	<p>WSP takes note of the authorised applications. The cumulative impacts will be revised in the EIA phase.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR.</p>

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	<p>Biodiversity Compliance Statement compiled by 3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions dated November 2022 only refers to the “three Nuweveld WEFs adjacent to the site have been authorised and there is also the Hoogland 1 and Hoogland 2 WEFs which have not yet been authorised and lie adjacent and to the north and west of the Nuweveld WEF site”. Please note that the Hoogland 1 and 2 wind energy facilities (“WEFs”) have received environmental authorisations. The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Report compiled by Independent Economic Researchers dated January 2023 refers to the “Assessment of cumulative impacts considered Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 SEFs; Hoogland 1, 2, 3 and 4 WEFs; Nuweveld North, East and West WEFs, Taaibos WEFs, Soutrivier WEFs, as well as the Mura, Hoogland, Nuweveld and Gamma Grid Corridors.” Other scoping phase specialist assessments also include reference to the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEFs. If within a 30km radius of the proposed site, these WEFs must be included in all the specialist assessments and referenced in the FSR and Draft EIA Report.</p>		
	<p>3.6. Please include reference to the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations promulgated in Provincial Notice 200/2013 of 20 June 2013 in the section dealing with provincial and municipal legal and regulatory framework in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that reference to the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations will be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>4. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Waleed Galvaan (Email: Waleed.Galvaan@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8788):</p> <p>4.1. This Directorate notes that the proposed project will not require a waste management licence, as stated on page 56 of the DSR, and that the quantity of construction and municipal waste generated by the project is not likely to contribute materially towards the greenhouse gas footprint of the project during the operational phase, as stated on page 20.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that the proposed project will not require a waste management licence.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>4.2. The forthcoming Draft EIA Report must address the management of battery waste during the operational phase. Kindly be mindful that the management of waste must under all circumstances, be done in accordance with section 16 of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) (“NEM: WA”) (general duty in respect of waste management). Section 16(1)(d) of the NEM: WA requires that “A holder of waste must, within the holder’s power, take all reasonable measures to manage waste in such a manner that it does not endanger health or the environment or cause a nuisance through noise, odour or visual impacts”.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that the Draft EIA will address the management of battery waste during the operational phase. However, as stated within the Report, “When the battery cells reach end of life they will be returned to a battery provider for recycling or disposal in accordance with the legal practices. Currently there are no Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling facilities in South Africa but EWASA are lobbying for one (Dataweek, 2019). Due to the value of these materials making up the batteries it is unlikely they will end up in landfill, and more likely be recycled by a future bespoke facility in South Africa or exported for recycling. In terms of air emissions from the battery facility during operations, this is not considered to be an issue and does not pose a risk during operation to the environment or staff.”</p>	<p>Section 6.4 of the FSR</p>
	<p>4.3. The DSR indicates that the project will affect about 484 ha, excluding the access road areas. This is a substantial size of area that will be covered by solar PV panels. In a rainfall event, the panels will</p>	<p>The total development envelope for project installation is approximately 484 ha to allow for the construction of a PV facility, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS,</p>	

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	<p>reduce the impact of the rainwater on the ground, causing less infiltration into the ground and more stormwater runoff in the area. This may also lead to more stormwater ponding in the area. However, there may be site specific conditions that will cause the speed of the stormwater to slow down and be absorbed by the ground and vegetation in the area. This impact must be considered and reported in the Draft EIA Report due to the large area that will be impacted on by the proposed development.</p>	<p>underground cables, internal gravel roads, fencing, construction site camps and other infrastructure.</p> <p>The Stormwater Management Plan will be developed for the Project.</p>	
	<p>5. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Shehaam Brinkhuis (Email: Shehaam.Brinkhuis@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8309):</p> <p>5.1. This Directorate has no comments on the DSR and Plan of Study for EIA and awaits the Draft EIA Report (and accompanying Environmental Management Programme) to provide comment on potential pollution impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Letter signed by: Thea Jordan</p>	<p>WSP acknowledges the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management’s statement of no comment.</p>	<p>-</p>

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Anthony Jeffathon 07 April 2023 Letter (Via Email)	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Project Infrastructure:</p> <p>The DSR omitted to include at least one comprehensive site layout plan illustrating all proposed onsite and off-site infrastructures.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested an updated SR or the EIR to include such a layout plan at an appropriate scale.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that a site layout map has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. The layout map will be refined during the EIA Phase, if required.</p>	Figure 3-1 of the FSR
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Project Infrastructure:</p> <p>Section 3.4.1, indicates that solar Modules will be located on either single axis tracking structures or fixed tilt mounting structures or similar.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that an updated SR or the EIR indicate the exact mounting structure technology that will be used to mount the solar PV modules. This is to ensure transparency from the outset to prevent possible 11th hour substandard technology for the Central Karoo.</p>	<p>The mounting structure technology cannot be confirmed at this stage during the EIA Process however, the type of mounting system will have no environmental impact as the worst case in terms of height and area to be transformed was assessed. In addition, it is highly unlikely that a substandard mounting system will be used, given that this project will need to be competitive to be selected as a preferred bidder in REIPPP and the investment that goes into such a project. The mounting system to be used will be determined at detailed design stage.</p>	-

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	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Project Infrastructure:</p> <p>Section 3.4.3, states that “The BESS will be Lithium-ion or similar solid-state technology.”</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that an updated SR alternatively the EIR indicate the exact BESS technology. This is to ensure transparency of potential health & safety risk and to prevent 11th hour substandard technology be dumped upon the Central Karoo.</p>	<p>The specific type of BESS will only be determined at detailed design stage. A high level risk assessment for this type of BESS has been included in the SR.</p>	<p>Section 6.4 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>PV & MOUNTING SYSTEM:</p> <p>Considering the CKDM is the poorest region in the Western Cape Province and its communities are the most vulnerable in the province; but its electricity rates are higher than many if not all areas within the Cape Metro. Further, section 3.2.1, states that this Mura 2 Solar PV Facility is a large-scale system supplying power into the commercial electricity grid and not to local users. Hence, how will this proposed project impact the CKDM communities passively in a direct manner with significant reduced electricity prices? If, any direct positive impact of reduced power prices at community level, what will the expected timeline be from the time of operation?</p>	<p>The Applicant, Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd, is a private company and not linked to Eskom. The Applicant therefore has no power to obligate Eskom to subsidise and reduce the electricity prices of the municipality.</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>Suggestion:</p> <p>the municipality be subsidised by Eskom to allow it to reduce its electricity prices to communities whilst still being able to make a marginal income profit.</p>		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.2.1,only made reference to sunlight as a source whilst excluding geothermal as a potential source. Hence the two considered mounting systems is limited to single axis tracking and fixed axis mounting structures.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the economic viability of geothermal heat/ power be investigated. If, it is viable, then an additional mounting technology be considered such as bifacial axis mounting structures be considered. It is assumed that the last mentioned structure would be be cost effective oppose to the current two considered mounting structures.</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat. Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP), which does not include geothermal heat/power.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.3, omitted to consider potential geothermal heat radiation that can be a viable energy source during non-sunshine days/evening periods.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat. Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP), which does not include geothermal heat/power.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>It is suggested the following sentences be changed as follows,</p> <p>” Since solar and wind technology depend largely on whether the sun is shining or the wind is blowing, respectively, these technologies are more efficient when these sources are available.”</p>		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.3.2, only indicates that, “The battery facilities...will not have any additional office/operation/maintenance infrastructure as those of the substation.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the EMPr indicates specific scheduled mechanical safety maintenance operations that should be conducted in terms of all applicable SA Health & Safety requiremts i.e. the OSHAct and Mechanical and Ventilation Regulations; and other applicable regulatory tools as cited under section 3.3.3, of the DSR.</p>	<p>The EMPr will include requirements of the various legislation including the National Occupational Health and Safety Act (No. 85 of 1993) (OHSA).</p>	
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Location Map:</p> <p>Section 3.1, page 26-32 read together with section 4.1, read together with Appendix E (Maps). These sections basically addressed only the GPS co-ordinates; alternative sites particulars are scattered around in figures with no scales at times; and no</p>	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. This locality map meets the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including district and access roads, a north arrow and scale. The Alternative Site Selection process is discussed in Section 4.1 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1, Figure 7-18 and Figure 3-19 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>credible topographical map but more of a kind of thematic map has been provided.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the following being addressed in an updated scoping report or the EIA report: Provide a colour location map at a larger scale of at least 1:50 000. The scale must be indicated on the map. The map must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any; • road names or numbers of all the major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s) • a north arrow; • a legend to represent physical/natural landscapes, water features, vegetation features, constructed/cultural/man-made landscape, and transport and administration features on the map. Towns cited under section 6.3.5 should be depicted on the map.; • the prevailing wind direction (during November to April and during May to October); • Date map was printed; and • the already provided GPS Hartbeesthoek 94/WG584 co-ordinate system information. 	<p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p>	

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	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Site Plan:</p> <p>Section 3.1, read together with section 4.1, read together with Appendix E (Maps) should provide an amended Site Plan for the preferred Mura Solar 2 project as well as each alternatives considered. These site plans should conform to the following:</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Detailed site plan(s) must be prepared for each alternative site or alternative activity and provided in an updated SR or EIAR/EIR. The site plan must contain or conform to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The detailed site plan must be at a scale preferably at a scale of 1:500 or at an appropriate scale. The scale must be indicated on the plan. • The property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50m of the site must be indicated on the site plan. • The current land use (not zoning) as well as the land use zoning of each of the adjoining properties must be indicated on the site plan. • The position of each element of the application as well as any other structures on the site must be indicated on the site plan. 	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. This locality map meets the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including the property boundaries.</p> <p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1, Figure 7-18 and Figure 3-19 of the FSR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services, including electricity supply cables (indicate above or underground), water supply pipelines, boreholes, sewage pipelines, storm water infrastructure and access roads that will form part of the development must be indicated on the site plan. • Servitudes indicating the purpose of the servitude must be indicated on the site plan. • Sensitive environmental elements within 100m of the site must be included on the site plan, including (but not limited to): • Watercourses/Rivers/Wetlands (including non-perennial features). • Flood lines (i.e. 1:10 year, 1:50 year, and 1:100 year where applicable; • Ridges. • Cultural and historical features. • Areas with indigenous vegetation (even if it is degraded or infested with alien species). • Whenever the slope of the site exceeds 1:10, then a contour map of the site must be submitted. 		
	<p>Comment: Schematic Process/Project Drawing</p>	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18. The proposed project</p>	<p>Figure 3-1 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested a holistic schematic process drawing (project layout) of the entire solar Mura 2 project be provided. This drawing should include all the different stages with its main technology/infrastructure in a input-process-output manner.</p>	<p>will be developed within the Development Envelope, avoiding the No-Go areas as indicated in Figure 7-18.</p>	
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Photographs:</p> <p>Section 2.4 read together with section 2.7, states that descriptions of environmental attributes were by means of combination of desktop reviews i.e. aerial imagery and site investigations done between March and October 2022, to identify sensitive features on site. It further states that "...the latest available aerial imagery for the site."</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>However a number of important information has been left out and need to be provided in an updated SR or during the EIA phase document as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colour photographs of the site and its surroundings (taken of the site and from the site) with a description of each photograph. The vantage points from which the photographs were taken must be indicated on the site plan; 2. Recent aerial photograph or at least dates of those aerial photographs (attach as an Appendix). The 	<p>Colour Photographs have been included in the various specialist studies, most notably in the Heritage Impact Assessment compiled by ASHA Consulting (Pty) Ltd and included as Appendix G.8 of the FSR, and the Visual Impact Assessment compiled by Quinton Lawson and Bernard Oberholzer and included as Appendix G.11 of the FSR. Extracts from the reports have been included in Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.4 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Appendix G.8 of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix G.11 of the FSR</p> <p>Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Appendix should be supplemented with additional dated onsite-photos taken of relevant features during your stated field trips as cited under section 7.2 of the DSR. Kindly note, the aforementioned requirements must be duplicated for all alternative sites.</p> <p>Comment: Land use character of surrounding area</p> <p>Section 6.3.5.1 read together with section 6.3.4.3 failed to adequately describe the current land uses on the proposed project site and its immediate surrounding areas. The aforementioned sections also failed to adequately describe the prominent features that occurs in the immediate surrounds from the proposed project area.</p> <p>Suggestion: It is suggested a larger A3 size map as an Appendix be provided under section 6.1.3 (geology). Hence it is suggested either an updated scoping report or the EIA provides a proper description of the current land uses and/or prominent features that occur within +/- 500m radius of the proposed project area and neighbouring properties if these are located beyond 500m of the site from all directions. Further, a description of any potential impacts the proposed project may pose on the highlighted land uses or features.</p>	<p>Section 6.3.5.1 of the FSR includes a description of the current land uses in the area.</p> <p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p> <p>The main land use in the area is agriculture, which is addressed in the Agricultural Compliance Statement, found in Appendix G.2 of the FSR. The Agricultural Compliance Statement found that The site has low agricultural potential and no dryland cropping potential predominantly because of aridity constraints but also because of soil constraints. As a result of the constraints, agricultural production is limited to low density grazing. The land across the site is verified in this assessment as being of low agricultural sensitivity.</p>	<p>Section 6.3.5.1 of the FSR</p> <p>Figure 7-18 and Figure 7-19 of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix G.2 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Socio-Economic:</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the Mitigation and Management Measures under section 6.3.5 relating to regional employment and contracts be included in an updated scoping report or be addressed within the EIA as follows:</p> <p>specifications/requirements/targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% unskilled workers must be local; • 90% semi-skilled workers from local; and • 70% skilled workers must be from local/indigent. • That the concept “local/indigent” shall mean having been born in the CKDM and having lived in the CKDM area for at least more than 10 years and having attended at least either and/or a primary or high school in the CKDM area irrespective whether the candidate is currently residing in the CKDM area or not. If not born in the CKDM area than at least one parent borned in the region but both parents must have lived in the area for more than 20 years; • That a CKDM professionals body shall be consulted for particulars of local/indigent professionals to be considered for skilled jobs 	<p>The Socio-Economic Assessment includes the following mitigations as indicated in Section 8.1 of the FSR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The project must comply with the requirements of the REIPPPP bidding process which will have stringent requirements with regard to socio-economic development, enterprise development, BBEEE shareholding etc. ■ The applicant must establish a communications committee early on in the project to ensure inclusive planning and regular feedback from stakeholders. ■ Community development should be guided by a community needs analysis, drawn up by a third party and based on local socio-economic conditions, a review of planning documents such as the IDP, and discussions with local government and community representatives. Interventions should be planned in collaboration with other energy developers in the area where relevant. ■ Close liaison with local municipal managers, local councillors and other stakeholders involved in socio-economic development is required to ensure that any projects are integrated into wider socio-economic development strategies and plans. ■ A ‘locals first’ policy with regard to construction and operational labour needs. ■ The community should be able to contact the site manager or his/her representative to report any issues which they may have. The site manager and his/her representative should be stationed within the area and should therefore be available on hand to deal with and address any concerns which may be raised. 	

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	<p>and/or be willing to undergo rapid skills upgrading to occupy skilled jobs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That CKDM Professionals Body shall have representation in all committees/forums established under this proposed project; • That local sub-contractors who did not gain from tenders in the past locally will receive preferential treatment in terms of the equity principle and a skills transfer programme be adopted by the main contractors; • That sub-contractors who previously gained tenders locally equally compete with external contractors to be main contractors; • That the income/wealth status of sub-contractors and skilled workers for all Black contenders / candidates will also be included in the specifications in addition to the standard “black” requirement under the BBBEE and EEA redress umbrella to ensure wealth does not circulate consistently amongst a few individuals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A complaints register should be available on site to any individual who may have a particular complaint with regards to the construction or operations processes. ■ The applicant and the contractors should develop a Code of Conduct for the project. The code should identify what types of behaviour and activities by workers are not permitted in agreement with surrounding landowners and land managers. For example, access to land that is not part of the development will not be allowed. ■ The applicant and the contractor should implement a Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS awareness programme for all construction workers at the outset of the construction phase. ■ Arrangements must be made to enable workers from outside the area to return home over the weekends or at regular intervals. This would reduce the risk posed by non-local construction workers to local family structures and social networks. ■ Condoms should be freely available to employees and all contractor workers. ■ Introduce alcohol testing on a weekly basis for construction workers. ■ The contractor should make the necessary arrangements for ensuring that all non-local construction workers are transported back to their place of residence once the construction phase is completed. ■ Close coordination with the municipality is required, including regular meetings. <p>The mitigation measures are deemed to be sufficient.</p>	

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	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.6 “ NEED AND DESIRABILITY” have very little to zero direct and possibly indirect relevance to the Central Karoo District Municipal Area. Yes it is a common fact that the district is in dire need of urgent economic development.</p> <p>Section 3.6, states that South Africa is the seventh highest coal producer in the world, with approximately 77% of the country’s electricity generated from coal.</p> <p>Section 3.6, states also that the SA’s large dependence on coal and its use also resulted in a variety of negative impacts on the environment, including the contribution to climate change. SA is also the highest emitter of GHGs in Africa; attributed to the country’s energy-intensive economy that largely relies on coal-based electricity generation.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested a comparable spreadsheet of the aforementioned seven countries and energy mix usages be provided.</p> <p>It is suggested a western cape regional spreadsheet show casing coal dependence amongst WC district and metro municipalities. Also to include comparative WC district municipalities and metro municipality drivers and associated environmental impacts (GHG emissions, Climate Change, Health Impacts, etc.) as a result of direct/indirect coal usages. Also to include</p>	<p>The Need and Desirability of the project has been developed in reference to meeting international and national targets of reducing reliance on fossil fuels, such as coal, by the use of generating energy from solar resources. Section 5.3 of the FSR provides the provincial and municipal legal and regulatory framework taken into consideration.</p> <p>The request for a comparable spreadsheet and coal dependences for the Western Cape has been noted, however it is considered that the additional information will not add value to the assessment. Potentially, this may be more suited for a Strategic Environmental Assessment to determine the best energy mix for the country/province/municipality, which is not the purpose of this assessment.</p> <p>While the Frankfort Pilot Study is noted, the purpose of that specific project was to provide sufficient electricity to the town to reduce/remove its reliance on Eskom. This is not the purpose of the proposed project. The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPP. The electricity generated will be evacuated into the national grid for use and management by Eskom.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 5.3 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>comparative data to showcase the status of energy-intensive economies that relies on coal-based electricity generation amongst the WC district municipalities and metro municipality.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.6 NEED AND DESIRABILITY also omits to include a dedicated subsection of WESTERN CAPE PERSPECTIVE and REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which would have outlined the energy mix in response to the growing electricity demand and the promotion of clean sources of energy within the CKDM in comparison to the province; • it would have outlined the reduction and elimination of poverty in the CKDM is more dire oppose to other regions within the province; • it would also have outlined that power shortages are most probably the worse in the CKDM oppose to other regions in the province, esp the metro; • it would have outlined the socio-economic benefits available to the local communities and businesses in the CKDM area from this proposed project; and • that the project will And this premise will promote the reaching one of the National Development Plan’s aims which is to reduce 		

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	<p>and eliminate poverty in South Africa by 2030 (see section 3.6.2, page 40 of the dBAR).</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Hence it is strongly suggested that mention be made about the poorest socio-economic status of the region in comparison to the rest of the province.</p> <p>Further it is strongly suggested that factual comparative analysed data and an objective interpretation of electricity prices communities and businesses are subjected to amongst the districts and one metro municipality in the western cape be provided.</p> <p>Further it is strongly suggested the case study of the Frankfort Municipality and Surrounding Towns Pilot/Case Study that uses four (4) Solar Energy Farms operated by Rural Maintenance (a private IPPP) that benefits specifically the local communities and businesses be used and cited.</p> <p>This is to empower people of the Central Karoo to negotiate with all IPPP'S and Eskom in the region for electricity price reductions of up to 30% (considering the region might have more than four solar and wind energy farms) and many more other benefits. Benefits to the local communities and businesses of Frankford gains from that pilot study are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity demand from the Eskom grid are reduced whilst the local communities and business still have access to electricity; 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local community and businesses saves a reduced electricity cost of 15% pricing to what they would have paid to Eskom. Water and Sanitation Facilities operates 24/7 due to electricity flow, even though it is loadshedding; Cable theft reduced because the local grid remained alive; Small Power Users like residence and business are exposed to power outages in smaller durations as per their requests; The Large Power Users are exposed to power outages of a longer duration as per their request; Low voltages has been reduced resulting in local communities using their equipment more optimally; and In the event of loadshedding, locals receives more reliable weekly schedules of specific reduced periods of loadshedding. 		
	<p>Comment: Alternatives (Location): Section 4.1.1 only referenced that areas were assessed from a technical perspective by considering slope, aspect, undulation, and access, and more detailed environmental perspective.</p>	<p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPP. An application for Section 53 Approval, in terms of Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) will be submitted during or following the conclusion of the EIA process.</p>	<p>Section 5.6 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Resulting in the consideration of high level solar design. No consideration was given to geothermal heat reflection capacity from the landscape such as geological structures and soil characteristics. This could have resulted in the consideration of alternative technologies such as the addition of bi-facial panels and the reconsideration of methods of elevating those bi-facial panels. Hence it is suggested the Amended dBAR or FBAR include descriptions, maps and geothermal heat radiation capacities during non-sunshining days/periods.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested the scoping report be updated or the EIA address all current land uses in the proposed project region, including depicting within the topographical map and a separate thematic map layers of potential future economic development resources such as geological minerals and gas.</p>		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Alternatives (Technology)</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested section 4.2.1 provide a detailed consideration of bi-facial solar panels in relation to both sun radiation/heat and geothermal heat.</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat. Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPPP.</p>	-

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	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Alternatives (Operational):</p> <p>Section 4, made no provision for the consideration of Operational Aspect Alternatives.</p> <p>A detailed objective review and assessment of the suggested factors for consideration will equip the people of the Central Karoo as to whether their genuine socio-economic upliftment is equally a priority as the rest of the province, but not limited to it.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Hence it is strongly suggested that the updated scoping report or the EIA provide a detailed consideration of this aspect by considering the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments made in this Letter of Comments under the section that dealt with the Frankfort Solar Energy Pilot Study; • Operational and technology aspects used in the aforementioned pilot study; • Electricity costs savings Frankfort Pilot Study local community, businesses and agriculture gained as a result of not having used the Eskom grid; and incorporate objective information of other current and/or proposed/intent renewable energy projects the western cape government 	<p>While the Frankfort Pilot Study is noted, the purpose of that specific project was to provide sufficient electricity to the town to reduce/remove its reliance on Eskom. This is not the purpose of the proposed project. The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPP. The electricity generated will be evacuated into the national grid for use and management by Eskom</p>	

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	recently announced to take all provincial municipalities off the Eskom national grid.		
Heritage Western Cape			
Stephanie-Anne Barnardt-Delport 14 April 2023 Via Email	<p>Good day Ms Govender</p> <p>That is correct, the consultation for the HIA only ended 6 April and the matter was heard at the following HOMs meeting on the 11 April.</p> <p>The committee endorsed and the final comment has been uploaded for signature, the final comment should be out today or Monday morning.</p> <p>Apologies for the delay.</p> <p>However in the meantime, please see the extract from the minutes:</p> <p>Mura 2 (Western Cape):</p> <p>It is recommended that the proposed Mura 2 PV facility should be authorised but subject to the following recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr; • No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and • If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would 	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation from Heritage Western Cape. These recommendations will be included in the Draft and Final EIAs.</p>	Appendix D.2 of the PPP Report

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	<p>need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.</p> <p>Warm regards,</p> <p>Kindly note: Due to volume of queries I receive I may not be able to respond to you immediately, if you have not received a reply from within ten working days, please resend your query</p> <p>Any urgent Heritage Western Cape matters, please contact one of the officials:</p> <p>HWC staff contact details</p> <p>Stephanie-Anne Barnardt-Delport</p> <p>Acting Collection Management Officer, Museological Service</p> <p>Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport</p> <p>Western Cape Government</p>		

Table 3-4 – Comments received during Final Scoping Phase for Mura 2 Solar PV Facility

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DFFE			
<p>Mr Sabelo Malaza 12 May 2023 Letter via email</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong</p> <p>ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MURA 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 400 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated April 2023 and received by the Department on 18 April 2023, refer.</p> <p>The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the PoSEIA dated April 2023 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated</p> <p>in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the DFFE acceptance of the Scoping Report. Specific requests have been responded to below.</p>	<p>Appendix D.2 of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>Please ensure that the following information forms part of the next report:</p> <p>1. Listed Activities</p> <p>a) The EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.</p>	<p>An environmental impact assessment is included in Section 9 of the Draft EIR that considers the listed activities applied for under Section 6. Each impact contains mitigation measures where applicable.</p>	<p>Section 6 and Section 9 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>b) Please continue to ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.</p>	<p>All relevant listed activities that have been applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description in Section 4 of the Draft EIR. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development have been applied for and assessed.</p> <p>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>c) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.</p>	<p>The listed activities represented in the Draft EIR and application form are the same and correct.</p>	<p>Section 6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>d) The EIAR must assess the correct sub listed activity for each listed activity applied for.</p>	<p>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>2. Public Participation</p> <p>a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAR.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that comments from all relevant stakeholders as indicated in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the PPP Report) that have been received to date, have been included in the PPP Report.</p>	<p>Appendix A of the PPP Report Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>b) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAR from registered I&APs and organs</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the DSR and draft EIR, as well as those received on the FSR, from registered</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are addressed in the final EIAR. 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.</p>	<p>I&APs and organs of state have been and will be included in the final EIR and adequately addressed and responded to.</p>	
	<p>c) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAR. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response table in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments received from the circulation of the Draft EIR will be included in the PPP Report and responded do accordingly.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report will also be submitted as a separate report</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>d) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.</p>	<p>All comments from I&APs have been included in chronological order in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments have been responded to individually.</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>e) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>f) The EAP is requested to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAR.</p>	<p>WSP will contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection during the Draft EIR public review phase and prior to the submission of the final EIAR</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>3. Alternatives</p> <p>The EAP is required to provide clear assessment for each identified alternative and further provide clear motivation and reasons as to why the preferred alternative proves to be the preferred compared to other alternatives.</p> <p>These alternatives includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location / Site Alternatives. • Technology Alternatives. • Design and Layout Alternatives. • BESS technology alternatives. • No-go alternative. 	<p>The project alternatives are discussed in Section 5 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Section 5 of the Draft EIR.</p>
	<p>4. The layout map must indicate the following:</p> <p>All supporting onsite infrastructure such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All supporting onsite infrastructure that will support the proposed 400MW photovoltaic solar facility e.g., roads (existing and proposed, fencing, BESS area, etc.). - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and - All existing infrastructure on the site, including neighbouring villages (if any), etc. 	<p>The development envelope of the project is included as Figure 4-1 of the Draft EIR. The components forming part of the Solar PV project (including all supporting infrastructure) will occur within the development envelope.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope is included as Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Figure 4-1 and Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; - Buffer areas; and - All “no-go” areas. 		
	<p>5. Specialist assessments</p> <p>Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of Substation, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</p>	<p>All specialist studies have been undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, or, where relevant, in line with the gazetted specialist protocols of GNR 320 and GNR 1150. All specialist studies include a detailed description of the methodologies, project infrastructure descriptions and locations and recommendations for authorisations.</p>	<p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>a) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.</p>	<p>All specialist assessments include applicable limitations to the studies, as well as the timing/season of the field survey, where applicable, and relevance thereof to the studies/assessments. Section 3.6 of the Draft EIR contains all assumptions and limitations put forward by the specialists.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>b) Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas. Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable.</p>	<p>WSP acknowledge the DFFE’s definition of ‘No-go’ areas. The relevant specialist assessments have indicated ‘No-go’ areas, as well as areas where it is suitable for limited linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, cables infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area where required.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope is included as Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<p>c) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</p>	<p>All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMP. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 11.2 of the Draft EIR. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA.</p>	<p>Appendix H of the Draft EIR Section 11.2 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>d) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.</p>	<p>Specialist assessments have been undertaken to comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998. Section 8 of the Draft EIR contains the Assessment Protocols used by the specialists.</p>	<p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>e) The screening tool output: - The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool.</p>	<p>Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR and includes motivation for specialist studies not undertaken. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<p>- It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist studies including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached.</p>		
	<p>f) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.</p>	<p>The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.</p>	<p>Section 11.3 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>g) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the study. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.</p>	<p>Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>General Details of the future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years and the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies must be indicated.</p>	<p>Should the project's lifetime not be extended, the project will be decommissioned. During decommissioning the infrastructure will be removed from site and disposed of at a registered waste facility. The site will be rehabilitated and returned to its original condition where possible.</p>	
	<p>Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.</p>	<p>An application will be submitted during or following the conclusion of the EIA process.</p>	<p>Section 6.6 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	A construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAR.	An EMPr has been included in Appendix I of the Draft EIR.	Appendix I of the Draft EIR
	The comments issued by this Department on 27/03/2023, during the draft scoping report are still valid and must be all addressed throughout the EIA process.	The comments issued by this Department during the draft scoping phase have been included in Section 3 of the PPP Report and responded to accordingly.	in Section 3 of the PPP Report
	Should you use coordinates, please ensure that it is in the format as prescribed in the 2014 EIA NEMA Regulations, as amended.	Coordinates included in the Draft EIR, EMPr and Application Form have been prescribed in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeesthoek 94 datum as required in the 2014 EIA NEMA Regulations.	-
	The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.	The reminder to meet timeframes stipulated Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended, is noted. The final EIR is due to the DFFE by 28 August 2023.	-
	<p>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.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Mr Sabelo Malaza Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment</p>	WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.	-

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Western Cape Government: Land Use Management			
<p>CJ Van Der Walt 12 May 2023 Letter (via Email)</p>	<p>Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd proposes the construction and operation of a 400 MW solar photovoltaic energy facility.</p> <p>The proposed development will have a foot print of approximately 506ha for the solar facility and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management (WCDoA: LUM) has reviewed the report and has no objection to the proposed application on condition that the proposed mitigation measures mentioned in the EMPr are implemented to prevent erosion and manage storm water during the construction and operational phases.</p> <p>In order to accommodate the proposed application must be made to the WCDoA: LUM as well as the Beaufort West municipality for a change in land use, the required registering of a servitude for access roads, entrance routes and power lines as well as to register a lease agreement.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That this is comment to the relevant deciding authorities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act no.107 of 1998. - That this is comment to the relevant deciding authorities in terms of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act 70 of 1970. 	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the departments no objection to the project. All mitigation measures proposed in the EMPr will be monitored by the ECO for implementation.</p> <p>An application for the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (SALA) Consent / Change of Land Use (re-zoning) will be submitted.</p>	<p>-</p>



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	<p>- Kindly quote the above—mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>- The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Mr CJ Van Der Walt</p>		

3.1.3 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR MURA 3 SOLAR PV FACILITY

Comments received during the Draft Scoping Phase and Final Scoping Phase for Mura 3 Solar PV Facility are incorporate in **Table 3-5** and **Table 3-6**, respectfully and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.3**.

Table 3-5 – Comments received during Draft Scoping Phase for Mura 3 Solar PV Facility

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DFFE			
<p>Ephron Maradwa 14 March 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Dear Megan 14/12/16/3/3/2/2324</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 3 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 320 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES.</p> <p>The Department confirms having received the Application form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 03 March 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>Kindly note that your application for Environ4ental 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</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that the I&APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DSR from 06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023.</p> <p>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</p> <p>WSP and the Applicant take note that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>Appendix D.3 of the PPP Report.</p>

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	<p>referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>EIA Applications Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p>		

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<p>Milicent Solomons 29 March 2023 Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong.</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 320 MW MURA 3 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES.</p> <p>The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Department on 03 March 2023, refer.</p> <p>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:</p> <p>1. Application form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant represented by Mr Lance Blaine, did not sign the application form. Please note that a signed application form must be submitted. 	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>The application form has been signed by the Applicant and the amended application form will be submitted with the FSR.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindly clarify the reason why this Department is the Competent Authority (CA) in terms of Section 24C of NEMA. State clearly if the applicant intends to bid the project in terms of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and the Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP). 	<p>The Project is intended to be submitted as part of the REIPPPP in support of the IRP as indicated in Section 1.3.2 of the FSR</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that the Minister is the competent authority for applications for facilities or infrastructure, that will form part of the Integrated Resource Plan 	<p>WSP confirms that that the proposed Mura 3 Solar PV Development is related to the IRP. The Application Form</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>(IRP) Programmes for technologies whose procurement processes have been determined under the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 and / or the Electricity Regulations on New Generation Capacity. If the applicant will not, or does not intend to, participate in any of the IRP programmes, the competent authority will be the MEC responsible for environmental affairs in the respective province. Be advised that this this information must be clearly presented in Section 1 –Competent Authority in the application form.</p>	<p>has been updated to clearly state this and was submitted with the FSR.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflecting the above, the reasons provided in Section 1 of the application form for this Department being the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA are incomplete. This must be rectified and expanded on in the application form as well as the report. Please refer to GN 779. 	<p>The Application Form has been updated to clearly state that the DFFE is the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA. The amended Application Form will be submitted with the FSR. Section 1.3.2 of the FSR states that confirms that the DFFE is the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that the application form is fully completed and correct. The SG codes, all farm names, and the EAP’s contact details are correct. 	<p>WSP confirms that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers and the EAP’s contact details included in the Application Form and FSR are correct. The Grid Infrastructure is included in a separate application (Mura EGI Corridor).</p>	<p>Section 1.3.4 and Section 3.1 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please include the GPS coordinates for the onsite substation and the battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. 	<p>WSP confirms that the coordinates for the BESS substation, onsite substations and switching stations have been included in the Application Form and Section 3.1 of the FSR. The BESS will be located within the project area, adjacent to or slightly removed from the substations. The substations and BESS will be placed within the Development Footprint, as assessed by the specialists</p>	<p>Section 3.1 of the FSR. Figure 7-18 of the FSR</p>

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		and avoid all No-Go areas as indicated in Figure 7-18 of the FSR.	
	<p>2. Listed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is noted that the proposed solar facility does not fall within any renewable energy development zones. Although the application form indicates that part of the project is within the Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) as per GN 113, it is noted that the proposed solar facility does not fall within any renewable energy development zones, as such this application will be considered as a normal EIA application. 	WSP confirms that this statement is correct.	Section 1.2 of the FSR.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. 	WSP can confirm that all relevant listed activities have been applied for. Furthermore, the descriptions of applicability in the Application Form and Table 5-1 of the FSR are specific and have been linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.	Table 5-1 of the FSR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are required to confirm whether systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans are adopted by the competent authority. There are certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that Bioregional Plans to be adopted. 	As confirmed by Western Cape DEADP there are no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans for the Western Cape Province that have been adopted by the Department. The application form and Table 5-1 has been amended to remove Activity 12, Activity 14 and Activity 23 of Listing Notice 3, as requested by Western Cape DEADP. However, the assessment does consider the impact to CBAs and ESAs as part of the terrestrial and aquatic impact assessment.	Table 5-1 of the FSR	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process, as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of Listing Notice 3 Activities. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant authorities (or proof of consultation if no comments were received) and submitted to this Department. In addition, a graphical representation of the proposed development within the respective geographical areas must be provided. Please also ensure that the potential impacts on the affected Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas are fully assessed in the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). 	<p>WSP confirms that all relevant authorities have been consulted and will continue to be consulted throughout the environmental impact assessment process.</p>	<p>Appendix A of the PPP Report Appendix B of the PPP Report</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms. 	<p>WSP can confirm that an amended application form has been submitted to include coordinates of the on-site substations and amended listed activities. Furthermore, the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>3. Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed location of the PV array and associated infrastructure of the proposed up to 320MW Mura 3 Solar Photovoltaic Facility 	<p>A layout map of the development is included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope for Mura 3 PV Facility is included as Figure 7-18 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed grid infrastructure connecting the PV facility to the existing substation, overlain by the sensitivity map; - All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g., roads (existing and proposed); fence, office buildings, and etc. - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; - Buffer areas; and - All “no-go” areas. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure, as well as the neighbouring PV Solar Clusters. 	<p>A Sensitivity Map for Mura 2 PV Facility has been included as Figure 7-19 of the FSR.</p> <p>A Cumulative map showing Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the Mura Solar Development has been included as Figure 9-1 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 7-19 and Figure 9-1 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes. 	<p>No Google maps have been used.</p>	<p>Appendix E of the EIA Report</p>
	<p>4. Public Participation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received on the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department’s Biodiversity Section: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za, the provincial authority and the local municipality) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR. 	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in the PPP Report and adequately addressed and responded to.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that comments from the Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were received and are included in the PPP Report.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of the approved public participation plan and Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Take note of the timeframes required for adequate public participation. 	<p>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments (pre and post submission of the draft SR) for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments. 	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 3 of the PPP Report.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report is also being submitted as a separate report.</p> <p>WSP confirm that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p> <p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>5. Specialist Assessments to be conducted in the EIA Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as 	<p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of</p>	<p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>indicate the locations and descriptions of PV arrays, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.</p>	<p>30 October 2020). Therefore, the requested information will be included.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted. 	<p>All relevant specialist assumptions and limitations have been included Section 2.7 of the FSR. These will be updated as required during the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Section 2.7 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice. 	<p>To date no contradictory recommendations have been received.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are further required to ensure that all required specialist studies are recommended and assessed for the proposed up to 320MW Mura 3 Solar Photovoltaic Facility. 	<p>Section 2.2 of the FSR contains the results of the DFFE Screening Tool and notes the specialist studies commissioned.</p>	<p>Section 2.2 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that 	<p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of 30 October 2020).</p>	<p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. Please note further that the protocols require the specialists' to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols. 	<p>Table 2-2 of the FSR contains a summary of the specialist studies required by the DFFE Screening Tool including motivation for specialist studies not commissioned.</p>	<p>Table 2-2 of the FSR</p>
	<p>6. Cumulative Assessment to be conducted in the EIA Phase</p> <p>Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land. Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken 	<p>Section 9 of the FSR includes Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the Mura Solar Development. The cumulative impact significance has been preliminary identified in Section 9 of the FSR. The cumulative impact will be further investigated in the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR.</p>

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	<p>into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. • A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. 		
	<p>7. Environmental Management Programme</p> <p>The EMPr must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the Generic Environmental Management Programme, must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. This means that a generic EMPR must be included for the substation. In total, 2 EMPrs should accompany the final report. 	<p>This information will be included in the EMPr to be compiled in the EIA Phase.</p>	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended. 	<p>WSP confirm that the EMPrs to be submitted in the EIA phase, will comply with the requirements of Appendix 4 in the EIA Regulation, as amended</p>	-
	<p>General</p>	<p>WSP confirms that the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE within the required timeframe of the regulations. Please</p>	-

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	<p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:</p> <p>“If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a SR which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”.</p>	<p>note that due to the public holidays occurring during the prescribed timeframes. the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE in line with Section 3(5) of Chapter 2 of the EIA Regulations which states “<i>Where a prescribed timeframe is affected by one or more public holidays, the timeframe must be extended by the number of public holiday days falling within that timeframe</i>”.</p>	
	<p>You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of SRs in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP confirm that the FSR complies with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping report in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Please refer to Table 1-5 of the final Scoping Report for the checklist against the regulatory requirements.</p>	-
	<p>Further 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 timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).</p>	<p>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	<p>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p>	

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	<p>Yours sincerely Ms Milicent Solomons Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Letter signed by: Mr Wayne Hector</p>		
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<p>Natasha Higgitt 31 March 2023 Letter Via SAHRIS</p>	<p>Interim Comment In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) Attention: Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd Mura 3 Solar Photovoltaic Facility (up to 320 MW) between Loxton and Beaufort West in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces WSP has been appointed by Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for a proposed Solar Photovoltaic Facility, near Loxton, Northern Cape Province. A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include solar panels, substations, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), offices,</p>	<p>WSP Response: Fossil material collected from the Abrahamskraal Formation / lower Teekloof Formation (Poortjie Member) during the initial site visit to the Mura solar project area near Loxton (July 2022) has already been evaluated by Professor Bruce Rubidge of Wits University who has a Fossil Collection Permit and whose research team is currently involved with a long-standing research project on the fossil record of this stratigraphic interval in the Main Karoo Basin. Specimens considered to be of palaeontological research value by Professor Rubidge are curated, together with stratigraphic / locality data, in the collections of the Evolutionary Studies Institute, Johannesburg. A couple of additional specimens from Locs. 408 and 083 from the second site visit in September 2022 have yet to be evaluated by Professor Rubidge.</p>	

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	<p>operational and maintenance buildings, warehouse/workshop, ablution facilities, converter/invertor stations, underground cablings, internal roads, fencing, storm water management infrastructure, and site camps.</p> <p><i>Almond, J. E. 2022. Combined Desktop & Field-Based Palaeontological Heritage Study: Proposed Mura PV Solar Facilities between Loxton and Beaufort West, Beaufort West Local Municipality (Central Karoo District Municipality), Western Cape and Ubuntu Local Municipality (Pixley Ka Sema District Municipality), Northern Cape</i></p> <p>The report combines the results for five development applications. Only the results pertaining to Mura PV 3 will be discussed below.</p> <p>The proposed development is underlain by the Teekloof Formation. A total of 12 fossil sites were recorded within the proposed development area. These include reworked bone fragments, remains of small tetrapods, reedy plant stem casts and invertebrate trace fossils of Grade IIIC heritage significance, and robust tetrapod remains and sizeable ridged bone fragment of Grade IIIB significance (sampled/collected).</p> <p>No recorded fossil sites of unique scientific or conservation value are likely to be directly impacted by the proposed renewable energy and electrical infrastructure developments and no further palaeontological studies or mitigation is proposed here with regard to these sites. A Chance Fossil Finds Protocol is recommended to be implemented.</p>		

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	<p><i>Orton, J. 2022. Heritage Impact Assessment: Proposed Mura 1-4 PV Facilities, Beaufort West Magisterial District, Western Cape and Victoria West Magisterial District, Northern Cape</i></p> <p>The report combines the results for five development applications. Only the results pertaining to Mura PV 3 will be discussed below.</p> <p>A total of two heritage resources were identified within the Mura PV 3 development area. These include a stone-walled house ruin of medium significance and a mound of rocks of very low heritage significance.</p> <p>Recommendations provided in the report include the following:</p> <p>A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr;</p> <p>The site at waypoint 1402 should be avoided if possible with a 50 m buffer or else revisited to record it in detail as well as determining whether any sampling would be required;</p> <p>Any realignment of the DR02317 within 400 m of waypoint 2000 must be checked in the field and approved by an archaeologist;</p> <p>No stones may be removed from any archaeological site;</p>		



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	<p>The road construction camp location must be approved by an archaeologist and subjected to a site inspection if deemed necessary; and</p> <p>If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.</p> <p>Interim Comment</p> <p>SAHRA requests clarity regarding the permit used for the collection of fossil material in the Northern Cape Province. Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the requested clarity and the draft EIA inclusive of appendices.</p> <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Natasha Higgitt</p> <p>Manager: Development Applications Unit</p> <p>South African Heritage Resources Agency</p>		
WC DEADP			
Thea Jordan	Dear EAP,	WSP Response:	Appendix D.3

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<p>11 April 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Your request for comment refers. Please find attached this Department's comment in the above regard. Yours faithfully Thea Jordan</p>	<p>WSP confirms receipt of the comments from the WC DEADP.</p>	
<p>Thea Jordan 11 April 2023 Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Dear Madam</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 320MW MURA 3 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRUCTURES (INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND SUBSTATION, 2 ON-SITE SOLAR FARM SUBSTATIONS, ACCESS ROADS, SITE CAMPS, CABLING, BUILDINGS, ETC.) ON FARM LEEUWKLOOF NO. 43, REMAINDER OF FARM ABRAMS KRAAL NO. 206, PORTION 4 AND THE REMAINDER OF PORTION 3 OF FARM DUIKER KRANSE NO. 45, FARM SNEEUWKRAAL NO. 46, AND AANGRENSEND FARM ABRAMSKRAAL NO. 11, BEAUFORT WEST AND UBUNTU LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES</p> <p>1. The email correspondence of 06 March 2023, informing interested and affected parties of the release of Draft Scoping Report (“DSR”) for comments, the email received on the same day, providing an additional link to download the DSR and</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>The total project area is 436 ha and should be assumed to be wholly transformed. The total development envelope for the project PV installation is approximately 395 ha to allow for the construction of a PV facility, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS, underground cables, internal gravel roads, fencing, construction site camps and other infrastructure but does not consider the access road to the PV facility nor the two site camps within the road corridor.</p> <p>The footprints for each of infrastructure forming part of the project are also outlined within the Table at the beginning of the Assessment Report under “General Site Information”.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 and Section 3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>appendices, and the Department’s email of 05 April 2023, informing the environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”) that the Department is unable to meet the deadline of 06 April 2023, refer.</p> <p>2. The Department extends its appreciation to the EAP for extending the deadline for comments on the DSR. Please find consolidated comments from various directorates within the Department on the DSR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) dated March 2023 that was available for download from various online platforms provided by the EAP.</p> <p>3. Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887):</p> <p>3.1. This Directorate requires clarity on the extent of the development footprint and that of the proposed site (indicated as Farm Leeuwkloof No. 43, Remainder of Farm Abrams Kraal No. 206, Portion 4 and the Remainder of Portion 3 of Farm Duiker Kranse No. 45, Farm Sneeuwkraal No. 46, and Aangrensend Farm Abramskraal No. 11). The DSR interchangeably refers to the total project area as 436 ha and 395 ha. On page 26 of the DSR it is indicated that “The proposed Mura 3 Facility will be developed within a project area of approximately 395 hectares (ha), excluding the access road corridor”, whereas on page 37 it is indicated that “The total project area is 436 ha” and that “The total development envelope for project installation is approximately 395 ha”. Assuming that the proposed 320MW solar field will</p>		

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	<p>be constructed on 395 ha; the proposed battery energy storage system (“BESS”) and BESS substation will be developed on ~ 4 ha; internal gravel access roads will have a development footprint of 36 ha; and up to two 2.2 ha site camps / laydown areas (i.e., 4.4 ha in total) will be developed, then more than 439 ha is required for the proposed solar photovoltaic (“PV”) facility and associated structures and infrastructure. The development footprint of the associated buildings (offices, ablution facilities, operational and maintenance centre, etc.) and the two on-site solar substations were not indicated. Please ensure that the Final Scoping Report (“FSR”) and the forthcoming Draft EIA Report clearly describe the size of the proposed site, the development footprint, and the individual components of the proposed solar PV development.</p>		
	<p>3.2. Further to the above, section 4.1.1 of the DSR deals with the site selection process. It is noted that the original five potential Mura PV development areas were further reduced to two areas (Areas 2 and 5) that were considered suitable for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 solar PV developments. Area 5 consist of two sites of 395 ha and 425 ha, respectively. The 395-ha area corresponds with the project area for the proposed Mura 3 solar PV facility. It is again reiterated that the 395 ha appears to only be sufficient for the proposed solar field, based on the information provided in the DSR. The FSR and the Draft EIA Report must indicate the size of the development footprint against the size of the proposed site.</p>	<p>The total development envelope for PV project installation is approximately 395 ha to allow for the construction of a PV facility, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS, underground cables, internal gravel roads, fencing, construction site camps and other infrastructure but <i>excludes</i> the footprint associated with the access road and site camps. The total footprint of the whole project is 506 ha for whole Project.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 and Section 3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>3.3. It is noted that Activities 12, 14 and 23 of Listing Notice (“LN”) 3 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) are applied for. Please be advised that no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans for the Western Cape Province have been adopted by this Department. As such, Activity 12.i.ii, Activity 14(ii)(a) and (c) i.i.(ff) and Activity 23(ii)(a) i.i.(ff) of LN 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) are not applicable to the application for environmental authorisation.</p>	<p>Activities 12, 14 and 23 of Listing Notice 3 have been removed. An amended Application Form was submitted to the DFFE with the FSR.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the FSR.</p>
	<p>3.4. Appendix F and Table 2-1 of the DSR list the specialist studies identified by the Screening Tool, that should be undertaken in the environmental impact reporting (“EIR”) phase. The EAP has provided motivation for undertaking or not undertaking the recommended Screening Tool specialist studies, as well as the undertaking of additional specialist studies not identified by the Screening Tool. Section 2.2.1 of the DSR notes that “An RFI Study will not be undertaken... As this theme has been identified as high, a compliance statement will be prepared by the EAP and included in the EIA Report.” Please note that the Screening Tool indicated a medium (and not high) sensitivity for the Radio Frequency Interference (“RFI”) theme. The Plan of Study for EIA (Section 10.5) lists the specialist studies that have been commissioned for the EIR phase, which are aligned to section 2.2.1 of the DSR. The Plan of Study for EIA does not include</p>	<p>WSP confirms that and RFI Compliance Statement will be undertaken in the EIA Phase. Section 10 of the FSR has been updated to include this.</p>	<p>Section 10 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>the undertaking of an RFI Assessment. Please thus indicate whether an RFI Compliance Statement will be undertaken by the EAP in the EIR phase. If so, the Plan of Study for EIA must be amended to include the RFI Compliance Statement.</p>		
	<p>3.5. The Plan of Study for EIA must be amended to include an Archaeological Impact Assessment as part of the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>The plan of study for the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment during the EIA Phase will include the assessment of archaeological resources. Section 10 of the FSR has been updated to include this.</p>	<p>Section 10 of the FSR</p>
	<p>3.6. Please ensure that the specialist assessments include a cumulative assessment of the same renewable energy projects within a 30km radius of the proposed site. It is noted that the Terrestrial Biodiversity Compliance Statement compiled by 3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions dated November 2022 refers to the “The three Nuweveld WEFs west of the site have been authorised and there is also the Hoogland 1 and Hoogland 2 WEFs which have not yet been authorised and lie adjacent and to the north and west of the Nuweveld site”. Please note that the Hoogland 1 and 2 wind energy facilities (“WEFs”) have received environmental authorisations. The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Report compiled by Independent Economic Researchers dated January 2023 refers to the “Assessment of cumulative impacts considered Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 SEFs; Hoogland 1, 2, 3 and 4 WEFs; Nuweveld North, East and West WEFs, Taaibos WEFs, Soutrivier WEFs, as well as the Mura, Hoogland, Nuweveld and Gamma Grid Corridors.” Other scoping phase specialist assessments also include</p>	<p>WSP takes note of the authorised applications. The cumulative impacts will be revised in the EIA phase.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR.</p>

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	<p>reference to the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEFs. If within a 30km radius of the proposed site, these WEFs must be included in all the specialist assessments and referenced in the FSR and Draft EIA Report.</p>		
	<p>3.7. The Traffic Impact Assessment (“TIA”) compiled by Athol Schwarz dated 30 November 2022 indicates that access to the proposed site is via the OP 08881 and an existing private road from the DR 02317. It is further noted that a site visit of the area was undertaken by the traffic engineer in September 2019. The TIA notes that “OP 08881 is 36.9 km long, starting at the DR 02317 before ending at the farm Slangfontein. This road will be used to access Mura 3 and Mura 4. This road was not included in the site inspection. Thus, the author cannot comment on the condition or the viability of using this route.” It is crucial that this limitation/ gap in knowledge be determined during the EIR phase to confirm that OP 08881 is acceptable for traffic to and from the proposed site. Comments from the relevant road’s authority on the condition or viability of the road would be acceptable.</p>	<p>Clarification on the condition and viability of OP 08881 will be provided in the EIA Phase.</p>	
	<p>3.8. Please include reference to the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations promulgated in Provincial Notice 200/2013 of 20 June 2013 in the section dealing with provincial and municipal legal and regulatory framework in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that reference to the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations will be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>4. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Hassan Parker (Email: Hassan.Parker@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 6877):</p> <p>4.1. It is recommended that the following aspects, among others, be taken into consideration in terms of waste management for the proposed development:</p> <p>4.1.1. Implementation of a solid waste management hierarchy – taking the most environmentally friendly steps to avoid resorting to illegal dumping or disposing of waste to landfill that can diverted.</p> <p>4.1.2. Measures, as far as possible, for the recycling and/or recovering of materials from the solar PV infrastructure in the event of partial or complete replacement when reaching “end-of-life” or undergoing replacement or maintenance repairs.</p> <p>4.2. This Directorate awaits the Draft EIA Report, EIR specialist studies and Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”) to provide additional comment.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that the Draft EIA and EMPr will address the management waste.</p>	
	<p>5. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Shehaam Brinkhuis (Email: Shehaam.Brinkhuis@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8309):</p> <p>5.1. This Directorate has no comments on the DSR and Plan of Study for EIA and awaits the Draft EIA Report (and accompanying EMPr) to provide comment on potential pollution impacts and mitigation measures.</p>	<p>WSP acknowledges the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management’s statement of no comment.</p>	



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	<p>The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Letter signed by: Thea Jordan</p>		
I&AP: Anthony Jeffathon			
<p>Anthony Jeffathon</p> <p>07 April 2023</p> <p>Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Project Infrastructure:</p> <p>The DSR omitted to include at least one comprehensive site layout plan illustrating all proposed onsite and off-site infrastructures.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested an updated SR or the EIR to include such a layout plan at an appropriate scale.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that a site layout map has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. The layout map will be refined during the EIA Phase, if required.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Project Infrastructure:</p> <p>Section 3.4.1, indicates that solar Modules will be located on either single axis tracking structures or fixed tilt mounting structures or similar.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p>	<p>The mounting structure technology cannot be confirmed at this stage during the EIA Process however, the type of mounting system will have no environmental impact as the worst case in terms of height and area to be transformed was assessed. In addition, it is highly unlikely that a substandard mounting system will be used, given that this project will need to be competitive to be selected as a preferred bidder in REIPPP and the investment that goes into such a project. The mounting system to be used will be determined at detailed design stage.</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>It is suggested that an updated SR or the EIR indicate the exact mounting structure technology that will be used to mount the solar PV modules. This is to ensure transparency from the outset to prevent possible 11th hour substandard technology for the Central Karoo.</p>		
	<p>Comment: Project Infrastructure: Section 3.4.3, states that “The BESS will be Lithium-ion or similar solid-state technology.”</p> <p>Suggestion: It is suggested that an updated SR alternatively the EIR indicate the exact BESS technology. This is to ensure transparency of potential health & safety risk and to prevent 11th hour substandard technology be dumped upon the Central Karoo.</p>	<p>The specific type of BESS will only be determined at detailed design stage. A high level risk assessment for this type of BESS has been included in the SR.</p>	<p>Section 6.4 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Comment: PV & MOUNTING SYSTEM: Considering the CKDM is the poorest region in the Western Cape Province and its communities are the most vulnerable in the province; but its electricity rates are higher than many if not all areas within the Cape Metro. Further, section 3.2.1, states that this Mura 3 Solar PV Facility is a large-scale system supplying power into the commercial electricity grid and not to local users. Hence, how will this proposed</p>	<p>The Applicant, Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd, is a private company and not linked to Eskom. The Applicant therefore has no power to obligate Eskom to subsidise and reduce the electricity prices of the municipality.</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>project impact the CKDM communities passively in a direct manner with significant reduced electricity prices? If, any direct positive impact of reduced power prices at community level, what will the expected timeline be from the time of operation?</p> <p>Suggestion: the municipality be subsidised by Eskom to allow it to reduce its electricity prices to communities whilst still being able to make a marginal income profit.</p>		
	<p>Comment: Section 3.2.1, only made reference to sunlight as a source whilst excluding geothermal as a potential source. Hence the two considered mounting systems is limited to single axis tracking and fixed axis mounting structures.</p> <p>Suggestion: It is suggested that the economic viability of geothermal heat/ power be investigated. If, it is viable, then an additional mounting technology be considered such as bifacial axis mounting structures be considered. It is assumed that the last mentioned structure would be be cost effective oppose to the current two considered mounting structures.</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat. Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP), which does not include geothermal heat/power.</p>	Section 3.6 of the FSR
	<p>Comment:</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat.</p>	Section 3.6 of the FSR

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	<p>Section 3.3, omitted to consider potential geothermal heat radiation that can be a viable energy source during non-sunshine days/evening periods.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested the following sentences be changed as follows,</p> <p>” Since solar and wind technology depend largely on whether the sun is shining or the wind is blowing, respectively, these technologies are more efficient when these sources are available.”</p>	<p>Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP), which does not include geothermal heat/power.</p>	
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.3.2, only indicates that, “The battery facilities...will not have any additional office/operation/maintenance infrastructure as those of the substation.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the EMPr indicates specific scheduled mechanical safety maintenance operations that should be conducted in terms of all applicable SA Health & Safety requiremtns i.e. the OSHAct and Mechanical and Ventilation Regulations; and other applicable regulatory tools as cited under section 3.3.3, of the DSR.</p>	<p>The EMPr will include requirements of the various legislation including the National Occupational Health and Safety Act (No. 85 of 1993) (OHSA).</p>	

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	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Location Map:</p> <p>Section 3.1, page 26-32 read together with section 4.1, read together with Appendix E (Maps). These sections basically addressed only the GPS co-ordinates; alternative sites particulars are scattered around in figures with no scales at times; and no credible topographical map but more of a kind of thematic map has been provided.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the following being addressed in an updated scoping report or the EIA report: Provide a colour location map at a larger scale of at least 1:50 000. The scale must be indicated on the map. The map must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any; • road names or numbers of all the major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s) • a north arrow; • a legend to represent physical/natural landscapes, water features, vegetation features, constructed/cultural/man-made landscape, and transport and administration features on the 	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. This locality map meets the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including district and access roads, a north arrow and scale. The Alternative Site Selection process is discussed in Section 4.1 of the FSR.</p> <p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1, Figure 7-18 and Figure 3-19 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>map. Towns cited under section 6.3.5 should be depicted on the map.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the prevailing wind direction (during November to April and during May to October); Date map was printed; and <p>the already provided GPS Hartbeesthoek 94/WG584 co-ordinate system information.</p>		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Site Plan:</p> <p>Section 3.1, read together with section 4.1, read together with Appendix E (Maps) should provide an amended Site Plan for the preferred Mura Solar 2 project as well as each alternatives considered. These site plans should conform to the following:</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Detailed site plan(s) must be prepared for each alternative site or alternative activity and provided in an updated SR or EIAR/EIR. The site plan must contain or conform to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detailed site plan must be at a scale preferably at a scale of 1:500 or at an appropriate scale. The scale must be indicated on the plan. 	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. This locality map meets the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including the property boundaries.</p> <p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1, Figure 7-18 and Figure 3-19 of the FSR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50m of the site must be indicated on the site plan. • The current land use (not zoning) as well as the land use zoning of each of the adjoining properties must be indicated on the site plan. • The position of each element of the application as well as any other structures on the site must be indicated on the site plan. • Services, including electricity supply cables (indicate above or underground), water supply pipelines, boreholes, sewage pipelines, storm water infrastructure and access roads that will form part of the development must be indicated on the site plan. • Servitudes indicating the purpose of the servitude must be indicated on the site plan. • Sensitive environmental elements within 100m of the site must be included on the site plan, including (but not limited to): • Watercourses/Rivers/Wetlands (including non-perennial features). □ Flood lines (i.e. 1:10 year, 1:50 year, and 1:100 year where applicable; • Ridges. • Cultural and historical features. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas with indigenous vegetation (even if it is degraded or infested with alien species). • Whenever the slope of the site exceeds 1:10, then a contour map of the site must be submitted. 		
	<p>Comment: Schematic Process/Project Drawing</p> <p>Suggestion: It is suggested a holistic schematic process drawing (project layout) of the entire solar Mura 2 project be provided. This drawing should include all the different stages with its main technology/infrastructure in a input-process-output manner.</p>	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18. The proposed project will be developed within the Development Envelope, avoiding the No-Go areas as indicated in Figure 7-18.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Comment: Photographs:</p> <p>Section 2.4 read together with section 2.7, states that descriptions of environmental attributes were by means of combination of desktop reviews i.e. aerial imagery and site investigations done between March and October 2022, to identify sensitive features on site. It further states that "...the latest available aerial imagery for the site."</p> <p>Suggestion:</p>	<p>Colour Photographs have been included in the various specialist studies, most notably in the Heritage Impact Assessment compiled by ASHA Consulting (Pty) Ltd and included as Appendix G.8 of the FSR, and the Visual Impact Assessment compiled by Quinton Lawson and Bernard Oberholzer and included as Appendix G.11 of the FSR. Extracts from the reports have been included in Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.4 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Appendix G.8 of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix G.11 of the FSR</p> <p>Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>However a number of important information has been leftout and need to be provided in an updated SR or during the EIA phase document as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colour photographs of the site and its surroundings (taken of the site and from the site) with a description of each photograph. The vantage points from which the photographs were taken must be indicated on the site plan; 2. Recent aerial photograph or at least dates of those aerial photograpghs (attach as an Appendix). The Appendix should be supplemented with additional dated onsite-photosgrapghs taken of relevant features during your stated field trips as cited under section 7.2 of the DSR. Kindly note, the aforementioned requirements must be duplicated for all alternative sites. 		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Land use character of surrounding area</p> <p>Section 6.3.5.1 read together with section 6.3.4.3 failed to adequately otr near adequately describes the current land uses on the proposed project site and its immediate surrounding areas. The aforementioned sections also failed to adequately describes the prominent features that occurs in the immediate surrounds from the proposed project area.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p>	<p>Section 6.3.5.1 of the FSR includes a description of the current land uses in the area.</p> <p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p> <p>The main land use in the area is agriculture, which is addressed in the Agricultural Compliance Statement, found in Appendix G.2 of the FSR. The Agricultural Compliance Statement found that The site has low agricultural potential and no dryland cropping potential predominantly because of aridity constraints but also</p>	<p>Section 6.3.5.1 of the FSR</p> <p>Figure 7-18 and Figure 7-19 of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix G.2 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>It is suggested a larger A3 size map as an Appendix be provided under section 6.1.3 (geology).</p> <p>Hence it is suggested either an updated scoping report or the EIA provides a proper description of the current land uses and/or prominent features that occur within +/- 500m radius of the proposed project area and neighbouring properties if these are located beyond 500m of the site from all directions. Further, a description of any potential impacts the proposed project may pose on the highlighted land uses or features.</p>	<p>because of soil constraints. As a result of the constraints, agricultural production is limited to low density grazing. The land across the site is verified in this assessment as being of low agricultural sensitivity.</p>	
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Socio-Economic:</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the Mitigation and Management Measures under section 6.3.5 relating to regional employment and contracts be included in an updated scoping report or be addressed within the EIA as follows:</p> <p>specifications/requirements/targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% unskilled workers must be local; • 90% semi-skilled workers from local; and • 70% skilled workers must be from local/indigent. • That the concept “local/indigent” shall mean having been born in the CKDM and having lived 	<p>The Socio-Economic Assessment includes the following mitigations as indicated in Section 8.1 of the FSR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The project must comply with the requirements of the REIPPPP bidding process which will have stringent requirements with regard to socio-economic development, enterprise development, BBEEE shareholding etc. ■ The applicant must establish a communications committee early on in the project to ensure inclusive planning and regular feedback from stakeholders. ■ Community development should be guided by a community needs analysis, drawn up by a third party and based on local socio-economic conditions, a review of planning documents such as the IDP, and discussions with local government and community representatives. Interventions should be planned in collaboration with other energy developers in the area where relevant. 	

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	<p>in the CKDM area for at least more than 10 years and having attended at least either and/or a primary or high school in the CKDM area irrespective whether the candidate is currently residing in the CKDM area or not. If not born in the CKDM area than at least one parent borned in the region but both parents must have lived in the area for more than 20 years;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a CKDM professionals body shall be consulted for particulars of local/indigent professionals to be considered for skilled jobs and/or be willing to undergo rapid skills upgrading to occupy skilled jobs; • That CKDM Professionals Body shall have representation in all committees/forums established under this proposed project; • That local sub-contractors who did not gain from tenders in the past locally will receive preferential treatment in terms of the equity principle and a skills transfer programme be adopted by the main contractors; • That sub-contractors who previously gained tenders locally equally compete with external contractors to be main contractors; • That the income/wealth status of sub-contractors and skilled workers for all Black contenders / candidates will also be included in the specifications in addition to the standard “black” requirement under the BBBEE and EEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Close liaison with local municipal managers, local councillors and other stakeholders involved in socio-economic development is required to ensure that any projects are integrated into wider socio-economic development strategies and plans. ■ A ‘locals first’ policy with regard to construction and operational labour needs. ■ The community should be able to contact the site manager or his/her representative to report any issues which they may have. The site manager and his/her representative should be stationed within the area and should therefore be available on hand to deal with and address any concerns which may be raised. ■ A complaints register should be available on site to any individual who may have a particular complaint with regards to the construction or operations processes. ■ The applicant and the contractors should develop a Code of Conduct for the project. The code should identify what types of behaviour and activities by workers are not permitted in agreement with surrounding landowners and land managers. For example, access to land that is not part of the development will not be allowed. ■ The applicant and the contractor should implement a Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS awareness programme for all construction workers at the outset of the construction phase. ■ Arrangements must be made to enable workers from outside the area to return home over the weekends or at regular intervals. This would reduce the risk posed by non-local construction workers to local family structures and social networks. 	

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	<p>redress umbrella to ensure wealth does not circulate consistently amongst a few individuals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Condoms should be freely available to employees and all contractor workers. ■ Introduce alcohol testing on a weekly basis for construction workers. ■ The contractor should make the necessary arrangements for ensuring that all non-local construction workers are transported back to their place of residence once the construction phase is completed. ■ Close coordination with the municipality is required, including regular meetings. <p>The mitigation measures are deemed to be sufficient.</p>	
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.6 “ NEED AND DESIRABILITY” have very little to zero direct and possibly indirect relevance to the Central Karoo District Municipal Area. Yes it is a common fact that the district is in dire need of urgent economic development.</p> <p>Section 3.6, states that South Africa is the seventh highest coal producer in the world, with approximately 77% of the country’s electricity generated from coal.</p> <p>Section 3.6, states also that the SA’s large dependence on coal and its use also resulted in a variety of negative impacts on the environment, including the contribution to climate change. SA is also the highest emitter of GHGs in Africa; attributed to the country’s energy-intensive economy that largely relies on coal-based electricity generation.</p>	<p>The Need and Desirability of the project has been developed in reference to meeting international and national targets of reducing reliance on fossil fuels, such as coal, by the use of generating energy from solar resources. Section 5.3 of the FSR provides the provincial and municipal legal and regulatory framework taken into consideration.</p> <p>The request for a comparable spreadsheet and coal dependences for the Western Cape has been noted, however it is considered that the additional information will not add value to the assessment. Potentially, this may be more suited for a Strategic Environmental Assessment to determine the best energy mix for the country/province/municipality, which is not the purpose of this assessment.</p> <p>While the Frankfort Pilot Study is noted, the purpose of that specific project was to provide sufficient electricity to</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 5.3 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested a comparable spreadsheet of the aforementioned seven countries and energy mix usages be provided.</p> <p>It is suggested a western cape regional spreadsheet show casing coal dependence amongst WC district and metro municipalities. Also to include comparative WC district municipalities and metro municipality drivers and associated environmental impacts (GHG emissions, Climate Change, Health Impacts, etc.) as a result of direct/indirect coal usages. Also to include comparative data to showcase the status of energy-intensive economies that relies on coal-based electricity generation amongst the WC district municipalities and metro municipality.</p>	<p>the town to reduce/remove its reliance on Eskom. This is not the purpose of the proposed project. The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPP. The electricity generated will be evacuated into the national grid for use and management by Eskom.</p>	
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.6 NEED AND DESIRABILITY also omits to include a dedicated subsection of WESTERN CAPE PERSPECTIVE and REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which would have outlined the energy mix in response to the growing electricity demand and the promotion of clean sources of energy within the CKDM in comparison to the province; • it would have outlined the reduction and elimination of poverty in the CKDM is more dire oppose to other regions within the province; 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it would also have outlined that power shortages are most probably the worse in the CKDM oppose to other regions in the province, esp the metro; • it would have outlined the socio-economic benefits available to the local communities and businesses in the CKDM area from this proposed project; and • that the project will And this premise will promote the reaching one of the National Development Plan's aims which is to reduce and eliminate poverty in South Africa by 2030 (see section 3.6.2, page 40 of the dBAR). <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Hence it is strongly suggested that mention be made about the poorest socio-economic status of the region in comparison to the rest of the province.</p> <p>Further it is strongly suggested that factual comparative analysed data and an objective interpretation of electricity prices communities and businesses are subjected to amongst the districts and one metro municipality in the western cape be provided.</p> <p>Further it is strongly suggested the case study of the Frankfort Municipality and Surrounding Towns Pilot/Case Study that uses four (4) Solar Energy Farms operated by Rural Maintenance (a private</p>		

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	<p>IPPP) that benefits specifically the local communities and businesses be used and cited.</p> <p>This is to empower people of the Central Karoo to negotiate with all IPPP'S and Eskom in the region for electricity price reductions of up to 30% (considering the region might have more than four solar and wind energy farms) and many more other benefits. Benefits to the local communities and businesses of Frankford gains from that pilot study are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity demand from the Eskom grid are reduced whilst the local communities and business still have access to electricity; • The local community and businesses saves a reduced electricity cost of 15% pricing to what they would have paid to Eskom. • Water and Sanitation Facilities operates 24/7 due to electricity flow, even though it is loadshedding; • Cable theft reduced because the local grid remained alive; • Small Power Users like residence and business are exposed to power outages in smaller durations as per their requests; • The Large Power Users are exposed to power outages of a longer duration as per their request; 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low voltages has been reduced resulting in local communities using their equipment more optimally; and • In the event of loadshedding, locals receives more reliable weekly schedules of specific reduced periods of loadshedding. 		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Alternatives (Location):</p> <p>Section 4.1.1 only referenced that areas were assessed from a technical perspective by considering slope, aspect, undulation, and access, and more detailed environmental perspective.</p> <p>Resulting in the consideration of high level solar design. No consideration was given to geothermal heat reflection capacity from the landscape such as geological structures and soil characteristics. This could have resulted in the consideration of alternative technologies such as the addition of bi-facial panels and the reconsideration of methods of elevating those bi-facial panels. Hence it is suggested the Amended dBAR or FBAR include descriptions, maps and geothermal heat radiation capacities during non-sunshining days/periods.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested the scoping report be updated or the EIA address all current land uses in the proposed</p>	<p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPP. An application for Section 53 Approval, in terms of Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) will be submitted during or following the conclusion of the EIA process.</p>	<p>Section 5.6 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>project region, including depicting within the topographical map and a separate thematic map layers of potential future economic development resources such as geological minerals and gas.</p>		
	<p>Comment: Alternatives (Technology)</p> <p>Suggestion: It is suggested section 4.2.1 provide a detailed consideration of bi-facial solar panels in relation to both sun radiation/heat and geothermal heat.</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat. Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPPP.</p>	-
	<p>Comment: Alternatives (Operational): Section 4, made no provision for the consideration of Operational Aspect Alternatives. A detailed objective review and assessment of the suggested factors for consideration will equip the people of the Central Karoo as to whether their genuine socio-economic upliftment is equally a priority as the rest of the province, but not limited to it.</p> <p>Suggestion: Hence it is strongly suggested that the updated scoping report or the EIA provide a detailed</p>	<p>While the Frankfort Pilot Study is noted, the purpose of that specific project was to provide sufficient electricity to the town to reduce/remove its reliance on Eskom. This is not the purpose of the proposed project. The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPPP. The electricity generated will be evacuated into the national grid for use and management by Eskom</p>	

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	<p>consideration of this aspect by considering the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments made in this Letter of Comments under the section that dealt with the Frankfort Solar Energy Pilot Study; • Operational and technology aspects used in the aforementioned pilot study; • Electricity costs savings Frankfort Pilot Study local community, businesses and agriculture gained as a result of not having used the Eskom grid; and incorporate objective information of other current and/or proposed/intent renewable energy projects the western cape government recently announced to take all provincial municipalities off the Eskom national grid. 		

Table 3-6 – Comments received during Final Scoping Phase for Mura 3 Solar PV Facility

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DFFE			
<p>Mr Sabelo Malaza 12 May 2023 Letter via email</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong</p> <p>ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 320 MW MURA 3 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES.</p> <p>The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated April 2023 and received by the Department on 18 April 2023, refer.</p> <p>The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the PoSEIA dated April 2023 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the DFFE acceptance of the Scoping Report. Specific requests have been responded to below.</p>	<p>Appendix D.2 of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>Please ensure that the following information forms part of the next report:</p> <p>1. Listed Activities</p> <p>a) The EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.</p>	<p>An environmental impact assessment is included in Section 9 of the Draft EIR that considers the listed activities applied for under Section 6. Each impact contains mitigation measures where applicable.</p>	<p>Section 6 and Section 9 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>b) Please continue to ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.</p>	<p>All relevant listed activities that have been applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description in Section 4 of the Draft EIR. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development have been applied for and assessed.</p> <p>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>c) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.</p>	<p>The listed activities represented in the Draft EIR and application form are the same and correct.</p>	<p>Section 6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>d) The EIAR must assess the correct sub listed activity for each listed activity applied for.</p>	<p>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>2. Public Participation</p> <p>a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAR.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that comments from all relevant stakeholders as indicated in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the PPP Report) that have been received to date, have been included in the PPP Report.</p>	<p>Appendix A of the PPP Report Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>b) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAR from registered I&APs and organs</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the DSR and draft EIR, as well as those received on the FSR, from registered</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are addressed in the final EIAR. 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.</p>	<p>I&APs and organs of state have been and will be included in the final EIR and adequately addressed and responded to.</p>	
	<p>c) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAR. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response table in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments received from the circulation of the Draft EIR will be included in the PPP Report and responded do accordingly.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report will also be submitted as a separate report</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>d) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.</p>	<p>All comments from I&APs have been included in chronological order in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments have been responded to individually.</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>e) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>f) The EAP is requested to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAR.</p>	<p>WSP will contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection during the Draft EIR public review phase and prior to the submission of the final EIAR</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>3. Alternatives</p> <p>The EAP is required to provide clear assessment for each identified alternative and further provide clear motivation and reasons as to why the preferred alternative proves to be the preferred compared to other alternatives.</p> <p>These alternatives includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location / Site Alternatives. • Technology Alternatives. • Design and Layout Alternatives. • BESS technology alternatives. • No-go alternative. 	<p>The project alternatives are discussed in Section 5 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Section 5 of the Draft EIR.</p>
	<p>4. The layout map must indicate the following:</p> <p>All supporting onsite infrastructure such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All supporting onsite infrastructure that will support the proposed 320MW photovoltaic solar facility e.g., roads (existing and proposed, fencing, BESS area, etc.). - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and - All existing infrastructure on the site, including neighbouring villages (if any), etc. - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; 	<p>The development envelope of the project is included as Figure 4-1 of the Draft EIR. The components forming part of the Solar PV project (including all supporting infrastructure) will occur within the development envelope.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope is included as Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Figure 4-1 and Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buffer areas; and - All “no-go” areas. 		
	<p>5. Specialist assessments</p> <p>Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of Substation, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</p>	<p>All specialist studies have been undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, or, where relevant, in line with the gazetted specialist protocols of GNR 320 and GNR 1150. All specialist studies include a detailed description of the methodologies, project infrastructure descriptions and locations and recommendations for authorisations.</p>	<p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>a) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.</p>	<p>All specialist assessments include applicable limitations to the studies, as well as the timing/season of the field survey, where applicable, and relevance thereof to the studies/assessments. Section 3.6 of the Draft EIR contains all assumptions and limitations put forward by the specialists.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>b) Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas. Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable.</p>	<p>WSP acknowledge the DFFE’s definition of ‘No-go’ areas. The relevant specialist assessments have indicated ‘No-go’ areas, as well as areas where it is suitable for limited linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, cables infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area where required.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope is included as Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>c) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and</p>	<p>All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse</p>	<p>Appendix H of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<p>must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</p>	<p>impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMP. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 11.2 of the Draft EIR. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA.</p>	<p>Section 11.2 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>d) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.</p>	<p>Specialist assessments have been undertaken to comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.</p> <p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR contains the Assessment Protocols used by the specialists.</p>	<p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>e) The screening tool output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool. - It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist studies including the provision of photographic evidence of the site 	<p>Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR and includes motivation for specialist studies not undertaken. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached.		
	f) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.	The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.	Section 11.3 of the Draft EIR
	g) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the study. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.	Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR.	Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR
	<p>General</p> <p>Details of the future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years and the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies must be indicated.</p>	Should the project's lifetime not be extended, the project will be decommissioned. During decommissioning the infrastructure will be removed from site and disposed of at a registered waste facility. The site will be rehabilitated and returned to its original condition where possible.	
	Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.	An application will be submitted during or following the conclusion of the EIA process	Section 6.6 of the Draft EIR
	A construction and operational phase EMP that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAR.	An EMP has been included in Appendix I of the Draft EIR.	Appendix I of the Draft EIR

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	<p>The comments issued by this Department on 29 March 2023, during the draft scoping report are still valid and must be all addressed throughout the EIA process.</p>	<p>The comments issued by this Department during the draft scoping phase have been included in Section 3 of the PPP Report and responded to accordingly.</p>	<p>in Section 3 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>Should you use coordinates, please ensure that it is in the format as prescribed in the 2014 EIA NEMA Regulations, as amended.</p>	<p>Coordinates included in the Draft EIR, EMPr and Application Form have been prescribed in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeesthoek 94 datum as required in the 2014 EIA NEMA Regulations.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.</p>	<p>The reminder to meet timeframes stipulated Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended, is noted. The final EIR is due to the DFFE by 28 August 2023.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Mr Sabelo Malaza Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment</p>	<p>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p>	<p>-</p>

Western Cape Government: Land Use Management

Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
<p>CJ Van Der Walt 12 May 2023 Letter (via Email)</p>	<p>Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd proposes the construction and operation of a 320 MW solar photovoltaic energy facility. The proposed development will have a foot print of approximately 436ha for the solar facility and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management (WCDoA: LUM) has reviewed the report and has no objection to the proposed application on condition that the proposed mitigation measures mentioned in the EMPr are implemented to prevent erosion and manage storm water during the construction and operational phases.</p> <p>In order to accommodate the proposed application must be made to the WCDoA: LUM as well as the Beaufort West municipality for a change in land use, the required registering of a servitude for access roads, entrance routes and power lines as well as to register a lease agreement.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That this is comment to the relevant deciding authorities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act no.107 of 1998. - That this is comment to the relevant deciding authorities in terms of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act 70 of 1970. - Kindly quote the above—mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application. 	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the departments no objection to the project. All mitigation measures proposed in the EMPr will be monitored by the ECO for implementation.</p> <p>An application for the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (SALA) Consent / Change of Land Use (re-zoning) will be submitted.</p>	<p>-</p>



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	<p>- The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Mr CJ Van Der Walt</p>		

3.1.4 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR MURA 4 SOLAR PV FACILITY

Comments received during the Draft Scoping Phase and Final Scoping Phase for Mura 4 Solar PV Facility are incorporate in **Table 3-7** and **Table 3-8**, respectfully and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.4**.

Table 3-7 – Comments received during Draft Scoping Phase for Mura 4 Solar PV Facility

Stakeholder Details	Comment	Response	Report Reference
DFFE			
<p>Salome Mambane 06 March 2023 Via Email</p>	<p>Dear Ashlea 14/12/16/3/3/2/2325</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 4 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 360 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES</p> <p>The Department confirms having received the Application form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 03 March 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that the I&APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DSR from 06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023.</p> <p>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</p> <p>WSP and the Applicant take note that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>	<p>Appendix D.3 of the PPP Report.</p>

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	<p>referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>EIA Applications Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p>		

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	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment		
<p>Milicent Solomons 29 March 2023 Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong.</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 4 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 360 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE. The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Department on 03 March 2023, refer.</p> <p>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:</p> <p>1. Application form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindly clarify the reason why this Department is the Competent Authority (CA) in terms of Section 24C of NEMA. State clearly if the applicant intends to bid the project in terms of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and the Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP). 	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>The Project is intended to be submitted as part of the REIPPPP in support of the IRP as indicated in Section 1.3.2 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that the Minister is the competent authority for applications for facilities or infrastructure, that will form part of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Programmes for technologies whose procurement processes have been determined under the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 and / or the Electricity Regulations on New Generation Capacity. If the applicant will not, or does not intend to, 	<p>WSP confirms that that the proposed Mura 4 Solar PV Development is related to the IRP. The Application Form has been updated to clearly state this and was submitted with the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>participate in any of the IRP programmes, the competent authority will be the MEC responsible for environmental affairs in the respective province. Be advised that this this information must be clearly presented in Section 1 –Competent Authority in the application form.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflecting the above, the reasons provided in Section 1 of the application form for this Department being the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA are incomplete. This must be rectified and expanded on in the application form as well as the report. Please refer to GN 779. 	<p>The Application Form has been updated to clearly state that the DFFE is the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA. The amended Application Form will be submitted with the FSR. Section 1.3.2 of the FSR states that confirms that the DFFE is the Competent Authority in terms of S24C of NEMA</p>	<p>Section 1.3.2 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers and the EAP’s contact details are correct. 	<p>WSP confirms that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers and the EAP’s contact details included in the Application Form and FSR are correct. The Grid Infrastructure is included in a separate application (Mura EGI Corridor).</p>	<p>Section 1.3.4 and Section 3.1 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include the GPS coordinates for the onsite substation and the battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. 	<p>WSP confirms that the coordinates for the BESS substation, onsite substations and switching stations have been included in the Application Form and Section 3.1 of the FSR. The BESS will be located within the project area, adjacent to or slightly removed from the substations. The substations and BESS will be placed within the Development Footprint, as assessed by the specialists and avoid all No-Go areas as indicated in Figure 7-18 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 of the FSR. Figure 7-18 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the declaration of the applicant is signed. 	<p>The application form has been signed by the Applicant and the amended application form will be submitted with the FSR.</p>	

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	<p>2. Listed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is noted that the proposed solar facility does not fall within any renewable energy development zones. Although the application form indicates that part of the project is within the Electricity Grid Infrastructure (EGI) as per GN 113, therefore this application will be considered as a normal EIA application.. 	<p>WSP confirms that this statement is correct.</p>	<p>Section 1.2 of the FSR.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. 	<p>WSP can confirm that all relevant listed activities have been applied for. Furthermore, the descriptions of applicability in the Application Form and Table 5-1 of the FSR are specific and have been linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are required to confirm whether systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans are adopted by the competent authority. There are certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that Bioregional Plans to be adopted. 	<p>As confirmed by Western Cape DEADP there are no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans for the Western Cape Province that have been adopted by the Department. The application form and Table 5-1 has been amended to remove Activity 12, Activity 14 and Activity 23 of Listing Notice 3, as requested by Western Cape DEADP. However, the assessment does consider the impact to CBAs and ESAs as part of the terrestrial and aquatic impact assessment.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process, as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of Listing Notice 3 Activities. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant authorities (or proof of consultation if no 	<p>WSP confirms that all relevant authorities have been consulted and will continue to be consulted throughout the environmental impact assessment process.</p>	<p>Appendix A of the PPP Report Appendix B of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>comments were received) and submitted to this Department. In addition, a graphical representation of the proposed development within the respective geographical areas must be provided. Please also ensure that the potential impacts on the affected Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas are fully assessed in the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms. 	<p>WSP can confirm that an amended application form has been submitted to include coordinates of the on-site substations and amended listed activities. Furthermore, the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>3. Layout & Sensitivity Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed location of the PV array and associated infrastructure of the proposed up to 360MW Mura 4 Solar Photovoltaic Facility - The proposed grid infrastructure connecting the PV facility to the existing substation, overlain by the sensitivity map; - All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g., roads (existing and proposed); fence, office buildings, and etc. 	<p>A layout map of the development is included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope for Mura 4 PV Facility is included as Figure 7-18 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; - Buffer areas; and - All “no-go” areas. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure, as well as the neighbouring PV Solar Clusters. 	<p>A Sensitivity Map for Mura 2 PV Facility has been included as Figure 7-19 of the FSR.</p> <p>A Cumulative map showing Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the Mura Solar Development has been included as Figure 9-1 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Figure 7-19 and Figure 9-1 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes. 	<p>No Google maps have been used.</p>	<p>Appendix E of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>4. Public Participation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received on the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department’s Biodiversity Section: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za, the provincial authority and the local municipality) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. 	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in the PPP Report and adequately addressed and responded to.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that comments from the Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were received and are included in the PPP Report.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of the approved public participation plan and Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Take note of the timeframes required for adequate public participation. 	<p>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments (pre and post submission of the draft SR) for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully. Please note that a response such as “Noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments. 	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 3 of the PPP Report.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report is also being submitted as a separate report.</p> <p>WSP confirm that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p> <p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>5. Specialist Assessments to be conducted in the EIA Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of PV arrays, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations. 	<p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of 30 October 2020). Therefore, the requested information will be included.</p>	<p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted. 	<p>All relevant specialist assumptions and limitations have been included Section 2.7 of the FSR. These will be updated as required during the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Section 2.7 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice. 	<p>To date no contradictory recommendations have been received.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are further required to ensure that all required specialist studies are recommended and assessed for the proposed up to 360MW Mura 4 Solar Photovoltaic Facility. 	<p>Section 2.2 of the FSR contains the results of the DFFE Screening Tool and notes the specialist studies commissioned.</p>	<p>Section 2.2 of the FSR</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. Please note further that the protocols require the specialists’ to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field. 	<p>WSP can confirm that the specialist studies to be undertaken in the EIA phase will be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, or as required under the gazetted specialist protocols (GNR 320 of 20 March 2020 and GNR 1150 of 30 October 2020).</p>	<p>Section 7 of the FSR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols. 	<p>Table 2-2 of the FSR contains a summary of the specialist studies required by the DFFE Screening Tool including motivation for specialist studies not commissioned.</p>	<p>Table 2-2 of the FSR</p>
	<p>6. Cumulative Assessment to be conducted in the EIA Phase</p> <p>Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land. • Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. 	<p>Section 9 of the FSR includes Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the Mura Solar Development. The cumulative impact significance has been preliminary identified in Section 9 of the FSR. The cumulative impact will be further investigated in the EIA Phase.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. • A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed. 		
	<p>7. Environmental Management Programme</p> <p>The EMPr must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the Generic Environmental Management Programme, must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. This means that a generic EMPR must be included for the substation. In total, 2 EMPRs should accompany the final report. 	<p>This information will be included in the EMPr to be compiled in the EIA Phase.</p>	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended. 	<p>WSP confirm that the EMPRs to be submitted in the EIA phase, will comply with the requirements of Appendix 4 in the EIA Regulation, as amended</p>	-
	<p>General</p> <p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:</p>	<p>WSP confirms that the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE within the required timeframe of the regulations. Please note that due to the public holidays occurring during the prescribed timeframes. the FSR will be submitted to the DFFE in line with Section 3(5) of Chapter 2 of the EIA</p>	

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	<p>"If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a SR which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority".</p>	<p>Regulations which states "<i>Where a prescribed timeframe is affected by one or more public holidays, the timeframe must be extended by the number of public holiday days falling within that timeframe</i>".</p>	
	<p>You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of SRs in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP confirm that the FSR complies with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping report in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Please refer to Table 1-5 of the final Scoping Report for the checklist against the regulatory requirements.</p>	
	<p>Further 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 timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).</p>	<p>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</p>	
	<p>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.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Ms Milicent Solomons</p>	<p>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p>	

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	<p>Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations</p> <p>Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment</p> <p>Letter signed by: Mr Wayne Hector</p>		
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<p>Thea Jordan</p> <p>11 April 2023</p> <p>Via Email</p>	<p>Dear EAP,</p> <p>Your request for comment refers.</p> <p>Please find attached this Department's comment in the above regard.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Thea Jordan</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms receipt of the comments from the WC DEADP.</p>	<p>Appendix D.4</p>
<p>Thea Jordan</p> <p>11 April 2023</p> <p>Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Dear Madam</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 360MW MURA 4 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRUCTURES (INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND SUBSTATION, 2 ON-SITE SOLAR FARM SUBSTATIONS, ACCESS ROADS, SITE CAMPS, CABLING, BUILDINGS, ETC.) ON FARM LEEUWKLOOF NO. 43, AANGRENSEND FARM ABRAMSKRAAL NO. 11,</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>The total project area is 466 ha and should be assumed to be wholly transformed. The total development envelope for the project PV installation is approximately 425 ha to allow for the construction of a PV facility, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS, underground cables, internal gravel roads, fencing, construction site camps and other infrastructure but does not consider the access road to the PV facility nor the two site camps within the road corridor.</p> <p>The footprints for each of infrastructure forming part of the project are also outlined within the Table at the beginning</p>	<p>Section 3.1 and Section 3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>FARM SNEEUWKRAAL NO. 46, AND PORTION 4; REMAINDER OF PORTION 3; AND THE REMAINDER OF FARM DUIKER KRANSE NO. 45, BEAUFORT WEST</p> <p>1. The email correspondence of 06 March 2023, informing interested and affected parties of the release of Draft Scoping Report (“DSR”) for comments, the email received on the same day, providing an additional link to download the DSR and appendices, and the Department’s email of 05 April 2023, informing the environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”) that the Department is unable to meet the deadline of 06 April 2023, refer.</p> <p>2. The Department extends its appreciation to the EAP for extending the deadline for comments on the DSR. Please find consolidated comments from various directorates within the Department on the DSR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) dated March 2023 that was available for download from various online platforms provided by the EAP.</p> <p>3. Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887):</p> <p>3.1. This Directorate requires clarity on the extent of the development footprint and that of the proposed site (indicated as Farm Leeuwkloof No. 43, Aangrensend Farm Abramskraal No. 11, Farm Sneeuwkraal No. 46, and Portion 4; Remainder of Portion 3; and the Remainder of Farm Duiker Kranse</p>	<p>of the Assessment Report under “General Site Information”.</p>	

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	<p>No. 45). The DSR interchangeably refers to the total project area as 466 ha and 425 ha. On page 26 of the DSR it is indicated that “The proposed Mura 4 Facility will be developed within a project area of approximately 425 hectares (ha), excluding the access road corridor”, whereas on page 38 it is indicated that “The total project area is 466 ha” and that “The total development envelope for project installation is approximately 425 ha”. Assuming that the proposed 360MW solar field will be constructed on 425 ha; the proposed 240 MWac battery energy storage system (“BESS”) and BESS substation will be developed on ~ 4 ha; internal gravel access roads will have a development footprint of 36 ha; and up to two 2.2 ha site camps / laydown areas (i.e., 4.4 ha in total) will be developed, then more than 469 ha is required for the proposed solar photovoltaic (“PV”) facility and associated structures and infrastructure. The development footprint of the associated buildings (offices, ablution facilities, operational and maintenance centre, etc.) and the two on-site solar substations were not indicated.</p> <p>Please ensure that the Final Scoping Report (“FSR”) and the forthcoming Draft EIA Report clearly describe the size of the proposed site, the development footprint, and the individual components of the proposed solar PV development.</p>		
	<p>3.2. Further to the above, section 4.1.1 of the DSR deals with the site selection process. It is noted that the original five potential Mura PV development areas were further reduced to two areas (Areas 2</p>	<p>The total development envelope for PV project installation is approximately 395 ha to allow for the construction of a PV facility, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS, underground cables, internal gravel roads, fencing,</p>	<p>Section 3.1 and Section 3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>and 5) that were considered suitable for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 solar PV developments. Area 5 consist of two sites of 395 ha and 425 ha, respectively. The 425-ha area corresponds with the project area for the proposed Mura 4 solar PV facility. It is again reiterated that the 425 ha appears to only be sufficient for the proposed solar field, based on the information provided in the DSR. The FSR and the Draft EIA Report must indicate the size of the development footprint against the size of the proposed site.</p>	<p>construction site camps and other infrastructure but <i>excludes</i> the footprint associated with the access road and site camps. The total footprint of the whole project is 506 ha for whole Project.</p>	
	<p>3.3. It is noted that Activities 12, 14 and 23 of Listing Notice (“LN”) 3 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) are applied for. Please be advised that no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans for the Western Cape Province have been adopted by this Department. As such, Activity 12.i.ii, Activity 14(ii)(a) and (c) i.i.(ff) and Activity 23(ii)(a) i.i.(ff) of LN 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) are not applicable to the application for environmental authorisation.</p>	<p>Activities 12, 14 and 23 of Listing Notice 3 have been removed. An amended Application Form will be submitted to the DFFE with the FSR.</p>	<p>Table 5-1 of the FSR.</p>
	<p>3.4. Appendix F and Table 2-1 of the DSR list the specialist studies identified by the Screening Tool, that should be undertaken in the environmental impact reporting (“EIR”) phase. The EAP has provided motivation for undertaking or not undertaking the recommended Screening Tool specialist studies, as well as the undertaking of additional specialist studies not identified by the</p>	<p>WSP confirms that and RFI Compliance Statement will be undertaken in the EIA Phase. Section 10 of the FSR has been updated to include this.</p>	<p>Section 10 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Screening Tool. Section 2.2.1 of the DSR notes that “An RFI Study will not be undertaken... As this theme has been identified as high, a compliance statement will be prepared by the EAP and included in the EIA Report.” Please note that the Screening Tool indicated a medium (and not high) sensitivity for the Radio Frequency Interference (“RFI”) theme. The Plan of Study for EIA (Section 10.5) lists the specialist studies that have been commissioned for the EIR phase, which are aligned to section 2.2.1 of the DSR. The Plan of Study for EIA does not include the undertaking of an RFI Assessment. Please thus indicate whether an RFI Compliance Statement will be undertaken by the EAP in the EIR phase. If so, the Plan of Study for EIA must be amended to include the RFI Compliance Statement.</p>		
	<p>3.5. The Plan of Study for EIA must be amended to include an Archaeological Impact Assessment as part of the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>The plan of study for the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment during the EIA Phase will include the assessment of archaeological resources. Section 10 of the FSR has been updated to include this.</p>	<p>Section 10 of the FSR</p>
	<p>3.6. Please ensure that the specialist assessments include a cumulative assessment of the same renewable energy projects within a 30km radius of the proposed site. It is noted that the Terrestrial Biodiversity Compliance Statement compiled by 3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions dated November 2022 refers to the “The three Nuweveld WEFs west of the site have been authorised and there is also the Hoogland 1 and Hoogland 2 WEFs which have not yet been authorised and lie adjacent and to the north and west of the Nuweveld site”. Please note that the</p>	<p>WSP takes note of the authorised applications. The cumulative impacts will be revised in the EIA phase.</p>	<p>Section 9 of the FSR.</p>

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	<p>Hoogland 1 and 2 wind energy facilities (“WEFs”) have received environmental authorisations. The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Report compiled by Independent Economic Researchers dated January 2023 refers to the “Assessment of cumulative impacts considered Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 SEFs; Hoogland 1, 2, 3 and 4 WEFs; Nuweveld North, East and West WEFs, Taaibos WEFs, Soutrivier WEFs, as well as the Mura, Hoogland, Nuweveld and Gamma Grid Corridors.” Other scoping phase specialist assessments and section 9 of the DSR also include reference to the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEFs. If within a 30km radius of the proposed site, these WEFs must be included in all the specialist assessments and referenced in the FSR and Draft EIA Report.</p>		
	<p>3.7. The DSR states that “The site will be accessed via the R381, DR02317 and existing access roads”. The Traffic Impact Assessment (“TIA”) compiled by Athol Schwarz dated 30 November 2022 however indicates that access to the proposed site is via the OP 08881 and an existing private road from the DR 02317. Please confirm the access to the proposed site.</p>	<p>The site will be accessed via the R381, DR02317 and the OP 08881.</p>	
	<p>3.8. It is further noted that a site visit of the area was undertaken by the traffic engineer in September 2019. The TIA notes that “OP 08881 is 36.9 km long, starting at the DR 02317 before ending at the farm Slangfontein. This road will be used to access Mura 3 and Mura 4. This road was not included in the site inspection. Thus, the author cannot comment on the</p>	<p>Clarification on the condition and viability of OP 08881 will be provided in the EIA Phase.</p>	

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	<p>condition or the viability of using this route.” It is crucial that this limitation/ gap in knowledge be determined during the EIR phase to confirm that OP 08881 is acceptable for traffic to and from the proposed site. Comments from the relevant road’s authority on the condition or viability of the road would be acceptable.</p>		
	<p>3.9. Please include reference to the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations promulgated in Provincial Notice 200/2013 of 20 June 2013 in the section dealing with provincial and municipal legal and regulatory framework in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that reference to the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations will be included in the Draft EIA Report.</p>	-
	<p>4. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Vishwanath Gianpersad (Email: Vishwanath.Gianpersad@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8325):</p> <p>4.1. It is noted that the proposed project does not constitute a waste management listed activity and hence does not require a waste management licence.</p> <p>4.2. Waste mitigation and management measures will be detailed in the forthcoming Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”), and this will include measures for the anticipated generation of hazardous materials/waste.</p> <p>4.3. The EMPr must also detail measures for the management and storing of plastics, which poses a possible threat to livestock if ingested.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that the proposed project will not require a waste management licence. The Draft EIA and EMPr will address the management of waste.</p>	-

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	<p>4.4. The Draft EIA Report must identify the waste disposal facility/ies where waste will be disposed of, and confirmation from the relevant Municipality/ service provider must be provided regarding its capacity to accept and dispose of solid waste generated during all phases of the proposed development. Waste should then be transported to an identified licensed waste disposal facility.</p> <p>4.5. Sufficient waste and recycle bins such as waste containers must be placed on-site for all the waste generated from daily operations, food packaging, waste oils, and lubricants for the maintenance of tractors and heavy-duty equipment.</p> <p>4.6. Provision must be made for the collection of waste oils and greases, generated from machinery and other equipment, by a registered contractor for transport to a licensed hazardous waste management facility.</p> <p>4.7. The EMPr's must include reference to incidents that fall within the definition of section 30(1) (a) of the NEMA, 1998.</p>		

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	<p>5. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Shehaam Brinkhuis (Email: Shehaam.Brinkhuis@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8309):</p> <p>5.1. This Directorate has no comments on the DSR and Plan of Study for EIA and awaits the Draft EIA Report (and accompanying EMPr) to provide comment on potential pollution impacts and mitigation measures.</p> <p>The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Letter signed by:</p> <p>Thea Jordan</p>	<p>WSP acknowledges the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management’s statement of no comment.</p>	
I&AP: Anthony Jeffathon			
<p>Anthony Jeffathon</p> <p>07 April 2023</p> <p>Letter (Via Email)</p>	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Project Infrastructure:</p> <p>The DSR omitted to include at least one comprehensive site layout plan illustrating all proposed onsite and off-site infrastructures.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested an updated SR or the EIR to include such a layout plan at an appropriate scale.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that a site layout map has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. The layout map will be refined during the EIA Phase, if required.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Project Infrastructure:</p> <p>Section 3.4.1, indicates that solar Modules will be located on either single axis tracking structures or fixed tilt mounting structures or similar.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that an updated SR or the EIR indicate the exact mounting structure technology that will be used to mount the solar PV modules. This is to ensure transparency from the outset to prevent possible 11th hour substandard technology for the Central Karoo.</p>	<p>The mounting structure technology cannot be confirmed at this stage during the EIA Process however, the type of mounting system will have no environmental impact as the worst case in terms of height and area to be transformed was assessed. In addition, it is highly unlikely that a substandard mounting system will be used, given that this project will need to be competitive to be selected as a preferred bidder in REIPPP and the investment that goes into such a project. The mounting system to be used will be determined at detailed design stage.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Project Infrastructure:</p> <p>Section 3.4.3, states that “The BESS will be Lithium-ion or similar solid-state technology.”</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that an updated SR alternatively the EIR indicate the exact BESS technology. This is to ensure transparency of potential health & safety risk and to prevent 11th hour substandard technology be dumped upon the Central Karoo.</p>	<p>The specific type of BESS will only be determined at detailed design stage. A high level risk assessment for this type of BESS has been included in the SR.</p>	<p>Section 6.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Comment:</p> <p>PV & MOUNTING SYSTEM:</p> <p>Considering the CKDM is the poorest region in the Western Cape Province and its communities are the most vulnerable in the province; but its electricity rates are higher than many if not all areas within the Cape Metro. Further, section 3.2.1, states that this Mura 4 Solar PV Facility is a large-scale system supplying power into the commercial electricity grid and not to local users. Hence, how will this proposed project impact the CKDM communities passively in a direct manner with significant reduced electricity prices? If, any direct positive impact of reduced power prices at community level, what will the expected timeline be from the time of operation?</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>the municipality be subsidised by Eskom to allow it to reduce its electricity prices to communities whilst still being able to make a marginal income profit.</p>	<p>The Applicant, Mura 4 (Pty) Ltd, is a private company and not linked to Eskom. The Applicant therefore has no power to obligate Eskom to subsidise and reduce the electricity prices of the municipality.</p>	-
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.2.1, only made reference to sunlight as a source whilst excluding geothermal as a potential source. Hence the two considered mounting systems is limited to single axis tracking and fixed axis mounting structures.</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat. Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP), which does not include geothermal heat/power.</p>	Section 3.6 of the FSR

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	<p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the economic viability of geothermal heat/ power be investigated. If, it is viable, then an additional mounting technology be considered such as bifacial axis mounting structures be considered. It is assumed that the last mentioned structure would be be cost effective oppose to the current two considered mounting structures.</p>		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.3, omitted to consider potential geothermal heat radiation that can be a viable energy source during non-sunshine days/evening periods.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested the following sentences be changed as follows,</p> <p>” Since solar and wind technology depend largely on whether the sun is shining or the wind is blowing, respectively, these technologies are more efficient when these sources are available.”</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat. Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP), which does not include geothermal heat/power.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.3.2, only indicates that, “The battery facilities...will not have any additional office/operation/maintenance infrastructure as those of the substation.</p>	<p>The EMPr will include requirements of the various legislation including the National Occupational Health and Safety Act (No. 85 of 1993) (OHSA).</p>	

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	<p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the EMPr indicates specific scheduled mechanical safety maintenance operations that should be conducted in terms of all applicable SA Health & Safety requirements i.e. the OSHAct and Mechanical and Ventilation Regulations; and other applicable regulatory tools as cited under section 3.3.3, of the DSR.</p>		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Location Map:</p> <p>Section 3.1, page 26-32 read together with section 4.1, read together with Appendix E (Maps). These sections basically addressed only the GPS co-ordinates; alternative sites particulars are scattered around in figures with no scales at times; and no credible topographical map but more of a kind of thematic map has been provided.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the following being addressed in an updated scoping report or the EIA report: Provide a colour location map at a larger scale of at least 1:50 000. The scale must be indicated on the map. The map must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any; 	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. This locality map meets the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including district and access roads, a north arrow and scale. The Alternative Site Selection process is discussed in Section 4.1 of the FSR.</p> <p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1, Figure 7-18 and Figure 3-19 of the FSR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> road names or numbers of all the major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s) a north arrow; a legend to represent physical/natural landscapes, water features, vegetation features, constructed/cultural/man-made landscape, and transport and administration features on the map. Towns cited under section 6.3.5 should be depicted on the map.; the prevailing wind direction (during November to April and during May to October); Date map was printed; and <p>the already provided GPS Hartbeesthoek 94/WG584 co-ordinate system information.</p>		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Site Plan:</p> <p>Section 3.1, read together with section 4.1, read together with Appendix E (Maps) should provide an amended Site Plan for the preferred Mura Solar 2 project as well as each alternatives considered. These site plans should conform to the following:</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Detailed site plan(s) must be prepared for each alternative site or alternative activity and provided in</p>	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. This locality map meets the requirements of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including the property boundaries.</p> <p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1, Figure 7-18 and Figure 3-19 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>an updated SR or EIAR/EIR. The site plan must contain or conform to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The detailed site plan must be at a scale preferably at a scale of 1:500 or at an appropriate scale. The scale must be indicated on the plan. • The property boundaries and numbers of all the properties within 50m of the site must be indicated on the site plan. • The current land use (not zoning) as well as the land use zoning of each of the adjoining properties must be indicated on the site plan. • The position of each element of the application as well as any other structures on the site must be indicated on the site plan. • Services, including electricity supply cables (indicate above or underground), water supply pipelines, boreholes, sewage pipelines, storm water infrastructure and access roads that will form part of the development must be indicated on the site plan. • Servitudes indicating the purpose of the servitude must be indicated on the site plan. • Sensitive environmental elements within 100m of the site must be included on the site plan, including (but not limited to): • Watercourses/Rivers/Wetlands (including non-perennial features). □ Flood lines (i.e. 1:10 		

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	<p>year, 1:50 year, and 1:100 year where applicable;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridges. • Cultural and historical features. • Areas with indigenous vegetation (even if it is degraded or infested with alien species). <p>Whenever the slope of the site exceeds 1:10, then a contour map of the site must be submitted.</p>		
	<p>Comment: Schematic Process/Project Drawing</p> <p>Suggestion: It is suggested a holistic schematic process drawing (project layout) of the entire solar Mura 2 project be provided. This drawing should include all the different stages with its main technology/infrastructure in a input-process-output manner.</p>	<p>A locality map of the proposed project has been included as Figure 3-1 of the FSR. A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18. The proposed project will be developed within the Development Envelope, avoiding the No-Go areas as indicated in Figure 7-18.</p>	<p>Figure 3-1 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR</p>
	<p>Comment: Photographs:</p> <p>Section 2.4 read together with section 2.7, states that descriptions of environmental attributes were by means of combination of desktop reviews i.e. aerial imagery and site investigations done between March and October 2022, to identify sensitive features on</p>	<p>Colour Photographs have been included in the various specialist studies, most notably in the Heritage Impact Assessment compiled by ASHA Consulting (Pty) Ltd and included as Appendix G.8 of the FSR, and the Visual Impact Assessment compiled by Quinton Lawson and Bernard Oberholzer and included as Appendix G.11 of the FSR. Extracts from the reports have been included in Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.4 of the FSR.</p>	<p>Appendix G.8 of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix G.11 of the FSR</p> <p>Sections 6.3.1 and 6.3.4 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>site. It further states that "...the latest available aerial imagery for the site."</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>However a number of important information has been leftout and need to be provided in an updated SR or during the EIA phase document as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colour photographs of the site and its surroundings (taken of the site and from the site) with a description of each photograph. The vantage points from which the photographs were taken must be indicated on the site plan; 2. Recent aerial photograph or at least dates of those aerial photograpghs (attach as an Appendix). The Appendix should be supplemented with additional dated onsite-photosgrapghs taken of relevant features during your stated field trips as cited under section 7.2 of the DSR. Kindly note, the aforementioned requirements must be duplicated for all alternative sites. 		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Land use character of surrounding area</p> <p>Section 6.3.5.1 read together with section 6.3.4.3 failed to adequately otr near adequately describes the current land uses on the proposed project site and its immediate surrounding areas. The aforementioned sections also failed to adequately</p>	<p>Section 6.3.5.1 of the FSR includes a description of the current land uses in the area.</p> <p>A Combined No-Go Sensitivity Map overlain with the proposed Development Envelope has been included as Figure 7-18 and a Sensitivity Map has been included as Figure 7-19, which includes environmental features and sensitivities.</p>	<p>Section 6.3.5.1 of the FSR</p> <p>Figure 7-18 and Figure 7-19 of the FSR</p> <p>Appendix G.2 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>describes the prominent features that occurs in the immediate surrounds from the proposed project area.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested a larger A3 size map as an Appendix be provided under section 6.1.3 (geology).</p> <p>Hence it is suggested either an updated scoping report or the EIA provides a proper description of the current land uses and/or prominent features that occur within +/- 500m radius of the proposed project area and neighbouring properties if these are located beyond 500m of the site from all directions. Further, a description of any potential impacts the proposed project may pose on the highlighted land uses or features.</p>	<p>The main land use in the area is agriculture, which is addressed in the Agricultural Compliance Statement, found in Appendix G.2 of the FSR. The Agricultural Compliance Statement found that The site has low agricultural potential and no dryland cropping potential predominantly because of aridity constraints but also because of soil constraints. As a result of the constraints, agricultural production is limited to low density grazing. The land across the site is verified in this assessment as being of low agricultural sensitivity.</p>	
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Socio-Economic:</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested that the Mitigation and Management Measures under section 6.3.5 relating to regional employment and contracts be included in an updated scoping report or be addressed within the EIA as follows:</p> <p>specifications/requirements/targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% unskilled workers must be local; 	<p>The Socio-Economic Assessment includes the following mitigations as indicated in Section 8.1 of the FSR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The project must comply with the requirements of the REIPPPP bidding process which will have stringent requirements with regard to socio-economic development, enterprise development, BBEEE shareholding etc. ■ The applicant must establish a communications committee early on in the project to ensure inclusive planning and regular feedback from stakeholders. ■ Community development should be guided by a community needs analysis, drawn up by a third party and based on local socio-economic conditions, a review of planning documents such as the IDP, and 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% semi-skilled workers from local; and • 70% skilled workers must be from local/indigent. • That the concept “local/indigent” shall mean having been born in the CKDM and having lived in the CKDM area for at least more than 10 years and having attended at least either and/or a primary or high school in the CKDM area irrespective whether the candidate is currently residing in the CKDM area or not. If not born in the CKDM area than at least one parent borned in the region but both parents must have lived in the area for more than 20 years; • That a CKDM professionals body shall be consulted for particulars of local/indigent professionals to be considered for skilled jobs and/or be willing to undergo rapid skills upgrading to occupy skilled jobs; • That CKDM Professionals Body shall have representation in all committees/forums established under this proposed project; • That local sub-contractors who did not gain from tenders in the past locally will receive preferential treatment in terms of the equity principle and a skills transfer programme be adopted by the main contractors; • That sub-contractors who previously gained tenders locally equally compete with external contractors to be main contractors; 	<p>discussions with local government and community representatives. Interventions should be planned in collaboration with other energy developers in the area where relevant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Close liaison with local municipal managers, local councillors and other stakeholders involved in socio-economic development is required to ensure that any projects are integrated into wider socio-economic development strategies and plans. ■ A ‘locals first’ policy with regard to construction and operational labour needs. ■ The community should be able to contact the site manager or his/her representative to report any issues which they may have. The site manager and his/her representative should be stationed within the area and should therefore be available on hand to deal with and address any concerns which may be raised. ■ A complaints register should be available on site to any individual who may have a particular complaint with regards to the construction or operations processes. ■ The applicant and the contractors should develop a Code of Conduct for the project. The code should identify what types of behaviour and activities by workers are not permitted in agreement with surrounding landowners and land managers. For example, access to land that is not part of the development will not be allowed. ■ The applicant and the contractor should implement a Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS awareness programme for all construction workers at the outset of the construction phase. ■ Arrangements must be made to enable workers from outside the area to return home over the weekends or 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the income/wealth status of sub-contractors and skilled workers for all Black contenders / candidates will also be included in the specifications in addition to the standard “black” requirement under the BBBEE and EEA redress umbrella to ensure wealth does not circulate consistently amongst a few individuals. 	<p>at regular intervals. This would reduce the risk posed by non-local construction workers to local family structures and social networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condoms should be freely available to employees and all contractor workers. Introduce alcohol testing on a weekly basis for construction workers. The contractor should make the necessary arrangements for ensuring that all non-local construction workers are transported back to their place of residence once the construction phase is completed. Close coordination with the municipality is required, including regular meetings. <p>The mitigation measures are deemed to be sufficient.</p>	
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.6 “ NEED AND DESIRABILITY” have very little to zero direct and possibly indirect relevance to the Central Karoo District Municipal Area. Yes it is a common fact that the district is in dire need of urgent economic development.</p> <p>Section 3.6, states that South Africa is the seventh highest coal producer in the world, with approximately 77% of the country’s electricity generated from coal.</p> <p>Section 3.6, states also that the SA’s large dependence on coal and its use also resulted in a variety of negative impacts on the environment, including the contribution to climate change. SA is</p>	<p>The Need and Desirability of the project has been developed in reference to meeting international and national targets of reducing reliance on fossil fuels, such as coal, by the use of generating energy from solar resources. Section 5.3 of the FSR provides the provincial and municipal legal and regulatory framework taken into consideration.</p> <p>The request for a comparable spreadsheet and coal dependences for the Western Cape has been noted, however it is considered that the additional information will not add value to the assessment. Potentially, this may be more suited for a Strategic Environmental Assessment to determine the best energy mix for the country/province/municipality, which is not the purpose of this assessment.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the FSR</p> <p>Section 5.3 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>also the highest emitter of GHGs in Africa; attributed to the country's energy-intensive economy that largely relies on coal-based electricity generation.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested a comparable spreadsheet of the aforementioned seven countries and energy mix usages be provided.</p> <p>It is suggested a western cape regional spreadsheet show casing coal dependence amongst WC district and metro municipalities. Also to include comparative WC district municipalities and metro municipality drivers and associated environmental impacts (GHG emissions, Climate Change, Health Impacts, etc.) as a result of direct/indirect coal usages. Also to include comparative data to showcase the status of energy-intensive economies that relies on coal-based electricity generation amongst the WC district municipalities and metro municipality.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>Section 3.6 NEED AND DESIRABILITY also omits to include a dedicated subsection of WESTERN CAPE PERSPECTIVE and REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which would have outlined the energy mix in response to the growing electricity demand and the promotion of clean sources of energy within the CKDM in comparison to the province; 	<p>While the Frankfort Pilot Study is noted, the purpose of that specific project was to provide sufficient electricity to the town to reduce/remove its reliance on Eskom. This is not the purpose of the proposed project. The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPP. The electricity generated will be evacuated into the national grid for use and management by Eskom.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it would have outlined the reduction and elimination of poverty in the CKDM is more dire oppose to other regions within the province; • it would also have outlined that power shortages are most probably the worse in the CKDM oppose to other regions in the province, esp the metro; • it would have outlined the socio-economic benefits available to the local communities and businesses in the CKDM area from this proposed project; and • that the project will And this premise will promote the reaching one of the National Development Plan’s aims which is to reduce and eliminate poverty in South Africa by 2030 (see section 3.6.2, page 40 of the dBAR). <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Hence it is strongly suggested that mention be made about the poorest socio-economic status of the region in comparison to the rest of the province.</p> <p>Further it is strongly suggested that factual comparative analysed data and an objective interpretation of electricity prices communities and businesses are subjected to amongst the districts and one metro municipality in the western cape be provided.</p>		

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	<p>Further it is strongly suggested the case study of the Frankfort Municipality and Surrounding Towns Pilot/Case Study that uses four (4) Solar Energy Farms operated by Rural Maintenance (a private IPPP) that benefits specifically the local communities and businesses be used and cited.</p> <p>This is to empower people of the Central Karoo to negotiate with all IPPP'S and Eskom in the region for electricity price reductions of up to 30% (considering the region might have more than four solar and wind energy farms) and many more other benefits. Benefits to the local communities and businesses of Frankford gains from that pilot study are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity demand from the Eskom grid are reduced whilst the local communities and business still have access to electricity; • The local community and businesses saves a reduced electricity cost of 15% pricing to what they would have paid to Eskom. • Water and Sanitation Facilities operates 24/7 due to electricity flow, even though it is loadshedding; • Cable theft reduced because the local grid remained alive; • Small Power Users like residence and business are exposed to power outages in smaller durations as per their requests; 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Large Power Users are exposed to power outages of a longer duration as per their request; Low voltages has been reduced resulting in local communities using their equipment more optimally; and In the event of loadshedding, locals receives more reliable weekly schedules of specific reduced periods of loadshedding. 		
	<p>Comment: Alternatives (Location): Section 4.1.1 only referenced that areas were assessed from a technical perspective by considering slope, aspect, undulation, and access, and more detailed environmental perspective. Resulting in the consideration of high level solar design. No consideration was given to geothermal heat reflection capacity from the landscape such as geological structures and soil characteristics. This could have resulted in the consideration of alternative technologies such as the addition of bi-facial panels and the reconsideration of methods of elevating those bi-facial panels. Hence it is suggested the Amended dBAR or FBAR include descriptions, maps and geothermal heat radiation capacities during non-sunshining days/periods.</p>	<p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPP. An application for Section 53 Approval, in terms of Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (No. 28 of 2002) will be submitted during or following the conclusion of the EIA process.</p>	<p>Section 5.6 of the FSR</p>

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	<p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested the scoping report be updated or the EIA address all current land uses in the proposed project region, including depicting within the topographical map and a separate thematic map layers of potential future economic development resources such as geological minerals and gas.</p>		
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Alternatives (Technology)</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <p>It is suggested section 4.2.1 provide a detailed consideration of bi-facial solar panels in relation to both sun radiation/heat and geothermal heat.</p>	<p>South Africa does not have large scale geothermal resources to generate electricity or use for direct heat. Only heat pump technology can be viably used depending on location and demand for heating and cooling.</p> <p>The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPPP.</p>	-
	<p>Comment:</p> <p>Alternatives (Operational):</p> <p>Section 4, made no provision for the consideration of Operational Aspect Alternatives.</p> <p>A detailed objective review and assessment of the suggested factors for consideration will equip the people of the Central Karoo as to whether their genuine socio-economic upliftment is equally a priority as the rest of the province, but not limited to it.</p>	<p>While the Frankfort Pilot Study is noted, the purpose of that specific project was to provide sufficient electricity to the town to reduce/remove its reliance on Eskom. This is not the purpose of the proposed project. The proposed project is being undertaken in terms of the IRP requirements and REIPPPP. The electricity generated will be evacuated into the national grid for use and management by Eskom</p>	

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	<p>Suggestion:</p> <p>Hence it is strongly suggested that the updated scoping report or the EIA provide a detailed consideration of this aspect by considering the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments made in this Letter of Comments under the section that dealt with the Frankfort Solar Energy Pilot Study; • Operational and technology aspects used in the aforementioned pilot study; • Electricity costs savings Frankfort Pilot Study local community, businesses and agriculture gained as a result of not having used the Eskom grid; and incorporate objective information of other current and/or proposed/intent renewable energy projects the western cape government recently announced to take all provincial municipalities off the Eskom national grid. 		
Heritage Western Cape			
<p>Stephanie-Anne Barnardt-Delport</p> <p>14 April 2023</p> <p>Via Email</p>	<p>Good day Ms Govender</p> <p>That is correct, the consultation for the HIA only ended 6 April and the matter was heard at the following HOMs meeting on the 11 April.</p> <p>The committee endorsed and the final comment has been uploaded for signature, the final comment should be out today or Monday morning.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation from Heritage Western Cape. These recommendations will be included in the Draft and Final EIAs.</p>	<p>Appendix D.4 of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>Apologies for the delay.</p> <p>However in the meantime, please see the extract from the minutes:</p> <p>Mura 4 (Western Cape):</p> <p>It is recommended that the proposed Mura 4 PV facility should be authorised but subject to the following recommendations which should be included as conditions of authorisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr; • The site at waypoint 1399 should be avoided if possible but this is not required (if avoided and protected then the buffer can be reduced to 25 m); and • Any realignment of the DR02317 within 400 m of waypoint 2000 must be checked in the field and approved by an archaeologist; • No stones may be removed from any archaeological site; and • If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution. <p>Warm regards,</p>		



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	<p>Kindly note: Due to volume of queries I receive I may not be able to respond to you immediately, if you have not received a reply from within ten working days, please resend your query</p> <p>Any urgent Heritage Western Cape matters, please contact one of the officials:</p> <p>HWC staff contact details</p> <p>Stephanie-Anne Barnardt-Delport</p> <p>Acting Collection Management Officer, Museological Service</p> <p>Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport</p> <p>Western Cape Government</p>		

Table 3-8 – Comments received during Final Scoping Phase for Mura 4 Solar PV Facility

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<p>Mr Sabelo Malaza 29 May 2023 Letter via email</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong</p> <p>ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 360 MW MURA 4 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated April 2023 and received by the Department on 18 April 2023, refer.</p> <p>The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the PoSEIA dated April 2023 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the DFFE acceptance of the Scoping Report. Specific requests have been responded to below.</p>	<p>Appendix D.2 of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>Please ensure that the following information forms part of the next report:</p> <p>1. Listed Activities</p> <p>a) The EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.</p>	<p>An environmental impact assessment is included in Section 9 of the Draft EIR that considers the listed activities applied for under Section 6. Each impact contains mitigation measures where applicable.</p>	<p>Section 6 and Section 9 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>b) Please continue to ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.</p>	<p>All relevant listed activities that have been applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description in Section 4 of the Draft EIR. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development have been applied for and assessed.</p> <p>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>c) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.</p>	<p>The listed activities represented in the Draft EIR and application form are the same and correct.</p>	<p>Section 6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>d) The EIAR must assess the correct sub listed activity for each listed activity applied for.</p>	<p>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>2. Public Participation</p> <p>a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAR.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that comments from all relevant stakeholders as indicated in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the PPP Report) that have been received to date, have been included in the PPP Report.</p>	<p>Appendix A of the PPP Report Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>b) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAR from registered I&APs and organs</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the DSR and draft EIR, as well as those received on the FSR, from registered</p>	<p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are addressed in the final EIAR. 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.</p>	<p>I&APs and organs of state have been and will be included in the final EIR and adequately addressed and responded to.</p>	
	<p>c) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAR. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response table in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments received from the circulation of the Draft EIR will be included in the PPP Report and responded to accordingly.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report will also be submitted as a separate report</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>d) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.</p>	<p>All comments from I&APs have been included in chronological order in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments have been responded to individually.</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>e) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>f) The EAP is requested to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAR.</p>	<p>WSP will contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection during the Draft EIR public review phase and prior to the submission of the final EIAR</p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p>3. Alternatives</p> <p>The EAP is required to provide clear assessment for each identified alternative and further provide clear motivation and reasons as to why the preferred alternative proves to be the preferred compared to other alternatives.</p> <p>These alternatives includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location / Site Alternatives. • Technology Alternatives. • Design and Layout Alternatives. • BESS technology alternatives. • No-go alternative. 	<p>The project alternatives are discussed in Section 5 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Section 5 of the Draft EIR.</p>
	<p>4. The layout map must indicate the following:</p> <p>All supporting onsite infrastructure such as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All supporting onsite infrastructure that will support the proposed 400MW photovoltaic solar facility e.g., roads (existing and proposed, fencing, BESS area, etc.). - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network; and - All existing infrastructure on the site, including neighbouring villages (if any), etc. - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; 	<p>The development envelope of the project is included as Figure 4-1 of the Draft EIR. The components forming part of the Solar PV project (including all supporting infrastructure) will occur within the development envelope.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope is included as Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Figure 4-1 and Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buffer areas; and - All “no-go” areas. 		
	<p>5. Specialist assessments</p> <p>Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of Substation, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</p>	<p>All specialist studies have been undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, or, where relevant, in line with the gazetted specialist protocols of GNR 320 and GNR 1150. All specialist studies include a detailed description of the methodologies, project infrastructure descriptions and locations and recommendations for authorisations.</p>	<p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>a) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.</p>	<p>All specialist assessments include applicable limitations to the studies, as well as the timing/season of the field survey, where applicable, and relevance thereof to the studies/assessments. Section 3.6 of the Draft EIR contains all assumptions and limitations put forward by the specialists.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>b) Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas. Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable.</p>	<p>WSP acknowledge the DFFE’s definition of ‘No-go’ areas. The relevant specialist assessments have indicated ‘No-go’ areas, as well as areas where it is suitable for limited linear infrastructure (water pipelines, roads, cables infrastructure etc.) to traverse a no-go area where required.</p> <p>A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope is included as Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Figure 11-1 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>c) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and</p>	<p>All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse</p>	<p>Appendix H of the Draft EIR</p>

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	<p>must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</p>	<p>impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMP. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 11.2 of the Draft EIR. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA.</p>	<p>Section 11.2 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>d) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.</p>	<p>Specialist assessments have been undertaken to comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.</p> <p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR contains the Assessment Protocols used by the specialists.</p>	<p>Section 8 of the Draft EIR</p>
	<p>e) The screening tool output:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool. - It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist studies including the provision of photographic evidence of the site 	<p>Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR and includes motivation for specialist studies not undertaken. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR.</p>	<p>Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR</p>

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	situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached.		
	f) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.	The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.	Section 11.3 of the Draft EIR
	g) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists carrying out the study. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.	Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR.	Table 3-2 of the Draft EIR Table 8-1 of the Draft EIR
	<p>General</p> <p>Details of the future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years and the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies must be indicated.</p>	Should the project's lifetime not be extended, the project will be decommissioned. During decommissioning the infrastructure will be removed from site and disposed of at a registered waste facility. The site will be rehabilitated and returned to its original condition where possible.	
	Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.	An application will be submitted during or following the conclusion of the EIA process.	Section 6.6 of the Draft EIR
	A construction and operational phase EMPr that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAR.	An EMPr has been included in Appendix I of the Draft EIR.	Appendix I of the Draft EIR

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	<p>The comments issued by this Department on 29 March 2023, during the draft scoping report are still valid and must be all addressed throughout the EIA process.</p>	<p>The comments issued by this Department during the draft scoping phase have been included in Section 3 of the PPP Report and responded to accordingly.</p>	<p>in Section 3 of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>Should you use coordinates, please ensure that it is in the format as prescribed in the 2014 EIA NEMA Regulations, as amended.</p>	<p>Coordinates included in the Draft EIR, EMPr and Application Form have been prescribed in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeesthoek 94 datum as required in the 2014 EIA NEMA Regulations.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.</p>	<p>The reminder to meet timeframes stipulated Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended, is noted. The final EIR is due to the DFFE by 14 September 2023.</p>	<p>-</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Mr Sabelo Malaza Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment</p>	<p>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</p>	<p>-</p>

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Western Cape Government: Land Use Management			
<p>CJ Van Der Walt 12 May 2023 Letter (via Email)</p>	<p>Mura 4 (Pty) Ltd proposes the construction and operation of a 360 MW solar photovoltaic energy facility. The proposed development will have a foot print of approximately 466ha for the solar facility and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management (WCDoA: LUM) has reviewed the report and has no objection to the proposed application on condition that the proposed mitigation measures mentioned in the EMPr are implemented to prevent erosion and manage storm water during the construction and operational phases.</p> <p>In order to accommodate the proposed application must be made to the WCDoA: LUM as well as the Beaufort West municipality for a change in land use, the required registering of a servitude for access roads, entrance routes and power lines as well as to register a lease agreement.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That this is comment to the relevant deciding authorities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act no.107 of 1998. - That this is comment to the relevant deciding authorities in terms of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act 70 of 1970. 	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges the departments no objection to the project. All mitigation measures proposed in the EMPr will be monitored by the ECO for implementation.</p> <p>An application for the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (SALA) Consent / Change of Land Use (re-zoning) will be submitted.</p>	<p>-</p>



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	<p>- Kindly quote the above—mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>- The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Mr CJ Van Der Walt</p>		



3.2 COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING EIA PHASE

The Draft EIA Reports were placed on public review from 03 July 2023 to 02 August 2023. The comments received are reflected in the sections below.

3.2.1 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR ALL MURA PROJECTS

Comments received during the Draft EIA Phase for all the Mura Projects are incorporate in **Table 3-1** and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.1**.

Table 3-9 – Comments received during Draft EIA Phase for all Mura Projects

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
<u>Department: Water and Sanitation</u>			
<u>Hammond Visagie</u> 24 July 2023 <u>Email</u>	Good day Ms Govender, <u>Attached, please find DWS comments for the above-mentioned project.</u> Regards, <u>Hammond Visagie</u> <u>Administrative Officer</u> <u>Department: Water and Sanitation</u> <u>Directorate: Proto CMA – Mzimvubu to Tsitsikamma</u> <u>Sub-Directorate: Water Use Authorisation and Licensing</u>	=	<u>Appendix D1</u>
<u>Hammond Visagie</u> 24 July 2023	<u>COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (MURA 2, 3, 4) FOR RED CAP ENERGY, IN THE</u>	<u>WSP Response:</u> <u>WSP acknowledges the Departments no objection to the proposed project.</u>	<u>Appendix D1</u>

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
<p><u>Letter (Via Email)</u></p>	<p><u>BEAUFORT WEST LOCAL MUNICIPALITY WITHIN CENTRAL KAROO DISTRICT.</u></p> <p><u>The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Gqeberha Office received Draft Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) with DFFE Reference Numbers: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2323; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2324; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2325 for the developments of three (3) Solar Photovoltaic Facilities namely Mura 2, Mura 3, and Mura 4 from WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd as appointed consultants responsible for EIA work. The EIAs highlights that the Solar Photovoltaic Facilities situated between Loxton and Beaufort West. The proposed Mura PV Development is located in close proximity to the approved Nuweveld Wind Farm Development. The Mura PV Development falls partially within the Beaufort West Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ).</u></p> <p><u>Various activities have been noted to trigger water use(s) in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act. In accordance with water quality related water use activities a Section 21 (g) has been noted in the reports. Additionally, from a water resource management perspective, the associated impacts/risks linked with the establishment of solar photovoltaic facilities includes, erosion, waste pollution, surface water, and groundwater pollution. However, this Office has no objections towards the development of the solar project provided the following will be taken into consideration:</u></p>	<p><u>The applicable water use license will be applied for prior to construction commencing.</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• During the construction phase the contractors must be provided with ablution facilities, such facilities</u> 	<p><u>Appropriate ablution facilities will be provided for construction workers during construction and on-site staff</u></p>	<p><u>in Table 7-7 of the Final EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>must be provided at a ratio of one (1) facility for every fifteen (15) persons. Subsequently, shall be regularly emptied and their content must be disposed of at an authorised wastewater treatment works. Additionally, ablution facilities shall not be located within highly or moderately sensitive areas;</u></p>	<p><u>during the operation of the facility. These facilities will be located outside of any delineated watercourses and wetlands as per the impact management actions in Table 7-7 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	
	<p><u>• A Water Services Authority (WSA) or Water Services Provider (WSP) must be engaged to seek whether there is available capacity in the opted wastewater treatment facility to dispose of extra load of sewage and subsequent treatment;</u></p>	<p><u>A WSA or WSP will be engaged by the Developer to seek whether there is available capacity in the opted wastewater treatment facility to dispose of extra load of sewage and subsequent treatment.</u></p>	-
	<p><u>• It has been identified that dust would be an impact during construction, therefore, dust suppression is likely to be one of the mitigation and management measures. If the project owner intends to use alternative water supply contrary to clean or potable water for such, that must be clearly stated what type or class of water to be used. Additionally, if wastewater re-use becomes an option, a Section 21 (g) would be triggered according to the NWA;</u></p>	<p><u>Water will be obtained for construction purposes from an existing water allocation to the property or from a viable water source, including new yield-tested boreholes</u></p> <p><u>The DWS Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Proto CMA has issued a non-binding confirmation letter of the water availability for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 Solar Facilities. These letters are included in Appendix F of the PPP Report.</u></p>	<u>Appendix F of the PPP Report</u>
	<p><u>• Precautional measures shall be exercised when undertaking dust suppression on the roads, this is to ensure suspension of sediments or silt is minimised for possible accumulation into stormwater channels, and the latter, receiving environment, (i.e., water courses etc.);</u></p>	<p><u>Mitigation and Management Measures for erosion, dust suppression, and sedimentation are included in Section 7 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	<u>Section 7 of the Final EMPr</u>
	<p><u>• Clearing of the site for the purpose of construction activity must be confined to such an area, thereafter, a subsequent rehabilitation be ensued to minimise</u></p>		

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	<p><u>any potential prolonged soils contact with external environments (i.e., runoff, erosion);</u></p>		
	<p><u>• All employees shall receive environmental awareness training prior to the commencement of construction and operational activities. This will inform employees of the environmental risks/impacts associated with the proposed development and will ensure that employees are aware of the environmental legal requirements and obligations, particularly with regards to the conditions and controls linked to the Environmental Authorisation and the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan;</u></p>	<p><u>Environmental awareness training will be provided to all staff, Contractors and Sub contractors. The Environmental Officer will be responsible for this as per the roles and responsibilities defined in Table 5-1 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>
	<p><u>• It is acknowledged and noted, a precautionary approach had been considered in the management of hydrocarbons and oils during the construction phase. The Department is of the opinion that the following proposed mitigation measures to also be effected and professed with the project implementation team:</u></p> <p><u>i. All construction materials including fuels and oil should be stored in demarcated areas that are contained within berms/bunds to avoid the spread of any contamination. Washing and cleaning of equipment should also be done in berms or bunds to avoid any prevent spillages or seepages;</u></p> <p><u>ii. Specific areas must be designated on-site for the temporary management of various waste streams, i.e., general refuse, construction waste (wood and metal scrap) and liquid waste. Location of such</u></p>	<p><u>The proposed mitigation measures have been included in Table 8-1 of the Final EMPr where applicable.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 8-1 of the Final EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>areas must seek to minimise the potential for impact on the surrounding environment, including prevention of contaminated runoff, seepage, or infiltration into groundwater resources;</u></p> <p><u>iii. Any spills must receive the necessary clean-up action. If required, bioremediation kits are to be kept on-site and used to remediate any spills that may occur. Appropriate arrangements are to be made for the appropriate collection and disposal of all cleaning materials, absorbents, and contaminated soils (per waste management plan);</u></p> <p><u>iv. Routine servicing and maintenance of vehicles are not to take place on-site (except for emergency situations or large cranes which cannot be moved off-site). If repairs of vehicles must take place on-site, an appropriate drip tray must be used to contain any fuel or oils;</u></p> <p><u>v. Disposal of waste must be in accordance with relevant legislative requirements, including the use of licensed contractors;</u></p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• Corrective action must be undertaken immediately if a complaint is received, or a potential/actual leak or spill of a polluting substance is identified. This includes stopping the contaminant from further escaping, cleaning up the affected environment as much as practically possible and implementing preventive measures;</u> 	<p><u>An emergency response plan has been included in Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• In the event of a major spill or leak of contaminants, the relevant administering authority must be</u> 	<p><u>A Hazardous Substance Management Plan has been included in Section 8.3 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.3 of the Final EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>immediately notified as per the notification of emergencies/incidents within 24 hours of such occurrence;</u></p>		
	<p><u>• An emergency response protocol must be developed to ensure that such spillages are immediately attended to and that the contaminated site is properly rehabilitated to prevent any secondary contamination, and that protocol as indicated in Section 19 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998) is complied with;</u></p>	<p><u>An emergency response plan has been included in Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>
	<p><u>• This Office reserves the right to revise its initial comments and request additional information that may arise from further correspondence.</u></p> <p><u>Please note that any water use (as stipulated under Section 21) without authorisation is a contravention as per Section 151 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).</u></p>	<p><u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this.</u></p>	<p><u>-</u></p>
<u>DFFE Biodiversity Conservation Directorate</u>			
<p><u>Tebego Kgaphola</u> <u>26 July 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Good day Ashlea.</u> <u>I trust you are well.</u> <u>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation will like to conduct a site visit for the aforementioned project.</u> <u>We are available within these dates: 15th and 16th of August. Kindly confirm which date will be suitable for you.</u> <u>Regards,</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u> <u>Good Day Tebogo</u> <u>We do not have availability that week at all. Is there anyway we can do the week before (07 – 11 August) or the week after (21 -25 August 2023)?</u> <u>Kind Regards,</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D.1</u></p>

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	<p><u>Tebego Kgaphola</u></p> <p><u>Good day Govender.</u></p> <p><u>Your availability is noted and we have decided to conduct the site visit on the 10th August 2023.</u></p> <p><u>Regards,</u></p> <p><u>Tebego</u></p>		<p><u>Appendix D.1</u></p>
<p><u>Tebego Kgaphola</u></p> <p><u>14 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Letter (via Email)</u></p>	<p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES, NAMELY MURA 2, MURA 3, AND MURA 4, BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE BEAUFORT WEST LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND THE CENTRAL KAROO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE</u></p> <p><u>Site inspection conducted on the 10th of August 2023 refers,</u></p> <p><u>It was noted during site inspection and discussion that current land uses in the wider rural area are focused on extensive agriculture with small stock primarily in the form of sheep, game farming, some tourism and conservation primarily in the form of the Karoo National Park. The proposed area is rated low sensitivity in terms of terrestrial biodiversity, aquatic and medium sensitivity for avifauna due to the dam identified within Mura 2 development area. The access road that traverses the larger Critical</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges the Department's statement of no-objection. Section 3.2 of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Compliance Statement in Appendix H3 of the Final EIAs makes reference to the 2022 Threatened Species Programme, Red List of South African Plants.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D.1</u></p> <p><u>Section 3.2 of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Compliance Statement in Appendix H3 of the Final EIAs</u></p>

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	<p><u>Biodiversity Area towards Mura 3 & 4 exists therefore it will not generate a significant negative impact on the affected CBA. Furthermore, it was confirmed by the specialist and during site inspection that no Species of Conservation Concern (800) were observed on site. Most of the drainage lines observed on site were dry. Only one drainage towards the Mura 2 footprint was flowing, therefore it is recommended that culvert must be installed to allow free movement of water within this area and not to impact on the aquatic features that might be present.</u></p> <p><u>Kindly note that the National List of Threatened Ecosystems was revised therefore the final report must refer to the Revised National List of Threatened Terrestrial Ecosystems, 2022.</u></p> <p><u>Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objections to the proposed developments, provided that all mitigation measures in relation to the avifauna sensitivity that are stipulated in the report must be adhered to.</u></p> <p><u>In conclusion, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</u></p> <p><u>Yours faithfully</u> <u>Mr Seoka Lekota</u></p>		



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	<u>Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment</u> <u>Date: 11/08/2023</u>		

3.2.2 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR MURA 2 SOLAR PV FACILITY

Comments received during the Draft EIA Phase for Mura 2 Solar PV Facility are incorporate in **Table 3-3** and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.2**.

Table 3-10 – Comments received during Draft EIA Phase for Mura 2 Solar PV Facility

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<p><u>Ephron Maradwa</u> <u>04 July 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Megan.</u> <u>14/12/16/3/3/2/2323</u> <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 400 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.</u> <u>The Department confirms having received the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 30 June 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u> <u>Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that “Potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, may be</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u> <u>WSP confirms that the I&APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIA from 03 July 2023 to 02 August 2023.</u> <u>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</u> <u>WSP and the Applicant take note that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D.2 of the PPP Report .</u></p>

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	<p><u>provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in subregulation (1) prior to submission of an application but must be provided with an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the competent authority.”</u></p> <p><u>Further 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 in terms of Regulation 3(7) of these Regulations.</u></p> <p><u>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p> <p><u>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</u></p> <p><u>EIA Applications</u> <u>Integrated Environmental Authorisations</u></p>		
<p><u>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u> <u>14 July 2023</u> <u>Letter (via Email)</u></p>	<p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 400MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u> <u>As confirmed by Western Cape DEADP there are no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans for the Western Cape Province that have been adopted by the Department. The application form and Table 5-1 has been amended to remove Activity 12, Activity 14 and Activity 23 of Listing Notice 3, as requested by Western Cape</u></p>	<p><u>Table 6-1 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>The Application form for Environmental Authorisation and draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) received by the Department on 30 June 2023, refer.</u></p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAR:</u></p> <p><u>1. Application Form</u></p> <p><u>a) You are required to confirm whether the competent authority adopts systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans? You applied for certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that Bioregional Plans be adopted.</u></p>	<p><u>DEADP. However, the assessment does consider the impact to CBAs and ESAs as part of the terrestrial and aquatic impact assessment.</u></p>	
	<p><u>b) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process as the development property possibly falls within geographically designated areas in terms of numerous activities listed in Listing Notice 3, particularly for activities impacting on areas in the Province's Conservation Plans. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant authorities and submitted to this Department.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirms that all relevant authorities have been consulted and will continue to be consulted throughout the environmental impact assessment process. Written comment has been received from WCDEADP, which states that there are no systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans for the Western Cape Province that have been adopted by the Department.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the PPP Report</u></p> <p><u>Appendix B of the PPP Report</u></p> <p><u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>c) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link</u> <u>https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms</u></p>	<p><u>The application form has been amended and will be submitted with the Final EIA Report.</u></p> <p><u>The original application form used was dated April 2021. This template has been used for the amended application form as submission will take place before 04 September</u></p>	<p><u>Table 6-1 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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		<u>2023, which is the deadline date for new templates to be used.</u>	
	d) <u>The final EIAR must also provide the technical details for the proposed facility in table format as well as their description and/or dimensions.</u>	The technical details of the proposed Mura 2 Solar PV Facility are provided in a table format in the General Site Information Section presented at the beginning of the Final EIA.	<u>General Site Information of the Final EIA.</u>
	e) <u>The final EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.</u>	An impact assessment has been undertaken and included in Section 9 of the Final EIA.	<u>Section 9 of the Final EIA.</u>
	f) <u>Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.</u>	All relevant listed activities that have been applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description in Section 4 of the Final EIA. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development have been applied for and assessed. <u>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Final EIA.</u>	<u>Table 6-1 of the Final EIA.</u>
	g) <u>The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.</u>	The listed activities represented in the Final EIA and application form are the same and correct. An amended application form will be submitted with the Final EIA.	<u>Section 6 of the Final EIA</u>
	h) <u>The EAP is required to provide clear assessment for each identified alternative and further provide clear motivation and reasons as to why the preferred alternative proves to be the preferred compared to other alternatives.</u>	The project alternatives are discussed in Section 5 of the Final EIA.	<u>Section 5 of the Final EIA</u>

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	i) <u>Ensure that the SG codes, farm names and numbers are correct and consisted throughout the reports.</u>	<u>WSP confirms that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers and the EAP’s contact details included in the Application Form and Final EIA are correct.</u>	<u>Section 4 of the Final EIA</u>
	2. <u>Public Participation Process</u> a) <u>Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the relevant Provincial Departments, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.</u>	<u>WSP confirms that comments from all relevant stakeholders as indicated in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the PPP Report) that have been received to date, have been included in the PPP Report.</u>	<u>Appendix A of the PPP Report</u> <u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u>
	b) <u>A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAR. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format. All comments from I&APs must be responded to adequately. A response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</u>	<u>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIA from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response table in Section 3 of the PPP Report, and responded to accordingly.</u> <u>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report will also be submitted as a separate report in the Final EIA.</u>	<u>Section 3 of the PPP Report</u> <u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u>
	c) <u>Comments from each submission must be responded to individually. The dates in which comments were received must be recorded in the C&R. Your responses to the issues raised by the Department must be included in the comments and response (C&R) report, in table format.</u>	<u>All comments received from each submission have been included in a table format in Section 3 of the PPP Report and responded to individually and accordingly. The table also includes the date and format the comment was received.</u>	<u>Section 3 of the PPP Report</u> <u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u>
	d) <u>The final EIAR must comply with all conditions of the acceptance of the scoping report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment</u>	<u>All comments received on the SR and the Draft EIA have been included in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments have been responded to accordingly.</u>	<u>Section 3 of the PPP Report</u>

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	<p><u>(PoSEIA). The final EIAR must address all comments received on the SR and the draft EIAR, including this letter.</u></p>		<p><u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>e) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>	
	<p><u>3. Cumulative Assessment</u></p> <p><u>Should there be any other similar projects within a 20km to 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.</u> <u>• Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</u> <u>• The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u> 	<p><u>Section 10 of the Final EIA includes Renewable Energy Projects within 30km of the Mura Solar Development. The cumulative impact has been included by the specialists and the impact assessment has been included in Section 10.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed or not.</u> 		
	<p>4. <u>The layout map must indicate the following:</u></p> <p>a) <u>The envisioned area for the Development of a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility (Mura 2). (i.e.), location and all associated infrastructure including BESS, should be mapped at an appropriate scale.</u></p> <p>b) <u>Solar Farm Substations area (e.g., two on-site solar substations adjacent to Eskom switching stations that will connect to the approved Nuweveld Collector Substation.</u></p> <p>c) <u>Building Infrastructure (e.g., Offices; Operational and maintenance (O&M)/ control centre; Warehouse/workshop; Ablution facilities; and Converter/inverter stations).</u></p> <p>d) <u>Other Infrastructure located within the solar area footprint (e.g., Internal underground cables, Internal gravel roads; Fencing around the PV Facility; Panel maintenance and cleaning area, Storm water management system; Site camps, and temporary construction laydown area).</u></p> <p>e) <u>BESS and BESS substation (e.g., substation yard).</u></p>	<p><u>The final site layout, which covers the whole Development Envelope, is presented in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA. A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map is included in Figure 11-1 and an Environmental Feature Sensitivity Map for the Mura Solar facilities is included in Figure 11-3.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-1, Figure 11-2 and Figure 11-3 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>f) All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure, as indicated above.</u></p>		
	<p><u>g) Please provide an environmental sensitivity map, if possible, which indicates the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;</u> • <u>Buffer areas; and All “no-go” areas.</u> 		
	<p><u>5. Specialist assessments</u></p> <p><u>a) Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final EIAR. You are therefore requested to submit original signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms for each specialist study conducted. The forms are available on Department’s website (please use the Department’s template).</u></p>	<p><u>The signed Specialist Declarations of Interest have been included in Appendix C1 of the Final EIA. The specialist CVs are included in Appendix C2 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix C1 and C2 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>b) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</u></p>	<p><u>All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMP. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 11.2 of the Final EIA. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix H of the Final EIA</u></p> <p><u>Section 11.2 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>c) Please ensure that, all required specialist studies for the project are recommended and conducted.</u></p>	<p><u>Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included in Table 3-2 of</u></p>	<p><u>Table 3-2 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>Finding and recommendations of the specialist studies must incorporate with final report and the EMPr for decision making. As initial recommended in the scoping acceptance.</u></p>	<p><u>the Final EIA and includes motivation for specialist studies not undertaken. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 8-1 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>d) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.</u></p>	<p><u>The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 11.3 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>e) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.</u></p>	<p><u>Specialist assessments have been undertaken to comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.</u></p> <p><u>Section 8 of the Final EIA contains the Assessment Protocols used by the specialists.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>f) Recommendations provided by specialist reports must be considered and used to inform the preferred layout alternative.</u></p>	<p><u>The Development Envelope does avoid all the no-go areas identified by the specialists and the assessment process assumed that the whole Development Envelope would be transformed. Based on the outcomes of the assessment process, the final site layout, which covers the whole Development Envelope, is presented in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA and aligns with restrictions of the specialist assessments</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>6. Environmental Management Programme</u> <u>The EMPr must also include the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.</u> 	<p><u>All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the final EIA and the specialist studies have been included in Section 7 of the EMPr</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.</u> 	<p><u>Figure 3-1 of the EMPr includes a combined No-Go Sensitivity Map and Proposed Development Envelope for the Mura 2 PV Facility. Figure 3-2 of the EMPr includes an Environmental Feature Sensitivity Map for the Mura 2 PV Facility.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 3-1 and Figure 3-2 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.</u> 	<p><u>Table 7-7 of the EMPr contains Water Management Mitigation and Management Measures and stormwater management plan.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-7 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• An alien/invasive plant management report; plant rescue and protection report; and re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation report.</u> 	<p><u>The EMPr contains Management Plans on the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>- Alien Invasive Plant Management Plan (Section 8.5);</u> <u>- Plant Rescue and Protection Plan (Section 8.6);</u> <u>- Re-vegetation and Habitat Rehabilitation Plan (Section 8.7);</u> 	<p><u>Section 8.5, Section 8.6 and Section 8.7 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u> 	<p><u>Table 1-2 of the EMPr contains the Legislation Requirements as detailed in Appendix 4 of GNR 326 and cross references the sections in the report where the information can be found.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 1-2 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>General</u></p> <p><u>The EIAR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities. Coordinates must be provided in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeesthoek94 WGS84 co-ordinate system as specified in the 2014 NEMA Regulations, as amended .</u></p>	<p><u>Coordinates included in the Final EIA, EMPr and Application Form have been prescribed in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeesthoek 94 datum as required in the 2014 EIA NEMA Regulations. The coordinates of the site are also included in Section 4-1 of the Final EIAR</u></p>	
	<p><u>Please note that, all correspondences issued by this Department for this project are still valid and must be adhered to.</u></p>	<p><u>The comments issued by this Department during all the phases of this project have been included in Section 3 of the PPP Report and responded to accordingly.</u></p>	<p><u>in Section 3 of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: “The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority -</u></p> <p><u>(a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, and an EMPr, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.”</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirms that the Final EIA will be submitted to the DFFE within the required timeframe of the regulations. The EMPr is included in Appendix H of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p>-</p>
	<p><u>Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAR or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirms that all changes made to the Final EIA are minor and no new information has been presented. All changes made in the Final EIA have been underlined for ease of reference for the reader.</u></p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p><u>public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: “The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the reports, and an EMPr, will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority, or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the environmental impact assessment report or EMPr, which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a) and that the revised environmental impact assessment report or EMPr will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days”.</u></p> <p><u>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</u></p>		
	<p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>Yours sincerely.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder</u></p>	

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<p>Thea Jordan 04 August 2023 Letter via email</p>	<p>Dear Madam</p> <p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 400MW MURA 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRUCTURES ON FARM LEEUWKLOOF NO. 43, PORTION 4 OF FARM DUIKER KRANSE NO. 45, AND FARM BULTFONTEIN NO. 13, BEAUFORT WEST (DFFE REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2323)</u></p> <p><u>1. The Draft Scoping Report (“DSR”) dated March 2023, the Department’s comments thereto dated 11 April 2023, and the email notification of 03 July 2023 regarding the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) Report for comments, refer.</u></p> <p><u>2. Thank you for your willingness to extend the deadline for comments on the Draft EIA Report. Please find consolidated comments from various directorates within the Department on the Draft EIA Report dated July 2023 that was available for download from various online platforms.</u></p> <p><u>3. Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887):</u></p> <p><u>3.1. This Directorate is satisfied that its comments on the DSR have been adequately addressed and</u></p>	<p>WSP Response:</p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges that the Directorate has no further comments on the Draft EIA Report</u></p>	

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	<p><u>responded to in the Comments and Responses Report and the Draft EIA Report.</u></p> <p><u>3.2. The Animal Species Compliance Statement compiled by 3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions dated November 2022 noted that the proposed development site has a low sensitivity for both the Karoo Dwarf Tortoise and the Riverine Rabbit based on habitat mapping, active searching, and camera trapping across the site. This Directorate supports the recommendation of the faunal specialist, which has been incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”), that the developer will contribute towards Riverine Rabbit conservation initiatives occurring in the area.</u></p> <p><u>3.3. This Directorate has no further comments on the Draft EIA Report.</u></p>		
	<p><u>4. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Gary Arendse (Email: Gary.Arendse@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 6307):</u></p> <p><u>4.1. The proposed development could potentially generate both general and hazardous waste. Please note that these waste streams must be handled and stored separately. Should these waste streams mix, the entire volume of waste will be classified as hazardous and would have to be dealt with accordingly.</u></p>	<p><u>A Waste Management Plan has been included in Section 8.2 of the EMPr which notes that waste streams should be handled and stored separately.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.2 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p><u>5. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Shehaam Brinkhuis (Email:</u></p>	<p><u>All surface installations such as solar photovoltaic arrays, substations, battery storage facilities and construction</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>Shehaam.Brinkhuis@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8309):</u></p> <p><u>5.1. In line with the recommendations of the Aquatic Biodiversity and Species Specialist Assessment compiled by BlueScience (Pty) Ltd dated April 2023 (Appendix H4), surface installations such as solar photovoltaic arrays, substations, battery storage facilities and construction camps, must be located outside of the designated buffer areas, most notably, the sensitive watercourses and their buffers.</u></p>	<p><u>camps, will be located outside of the designated buffer areas, The sensitive watercourses and their buffers as indicated in the Final EIA and Final layout are provided in Figure 11-2.</u></p>	
	<p><u>5.2. It is supported, that as far as possible, construction near sensitive aquatic features be undertaken during the dry season, with the installation of sediment traps downstream.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP notes the Department’s support.</u></p>	
	<p><u>5.3. The utilisation of cleaning chemicals on solar panels poses a risk of contamination and pollution to water resources. Care should be taken to implement mitigation measures to reduce this. It is recommended that all cleaning products used within the site should be environmentally friendly and biodegradable, as per section 9.13 of the Draft EIA Report. It is noted that a panel cleaning and maintenance area is proposed. Drainage in this area must be carefully planned, and contaminated water captured for appropriate disposal to a registered waste facility, and not discharged into the environment, stormwater channels or any water resources nearby. It is preferable that the cleaning and maintenance area is hard surfaced with</u></p>	<p><u>Mitigation Measures included in the Final EIA have been included in Section 7 of the EMPr,</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>appropriate collection channels and a drainage system installed.</u></p> <p><u>5.4. The following recommendations are provided with respect to the proposed battery energy storage system to prevent and manage potential contamination of water resources, including groundwater, emanating from the site during the construction and operational phases:</u></p> <p><u>5.4.1. Compilation and adherence to a procedure for the safe handling of battery cells.</u></p> <p><u>5.4.2. Lithium-ion batteries must have battery management systems (containment, automatic alarms and shut-off systems) to monitor and protect cells from overcharging or damaging conditions.</u></p> <p><u>5.4.3. Compilation of an emergency response plan for implementation in the event of a spill or leakage.</u></p> <p><u>5.4.4. Provision of spill kits on-site for clean-up of spills and leaks.</u></p> <p><u>5.4.5. Immediate clean-up of spills and disposal of contaminated absorbents and materials or soil at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility.</u></p> <p><u>5.4.6. Recording and reporting of all electrolyte spills or leaks so that appropriate clean-up measures can be implemented. A copy of these records must be made available to authorities on request throughout the project lifecycle.</u></p>	<p><u>The recommendations have been added to Table 7-6 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-6 of the Final EMPr</u></p>

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	<p>5.4.7. <u>Frequent and appropriate disposal of both general and hazardous waste to prevent pollution of soil and groundwater.</u></p> <p>5.4.8. <u>On-site battery maintenance should only be undertaken on impermeable surfaces with secondary containment measures. Any resulting hazardous substances must be disposed of appropriately at a registered facility with retention of chain of custody documentation.</u></p> <p>5.4.9. <u>Provision of suitable emergency and safety signage on-site, and demarcation of any areas which may pose a safety risk (including hazardous substances). Emergency numbers for the local police, fire department, Eskom and Beaufort West Municipality must be placed in a prominent, clearly visible area on-site.</u></p>		
	<p>5.5. <u>Reference is made to the storage of diesel in aboveground tanks within concrete bunds. Additional information is required on this aspect, including but not limited to, the following: What is the approximate total volume of fuel to be stored on site? How many aboveground tanks are proposed? Where is their location within the site? Please include the specifications of the bund(s). What mitigation measures are proposed to prevent and manage impacts related to fuel losses?</u></p>	<p><u>Due to the remoteness of site, the Contractor would establish a temporary fuel and lubricants storage area on the site to ensure that they can fuel and maintain the various items of equipment and plant to be used in the construction activities on a day to day basis. The combined storage capacity of all of the above facilities/infrastructure will exceed 80m³ but will be below 500m³.</u></p> <p><u>As these qualify as dangerous (hazardous) goods, they would need to be stored in bespoke area located within the site camp with necessary protections including spill protection measures and secondary containment, with oil separator/s, adequate weather proofing, firefighting</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.3 of the EMPr</u></p>

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		<p><u>equipment, added security (i.e. fencing and lockable access points, etc. to ensure that untrained or unauthorised persons cannot gain access). The site would need to be situated away from other areas and carry the necessary hazard warning signage typical for such facility. The facility may have to be outfitted with a forecourt and dispensing equipment to allow vehicles to fill up at the facility or otherwise decant into mobile bowsers that would transport fuel out. The final EMPr includes measures to handle hazardous substances on site (Section 8.3 of the EMPr).</u></p>	
	<p><u>5.6. Generalised descriptions have been provided of “other infrastructure” and service infrastructure for the proposals. With specific reference to the offices, site camps, workshop, warehouse and control centre, how will effluent, liquid waste and sewage be handled and disposed of? A description has been included of Beaufort West Municipality’s current services; however, it is not clear how the service infrastructure required on-site links to municipal services. Please clarify and provide confirmation thereof. Should conservancy tanks be proposed, please specify and include confirmation of sludge disposal method and frequency. In the event an on-site package plant/wastewater treatment works is proposed, please clarify the preferred technology and treated effluent disposal method. Please note that this Directorate does not support the installation of septic tanks.</u></p>	<p><u>Domestic waste will be temporarily stored in conservancy tanks which will be emptied by a truck weekly, as needed, to a registered Waste Water Treatment Works.</u></p>	-
	<p><u>5.7. It is requested that the EMPr be amended to include reference to section 30 of the National</u></p>	<p><u>The Emergency Response Plan under Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr includes reference to Section 30 of NEMA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) pertaining to the control of incidents. Please note that the statement included under section 8.1 of the EMPr, relating to an Emergency Response Plan, is insufficient. In the event of a significant spill or leak of hazardous substances (e.g., petrol, diesel, etc.) used during the proposed activities, such an incident(s) must be reported to the relevant authorities, including this Department’s Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management, in accordance with section 30 of the NEMA, 1998.</u></p>	<p><u>The Response to Incidents in Section 8.1.3 of the EMPr has been updated to include reference to the reporting of incidents to the relevant authorities.</u></p>	
	<p><u>5.8. The Geohydrological Assessment compiled by GEOSS dated 31 January 2023 (Appendix H13) details recommendations for the proposed development, which are supported. However, these recommendations include specifications around water supply. Similarly, the Aquatic Biodiversity and Species Specialist Assessment also includes recommendations with respect to a “viable water supply” for the site and use of water within the existing water allocation of the property, unless application has been made for new boreholes. It is noted that the aspect of water supply has not been specifically addressed in the Draft EIA Report. Please clarify water supply for the proposals, in addition to the approximate volume required. It is requested that the necessary approvals from the relevant authority(ies) (depending on whether groundwater or municipal supply) is provided with the Final EIA Report to demonstrate the required</u></p>	<p><u>Water will be obtained for construction purposes from an existing water allocation to the property or from a viable water source, including new yield-tested boreholes.</u></p> <p><u>The DWS Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Proto CMA has issued a non-binding confirmation letter of the water availability for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 Solar Facilities. These letters are included in Appendix F of the PPP Report.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix F of the PPP Report</u></p>

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	<p><u>approval for abstraction or supply is in place, or that application is underway.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.9. The Geohydrological Assessment also includes the following recommendation, which is strongly supported and should be implemented in accordance with the specialist’s specifications: “Monitoring of groundwater (abstraction volumes, quality and water levels) will be required, this should ideally be implemented one year prior to the start of construction if the project timeframes permit.”</u></p>	<p><u>The recommendation has been included in Table 7-12 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-12 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>
	<p><u>5.10. Further to the above, it is noted that according to the Draft EIA Report, “the DWS will make the final decision on water uses that are applicable to the project through a pre-application meeting after which a Water Use Authorisation Application (WUA) as determined by the risk assessment will be undertaken in compliance with procedural regulations published by the DWS within General Notice 267 (GN267).” Given that the application is in the environmental impact reporting phase, has a decision been made and advice obtained from the Department of Water and Sanitation on the applicability of section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998)?</u></p>	<p><u>Water will be obtained for construction purposes from an existing water allocation to the property or from a viable water source, including new yield-tested boreholes. A WUA will be made prior to construction should it be necessary.</u></p> <p><u>The DWS Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Proto CMA has issued a non-binding confirmation letter of the water availability for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 Solar Facilities. These letters are included in Appendix F of the PPP Report.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix F of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>6. The applicant is reminded of its “general duty of care towards the environment” as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998 which states that “Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5.4.2 of the Final EMPr contains reference to the Duty of Care.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5.4.2 of the Final EMPr</u></p>



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	<p><i><u>prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”</u></i></p> <p><u>The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.</u></p> <p><u>Yours sincerely</u></p> <p><u>Thea Jordan</u></p> <p><u>HEAD OF DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING</u></p> <p><u>Letter signed by:</u></p> <p><u>Thea Jordan Date: 4 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Director: Development Facilitation</u></p>	<p><u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this.</u></p>	<p>=</p>

3.2.3 **COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR MURA 3 SOLAR PV FACILITY**

Comments received during the Draft EIA Phase for Mura 3 Solar PV Facility are incorporate in **Table 3-3** and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.3**.

Table 3-11 – Comments received during Draft EIA Phase for Mura 3 Solar PV Facility

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
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<p><u>Ephron Maradwa</u> <u>04 July 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Megan.</u> <u>14/12/16/3/3/2/2324</u> <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 3 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 320 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES.</u> <u>The Department confirms having received the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 30 June 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u> <u>Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that “Potential or registered interested and affected</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u> <u>WSP confirms that the I&APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIA from 03 July 2023 to 02 August 2023.</u> <u>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</u> <u>WSP and the Applicant take note that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D.3 of the PPP Report .</u></p>

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	<p><u>parties, including the competent authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in subregulation (1) prior to submission of an application but must be provided with an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the competent authority.”</u></p> <p><u>Further 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 in terms of Regulation 3(7) of these Regulations.</u></p> <p><u>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p> <p><u>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</u></p> <p><u>EIA Applications</u></p> <p><u>Integrated Environmental Authorisations</u></p>		
<p><u>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u></p> <p><u>25 July 2023</u></p> <p><u>Letter (via Email)</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ms Strong</u></p> <p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 320 MW MURA 3 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>The application form has been amended and will be submitted with the Final EIA Report.</u></p> <p><u>The original application form used was dated April 2021. This template has been used for the amended application</u></p>	<p><u>Table 6-1 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES.</u></p> <p><u>The Application form for Environmental Authorisation and draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) received by the Department on 03 July 2023, refer.</u></p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAR:</u></p> <p><u>1. Application Form</u></p> <p><u>a) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link</u> https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms</p>	<p><u>form as submission will take place before 04 September 2023.</u></p>	
	<p><u>b) The final EIAR must also provide the technical details for the proposed facility in table format as well as their description and/or dimensions.</u></p>	<p><u>The technical details of the proposed Mura 3 Solar PV Facility are provided in a table format in the General Site Information Section presented at the beginning of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>General Site Information of the Final EIA.</u></p>
	<p><u>c) Please include a list of the proposed infrastructure for the proposed development.</u></p>	<p><u>A list of the proposed infrastructure is included in Section 4.4 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>4.4 of the Final EIA.</u></p>
	<p><u>d) The final EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for</u></p>	<p><u>An impact assessment has been undertaken and included in Section 9 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9 of the Final EIA.</u></p>
	<p><u>e) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the</u></p>	<p><u>All relevant listed activities that have been applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or</u></p>	<p><u>Table 6-1 of the Final EIA.</u></p>

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
	<p><u>development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.</u></p>	<p><u>infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description in Section 4 of the Final EIA. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development have been applied for and assessed.</u></p> <p><u>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	
	<p><u>f) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.</u></p>	<p><u>The listed activities represented in the Final EIA and application form are the same and correct. An amended application form will be submitted with the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 6 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>g) The EAP is required to provide clear assessment for each identified alternative and further provide clear motivation and reasons as to why the preferred alternative proves to be the preferred compared to other alternatives.</u></p>	<p><u>The project alternatives are discussed in Section 5 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>h) Ensure that the SG codes, farm names and numbers are correct and consistent throughout the reports and application form.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirms that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers and the EAP’s contact details included in the Application Form and Final EIA are correct and consistent.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>2. Alternatives</u></p> <p><u>A development envelope has been determined and assessed by specialists and this area would avoid no-go areas identified by the specialists. Please provide further information regarding this to demonstrate how the layout was derived. Note that a finalized layout must be presented in the final EIR.</u></p>	<p><u>The project alternatives are discussed in Section 5 of the Final EIA. A development envelope was determined based on the site boundaries and specialist assessments. The Development Envelope would avoid all the no-go areas identified by the specialists. and A final layout has been included in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIR and it includes the PV panels, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS, underground cables, internal gravel roads, fencing, construction site camps and other infrastructure.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5 of the Final EIA</u></p> <p><u>Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p>3. Public Participation Process</p> <p>a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the relevant Provincial Departments, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that comments from all relevant stakeholders as indicated in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the PPP Report) that have been received to date, have been included in the PPP Report.</p>	<p>Appendix A of the PPP Report</p> <p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>b) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAR. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format. All comments from I&APs must be responded to adequately. A response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</p>	<p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIA from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response table in Section 3 of the PPP Report, and responded to accordingly.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report will also be submitted as a separate report in the Final EIA.</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p> <p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>c) Comments from each submission must be responded to individually. The dates in which comments were received must be recorded in the C&R. Your responses to the issues raised by the Department must be included in the comments and response (C&R) report, in a tabular format. Ensure that comments are organised chronologically.</p>	<p>All comments received from each submission have been included in a table format in Section 3 of the PPP Report and responded to individually and accordingly. The table also includes the date and format the comment was received.</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p> <p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>d) The final EIAR must comply with all conditions of the acceptance of the scoping report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA). The final EIAR must address all comments received on the SR and the draft EIAR, including this letter.</p>	<p>All comments received on the SR and the Draft EIA have been included in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments have been responded to accordingly.</p>	<p>Section 3 of the PPP Report</p> <p>Appendix D of the PPP Report</p>

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	<p>e) <u>The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended</u></p> <p>4. Cumulative Assessment</p> <p>a) <u>Should there be any other similar projects within a 20km to 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.</u> • <u>Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist’s recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</u> • <u>The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u> • <u>A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed or not.</u> <p>5. The layout map must indicate the following:</p>	<p><u>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p> <p><u>Section 10 of the Final EIA includes Renewable Energy Projects within 30km of the Mura Solar Development. The cumulative impact has been included by the specialists and the impact assessment has been included in Section 10.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p>a) <u>The envisioned area for the development of a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility (Mura 3). (i.e.), location and all associated infrastructure including BESS, should be mapped at an appropriate scale.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Solar Farm Substations area (e.g., two on-site solar substations adjacent to Eskom switching stations that will connect to the approved Nuweveld Collector Substation.</u> • <u>Building Infrastructure (e.g., Offices; Operational and maintenance (O&M)/ control centre; Warehouse/workshop; Ablution facilities; and Converter/inverter stations).</u> • <u>Other Infrastructure located within the solar area footprint (e.g., Internal underground cables, Internal gravel roads; Fencing around the PV Facility; Panel maintenance and cleaning area, Storm water management system; Site camps, and temporary construction laydown area).</u> • <u>BESS and BESS substation (e.g., substation yard).</u> • <u>All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure, as indicated above.</u> <p>b) <u>Please provide an environmental sensitivity map, if possible, which indicates the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;</u> 	<p><u>The final site layout, which covers the whole Development Envelope, is presented in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA. A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map is included in Figure 11-1 and an Environmental Feature Sensitivity Map for the Mura Solar facilities is included in Figure 11-3.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-1, Figure 11-2 and Figure 11-3 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Buffer areas; and All “no-go” areas.</u> 		
	<p>c) <u>Please include a cadastre map which shows the affected farm portions from Table 4-1 in relation to Mura 3 PV.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 4-1 includes the cadastral boundaries in relation to the Mura 3 PV Facility.</u></p>	
	<p><u>6. Specialist assessments</u> a) <u>Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final EIAR. You are therefore requested to submit original signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms for each specialist study conducted. The forms are available on Department’s website (please use the Department’s template).</u></p>	<p><u>The signed Specialist Declarations of Interest have been included in Appendix C1 of the Final EIA. The specialist CVs are included in Appendix C2 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix C1 and C2 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p>b) <u>All specialist studies must be final and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</u></p>	<p><u>All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMPr. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 11.2 of the Final EIA. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix H of the Final EIA</u> <u>Section 11.2 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p>c) <u>Please ensure that, all required specialist studies for the project are recommended and conducted. Finding and recommendations of the specialist studies must incorporate with final report and the EMPr for decision making. As initial recommended in the scoping acceptance.</u></p>	<p><u>Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Final EIA and includes motivation for specialist studies not undertaken. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 3-2 of the Final EIA</u> <u>Table 8-1 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>d) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.</u></p>	<p><u>The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 11.3 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>e) Recommendations provided by specialist reports must be considered and used to inform the preferred layout alternative.</u></p>	<p><u>The Development Envelope does avoid all the no-go areas identified by the specialists and the assessment process assumed that the whole Development Envelope would be transformed. Based on the outcomes of the assessment process, the final site layout, which covers the whole Development Envelope, is presented in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA and aligns with restrictions of the specialist assessment</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>7. Environmental Management Programme</u> <u>The EMPr must also include the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.</u> <u>• An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.</u> <u>• Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.</u> 	<p><u>All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the final EIA and the specialist studies have been included in Section 7 of the EMPr</u></p> <p><u>Table 7-7 of the EMPr contains Water Management Mitigation and Management Measures.</u></p> <p><u>It is confirmed that the generic EMPr for the substation includes all the substations forming part of the application. The coordinates of the substations are provided in Table 4 of Section 7.1 of the generic EMPr and the location shown in Figure 3 of Section 7.2.</u></p> <p><u>The scope of the generic overhead EMPr applies to the development or expansion of overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure requiring EA in terms of NEMA with a capacity of 33 kilovolts or more.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>An alien/invasive plant management report; plant rescue and protection report; and re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation report.</u> • <u>In addition to the above, the EMPr for the facility must comply with Appendix 4 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u> • <u>It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. This means that a generic EMPR must be included for the substation and the powerline (only if applicable).</u> • <u>A generic EMPr for the 132kV substation has been compiled and submitted, however, the declaration is not dated (Appendix E of Appendix I).</u> • <u>Please include clarity whether the generic EMPr for the substation (Appendix E of Appendix I) includes all the proposed substation infrastructure i.e. the two substations for the PV facility and the 1 substation for the BESS. Include the substations in the maps of the generic EMPr.</u> • <u>Furthermore, it is unclear as to why a generic EMPR for a powerline has been included since the grid application for overhead powerlines will be a</u> 	<p><u>However, within the description of the scope of the generic EMPr it is stated that it applies when activity 11 and 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, or activity 9 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014, as amended, are triggered. The application does not include any <i>overhead</i> lines but underground lines of up to 132 kV is included in the development proposal and therefore Activity 11 is triggered. Based on the scope of when the generic EMPr is applicable, it was deemed that the generic EMPr will be applicable, given that activity 11 is triggered. However, if the DFFE is of the opinion that it isn't applicable, then the generic EMPRs should not be considered.</u></p> <p><u>The declaration for the Generic EMPr submitted with the Final EIA and EMPr has been dated.</u></p>	

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	<p><u>separate application (Appendix E of Appendix I - EMPPr).</u></p>		
	<p><u>General</u> <u>Ensure that a preferred technology is provided for the BESS.</u></p>	<p>The technology alternatives are discussed in Section 5.2.2 of the Final EIA, which states: <i>“The BESS will be made up of Lithium-Ion batteries or similar solid-state technology due to them being a mature and safe technology with regard to potential impacts on the environment in a solar facility farm, modular and easy to install and due to their technical characteristics, will work well as energy storage systems for solar facilities, as well as supporting grid stability. Please refer to Section 4.4.3 for a detailed description of the BESS. No other BESS technology is being considered for this project.”</i></p>	<p><u>Section 5.2.2 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>The EIAR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities. Coordinates must be provided in the format as specified in the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended. Kindly provide property information in a separate appendix and include farm names, portions and numbers; coordinates of main infrastructure etc.</u></p>	<p><u>Coordinate points for the proposed development as well as the start, middle and end point of the Access Road have been provided in Section 4.1 of the Final EIA.</u> <u>All property information inclusive of farm names, portions and numbers; coordinates of main infrastructure etc have been provided in Section 4.1. This information has been extracted into a separate Appendix (Appendix J) in the Final EIA as requested by the DFFE.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4.1 of the Final EIA</u> <u>Appendix J of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>Please note that, all correspondences issued by this Department for this project are still valid and must be adhered to.</u> <u>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u></p>	<p><u>WSP takes note of this. All correspondence issued by the DFFE have been included in the PPP Report.</u></p>	<p>-</p>

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	<p><u>Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment</u></p> <p><u>Signed by: Mr Wayne Hector</u></p> <p><u>Designation: Deputy Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects Date: 25/04/2023</u></p>		
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<p><u>Natasha Higgitt</u></p> <p><u>31 July 2023</u></p> <p><u>Via SAHRIS platform</u></p>	<p><u>Good afternoon,</u></p> <p><u>I note the submission of two heritage reports to the heritage report file, however, please can you highlight the differences between these reports? It is not clear. Additionally, please provide the requested clarity regarding the collected fossil material as noted in the Interim Comment.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Good day Natasha,</u></p> <p><u>There are a few minor changes in terms of the project description and grammar. In term of the interim comment, a response was included in the Stakeholder Engagement Report (Appendix D) which states:</u></p> <p><u>“Fossil materials collected from the Abrahamskrall Formation/lower Teekloof Formation (Poortjie Member) during the initial site visit to the Mura solar project area near Loxton (July 2022) has already been evaluated by Professor Bruce Rubridge of Wits University who has a Fossil Collection Permit and whose research team is currently involved with a long-standing research project on the fossil record of this stratigraphic interval in the Main Karoo Basin. Specimens considered to be of palaeontological research value by Professor Rubridge are curated, together with stratigraphic/locality data, in the collection of the Evolutionary Studies Institute, Johannesburg. A couple of additional specimens from Locs. 408 and 083 from the second site visit in September 2022 have yet to be evaluated by Professor Rubridge.</u></p>	

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		<p>If you would like to discuss anything further please let me know.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p>Megan Govender</p>	
<p>Natasha Higgitt</p> <p>07 August 2023</p> <p>Letter (via email.com)</p>	<p>Attention: Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd</p> <p><u>Mura 3 Solar Photovoltaic Facility (up to 320 MW) between Loxton and Beaufort West in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces</u></p> <p><u>WSP has been appointed by Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd to undertake an Environmental Authorisation Application for a proposed Solar Photovoltaic Facility, near Loxton, Northern Cape Province.</u></p> <p><u>A Draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include solar panels, substations, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), offices, operational and maintenance buildings, warehouse/workshop, ablution facilities, converter/invertor stations, underground cabling, internal roads, fencing, storm water management infrastructure, and site camps.</u></p> <p><u>Almond, J. E. 2022. Combined Desktop & Field-Based Palaeontological Heritage Study: Proposed Mura PV Solar Facilities between Loxton and Beaufort West, Beaufort West Local Municipality (Central Karoo District Municipality), Western Cape</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges the statement of no objection from the SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) to the proposed development;</u></p>	<p>:</p>

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	<p><u>and Ubuntu Local Municipality (Pixley Ka Sema District Municipality), Northern Cape</u></p> <p><u>The report combines the results for five development applications. Only the results pertaining to Mura PV 3 will be discussed below.</u></p> <p><u>The proposed development is underlain by the Teekloof Formation. A total of 12 fossil sites were recorded within the proposed development area. These include reworked bone fragments, remains of small tetrapods, reedy plant stem casts and invertebrate trace fossils of Grade IIIC heritage significance, and robust tetrapod remains and sizeable ridged bone fragment of Grade IIIB significance (sampled/collected).</u></p> <p><u>No recorded fossil sites of unique scientific or conservation value are likely to be directly impacted by the proposed renewable energy and electrical infrastructure developments and no further palaeontological studies or mitigation is proposed here with regard to these sites. A Chance Fossil Finds Protocol is recommended to be implemented.</u></p> <p><u>Orton, J. 2022. Heritage Impact Assessment: Proposed Mura 1-4 PV Facilities, Beaufort West Magisterial District, Western Cape and Victoria West Magisterial District, Northern Cape</u></p> <p><u>The report combines the results for five development applications. Only the results pertaining to Mura PV 3 will be discussed below.</u></p> <p><u>A total of two heritage resources were identified within the Mura PV 3 development area. These</u></p>		

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	<p><u>include a stone-walled house ruin of medium significance and a mound of rocks of very low heritage significance.</u></p> <p><u>Recommendations provided in the report include the following:</u></p> <p><u>A Fossil Chance Finds Procedure (as supplied in the palaeontological specialist study) must be included in the project EMPr.</u></p> <p><u>The site at waypoint 1402 should be avoided if possible, with a 50 m buffer or else revisited to record it in detail as well as determining whether any sampling would be required;</u></p> <p><u>Any realignment of the DR02317 within 400 m of waypoint 2000 must be checked in the field and approved by an archaeologist;</u></p> <p><u>No stones may be removed from any archaeological site;</u></p> <p><u>The road construction camp location must be approved by an archaeologist and subjected to a site inspection if deemed necessary; and</u></p> <p><u>If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development, work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.</u></p> <p><u>In an Interim Comment issued on the 31/03/2023, SAHRA requested clarity regarding the permit used</u></p>		

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	<p><u>for the collection of fossil material in the Northern Cape Province. Since the issuing of the Interim Comment, the draft EIA and Comments and Response Report have been submitted for review (04/07/2023).</u></p> <p><u>Final Comment</u></p> <p><u>The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final EIA and EMPr:</u></p> <p><u>38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed development;</u></p>		
	<p><u>38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development as follows:</u></p> <p><u>A report detailing the results of the realignment of the DR02317 and the construction camp inspection must be submitted to SAHRA for comment. No work may commence in these areas in this regard;</u></p>	<p><u>Section 12.3 of the Final EIA has been updated to include the recommendation for a report detailing the results of the realignment of the DR02317 and the construction camp inspection must be submitted to SAHRA for comment.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 12.3 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660 / nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted as per</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-16 of the EMPr has been updated to include the recommendations. The Chance Find Procedure in Section 8.14.1 of the EMPr has also been updated to include the recommendations.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-16 of the EMPr</u></p> <p><u>Section 8.14.1 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;</u></p> <p><u>38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660 / nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;</u></p> <p><u>38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA regarding offences;</u></p> <p><u>38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:</u></p> <p><u>i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;</u></p>		
	<p><u>The Final EIA must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes;</u></p>	<p><u>The Final EIA will be submitted to the SAHRIS application.</u></p>	<p>:-</p>
	<p><u>The decision regarding the EA application must be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes.</u></p>	<p><u>The decision regarding the EA application will be submitted to the SAHRIS application for record purposes.</u></p>	<p>:-</p>



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	<p><u>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</u></p> <p><u>Yours faithfully</u></p> <p><u>Natasha Higgitt</u></p> <p><u>Manager: Development Applications Unit South African Heritage Resources Agency</u></p>		
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform			
<p><u>Elsabe Swart</u></p> <p><u>22 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Megan</u></p> <p><u>We have not received an acknowledgement of receipt on our comments for this development. Could you please include the attached comments and recommendations to your consultation and note the content of the attached. Your due consideration of the attached would be greatly appreciated.</u></p> <p><u>Thank you</u></p> <p><u>Regards</u></p> <p><u>Elsabè</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Good Morning Elsabe</u></p> <p><u>Thank you for the comment. We had not received the comment prior to this. We will include the comment in the Final EIA and respond accordingly.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards,</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D.1 of the SER</u></p>
<p><u>Elsabe Swart</u></p> <p><u>22 August 2023 (Letter dated 12 May 2023)</u></p> <p><u>Letter (Via Email)</u></p>	<p><u>RE: MURA 3 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING (FSR) REPORT, DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2324</u></p> <p><u>Your Final Scoping Report dated April 2023 has reference.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>The Terrestrial Biodiversity cumulative impact assessment was updated during the EIA Phase to include all renewable energy projects within 30km of the proposed Mura PV Development.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5.5 of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Compliance Statement (Appendix H3 of the Final EIA)</u></p>

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	<p>1. <u>The Red Cap Energy (Pty) Ltd Mura PV 3 for 320 MW solar PV is the only Mura PV development project that is located inside the Northern Cape Province. The proposed locality for the Mura PV 3 does not fall inside a CBA nor in any Protected Expansion Areas.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Thank you for including all the Mura development footprints (1 - 4) as part of the cumulative assessment. It should be noted that the Ecological Specialist report did not include all the cumulative projects towards the north as mentioned in the FSR report.</u></p>		
	<p>3. <u>Please take cognizance that rehabilitation in arid areas is very slow and the risk of erosion high.</u></p>	<p><u>An Erosion Management Plan has been included in Section 8.9 of the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.9 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p>4. <u>It is recommended that vegetation clearance be minimized and done in phases to mitigate for dust pollution, erosion, and risk of alien and invasive vegetation infestation.</u></p>	<p><u>The Erosion Management Plan included in Section 8.9 of the EMPr, notes that “Any vegetation clearance must be phased to ensure that the minimum area of soil is exposed to potential erosion at any one time.”</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.9 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p>5. <u>The reason for the medium sensitivity for the footprint was not defined in the Terrestrial Biodiversity Compliance Statement. However, following the precautionary principle it is recommended that the solar PV footprint be avoided.</u></p>	<p><u>The Terrestrial Biodiversity Site Sensitivity for the Mura 3 Solar PV Facility is included in Section 8.2 of the Final EIA. The medium sensitivity areas are due to the areas being vulnerable to disturbance. The Solar PV footprint avoids the medium sensitivity area. The final layout is included in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.2 of the Final EIA</u> <u>Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p>6. <u>The following recommendation made by the Avifauna specialist should be in cooperated into the EMPr and should be updated to make the recommendation time-bound, for example that</u></p>	<p><u>The recommendation by the avifauna specialist has been updated as suggested. The management action is included in Table 7-15 of the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-15 of the EMPr.</u></p>

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	<p><u>incidents must be reported to ornithologist within the same financial year quarter and that specific recommendations made must be implemented by the next quarter as to ensure that faulty structures can be swiftly rectified. – “The risk of electrocution of large birds in the substations should be managed reactively. If any such electrocutions are recorded once operational this should be reported to an ornithologist for suitable case specific mitigation measures.”</u></p>		
	<p><u>7. The department has received reports on the death of tortoises via electric fence electrocutions. It is recommended that for the fencing, that at least a 20cm gap is left between the lowest electrified strand and ground level (pers. comm. with EWT).</u></p>	<p><u>The specialist recommended the following “The design should ensure that there is no electrical fencing around substations (and associated battery facilities) or other features within 30cm of the ground as tortoises become stuck against such fences and are electrocuted to death and the management action “A guard wire set at 20cm can be used to keep larger tortoises away from the fence.”, has been updated and included in Table 7-14 of the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-14 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p><u>8. One of the proposed mitigation actions in the Animal Compliance Statement mentioned is that a contribution should be made towards Riverine Rabbit conservation initiatives. Based on the defined impacts and information in the report, the recommendation is not justified as the specialist indicated that the Mura PV 3 development does not fall within, nor impact on riverine rabbit habitat. A robust biodiversity monitoring can rather be incorporated under the EMPR for the lifetime of the project that will help mitigate future PV developments’ impacts in the area.</u></p>	<p><u>A Fauna Management Plan has been included in Section 8.11 of the EMPr. Notwithstanding this, the recommendation of funding will remain as a condition. The Applicant supports the recommendation of contributing to the Riverine Rabbit conservation initiatives in the area, should the project go ahead, to provide funding to research and other initiatives intended to understand and conserve the Riverine Rabbit.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.11 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>9. Fauna and flora permits will be needed from the department prior to project commencement for handling/ removing/ relocating/ destroying all specially protected and protected flora and fauna. Estimated numbers for species that need to be removed must be provided for permit approval.</u></p>	<p><u>Additional Permits and Authorisations required for the proposed development is included in Table 6-6 of the Final EIA. This includes permits for removal or destruction of Threatened or Protected Species (TOPs).</u></p>	<p><u>Table 6-6 of the Final EIA.</u></p>
	<p><u>10. Alien and invasive species management must be done throughout the lifetime of the projects. Please take note that cacti species such as Opuntia spp cannot be dumped at general waste sites without prior treatment (drying/ chemical). Please liaise with Dr Thabiso Mokotjomela, 073 324 6118, mokotjomela@sanbi.org.za, on the management and disposal of cacti.</u></p>	<p><u>An Alien Invasive Plan Management Plan has been included in Section 8.5 of the EMPr. The Management Plan has been updated to make provision for the management and disposal of cacti.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.5 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p><u>11. I.t.o. the terrestrial biodiversity please mitigate and make provision in the EMPr for the following:</u></p> <p><u>a. Please take note that tortoise populations are affected by the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>i. electrocutions with electric fences.</u> <u>ii. predations by crows – (relates to waste management).</u> <p><u>b. Monitoring of the following is recommended to determine the:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>i. The heat island effect (local warming, impacts on reptiles etc.).</u> 	<p><u>The Visual Assessment has provided management measures in Table 7-19 of the EMPr, for lighting which includes the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>■ As far as possible, limit the amount of security and operational lighting present on site.</u> <u>■ Light fittings for security at night should reflect the light toward the ground and prevent light spill.</u> <u>■ Lighting fixtures should make use of minimum lumen or wattage whilst adhering to safety and security requirements.</u> <u>■ Mounting heights of lighting fixtures should be limited, or alternatively foot-light or bollard level lights should be used</u> <u>■ If economically and technically feasible, make use of motion detectors on security lighting.</u> 	<p><u>Table 7-19 of the EMPr</u></p> <p><u>Section 8.11 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<p>ii. <u>Lake effect on insects (e.g. reports received that insects have been laying eggs on panels instead of pans).</u></p> <p>iii. <u>Insect mortalities (security lights at these sites at night attract insects).</u></p> <p>iv. <u>Bat impacts (bats are attracted to by the security lights).</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>The buildings should not be illuminated at night and should be painted in natural tones that fit with the surrounding environment.</u> ■ <u>Non-reflective surfaces should be used where possible.</u> <p><u>The Fauna Management Plan included in Section 8.11 of the EMPr and does address the general monitoring and management of fauna on site and as per the recommendation of the specialist, the EMPr does include the following “A log should be kept detailing all fauna-related incidences or mortalities that occur on site, including roadkill, electrocutions etc. during construction and operation. These should be reviewed annually and used to inform operational management and mitigation measures” which will ensure an adaptive management programme on site, should the faunal monitoring highlight a specific issue.</u></p>	
	<p><u>12. In the EMPr, please make provision for the correct disposal and possible recycling of PV panels during construction, operational and closure phases. There have been cases in the past where broken panels arrived at the construction sites that were illegally disposed of in a borrow pit.</u></p>	<p><u>A Waste Management Plan has been provided in Section 8.2 of the EMPr. All waste that cannot be recycled or reused will be disposed of at a registered landfill (disposal certificates must be obtained).</u></p>	
	<p><u>13. The department has received the following complaints regarding some solar PV developments due to increased traffic around these projects:</u></p> <p><u>a. Increase in roadkill along roads. The animals are not adapted to the increase in the number of vehicles along these rural roads and they cannot move away from vehicles fast enough due to the high speeds</u></p>	<p><u>Vehicles are to adhere to speed limits at all times, as indicated in the Fauna Management Plan included in Section 8.11 of the EMPr.</u></p> <p><u>The specialist recommended the following “The design should ensure that there is no electrical fencing around substations (and associated battery facilities) or other features within 30cm of the ground as tortoises become</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.11 of the EMPr.</u></p> <p><u>Table 7-14 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>that vehicles are travelling at. In some instance the animals can't move away due to the type of fencing along roads that block the animals inside the road reserve e.g., tortoises.</u></p>	<p><u>stuck against such fences and are electrocuted to death and the additional recommendation of "A guard wire set at 20cm can be used to keep larger tortoises away from the fence.", has been included in Table 7-14 of the EMPr.</u></p> <p><u>Furthermore, a Grievance Mechanism has been provided in Section 8.15 of the EMPr.</u></p>	
	<p><u>b. The department has also received complaints regarding the dust pollution in areas with gravel roads.</u></p>	<p><u>Dust Management Measures have been included in Table 7-8 of the EMPr.</u></p> <p><u>The Visual Assessment has provided management measures in Table 7-19 of the EMPr, which includes the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Ensure that dust suppression techniques are implemented on all gravel access roads.</u> <p><u>Furthermore, a Grievance Mechanism has been provided in Section 8.15 of the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-8 and Table 7-19 of the EMPr</u></p> <p><u>Section 8.15 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p><u>c. Farmers have also complained that their grazing have been impact as their animals cannot graze due to dusts deposited on the vegetation adjacent to these roads.</u></p>	<p><u>Dust Management Measures have been included in Table 7-8 of the EMPr.</u></p> <p><u>Furthermore, a Grievance Mechanism has been provided in Section 8.15 of the EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-8 of the EMPr</u></p> <p><u>Section 8.15 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p><u>d. It should also be noted that the department have received complaints regarding the drying up of boreholes adjacent to these projects. Water saving strategies should be considered for the construction of infrastructure, cleaning of panels, dust control, etc. No underground water should be used for the development of this facility nor for its operation.</u></p>	<p><u>It is the intention that groundwater is used for the development and a geohydrological assessment was undertaken to determine whether this is a feasible option. The study confirmed that suitable water quantities are available and provided mitigation measures to ensure the sustainable abstraction of water.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix F of the PPP Report</u></p>



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		The DWS Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Proto CMA has issued a non-binding confirmation letter of the water availability for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 Solar Facilities. These letters are included in Appendix F of the PPP Report.	

3.2.4 **COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR MURA 4 SOLAR PV FACILITY**

Comments received during the Draft EIA Phase for Mura 4 Solar PV Facility are incorporate in **Table 3-3** and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.4**.

Table 3-12 – Comments received during Draft EIA Phase for Mura 4 Solar PV Facility

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<p><u>Ephron Maradwa</u> <u>04 July 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Megan.</u> <u>14/12/16/3/3/2/2325</u> <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED MURA 4 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY (UP TO 360 MW) BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.</u> <u>The Department confirms having received the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 30 June 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u> <u>Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that “Potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, may be</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u> <u>WSP confirms that the I&APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIA from 03 July 2023 to 02 August 2023.</u> <u>WSP notes that the application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations.</u> <u>WSP and the Applicant take note that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D.4 of the PPP Report .</u></p>

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	<p><u>provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in subregulation (1) prior to submission of an application but must be provided with an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the competent authority.”</u></p> <p><u>Further 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 in terms of Regulation 3(7) of these Regulations.</u></p> <p><u>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</u></p> <p><u>Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</u></p> <p><u>EIA Applications</u> <u>Integrated Environmental Authorisations</u></p>		
<u>DFFE</u>			
<p><u>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u> <u>24 July 2023</u> <u>Letter (via Email)</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ms Strong</u> <u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u> <u>The application form has been amended and will be submitted with the Final EIA Report.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 6-1 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>OF UP TO 360 MW MURA 4 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.</u></p> <p><u>The Application form for Environmental Authorisation and draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) received by the Department on 30 June 2023, refer.</u></p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the final EIAR:</u></p> <p><u>1. Application Form</u></p> <p><u>a) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department’s application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link</u> https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms</p>	<p><u>The original application form used was dated April 2021. This template has been used for the amended application form as submission will take place before 04 September 2023.</u></p>	
	<p><u>b) The final EIAR must also provide the technical details for the proposed facility in table format as well as their description and/or dimensions.</u></p>	<p><u>The technical details of the proposed Mura 3 Solar PV Facility are provided in a table format in the General Site Information Section presented at the beginning of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>General Site Information of the Final EIA.</u></p>
	<p><u>c) Please include a list of the proposed infrastructure for the proposed development.</u></p>	<p><u>A list of the proposed infrastructure is included in Section 4.4 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>4.4 of the Final EIA.</u></p>
	<p><u>d) The final EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.</u></p>	<p><u>An impact assessment has been undertaken and included in Section 9 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9 of the Final EIA.</u></p>

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	<p>e) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.</p>	<p>All relevant listed activities that have been applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description in Section 4 of the Final EIA. Only activities (and sub-activities) applicable to the development have been applied for and assessed.</p> <p>The listed activities and sub listed activities are included in Table 6-1 of the Final EIA.</p>	<p>Table 6-1 of the Final EIA.</p>
	<p>f) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.</p>	<p>The listed activities represented in the Final EIA and application form are the same and correct. An amended application form will be submitted with the Final EIA.</p>	<p>Section 6 of the Final EIA</p>
	<p>g) The EAP is required to provide clear assessment for each identified alternative and further provide clear motivation and reasons as to why the preferred alternative proves to be the preferred compared to other alternatives.</p>	<p>The project alternatives are discussed in Section 5 of the Final EIA.</p>	<p>Section 5 of the Final EIA</p>
	<p>h) Ensure that the SG codes, farm names and numbers are correct and consistent throughout the reports and application form.</p>	<p>WSP confirms that the SG codes, all farm names, and numbers and the EAP's contact details included in the Application Form and Final EIA are correct and consistent.</p>	<p>Section 4 of the Final EIA</p>
	<p>2. Alternatives</p> <p>A development envelope has been determined and assessed by specialists and this area would avoid no-go areas identified by the specialists. Please provide further information regarding this to demonstrate how the layout was derived. Note that a finalised layout must be presented in the final EIR.</p>	<p>The project alternatives are discussed in Section 5 of the Final EIA. A development envelope was determined based on the site boundaries and specialist assessments. The Development Envelope would avoid all the no-go areas identified by the specialists and a final layout has been included in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIR and it includes the PV panels, on-site substations, switching stations, BESS, underground cables, internal gravel</p>	<p>Section 5 of the Final EIA</p> <p>Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA</p>

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		roads, fencing, construction site camps and other infrastructure.	
	<p><u>3. Public Participation Process</u></p> <p><u>a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the relevant Provincial Departments, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirms that comments from all relevant stakeholders as indicated in the Stakeholder Database (Appendix A of the PPP Report) that have been received to date, have been included in the PPP Report.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the PPP Report</u></p> <p><u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>b) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAR. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format. All comments from I&APs must be responded to. A response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIA from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response table in Section 3 of the PPP Report, and responded to accordingly.</u></p> <p><u>WSP can confirm that the PPP Report will also be submitted as a separate report in the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 3 of the PPP Report</u></p> <p><u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>c) Comments from each submission must be responded to individually. The dates in which comments were received must be recorded in the C&R. Your responses to the issues raised by the Department must be included in the comments and response (C&R) report, in a tabular format. Ensure that comments are organised chronologically.</u></p>	<p><u>All comments received from each submission have been included in a table format in Section 3 of the PPP Report and responded to individually and accordingly. The table also includes the date and format the comment was received.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 3 of the PPP Report</u></p> <p><u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>d) The final EIAR must comply with all conditions of the acceptance of the scoping report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment</u></p>	<p><u>All comments received on the SR and the Draft EIA have been included in Section 3 of the PPP Report. All comments have been responded to accordingly.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 3 of the PPP Report</u></p>

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	<p><u>(PoSEIA). The final EIAR must address all comments received on the SR and the draft EIAR, including this letter.</u></p>		<p><u>Appendix D of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>e) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>	
	<p><u>4. Cumulative Assessment</u></p> <p><u>Should there be any other similar projects within a 20km to 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.</u> <u>• Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.</u> <u>• The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u> 	<p><u>Section 10 of the Final EIA includes Renewable Energy Projects within 30km of the Mura Solar Development. The cumulative impact has been included by the specialists and the impact assessment has been included in Section 10.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed or not.</u> <p>5. The layout map must indicate the following:</p> <p>a) <u>The envisioned area for the development of a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility (Mura 4). (i.e.), location and all associated infrastructure including BESS, should be mapped at an appropriate scale.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Solar Farm Substations area (e.g., two on-site solar substations adjacent to Eskom switching stations that will connect to the approved Nuweveld Collector Substation.</u> • <u>Building Infrastructure (e.g., Offices; Operational and maintenance (O&M)/ control centre; Warehouse/workshop; Ablution facilities; and Converter/inverter stations).</u> • <u>Other Infrastructure located within the solar area footprint (e.g., Internal underground cables, Internal gravel roads; Fencing around the PV Facility; Panel maintenance and cleaning area, Storm water management system; Site camps, and temporary construction laydown area).</u> • <u>BESS and BESS substation (e.g., substation yard).</u> • <u>All existing infrastructure on the site, especially internal road infrastructure, as indicated above.</u> <p>a) <u>Please provide an environmental sensitivity map, if possible, which indicates the following:</u></p>	<p>The final site layout, which covers the whole Development Envelope, is presented in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA. A combined No-Go Sensitivity Map is included in Figure 11-1 and an Environmental Feature Sensitivity Map for the Mura Solar facilities is included in Figure 11-3.</p>	<p>Figure 11-1, Figure 11-2 and Figure 11-3 of the Final EIA</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., CBAs, protected areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;</u> • <u>Buffer areas; and All “no-go” areas.</u> 		
	<p>b) <u>Please include a cadastre map which shows the affected farm portions from Table 4-1 in relation to Mura 4 PV.</u></p>	<p>Figure 4-1 includes the cadastral boundaries in relation to the Mura 4 PV Facility.</p>	
	<p>6. <u>Specialist assessments</u></p> <p>a) <u>Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final EIAR. You are therefore requested to submit original signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms for each specialist study conducted. The forms are available on Department’s website (please use the Department’s template).</u></p>	<p>The signed Specialist Declarations of Interest have been included in Appendix C1 of the Final EIA. The specialist CVs are included in Appendix C2 of the Final EIA.</p>	<p>Appendix C1 and C2 of the Final EIA</p>
	<p>b) <u>All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.</u></p>	<p>All specialist studies conducted have been included in Appendix H of the EIR. The Specialist studies include detailed mitigation measures to prevent or avoid adverse impacts on the receiving environment, which have been incorporated into the EIR and EMP. The Specialist recommendations and conclusions are included in Section 11.2 of the Final EIA. There are no recommendations or requirements from the Specialists to conduct further studies post EA.</p>	<p>Appendix H of the Final EIA</p> <p>Section 11.2 of the Final EIA</p>
	<p>c) <u>Please ensure that, all required specialist studies for the project are recommended and conducted. Finding and recommendations of the specialist</u></p>	<p>Specialist Studies identified by the DFFE Screening Tool that have been undertaken are included Table 3-2 of the Final EIA and includes motivation for specialist studies not</p>	<p>Table 3-2 of the Final EIA</p>

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	<p><u>studies must incorporate with final report and the EMPr for decision making. As initial recommended in the scoping acceptance.</u></p>	<p><u>undertaken. A summary of the site sensitivity confirmed by specialists are included in Table 8-1 of the Final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 8-1 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>d) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.</u></p>	<p><u>The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 11.3 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>e) Recommendations provided by specialist reports must be considered and used to inform the preferred layout alternative.</u></p>	<p><u>The Development Envelope does avoid all the no-go areas identified by the specialists and the assessment process assumed that the whole Development Envelope would be transformed. Based on the outcomes of the assessment process, the final site layout, which covers the whole Development Envelope, is presented in Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA and aligns with restrictions of the specialist assessment</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA</u></p>
	<p><u>7. Environmental Management Programme</u> <u>The EMPr must also include the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.</u> <u>• An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.</u> <u>• Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas</u> 	<p><u>All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the final EIA and the specialist studies have been included in Section 7 of the EMPr</u></p> <p><u>Table 7-7 of the EMPr contains Water Management Mitigation and Management Measures.</u></p> <p><u>It is confirmed that the generic EMPr for the substation includes all the substations forming part of the application. The coordinates of the substations are provided in Table 4 of Section 7.1 of the generic EMPr and the location shown in Figure 3 of Section 7.2.</u></p> <p><u>The scope of the generic overhead EMPr applies to the development or expansion of overhead electricity</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the EMPr</u></p>

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	<p>from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An alien/invasive plant management report; plant rescue and protection report; and re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation report. • In addition to the above, the EMPr for the facility must comply with Appendix 4 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. • It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme, must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility. This means that a generic EMPr must be included for the substation and the powerline (only if applicable). • A generic EMPr for the 132kV substation has been compiled and submitted, however, the declaration is not dated (Appendix E of Appendix I). • Please include clarity whether the generic EMPr for the substation (Appendix E of Appendix I) includes all the proposed substation infrastructure i.e. the two substations for the PV facility and the 1 substation for the BESS. Include the substations in the maps of the generic EMPr. 	<p>transmission and distribution infrastructure requiring EA in terms of NEMA with a capacity of 33 kilovolts or more.</p> <p>However, within the description of the generic EMPr it is stated that it applies when activity 11 and 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, or activity 9 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014, as amended, are triggered. The application does not include any <i>overhead</i> lines but underground lines of up to 132 kV is included in the development proposal and therefore Activity 11 is triggered. Based on the description of when the generic EMPr is applicable, it was deemed that the generic EMPr will be applicable, given that activity 11 is triggered. However, if the DFFE is of the opinion that it isn't applicable, then the generic EMPRs should not be considered.</p> <p>The declaration for the Generic EMPr submitted with the Final EIA and EMPr has been dated.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Furthermore, it is unclear as to why a generic EMPR for a powerline has been included since the grid application for overhead powerlines will be a separate application (Appendix E of Appendix I - EMPR). 		
	<p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that a preferred technology is provided for the BESS. 	<p>The technology alternatives are discussed in Section 5.2.2 of the Final EIA, which states:</p> <p><i>“The BESS will be made up of Lithium-Ion batteries or similar solid-state technology due to them being a mature and safe technology with regard to potential impacts on the environment in a solar facility farm, modular and easy to install and due to their technical characteristics, will work well as energy storage systems for solar facilities, as well as supporting grid stability. Please refer to Section 4.4.3 for a detailed description of the BESS. No other BESS technology is being considered for this project.”</i></p>	<p>Section 5.2.2 of the Final EIA</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIAR must provide coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities. Coordinates must be provided in the format as specified in the 2014 NEMA Regulations, as amended. Kindly provide property information in a separate appendix and include farm names, portions and numbers; coordinates of main infrastructure etc. 	<p>Coordinate points for the proposed development as well as the start, middle and end point of the Access Road have been provided in Section 4.1 of the Final EIA.</p> <p>All property information inclusive of farm names, portions and numbers; coordinates of main infrastructure etc have been provided in Section 4.1. This information has been extracted into a separate Appendix (Appendix J) in the Final EIA as requested by the DFFE.</p>	<p>Section 4.1 of the Final EIA</p> <p>Appendix J of the Final EIA</p>

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	<p>• Please note that, all correspondences issued by this Department for this project are still valid and must be adhered to.</p>	<p>WSP takes note of this. All correspondence issued by the DFFE have been included in the PPP Report.</p>	-
	<p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: <i>“The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority -</i></p> <p><i>(a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, and an EMPr, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.”</i></p>	<p>WSP confirms that the Final EIA will be submitted to the DFFE within the required timeframe of the regulations. The EMPr is included in Appendix H of the Final EIA.</p>	-
	<p>Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAR or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: <i>“The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the reports, and an EMPr, will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority, or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the</i></p>	<p>WSP confirms that all changes made to the Final EIA are minor and no new information has been presented. All changes made in the Final EIA have been underlined for ease of reference for the reader.</p>	-

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	<p><u>environmental impact assessment report or EMPr, which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a) and that the revised environmental impact assessment report or EMPr will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days”.</u></p> <p><u>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</u></p>		
	<p><u>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</u></p> <p><u>Department.</u></p> <p><u>Yours sincerely,</u></p> <p><u>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u></p> <p><u>Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment</u></p> <p><u>Signed by: Mr Wayne Hector</u></p> <p><u>Designation: Deputy Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects Date: 24/07/2023</u></p>	<p><u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder</u></p>	



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<u>Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</u>			
<p><u>Thea Jordan</u> <u>04 August 2023</u> <u>Letter via email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Madam</u></p> <p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 360MW MURA 4 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRUCTURES ON FARM LEEUWKLOOF NO. 43, AANGRENSEND FARM ABRAMSKRAAL NO. 11, FARM SNEEUWKRAAL NO. 46, AND PORTION 4; REMAINDER OF PORTION 3; AND THE REMAINDER OF FARM DUIKER KRANSE NO. 45, BEAUFORT WEST (DFFE REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2325)</u></p> <p><u>1. The Draft Scoping Report (“DSR”) dated March 2023, the Department’s comments thereto dated 11 April 2023, and the email notification of 03 July 2023 regarding the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) Report for comments, refer.</u></p> <p><u>2. Thank you for your willingness to extend the deadline for comments on the Draft EIA Report. Please find consolidated comments from various directorates within the Department on the Draft EIA Report dated July 2023 that was available for download from various online platforms.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges that the Directorate has no further comments on the Draft EIA Report</u></p>	<p><u>:</u></p>

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	<p>3. Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer (Email: Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2887):</p> <p>3.1. This Directorate is satisfied that its comments on the DSR have been adequately addressed and responded to in the Comments and Responses Report, Draft EIA Report, and Traffic Impact Assessment compiled by Athol Schwarz dated 07 May 2023.</p> <p>3.2. The Animal Species Compliance Statement compiled by 3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions dated November 2022 noted that the proposed development site has a low sensitivity for both the Karoo Dwarf Tortoise and the Riverine Rabbit based on habitat mapping, active searching, and camera trapping across the site. This Directorate supports the recommendation of the faunal specialist, which has been incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”), that the developer will contribute towards Riverine Rabbit conservation initiatives occurring in the area.</p> <p>3.3. This Directorate has no further comments on the Draft EIA Report.</p>		
	<p>4. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Vishwanath Gianpersad (Email: Vishwanath.Gianpersad@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8325):</p> <p>4.1. It is noted that a decommissioning assessment will be considered as part of the decommissioning</p>	<p>Domestic waste will be temporarily stored in conservancy tanks which will be emptied by a truck weekly, as needed, to a registered Waste Water Treatment Works. Confirmation will be obtained from Beaufort West Municipality’s solid waste management department or a registered service provider and submitted to the</p>	-

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	<p><u>process that will be subject to a separate authorisation and impact assessment process.</u></p> <p><u>4.2. Waste mitigation and management measures for general and hazardous waste have been detailed in the EMPr. The EMPr includes a Waste Management Plan and a Hazardous Substances Management Plan which detail measures for the management of waste during various stages of the project.</u></p> <p><u>4.3. The applicant must submit confirmation from Beaufort West Municipality’s solid waste management department or a registered service provider regarding their capacity to accept and dispose of general solid waste generated during all phases of the proposed development.</u></p>	<p><u>Directorate: Waste Management prior to the commencement of construction.</u></p>	
	<p><u>4.4. Incidents that fall under section 30(1)(a) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) must be dealt with as required. Containment and clean-up must commence immediately, and any incidents must be reported to the relevant authorities and within the prescribed period.</u></p>	<p><u>The Emergency Response Plan under Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr includes reference to Section 30 of NEMA. The Response to Incidents in Section 8.1.3 of the EMPr has been updated to include reference to the reporting of incidents to the relevant authorities.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr</u></p>
	<p><u>5. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Shehaam Brinkhuis (Email: Shehaam.Brinkhuis@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8309):</u></p> <p><u>5.1. In line with the recommendations of the Aquatic Biodiversity and Species Specialist Assessment compiled by BlueScience (Pty) Ltd dated April 2023 (Appendix H4), surface installations such as solar</u></p>	<p><u>All surface installations such as solar photovoltaic arrays, substations, battery storage facilities and construction camps, will be located outside of the designated buffer areas. The sensitive watercourses and their buffers as indicated in the Final EIA and Final layout are provided in Figure 11-2.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 11-2 of the Final EIA</u></p>

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	<p><u>photovoltaic arrays, substations, battery storage facilities and construction camps, must be located outside of the designated buffer areas, most notably, the sensitive watercourses and their buffers.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.2. It is supported, that as far as possible, construction near sensitive aquatic features be undertaken during the dry season, with the installation of sediment traps downstream.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP notes the Department’s support.</u></p>	
	<p><u>5.3. The utilisation of cleaning chemicals on solar panels poses a risk of contamination and pollution to water resources. Care should be taken to implement mitigation measures to reduce this. It is recommended that all cleaning products used within the site should be environmentally friendly and biodegradable, as per section 9.13 of the Draft EIA Report. It is noted that a panel cleaning and maintenance area is proposed. Drainage in this area must be carefully planned, and contaminated water captured for appropriate disposal to a registered waste facility, and not discharged into the environment, stormwater channels or any water resources nearby. It is preferable that the cleaning and maintenance area is hard surfaced with appropriate collection channels and a drainage system installed.</u></p>	<p><u>Mitigation Measures included in the Final EIA have been included in Section 7 of the EMPr,</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the EMPr</u></p>
	<p><u>5.4. The following recommendations are provided with respect to the proposed battery energy storage system to prevent and manage potential contamination of water resources, including</u></p>	<p><u>The recommendations have been added to Table 7-6 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	

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	<p><u>groundwater, emanating from the site during the construction and operational phases:</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.1. Compilation and adherence to a procedure for the safe handling of battery cells.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.2. Lithium-ion batteries must have battery management systems (containment, automatic alarms and shut-off systems) to monitor and protect cells from overcharging or damaging conditions.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.3. Compilation of an emergency response plan for implementation in the event of a spill or leakage.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.4. Provision of spill kits on-site for clean-up of spills and leaks.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.5. Immediate clean-up of spills and disposal of contaminated absorbents and materials or soil at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.6. Recording and reporting of all electrolyte spills or leaks so that appropriate clean-up measures can be implemented. A copy of these records must be made available to authorities on request throughout the project lifecycle.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.7. Frequent and appropriate disposal of both general and hazardous waste to prevent pollution of soil and groundwater.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.8. On-site battery maintenance should only be undertaken on impermeable surfaces with secondary</u></p>		

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	<p><u>containment measures. Any resulting hazardous substances must be disposed of appropriately at a registered facility with retention of chain of custody documentation.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.4.9. Provision of suitable emergency and safety signage on-site, and demarcation of any areas which may pose a safety risk (including hazardous substances). Emergency numbers for the local police, fire department, Eskom and Beaufort West Municipality must be placed in a prominent, clearly visible area on-site.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.5. Reference is made to the storage of diesel in aboveground tanks within concrete bunds. Additional information is required on this aspect, including but not limited to, the following: What is the approximate total volume of fuel to be stored on site? How many aboveground tanks are proposed? Where is their location within the site? Please include the specifications of the bund(s). What mitigation measures are proposed to prevent and manage impacts related to fuel losses?</u></p>	<p><u>Due to the remoteness of site, the Contractor would establish a temporary fuel and lubricants storage area on the site to ensure that they can fuel and maintain the various items of equipment and plant to be used in the construction activities on a day to day basis. The combined storage capacity of all of the above facilities/infrastructure will exceed 80m³ but will be below 500m³.</u></p> <p><u>As these qualify as dangerous (hazardous) goods, they would need to be stored in bespoke area located within the site camp with necessary protections including spill protection measures and secondary containment, with oil separator/s, adequate weather proofing, firefighting equipment, added security (i.e. fencing and lockable access points, etc. to ensure that untrained or unauthorised persons cannot gain access). The site would need to be situated away from other areas and carry the necessary hazard warning signage typical for such facility. The facility may have to be outfitted with a forecourt and</u></p>	

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		<p><u>dispensing equipment to allow vehicles to fill up at the facility or otherwise decant into mobile bowsers that would transport fuel out. The final EMPr includes measures to handle hazardous substances on site.</u></p>	
	<p><u>5.6. Generalised descriptions have been provided of “other infrastructure” and service infrastructure for the proposals. With specific reference to the offices, site camps, workshop, warehouse and control centre, how will effluent, liquid waste and sewage be handled and disposed of? A description has been included of Beaufort West Municipality’s current services; however, it is not clear how the service infrastructure required on-site links to municipal services. Please clarify and provide confirmation thereof. Should conservancy tanks be proposed, please specify and include confirmation of sludge disposal method and frequency. In the event an on-site package plant/wastewater treatment works is proposed, please clarify the preferred technology and treated effluent disposal method. Please note that this Directorate does not support the installation of septic tanks.</u></p>	<p><u>Domestic waste will be temporarily stored in conservancy tanks which will be emptied by a truck weekly, as needed, to a registered Waste Water Treatment Works.</u></p>	
	<p><u>5.7. It is requested that the EMPr be amended to include reference to section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) pertaining to the control of incidents. Please note that the statement included under section 8.1 of the EMPr, relating to an Emergency Response Plan, is insufficient. In the event of a significant spill or leak of hazardous substances (e.g., petrol, diesel, etc.) used during the</u></p>	<p><u>The Emergency Response Plan under Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr includes reference to Section 30 of NEMA. The Response to Incidents in Section 8.1.3 of the EMPr has been updated to include reference to the reporting of incidents to the relevant authorities.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 8.1 of the Final EMPr</u></p>

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	<p><u>proposed activities, such an incident(s) must be reported to the relevant authorities, including this Department’s Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management, in accordance with section 30 of the NEMA, 1998.</u></p>		
	<p><u>5.8. The Geohydrological Assessment compiled by GEOSS dated 31 January 2023 (Appendix H13) details recommendations for the proposed development, which are supported. However, these recommendations include specifications around water supply. Similarly, the Aquatic Biodiversity and Species Specialist Assessment also includes recommendations with respect to a “viable water supply” for the site and use of water within the existing water allocation of the property, unless application has been made for new boreholes. It is noted that the aspect of water supply has not been specifically addressed in the Draft EIA Report. Please clarify water supply for the proposals, in addition to the approximate volume required. It is requested that the necessary approvals from the relevant authority(ies) (depending on whether groundwater or municipal supply) is provided with the Final EIA Report to demonstrate the required approval for abstraction or supply is in place, or that application is underway.</u></p>	<p><u>Water will be obtained for construction purposes from an existing water allocation to the property or from a viable water source, including new yield-tested boreholes.</u></p> <p><u>The DWS Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Proto CMA has issued a non-binding confirmation letter of the water availability for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 Solar Facilities. These letters are included in Appendix F of the PPP Report.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix F of the PPP Report</u></p>
	<p><u>5.9. The Geohydrological Assessment also includes the following recommendation, which is strongly supported and should be implemented in accordance with the specialist’s specifications: “Monitoring of groundwater (abstraction volumes, quality and water</u></p>	<p><u>The recommendation has been included in Table 7-12 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 7-12 of the Final EMPr.</u></p>

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	<p><i>levels) will be required, this should ideally be implemented one year prior to the start of construction if the project timeframes permit.”</i></p>		
	<p>5.10. Further to the above, it is noted that according to the Draft EIA Report, <i>“the DWS will make the final decision on water uses that are applicable to the project through a pre-application meeting after which a Water Use Authorisation Application (WUA) as determined by the risk assessment will be undertaken in compliance with procedural regulations published by the DWS within General Notice 267 (GN267).”</i> Given that the application is in the environmental impact reporting phase, has a decision been made and advice obtained from the Department of Water and Sanitation on the applicability of section 21 of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998)?</p>	<p>Water will be obtained for construction purposes from an existing water allocation to the property or from a viable water source, including new yield-tested boreholes. A WUA application will be made prior to construction should it be necessary.</p> <p>The DWS Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Proto CMA has issued a non-binding confirmation letter of the water availability for the Mura 1, 2, 3 and 4 Solar Facilities. These letters are included in Appendix F of the PPP Report.</p>	<p>Appendix F of the PPP Report</p>
	<p>6. The applicant is reminded of its <i>“general duty of care towards the environment”</i> as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998 which states that <i>“Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”</i></p>	<p>Section 5.4.2 of the Final EMPr contains reference to the <u>Duty of Care</u>.</p>	<p>Section 5.4.2 of the Final EMPr</p>



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	<p><u>The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.</u></p> <p><u>Yours sincerely</u></p> <p><u>Thea Jordan</u></p> <p><u>HEAD OF DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING</u></p> <p><u>Letter signed by:</u></p> <p><u>Thea Jordan Date: 4 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Director: Development Facilitation</u></p>	<p><u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this.</u></p>	<p><u>-</u></p>

Appendix A

STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



Type	Org / Entity / Property	Position	Full name & Surname	Tel No.	Cell No.	Email
Authority	Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)	Redacted as per POPIA requirements				
Authority	Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)					
Authority	Beaufort West Local Municipality					
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Authority	Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Area (BGCMA)					
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Authority	CapeNature Land Use Advice: George Office					
Authority	CapeNature: Land Use Advice					
Authority	Central Karoo District Municipality					
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Authority	Central Karoo District Municipality					
Authority	Central Karoo District Municipality - The Regional Tourism Office for the Central Karoo District Municipality					
Authority	DEA&DP: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning					
Authority	DEA&DP: Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning					
Authority	DEA&DP: Directorate: Development Facilitation					
Authority	DEFF:Biodiversity&Conservation					
Authority	DEFF:Biodiversity&Conservation					
Authority	Department of Agriculture Landform and Rural Development					
Authority	Department of Environment and Nature Conservation					
Authority	Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate: Biodiversity					
Authority	Department of Environmental Affairs: Protected areas					
Authority	Department of Mineral Resources					
Authority	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy					
Authority	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy					
Authority	Department of Public Works					
Authority	Department of Public Works					
Authority	Department of Public Works					
Authority	Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Northern Cape					
Authority	Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Northern Cape					
Authority	DFFE: Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation					
Authority	DWS					
Authority	Heritage Western Cape					
Authority	Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Water Management Area					
Authority	Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Water Management Area					
Authority	Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Water Management Area					
Authority	Mzimvubu-Tsitsikamma Water Management Area					
Authority	National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries					
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Authority	National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries					
Authority	National Department of Energy					
Authority	National Department of Transport (DoT)					
Authority	National Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)					
Authority	NC Department of Environment and Nature Conservation					
Authority	NERSA (National Energy Regulator of South Africa)					

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Authority	Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP)	Redacted as per POPIA requirements				
Authority	Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) - George Office					
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Authority	Western Cape Department of Agriculture					
Authority	Western Cape Department of Agriculture					
Authority	Western Cape Department of Agriculture					
Authority	Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Forestry and					
Authority	Western Cape Department of Rural Development and Land					
Authority	Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works					
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Landowner	Aangrensend Abramskraal Farm 11					
Landowner	Bultfontein Farm 12					
Landowner	Bultfontein Farm 13					
Landowner	Leeuwkloof Farm 43					
Landowner	Portion 2 of Paardeberg Farm 49					
Landowner	Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45					
Landowner	RE of Abrams Kraal Farm 206					
Landowner	RE of Duiker Kranse Farm 45					
Landowner	RE of Portion 3 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45					
Landowner	Sneeuwkraal Farm 46					
Occupier	Portion 2 of Paardeberg Farm 49					
Occupier	Portion 2 of Paardeberg Farm 49					
Occupier	Portion 2 of Paardeberg Farm 49					
Occupier	Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45					
Occupier	Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45					
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Occupier	Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45					
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Adjacent Landowner	Bronkers Valei					
Adjacent Landowner	Gans Fontein					
Adjacent Landowner	Gans Fontein					
Adjacent Landowner	Gans Fontein					
Adjacent Landowner	Gansfontein Annexe					
Adjacent Landowner	Gert Adriaans Kraal					
Adjacent Landowner	Kaffers Kraal					
Adjacent Landowner	Lapfontein					
Adjacent Landowner	Paardeberg					
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Adjacent Landowner	Quagga Fontein					
Adjacent Landowner	Snyderfontein					
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Adjacent Landowner	Spits Kop					
Adjacent Landowner	Vlak Fontein					
I&AP	Eskom Beaufort West					
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I&AP	Eskom Beaufort West					
I&AP	Eskom Beaufort West: Transmission Western Grid					
NPO	Agri Northern Cape					
NPO	Agri Northern Cape					
NPO	Agri Western Cape					
NPO	Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)					
NPO	EWT					
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NPO	EWT					
NGO	BirdLife South Africa					
Stakeholder	South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)					
Stakeholder	G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd					

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Stakeholder	SOLA	Redacted as per POPIA requirements				
Stakeholder	Beaufort West Resident					
Stakeholder	ACED					
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Stakeholder	Enertrag					
Stakeholder	Subsolar Energy (Pty) Ltd					
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Appendix B

NOTIFICATIONS



Appendix B.1

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MURA PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982, as amended published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) as amended for submission of applications for Environmental Authorisations (EA) in respect of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations activities identified in terms of GNR 983 (as amended), GNR 984 (as amended) and GNR 985 (as amended)

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Red Cap Energy is proposing to develop four solar facilities, namely Mura 1, Mura 2, Mura 3, and Mura 4, and an associated grid connection, collectively known as the Mura PV Development between Loxton and Beaufort West in the Beaufort West Local Municipality and Ubuntu Local Municipality and the Central Karoo District Municipality and Pixley ka Seme District Municipality in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces. The proposed Mura PV Development is located in close proximity to the approved Nuweveld Wind Farm Development. The proposed authorisations include the following Basic Assessment (BA) and Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes:

Proponent	Project	Technology	Process	Farm Names
Mura 1 (Pty) Ltd	Up to 150 MW Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure	Solar Photovoltaic (PV)	BA*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45
	Up to 132 kV Mura Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) Corridor	Transmission Line	BA*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • Bultfontein Farm 13 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • RE of Portion 3 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Bultfontein Farm 12 • Aangrensend Abramskraal Farm 11 • RE of Abrams Kraal Farm 206 • Sneeuwkraal Farm 46 • RE of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Portion 2 of Paardeberg Farm 49
Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd	Up to 400 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • Bultfontein Farm 13 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45
Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd	Up to 320 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • RE of Abrams Kraal Farm 206 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • RE of Portion 3 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • RE of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Sneeuwkraal Farm 46 • Aangrensend Abramskraal Farm 11
Mura 4 (Pty) Ltd	Up to 360 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • Aangrensend Abramskraal Farm 11 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • RE of Portion 3 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • RE of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Sneeuwkraal Farm 46

* falls within the Beaufort West Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ)

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The following listed activities associated with the Proposed Projects are triggered:

Project	Listing Notices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mura 1 • Mura 2 • Mura 3 • Mura 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended): Activity 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii) and 56(ii); • NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984, as amended): Activity 1 and 15; • NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985, as amended): Activity 4 (ii)(aa), 12 (i)(ii), 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff), 18 (i)(ii)(aa) and 23 (ii)(a) (i)(i)(ff).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mura EGI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended): Activity 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 27(i) and 28(ii); • NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985, as amended): Activity 12 (i)(ii) and 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff).

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

An integrated Public Participation Process is proposed for the above-mentioned projects. The Draft Environmental Basic Assessment and Scoping Reports will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023**.

Area	Venue	Street Address	Contact No
Beaufort West	Beaufort West Public Library	Corner of Bird Street and Church Street	023 414 8113
	Klein Karoo Agri	80 Donkin Street	023 415 1199
Loxton	Loxton Library	Margaretha Prinsloo Street, Loxton	053 381 3102
WSP Website	https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents		
Datafree Website	https://wsp-engage.com/		

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Red Cap Energy (Pty) Ltd, to manage the respective BA and S&EIR processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the Proposed Projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

EAP Details: Megan Govender (T) 011 361 1410 (E) Megan.Govender@wsp.com (A) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152



WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an I&AP for purposes of enabling your registration as an I&AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I&AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.

OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE MURA FOTOVOLTAÏESE ONTWIKKELING TUSSEN LOXTON EN BEAUFORT-WES IN DIE WES-KAAP EN NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIES

Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982, soos gewysig, gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) soos gewysig vir die indiening van aansoeke om Omgewingsmagtigings (EA) ten opsigte van die Omgewingsimpakbepalingsregulasies aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983 (soos gewysig), GNR 984 (soos gewysig) en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Red Cap Energy stel voor om vier sonkragfasiliteite te ontwikkel, naamlik Mura 1, Mura 2, Mura 3 en Mura 4, en 'n gepaardgaande netwerkverbinding, gesamentlik bekend as die Mura Fotovoltaïese sonkrag-ontwikkeling tussen Loxton en Beaufort-Wes in die Beaufort-Wes Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Ubuntu Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Sentrale Karoo Distriksmunisipaliteit en die Pixley ka Seme Distriksmunisipaliteit in die Wes-Kaap en Noord-Kaap Provinsies. Die voorgestelde Mura PV-ontwikkeling is naby die goedgekeurde Nuweveld Windplaas-ontwikkeling geleë. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Basiese Evaluering (BE) en Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (B&OIV) prosesse in:

Aansoeker	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Plaasname
Mura 1 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 150 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	BE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 Porsie 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45
	Tot 132 kV Mura Elektriese Kragnetwerkverbindingkorridor Corridor	Transmissielyn	BE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 Bultfontein Plaas 13 Porsie 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE of Porsie 3 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Bultfontein Plaas 12 Aangrensend Abramskraal Plaas 11 RE of Abrams Kraal Plaas 206 Sneeuwkraal Plaas 46 RE of Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Porsie 2 of Paardeberg Plaas 49
Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 400 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	B&OIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 Porsie 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Bultfontein Plaas 13
Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 320 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	B&OIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 RE van Abrams Kraal Plaas 206 Portion 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE van Porsie 3 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Sneeuwkraal Plaas 46 Aangrensend Abramskraal Plaas 11
Mura 4 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 360 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	B&OIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 Aangrensend Abramskraal Plaas 11 Porsie 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE van Porsie 3 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Sneeuwkraal Plaas 46

* val binne die Beaufort-Wes Hernubare Energie Ontwikkelingsones

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, is van toepassing:

Projek	Noteringskennisgewings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mura 1 Mura 2 Mura 3 Mura 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii) and 56(ii); NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 2 (GNR 984, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 1 en 15; NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR 985, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 4 (ii)(aa), 12 (i)(ii), 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff), 18 (i)(ii)(aa) and 23 (ii)(a) (i)(i)(ff).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mura EGI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 27(i) and 28(ii); NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR 985, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 12 (i)(ii) and 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff).

KONSEP BASIESE ASSESSERING EN KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

'n Geïntegreerde Openbare Deelnameproses word voorgestel vir die bogenoemde projekte. Die Konsep Basiese Omgewingsevaluering en Omvangverslae sal op versoek en/of by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar vir 30 dae vanaf **06 Maart 2023 tot 06 April 2023**.

Gebied	Lokaal	Straatadres	kontaknommer
Beaufort-Wes	Beaufort-Wes Openbare Biblioteek	Hoek van Birdstraat en Kerkstraat	023 414 8113
	Klein Karoo Agri	Donkinstraat 80	023 415 1199
Loxton	Loxton-biblioteek	Margaretha Prinsloostraat, Loxton	053 381 3102
WSP webwerf	https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents		
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REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur Red Cap Energy (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike Omgewingsevalueringpraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om die onderskeie BA- en S&OIV-prosesse te bestuur. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbendes wil registreer om hul kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projekte te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die EAP te stuur na die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Alle toekomstige korrespondensie sal aan Geregistreerde belanghebbendes aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

EAP-besonderhede: Megan Govender (T) 011 361 1410 (E) Megan.Govender@wsp.com (A) Posbus 98867, Sloane Park, 2152



WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n B&GP werker vir doeleindes om jou registrasie as 'n B&GP moontlik te maak en vir die doeleindes om jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor, indien jy daartoe instem dat ons dit doen. WSP gebruik hierdie besonderhede om jou te kontak oor ander projekte in die toekoms. WSP sal altyd jou persoonlike inligting verwerk in ooreenstemming met die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting 4 van 2013. Jy is geregtig om jou regte as 'n databasisgebruiker uit te oefen en ons te laat weet as jy as 'n B&GP gederegistreer wil word of as jy nie meer wil hê nie jou kontakbesonderhede om op ons databasis ingesluit te word.



A.J. van Niekerk
Boedel wyle ALBERT JACOBUS VAN NIEKERK, ID-nr. 510727 5088 08 4, gebore 27/07/1951, datum van afsterfe 13/07/2021 van Seaview-ryaan 3071, Betty's Bay, 7141. Boedelnr. 018274/2021. Kennis geskied hiermee dat die Eerste en Finale Likwidasië- en Distribusierekening in bogemelde boedel ter insae sal lê ten kantore van die Meester van die Hoogeregshof, Kaapstad, en die Landdros, George, vir 'n tydperk van 21 dae, geleë vanaf 3 Maart 2023.

M.P. Vraagom
KENNISEGWING IN TERME VAN ARTIKEL 35 VAN DIE BOEDELWET-NR.66 VAN 1965, SOOS GEWYSIG

MERVYN PETER VRAAGOM, ID-nr. 561016 5191 08 2, 'n ongehuurde manlike persoon, wat oorlede is op die 7 Julie 2016. Boedelnr. 12360/2016. Kennis word hiermee gegee dat die eerste en finale likwidasië- en distribusierekening in bogemelde boedel ter insae lê by die kantoor van die Meester van die Hoogeregshof Wes-Kaap, Kaapstad en die Landdros, Stellenbosch, vir 'n tydperk van 21 dae, geleë vanaf Vrydag, 3 Maart 2023.

S.H.van Wyk
BOEDEL

Boedel wyle SUSARA HETTRIESA VAN WYK, ID-nr. 420319 0089 08 2, van Blue Mountain-landgoed 76, George. Boedelnr. 001329/2022. Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Art. 35(5) van Wet 66 van 1965 dat afskrifte van die eerste en finale likwidasië- en distribusierekening in die bogemelde boedel ter insae sal lê in die kantoor van die meester, Kaapstad, en die landdros, George, vir 'n tydperk van 21 dae vanaf die datum van publikasie hiervan.



Boedel wyle MARIA MAGDALENA SPREETH, ID-nr. 480706 0094 08 7, datum van dood 14/08/2022, adres van oorledene Belmontstraat 2, Chrismar, Bellville, 7530. Boedelnr. 023877/2022. Die Eerste en Finale Likwidasië- en Distribusierekening in hierdie boedel sal vir inspekte ter insae lê vir een en twintig dae van Vrydag, 3 Maart 2023, by die Meester te Kaapstad en Landdros Hof te Bellville.

Z.G. Gaunt
BOEDEL

Boedel wyle ZENOBIA GERTRUIDA GAUNT, ID-nr. 460531 0012 08 5, van Sunningdale Park 2, Tenaanang, Kennerth, Kaapstad. Meesterskants: Wes-Kaap. Boedelnr. 17343/2022. Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Art. 35(5) van Wet 66 van 1965 dat afskrifte van die gewysigde eerste likwidasië- en distribusierekening in die bogemelde boedel ter insae sal lê in die kantoor van die meester, Kaapstad, en die landdros, Wynberg, vir 'n tydperk van 21 dae vanaf die datum van publikasie hiervan.



Kays Auto Sales and Hire
KENNISEGWING VAN ALGEMENE VERGADERING VAN SKULDEISERS
KAYS AUTO SALES AND HIRE (EDMS.) BPK, n/a KAYS AUTO (in likwidasië), Meestersverwysings-nr. C043/2022. Ingevolge Artikel 339, 366, 375 (5) (b) en 402 van die Maatskappijwet 1973, word hiermee kennis gegee dat die ondergenoemde aangestel is as Likwidateurs en dat persone wat einskildig is versoek word om onmiddellik hul skulde te vereffen by die ondergenoemde.

M.D Bartlett
INSOLVENTE BOEDEL

Rekening wat ter insae lê
Insolvente boedel: M.D. BARTLETT (ID-nr. 830523 0193 08 3). Meestersverwysings-nr. C416/2020. Die eerste en finale likwidasië en distribusierekening in bogemelde saak sal ter insae sal lê by die kantoor van die meester van die hoogeregshof, Kaapstad, en die landdros, Wynberg, vir 'n tydperk van veertien dae vanaf publikasie hiervan.

Pieter du Toit Construction
PIETER DU TOIT CONSTRUCTION BPK (in likwidasië), Registrasie-nommer 2010/021907/23. Meestersverwysings-nr. C828/2022.

Boedo BDO BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING (EDMS.) BPK, J.L. Krynauw & L. Lombard, Mede-Likwidateurs, Posbus 820, Stellenbosch, 7599. Tel. 021 880 5400, Faks 021 880 5430, 296458. Mrt. 3-(4215)V

Vee Craft Marine (Edms) Bpk
INSOLVENTE BOEDEL

Aanstelling van trustee en algemene vergadering van krediteure
VEE CRAFT MARINE (EDMS) BPK (in likwidasië). Meestersverwysings-nr. C769/2022. Ingevolge Artikel 40(3) van die Insolvensiewet 24 van 1936, soos gewysig, saamegees met artikels 366, 375(5)(b), 386(1)(i) en 402 van die Maatskappijwet 61 van 1973, soos gewysig, geskied kennis hiermee dat ondergemelde as Likwidateurs aangestel is en dat persone wat geleë aan die insolvente boedel verskuldig dit onverwyld betaal en 'n algemene vergadering van krediteure gehou sal word vir die meester van die hoogeregshof, Kaapstad, op Vrydag, 14 April 2023 om 09:00 vir ontvangs van eise teen die maatskappij, ontvangs van die likwidateurs se verslag, om die likwidateurs opdragte te gee in verband met die realisering van bates van die maatskappij en om resolusies te aanvaar.

Fenthom at Cotton Art
EERSTE EN FINALE LIKWIDASIE & DISTRIBUTIEREKENING

In die likwidasië van FENTHOM AT COTTON ART Bk, Reg-nr. 2009/-052259/23. Boedelnr. C1312/21 lê ter insae te die kantore van die Meester van die Hoogeregshof Kaapstad vir 'n periode van veertien (14) dae vanaf 3 Maart 2023.



Insolvente bestorwe boedel ABDUL GAFFOOR KHAN, Meester se verwysings-nr. C15/2022. Die Eerste en Finale Likwidasië- en Distribusierekening in bogemelde boedel, Meester's Verwysing C.15/-2022 sal vir 'n tydperk van veertien (14) dae vanaf 3 Maart 2023 ter insae lê in die kantore van die Meester van die Hoogeregshof te Kaapstad en die Landdros te Wynberg, JKS ADMINISTRATORS (EDMS.) BPK., J.F. Bestor & L. Lombard, Mede-Kurators, 3de Vloer, Tjiger Park 3, vanaf Willie van Schoorlyaan, Tygervallei, 7530. Tel. 021 271 0415. 868638 Mrt. 3-(4215)V



L.L. & N.A. Mayekiso
INSOLVENTE BOEDEL

Insolvente boedel LUBABALO LINDILE en NCEDIWE AMELIA MAYEKISO, ID-nr. 680803 5472 08 3 & 71123 0872 08 5, beskrywing van rekening: Geskied Tweede en Finale Likwidasië- en Kontribusierekening. Kantore waar ter insae: Meester Kaapstad & Landdros Wynberg. Datum van wanneer ter insae: 3 Maart 2023. Meester verw-nommer C181/2014. Kennis word gegee dat gemelde rekening ter insae sal lê by die kantore vermeld vir 'n tydperk van 14 dae vanaf die datum vermeld. TYGERBERG TRUSTEES, Kurators: Herman Bastor, Tasneem Shaik Mohamed, Duane Colin Starkey & Nandipha Vinol, Eerste Vloer, Cascade Terraces, Waterfontein, Tjiger Waterfont. Tel. 021 914 0712, Faks 086 750 3910, Epos: elizna@tygerbergtrustees.co.za 275302 Mrt. 3-(4215)V

MAURICE SCHWARTZ VENTER & GENOTE (EDMS) BPK, Posbus 50861, West Beach 7449. Tel: 021 554 3362. Trustees: Lielze Venter & L. Lombard. 270719 Mrt. 3 - (4215)



GHRC (EDMS) BPK. (in likwidasië), Registrasie-nr. 1991/006397/07, Meestersverwysings-nr. C753/2022. Kennis geskied hiermee dat 'n Tweede Vergadering van Krediteure in bogemelde boedel voor die Landdros, Wynberg gehou sal word op 23 Maart 2023 om 09:00 v.m. met die volgende doestellings: 1. Voorlegging van Mede-Likwidateurs verslag; 2. Aanvaaring van die Resolusies; en 3. Bewys van Eise. BDO BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING (EDMS) BPK., J.F. Klopper & G. Davids, Mede-Likwidateurs, Posbus 820, Stellenbosch, 7599. Tel. 021 880 5400, Faks 021 880 5430, 296458 Mrt. 3-(4215)V



Insolvente boedel AKHONA SIVIWE PHILLIPS, ID-nr. 920505 5995 08 4, Meestersverwysing: C000512/2022. Neem hiermee kennis dat M. HAYWOOD aangestel is as kurator van bogemelde boedel, en dat persone wat enigjens aan die boedel verskuldig is, die skulde onmiddellik by bogemelde kurators moet betaal. 'n Tweede byeenkoms van skuldiseers van die bogemelde boedel sal gehou word voor die Voorsittende Beampote, die Landdros, Kullerstrat op 5 April 2023 om 09:00 vir die volgende doeleindes: (1) Aanvaarding van die kurators se verslag; (2) Aanvaarding van die besluite; en (3) Verdere bewys van eise. ST.ADEN'S INTERNATIONAL, Posbus 1314, Groenkloof, 0027. Tel. 012 344 4315. Verw: M van Deventer. 266162 Mrt. 3-(4215)V



CONSTANTIA H (EDMS.) BPK. (in likwidasië), Registrasie-nr. 1972/00552/07, Meestersverwysings-nr. C762/2022. Kennis geskied hiermee dat 'n Tweede Vergadering van Krediteure in bogemelde boedel voor die Landdros, Wynberg gehou sal word op 23 Maart 2023 om 09:00 v.m. met die volgende doestellings: 1. Voorlegging van Mede-Likwidateurs verslag; 2. Aanvaaring van die Resolusies; en 3. Bewys van Eise. BDO BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING (EDMS.) BPK., J.F. Klopper & I. Ebrahim, Mede-Likwidateurs, Posbus 820, Stellenbosch, 7599. Tel. 021 880 5400, Faks 021 880 5430, 296458 Mrt. 3-(4215)V



Confident International
Insolvente boedel CONFIDENT INTERNATIONAL Bk, ID-nr. 1993/004852/23, Meester verwysing: C749/22. Kennis geskied dat die Eerste & Algemene Vergadering van Krediteure van die insolvente boedel gehou sal word vir die Meester van die Hoogeregshof Kaapstad op 31 Maart 2023 om 09:00, om: 1. Vorderings teen die boedel te bewys; 2. Die Verslag van die Likwidateurs te ontvang; en 3. Die aanvaarding van Resolusies; ADERAM TRUSTEES (EDMS.) BPK., Kurators: W. van Rooyen & M.N. Damon, Posbus 29208, Sunnyside, 0132. Tel. 012 004 0363. 924729 Mrt. 3-(4215)V



Boedel ADRIAN PETRUS CRONJE (ID-nr. 770219 5184 08 5), IT-bestuurder, van Simonstraat 5, Oskwoud-landgoed, Pinelhurst, Kaapstad. Ingevolge art. 4(1) van die Insolvensiewet nr. 24 van 1936, soos gewysig, geskied kennis hiermee dat aansoek gedoen sal word by die Wes-Kaapse Hoogeregshof (Kaapstad) vir die aanvaarding van die boedeelorgawe van bogemelde boedel, en dat 'n vermoensstaat ter insae sal lê in die kantoor van die meester van die hoogeregshof in Kaapstad en die landdroskantoor, Bellville, en by die kantoor van die applikant se prokureurs vanaf publikasie hiervan. GERRIT WISSER PROKUREURS, Prokureurs vir die applikant, MS Place, Hibiscusstraat 24, Durbanville. Tel. 021 9795445. E-pos: gw@gwlaw.co.za 268946 Mrt. 3 - (4220)

Platinum Arch Investments 68
KENNISEGWING

PLATINUM ARCH INVESTMENTS 68 (EDMS.) BPK. (in likwidasië). Boedelnr. C9/22. Kragsent Artikel 339, 366, 375(5)(b) en 402 van die Maatskappijwet 1936, geskied kennis hiermee dat die ondergenoemde as Likwidateur van die ondergenoemde Maatskappij aangestel is en dat alle debiteure van die maatskappij, onmiddellik hul skulde aan die Likwidateur moet betaal. Die Algemene Vergadering van krediteure van die genoemde maatskappij sal op Woensdag, 22 Maart 2023 om 10:00 voor die Voorsittende Beampote, die Magistraat Strand gehou word vir die volgende: 1. Bewys van eise; 2. Indiening van Likwidateurs se verslag; en 3. Aanvaarding van Resolusies. ZEBRA LIQUIDATORS, M.E. Symes, Mede-Likwidateur, Tel. 011 227 1495/6. Mrt. 3-(4215)V



SPORTS CONNECTION BENONI (EDMS.) BPK. (in likwidasië), Registrasie-nr. 1992/000585/07, Meestersverwysings-nr. C763/2022. Kennis geskied hiermee dat 'n Tweede Vergadering van Krediteure in bogemelde boedel voor die Landdros, Wynberg gehou sal word op 23 Maart 2023 om 09:00 v.m. met die volgende doestellings: 1. Voorlegging van Mede-Likwidateurs verslag; 2. Aanvaaring van die Resolusies; en 3. Bewys van Eise. BDO BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING (EDMS.) BPK., J.F. Klopper & M. Ebrahim, Mede-Likwidateurs, Posbus 820, Stellenbosch, 7599. Tel. 021 880 5400, Faks 021 880 5430, 296458 Mrt. 3-(4215)V

Tableview HR



TABLEVIEW HR (EDMS.) BPK. (in likwidasië), Registrasie-nr. 1989/-004627/07, Meestersverwysings-nr. C758/2022. Kennis geskied hiermee dat 'n Tweede Vergadering van Krediteure in bogemelde boedel voor die Landdros, Wynberg gehou sal word op 23 Maart 2023 om 09:00 v.m. met die volgende doestellings: 1. Voorlegging van Mede-Likwidateurs verslag; 2. Aanvaaring van die Resolusies; en 3. Bewys van Eise. BDO BUSINESS RESTRUCTURING (EDMS.) BPK., J.F. Klopper & L. Dinath, Mede-Likwidateurs, Posbus 820, Stellenbosch, 7599. Tel. 021 880 5400, Faks 021 880 5430, 296458 Mrt. 3-(4215)V



Aanstelling van trustee en algemene vergadering van krediteure
NAUTIC SOUTH AFRICA (EDMS) BPK (in likwidasië), Meestersverwysings-nr. C768/2022. Ingevolge Artikel 40(3) van die Insolvensiewet 24 van 1936, soos gewysig, saamegees met artikels 366, 375(5)(b), 386(1)(i) en 402 van die Maatskappijwet 61 van 1973, soos gewysig, geskied kennis hiermee dat ondergemelde as Likwidateurs aangestel is en dat persone wat geleë aan die insolvente boedel verskuldig dit onverwyld betaal en 'n algemene vergadering van krediteure gehou sal word vir die meester van die hoogeregshof, Kaapstad, op Vrydag, 14 April 2023 om 09:00 vir ontvangs van eise teen die maatskappij, ontvangs van die likwidateurs se verslag, om die likwidateurs opdragte te gee in verband met die realisering van bates van die maatskappij en om resolusies te aanvaar. SANEK TRUST RECOVERY SERVICES (EDMS) BPK., Derde Vloer, St. George's Mall 5, Kaapstad. Likwidateurs: S.M. Gore & C. Francis. 261968 Feb. 3 - (4215)

BOEDELORGAWES

J.G.C. Erwe
BOEDELORGAWE ARTIKEL 4(1) WET 24/1936

Kennis geskied dat aansoek gedoen sal word by die Hoogeregshof van Suid-Afrika, Wes-Kaapse Afdeling, Kaapstad op 28 Maart 2023 vir die boedeelorgawe: Naam: GEORGE CHRISTIAAN ERWEE, beroep: werklous ongehuurder van Queen Victoriastraat 5, Stamford en dat die vermoensstaat ter insae sal lê vir inspekte by die Meesterskantoor Kaapstad en Landdros Hof Hermanus vir veertien (14) dae vanaf 3 Maart 2023. Getekens te Kaapstad op die 24 Februarie 2023. Mrt. 3-(4220)V

OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

KENNISEGWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE MURA FOTOVOLTAÏESE ONTWIKKELING TUSSEN LOXTON EN BEAUFORT-WES IN DIE WES-KAAP EN NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIES

Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982, soos gewysig, gepubliseer kragsent Artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) soos gewysig vir die indiening van aansoek om Omgewingsmagtigings (EA)) ten opsigte van die Omgewingsimpakbeoordelingsregulasies aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983 (soos gewysig), GNR 984 (soos gewysig) en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

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Table with 5 columns: Aansoeker, Projek, Tegnologie, Evaluerende Proses, Plaasname. Rows include Mura 1 (Pty) Ltd, Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd, Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd, and Mura 4 (Pty) Ltd with details on MW capacity, technology, and location.

* val binne die Beaufort-Wes Hernubare Energie Ontwikkelingsone

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, is van toepassing:

Table with 2 columns: Projek, Noteringskennisgewings. Lists Mura 1-4 and Mura EGI with their respective notification details.

KONSEP BASIESE ASSESSERING EN KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

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Table with 4 columns: Gebied, Lokaal, Straataadres, Kontaknommer. Lists Beaufort-Wes, Loxton, WSP Website, and Datafeer Website with their respective details.

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BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY CLUSTER: ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 2 AND ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 3 & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

RETRACTION NOTICE

The advertisement published in *Die Courier* on Friday, 24 February 2023, which provided notice of the availability of the **Basic Assessment (BA) Reports** for the Aberdeen Wind Facility cluster is retracted. The availability BA Reports and the correct review period will be advertised when available.

To obtain further information on the projects and to register on the database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the projects, in writing, to Savannah Environmental.

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Begrotingsrede 2023: Agri Wes-Kaap versigtig optimisties

Agri Wes-Kaap (AWK) is versigtig optimisties oor Enoch Godongwana, minister van finansies, se aankondiging dat die regering ongeveer 60% (R254 miljard) van Eskom se skuldslas sal help verlig. Die hoop is dat 'n laer skuldslas vir Eskom in staat sal stel om aandag aan instandhouding en investering in kritiese opwekking en transmissie-infrastruktuur te kan gee.

AWK verwelkom ook die aankondiging dat R903 miljard op infrastruktuur spandeer sal word. Die investering in die logistieke

netwerk is vir die Wes-Kaapse landbou, wat uitvoergedrewe is, deurslaggewend. Volgens die minister sal 15% van betonwerk van die Clanwilliamdam-projek aan die einde van 2023 voltooi wees. AWK is van mening dat dié projek krities is en daar reeds lank genoeg gesloer is.

Dit is goeie nuus dat besighede hul belasbare inkomste met 125 persent van die koste van 'n belegging in hernubare energie kan verminder. AWK is van mening dat hierdie 'n stap in die regte rigting is om weg te beweeg van Eskom as

monopolie-energieverskaffer. Agri Wes-Kaap verwelkom die kortings wat voedselverwerkers oor die volgende twee jaar sal ontvang vir die gebruik van diesel vir kragopwekkers. Ons is ook dankbaar dat die algemene brandstof- en padson-gelukkigheidsheffing nie vanjaar verhoog is nie.

Alhoewel AWK gehoop het vir geen verhoging in die aksynsbelasting, is ons verlig oor tesourie se aankondiging dat aksynsbelasting op alkohol en tabak inlyn is met die verwate

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A peach led to fame and fortune

January is the time to enjoy a Neethling peach. This delicious juicy cultivar was cultivated on Picardy in the Prince Albert district in the late 1800s by Pieter Kuiper Neethling, states historian Ailsa Tudhope.

He arrived in 1876 and on learning that deciduous fruit had been grown in this area since the 1760's, decided to concentrate on the Neethling. It was an instant winner. This cultivar, which is still grown in the area, has a good yellow colour, excellent flavour and firm texture.

In addition to farming Pieter ran a general dealer business, called Alport, for Canadian immigrant Percy Alport, brother-in-law of Sir John Charles Molteno, first Premier of the Cape. Percy had a general dealer and other businesses in Beaufort West and he also owned the wool washing plant at Klaarstroum.

In 1901 Pieter helped establish the Prince Albert municipality and served as the first mayor. It is said that when Pieter died at 10:00 on October 10, 1937, at the age of 90, the Dutch Reformed Church clock stopped.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MURA PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES

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DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Red Cap Energy is proposing to develop four solar facilities, namely Mura 1, Mura 2, Mura 3, and Mura 4, and an associated grid connection, collectively known as the Mura PV Development between Loxton and Beaufort West in the Beaufort West Local Municipality and Ubuntu Local Municipality and the Central Karoo District Municipality and Pixley ka Seme District Municipality in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces. The proposed Mura PV Development is located in close proximity to the approved Nuweveld Wind Farm Development. The proposed authorisations include the following Basic Assessment (BA) and Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes:

Proponent	Project	Technology	Process	Farm Names
Mura 1 (Pty) Ltd	Up to 150 MW Solar Energy Facility (SEF) including associated infrastructure	Solar Photovoltaic (PV)	BA*	• Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45
	Up to 132 kV Mura Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) Corridor	Transmission Line	BA**	• Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • Aangrensend Abramskraal Farm 11 • Bulfontein Farm 13 • RE of Abrams Kraal Farm 206 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Sneeuwkraal Farm 46 • RE of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Bulfontein Farm 12 • Portion 2 of Paardeberg Farm 49
Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd	Up to 400 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	• Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Bulfontein Farm 13
Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd	Up to 320 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	• Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • RE of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • RE of Abrams Kraal Farm 206 • Sneeuwkraal Farm 46 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Aangrensend Abramskraal Farm 11 • RE of Portion 3 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45
Mura 4 (Pty) Ltd	Up to 360 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	• Leeuwkloof Farm 43 • Aangrensend Abramskraal Farm 11 • Portion 4 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • RE of Portion 3 of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • RE of Duiker Kranse Farm 45 • Sneeuwkraal Farm 46

* falls within the Beaufort West Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ)

ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS

The following listed activities associated with the Proposed Projects are triggered:

Project Name	Listing Notice
• Mura 1 • Mura 2 • Mura 3 • Mura 4	• NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended): Activity 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii) and 56(ii); • NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984, as amended): Activity 1 and 15; • NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985, as amended): Activity 4 (ii)(aa), 12 (i)(ii), 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff), 18 (i)(ii)(aa) and 23 (ii)(a) (i)(ii)(ff).
• Mura EGI	• NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended): Activity 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 27(i) and 28(ii); • NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985, as amended): Activity 12 (i)(ii) and 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff).

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

An integrated Public Participation Process is proposed for the above-mentioned projects. The Draft Environmental Basic Assessment and Scoping Reports will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023**.

Area	Venue	Street Address	Contact No
Beaufort West	Beaufort West Public Library	Corner of Bird Street and Church Street	023 414 8113
	Klein Karoo Agri	80 Donkin Street	023 415 1199
Loxton	Loxton Library	Margaretha Prinsloo Street, Loxton	053 381 3102
WSP Website	https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents		
Datafree Website	https://wsp-engage.com/		

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Red Cap Energy (Pty) Ltd, to manage the respective BA and S&EIR processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the Proposed Projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

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WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an I&AP for purposes of enabling your registration as an I&AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I&AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.



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wat verlore of vernietig is.

Alle belanghebbendes wat beswaar maak teen die uitreiking van sodanige afskrif, moet hulle beswaar skriftelik binne 2 (twee) weke na die publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing indien by die Registrateur van Aktes by New Public Gebou, Vloer 9-10, h.v. Knight & Steedstraat, Kimberley GEDATEER te WELLINGTON op 4 November 2021

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EMMA EN ANNEKE

Die ELFIES op Slippers van dr. Bertus Nel van Calvinia vertoon deur Emma Nel en Anneke Nel by Williston Landboukou verlore raak.



STUDENTEPRET NEEM TÊ ERNSTIGE AFMETINGS AAN

Pluimpie word toe liewer witvoetjie seek by die US

Geogte Leier,

As daar om tyd is wat 'n mens iemand kan gun om 'n bietjie verantwoordelik te wees, dan is dit seker wanneer by 'n student is. Dit beteken nie dat daar nie grense bestaan nie, maar lawwe verantwoordelik-

heid kan tog verskoon word.

Dit geld sekerlik ook vir hul sinings oor politiek. Toe vroeë rondom die opstel begin ontstaan het, was dit dikwels studente wat die vooruit geneem het. Dit het hulle die granskap van partyleiers op die hals gehaal. Die uitwerking van hierdie groesom was dat mense begin dink het hulle moet hierdie studente dalk ernstig opneem.

Ek wonder hoe studente-verhoudings in die nuwe bedeling is. Huidige studente is onder die nuwe bedeling gebore en is hul ervaring van apartheid dit wat hul by ander gehoor het. Dit kan maak dat hulle met wrewel gevoel is, maar ook dat hulle die behoefte het om nie net te wys dat hulle die gelyke is van ander nie, maar gaan hul verder. Hul wil oorheersend wees. Is dit gereedheid om so 'n indruk te kry? Dit kan dalk wees.

Dit het nou al 'n tweede keer gebeur dat Stellenbosch-studente gemaak word om nie Afrikaans te praat in persoonlike gesprekke nie. Dit sluit sogenaamd ander wat nie Afrikaans verstaan nie uit. Die boodskap is: Ons laat ons nie aansluit nie en julle sal maak soos ons sit.

'n Oud-student vertel my dat hulle verplig was om (kom ons sê) leer mekaar klame by te woon. 'n Mens het begrip daarvoor dat dit goed kan wees. Studente uit verskillende agtergronde kan mekaar beter leer ken en so ontwikkel daar meer begrip vir mekaar. Dit is jammer dat dikwels die teenoegestelde berik word. Die student vertel hoe sy 'n mede-student vir so 'n geleentheid 'n pluimpie gegee het vir die mooi rok wat sy aan het. Die reaksie van die ontvanger van die pluimpie was overklaarbaar. Haar antwoord was brusk dat die pluimpie-gewer nie by haar moet kom witvoet seek nie.

Nou ja, soos gesê, 'n mens moet nie 'n student te ernstig opneem nie. En tog wonder 'n mens: As jy uit 'n minderheidsgroep kom, kan jy iets doen of sê wat reg is? As jy niks sê nie, is jy verkeerd en as jy iets positiefs sê, is jy ook verkeerd. Die gemede was ons almal moet ontvank, is om met wyshid op so 'n situasie te reageer. As dit nie gebeur nie, kan die kloof tussen partye tot almal se nadeel net wyer raak.

Groete, Agnie.



OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE MURA FOTOVOLTAÏESE ONTWIKKELING TUSSEN LOXTON EN BEAUFORT-WES IN DIE WES-KAAP EN NOORD-KAAP PROVINSES

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Aansoeker	Projek	Teologiese	Proses	Plaasname
Mura 1 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 150 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassiseerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	BE*	• Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 • Portie 4 van Dukker Kraam Plaas 45
	Tot 132 kV Mura Elektriese Ragnetwerkverbindingskonditor Komitor	Transmissielijn	BE**	• Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 • Bufffontein Plaas 13 • Portie 4 van Dukker Kraam Plaas 45 • RE of Portie 3 van Dukker Kraam Plaas 45 • Bufffontein Plaas 12
Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 450 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassiseerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	S&OV	• Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 • Bufffontein Plaas 13
Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 325 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassiseerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	S&OV	• Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 • RE of Abrams Kraal Plaas 205 • Portie 4 van Dukker Kraam Plaas 45 • RE of Portie 3 van Dukker Kraam Plaas 45
Mura 4 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 360 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassiseerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	S&OV	• Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 • Aangrensende Abramskraal Plaas 11 • Portie 4 van Dukker Kraam Plaas 45
				• RE of Dukker Kraam Plaas 45 • Sneeukraal Plaas 46 • Aangrensende Abramskraal Plaas 11
				• RE of Portie 3 van Dukker Kraam Plaas 45 • RE of Dukker Kraam Plaas 45 • Sneeukraal Plaas 46

* val binne die Beaufort-Wes Herbruise Energie Ontwikkelingsone

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die volgende gelyke skeduleerde wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassiseer word, is van toepassing:

Projek	Noteringskenningsgetings
• Mura 1 • Mura 2 • Mura 3 • Mura 4	• NEMA OIB-regulasie: Noteringskenningsgeting 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig); Adittiel 11(i), 12(i)(a)(i), 14, 18, 28(i) en 29(i); • NEMA OIB-regulasie: Noteringskenningsgeting 2 (GNR 984, soos gewysig); Adittiel 1 en 15; • NEMA OIB-regulasie: Noteringskenningsgeting 3 (GNR 985, soos gewysig); Adittiel 4 (i)(aa), 12 (i)(i), 14 (i)(a)(i) (i)(ii), 18 (i)(i)(aa) and 23 (i)(a) (i)(ii).
• Mura OGI	• NEMA OIB-regulasie: Noteringskenningsgeting 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig); Adittiel 11(i), 12(i)(a)(i), 14, 18, 27(i) en 28(i); • NEMA OIB-regulasie: Noteringskenningsgeting 3 (GNR 985, soos gewysig); Adittiel 12 (i)(i) and 14 (i)(a)(i) (i)(ii).

KONSEP BASISSE ASSESSERING EN KONSEP ONFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERKE

%Gelyktydige Openbare Deelnemingsproses word voorgestel vir die bogenoemde projekte. Die Konsep Basiese Omgewingsevaluering en Omvangverlees sal op versoek en/of by die opname hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir herwysing en kommentaar vir 30-dae vanaf 06 Maart 2023 tot 06 April 2023.

Gebied	Lokaal	Streeadres	Kontaknommer
Beaufort-Wes	Beaufort-Wes Openbare Burotoek	Hoek van Bredastraat en Kerkstraat	023 414 8113
	Klein Karoo Agri	Dinkstraat 80	023 415 1199
Loxton	Loxton-obiltoek	Margaretha Prinsloostraat, Loxton	053 381 3102
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LUNÉ HUMAN se portefeulje by Carnarvon VLV is Gesondheid. Hier is sy by die uitstalling daaroor by die eerste vergadering van die jaar wat 'n opo vergadering was.

Appendix B.2

SITE NOTICES



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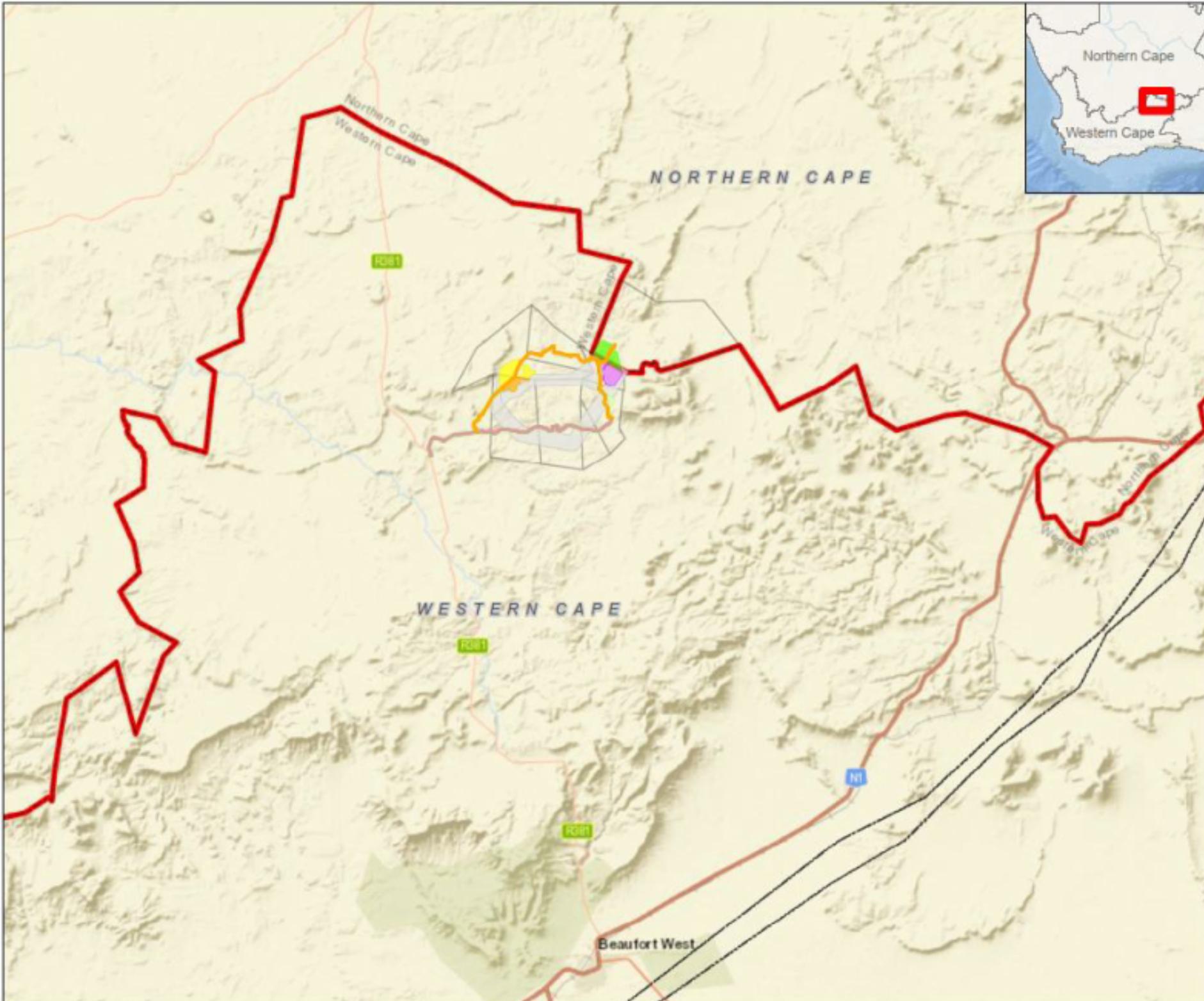
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WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an I&AP for purposes of enabling your registration as an I&AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I&AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.





REDCAP MURA

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- District Road
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OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

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Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982, soos gewysig, gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) soos gewysig vir die indiening van aansoeke om Omgewingsmagtigings (EA) ten opsigte van die Omgewingsimpakbepalingsregulasies aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983 (soos gewysig), GNR 984 (soos gewysig) en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Red Cap Energy stel voor om vier sonkragfasiliteite te ontwikkel, naamlik Mura 1, Mura 2, Mura 3 en Mura 4, en 'n gepaardgaande netwerkverbinding, gesamentlik bekend as die Mura Fotovoltaïese sonkrag-ontwikkeling tussen Loxton en Beaufort-Wes in die Beaufort-Wes Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Ubuntu Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Sentrale Karoo Distriksmunisipaliteit en die Pixley ka Seme Distriksmunisipaliteit in die Wes-Kaap en Noord-Kaap Provinsies. Die voorgestelde Mura PV-ontwikkeling is naby die goedgekeurde Nuweveld Windplaas-ontwikkeling geleë. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Basiese Evaluering (BE) en Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (B&OIV) prosesse in:

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KONSEP BASIESE ASSESSERING EN KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

'n Geïntegreerde Openbare Deelnameproses word voorgestel vir die bogenoemde projekte. Die Konsep Basiese Omgewingsevaluering en Omvangverslag sal op versoek en/of by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar vir 30 dae vanaf XX Februarie 2023 tot XX Maart 2023.

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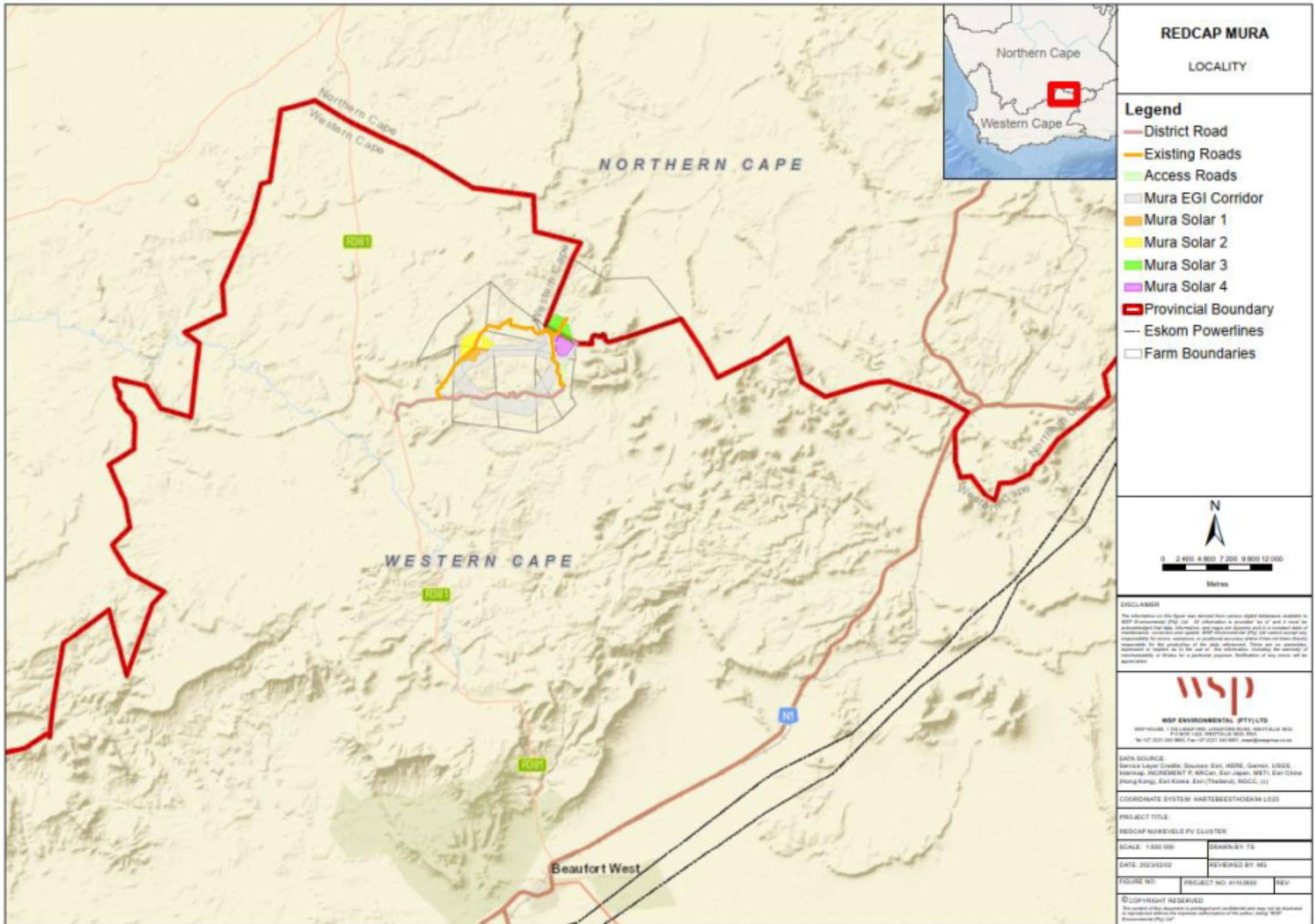
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WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur Red Cap Energy (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike Omgewingsevalueringsspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om die onderskeie BA- en S&OIV-prosesse te bestuur. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbendes wil registreer om hul kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projekte te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die EAP te stuur na die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Alle toekomstige korrespondensie sal aan Geregistreerde belanghebbendes aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

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WSP sal sekere persoonlike inligting oor jou as 'n B&GP werker vir doeleindes om jou registrasie as 'n B&GP moontlik te maak en vir die doeleindes om jou besonderhede op ons databasis te stoor, indien jy daartoe instem dat ons dit doen. WSP gebruik hierdie besonderhede om jou te kontak oor ander projekte in die toekoms. WSP sal altyd jou persoonlike inligting werker in ooreenstemming met die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting 4 van 2013. Jy is geregtig om jou regte as 'n databasiegebruiker uit te oefen en ons te laat weet as jy as 'n B&GP gederegistreer wil word of as jy nie meer wil hê nie jou kontakbesonderhede om op ons databasis ingestel te word.





Fiuur 1: Mura Fotovoltaïese sonkrag-ontwikkeling

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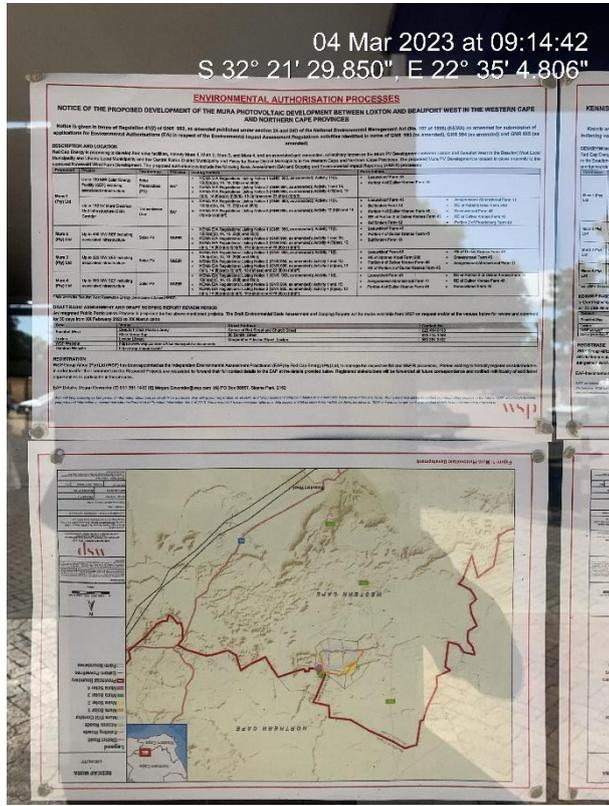
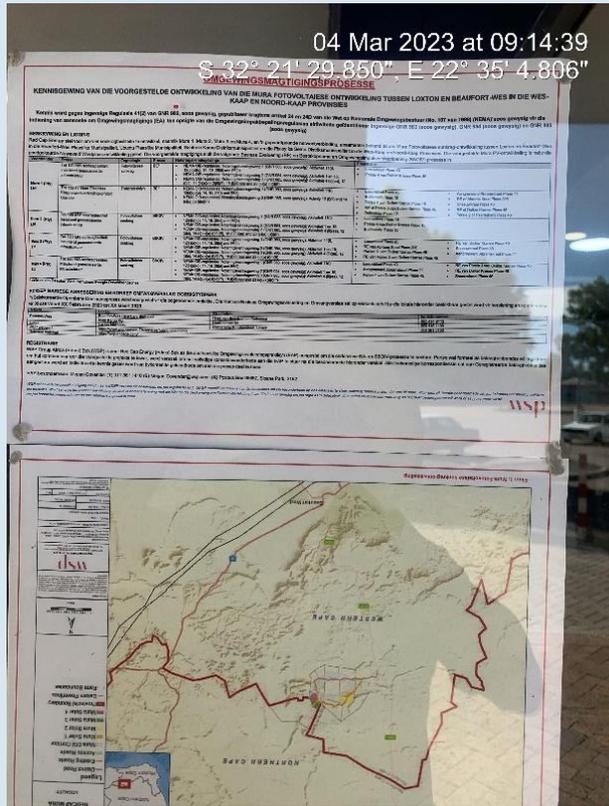
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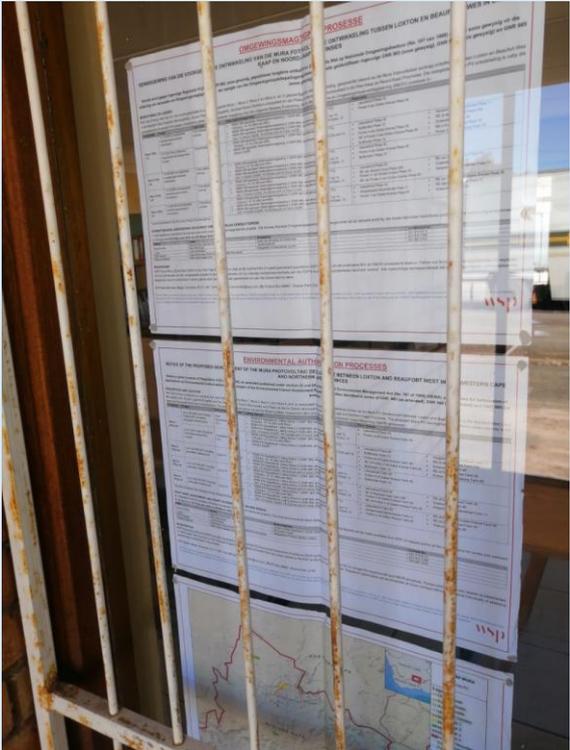
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32° 21' 29.85" S
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Photographs



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Appendix B.3

NOTIFICATION LETTER





Our Ref: 41103930

6 March 2023

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Our Ref: 41103930

6 March 2023

Dear Landowner,

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An integrated Public Participation Process is proposed for the above-mentioned projects. The Draft Environmental Basic Assessment and Scoping Reports will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **06 March 2023 to 06 April 2023**.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mura EGI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended): Activity 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 27(i) and 28(ii); NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985, as amended): Activity 12 (i)(ii) and 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff).

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Geagte Gesag,

KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE MURA FOTOVOLTAÏESE ONTWIKKELING TUSSEN LOXTON EN BEAUFORT-WES IN DIE WES-KAAP EN NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIES

Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 41(2) van GNR 982, soos gewysig, gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) soos gewysig vir die indiening van aansoeke om Omgewingsmagtigings (EA)) ten opsigte van die Omgewingsimpakbepalingsregulasies aktiwiteite geïdentifiseer ingevolge GNR 983 (soos gewysig), GNR 984 (soos gewysig) en GNR 985 (soos gewysig)

BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Red Cap Energy stel voor om vier sonkragfasiliteite te ontwikkel, naamlik Mura 1, Mura 2, Mura 3 en Mura 4, en 'n gepaardgaande netwerkverbinding, gesamentlik bekend as die Mura Fotovoltaïese sonkrag-ontwikkeling tussen Loxton en Beaufort-Wes in die Beaufort-Wes Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Ubuntu Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Sentrale Karoo Distriksmunisipaliteit en die Pixley ka Seme Distriksmunisipaliteit in die Wes-Kaap en Noord-Kaap Provinsies. Die voorgestelde Mura PV-ontwikkeling is naby die goedgekeurde Nuweveld Windplaas-ontwikkeling geleë. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Basiese Evaluering (BE) en Bestekopname en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (B&OIV) prosesse in:

Aansoeker	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Plaasname
Mura 1 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 150 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	BE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 Porsie 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45
	Tot 132 kV Mura Elektriese Kragnetwerkverbindingkorridor Corridor	Transmissielyn	BE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 Bultfontein Plaas 13 Porsie 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE of Porsie 3 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Bultfontein Plaas 12 Aangrensend Abramskraal Plaas 11 RE of Abrams Kraal Plaas 206 Sneeuwkraal Plaas 46 RE of Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Porsie 2 of Paardeberg Plaas 49
Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 400 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	B&OIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 Porsie 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Bultfontein Plaas 13
Mura 3 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 320 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	B&OIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 RE van Abrams Kraal Plaas 206 Portion 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Sneeuwkraal Plaas 46 Aangrensend Abramskraal Plaas 11

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Aansoeker	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Plaasname
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE van Porsie 3 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45
Mura 4 (Pty) Ltd	Tot 360 MW sonkragfasiliteit insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Fotovoltaïese sonkrag	B&OIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeuwkloof Plaas 43 Aangrensend Abramskraal Plaas 11 Porsie 4 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE van Porsie 3 van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 RE van Duiker Kranse Plaas 45 Sneeuwkraal Plaas 46

* val binne die Beaufort-Wes Hernubare Energie Ontwikkelingsones

OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, is van toepassing:

Projek	Noteringskennisgewings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mura 1 Mura 2 Mura 3 Mura 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii) and 56(ii); NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 2 (GNR 984, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 1 en 15; NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR 985, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 4 (ii)(aa), 12 (i)(ii), 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff), 18 (i)(ii)(aa) and 23 (ii)(a) (i)(i)(ff).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mura EGI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 27(i) and 28(ii); NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR 985, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 12 (i)(ii) and 14 (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ii)(ff).

KONSEP BASIESE ASSESSERING EN KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

'n Geïntegreerde Openbare Deelnameproses word voorgestel vir die bogenoemde projekte . Die Konsep Basiese Omgewingsevaluering en Omvangverslae sal op versoek en/of by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar vir 30 dae vanaf **06 Maart 2023 tot 06 April 2023** .

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Beaufort-Wes	Beaufort-Wes Openbare Biblioteek	Hoek van Birdstraat en Kerkstraat	023 414 8113
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Loxton	Loxton-biblioteek	Margaretha Prinsloostraat, Loxton	053 381 3102
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Appendix B.4

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS



Govender, Megan

From: Govender, Megan
Sent: Monday, 06 March 2023 14:39
Cc: Strong, Ashlea
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MURA PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS REVIEW
Attachments: 41103930_20230306_RedCap Mura_Notification Letter_Afrikaans_Stakeholder.pdf; 41103930_20230306_RedCap Mura_Notification Letter_English_Stakeholder.pdf

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Attachments: 41103930_20230306_RedCap Mura_Notification Letter_Afrikaans_Landowner.pdf; 41103930_20230306_RedCap Mura_Notification Letter_English_Landowners.pdf

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- 3. Neighbouring land owner.**
- 4. Neighbouring tenants.**
- 5. Any other interested party.**

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From: Govender, Megan
Sent: Thursday, 20 April 2023 13:19
To: Strong, Ashlea
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MURA PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST - FINAL SCOPING REPORTS [Filed 20 Apr 2023 13:19]

Dear Stakeholder

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This notification is to inform you that the Final Environmental Scoping Report for the following projects were submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on 18 April 2023 for their review and decision -making:

- Mura 2 Solar PV Facility (DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2323)
- Mura 3 Solar PV Facility DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2324)
- Mura 4 Solar PV Facility DFFE Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2325)

The Final Scoping Reports have been made available on the WSP website for your information:
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Kind regards,



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From: Govender, Megan
Sent: Monday, 03 July 2023 08:38
Cc: Strong, Ashlea
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MURA PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW

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Sent: Monday, 03 July 2023 08:38
Cc: Strong, Ashlea
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MURA PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN LOXTON AND BEAUFORT WEST: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW

Dear Landowner,

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In order to assist with the completeness of our database, please can you provide us with the contact details (name, cell phone number and email address) of the below:

- 1. Tenants on your properties.**
- 2. Employees at your properties.**
- 3. Neighbouring land owner.**
- 4. Neighbouring tenants.**
- 5. Any other interested party.**

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One Drive Link	<input type="checkbox"/> Mura Solar PV Development For Public Review
One Drive Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please note that you will receive a separate email with the link to the one drive. This link will then request a verification number which will automatically be sent to your email address – if it doesn't seem to come through please check your "spam" folder

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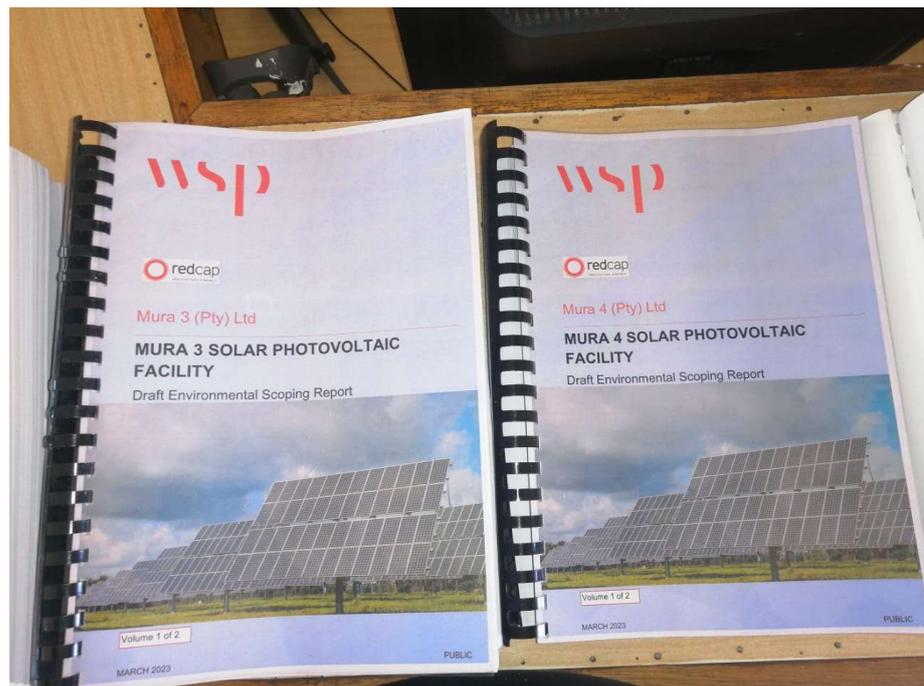
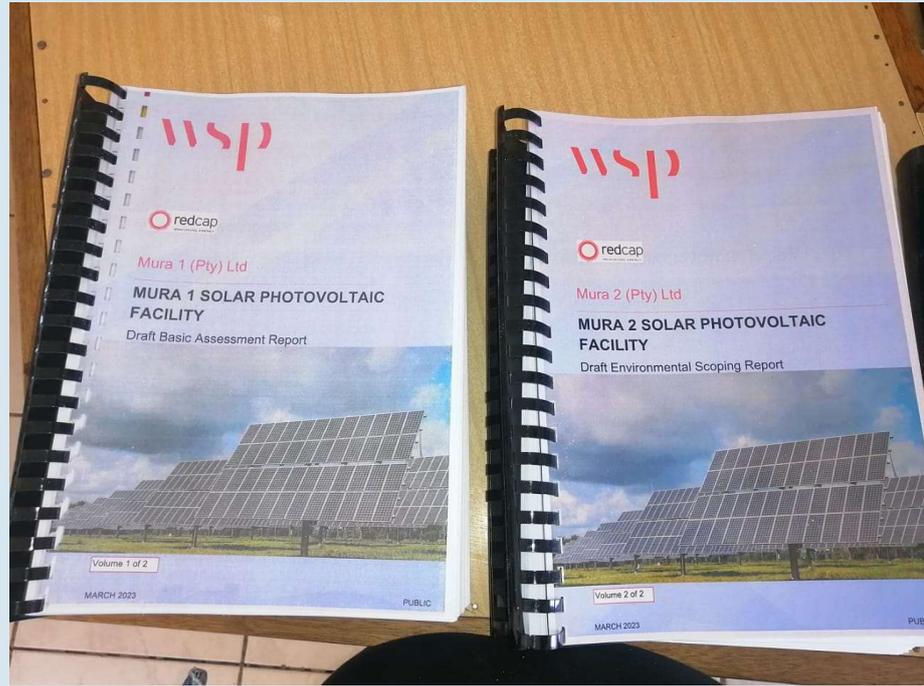
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Power Point Presentations: Mura Solar PV Development Project Summary

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Applicant(s): **Mura 2 (Pty) Ltd**

Consultant(s)/Expert(s): **Megan Govender**

OtherReference(s):

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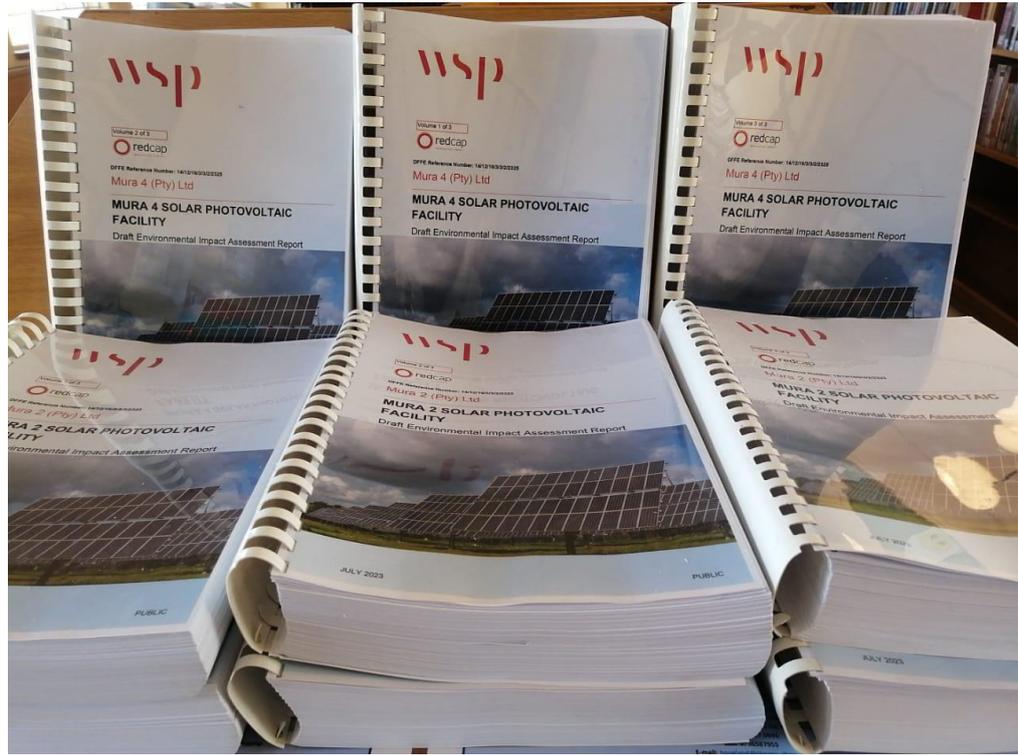
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