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# GLOSSARY

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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
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
GN	Government Notice
GSDM	Gert Sibande District Municipality
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties
LLM	Lekwa Local Municipality
MDARDLEA	Mpumalanga Department: Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs
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

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<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
SAWS	South African Weather Service
SEF	Solar Energy Facility
SER	Stakeholder Engagement Report
SKA	Square Kilometre Array
WSP	WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd

# 1 INTRODUCTION

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Changes made from the Draft Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) have been underlined in this Final SER for ease of reference to the updates made in the report.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed by Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd (Tournée 1) and Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd (Tournée 2), 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 two solar energy facilities (SEFs), namely Tournée 1 and Tournée 2 Solar PV Facilities, collectively known as the Tournée Solar PV Cluster near Standerton in the Lekwa Local Municipality (LLM) and the Gert Sibande District Municipality (GSDM) in the Mpumalanga Province.

## 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

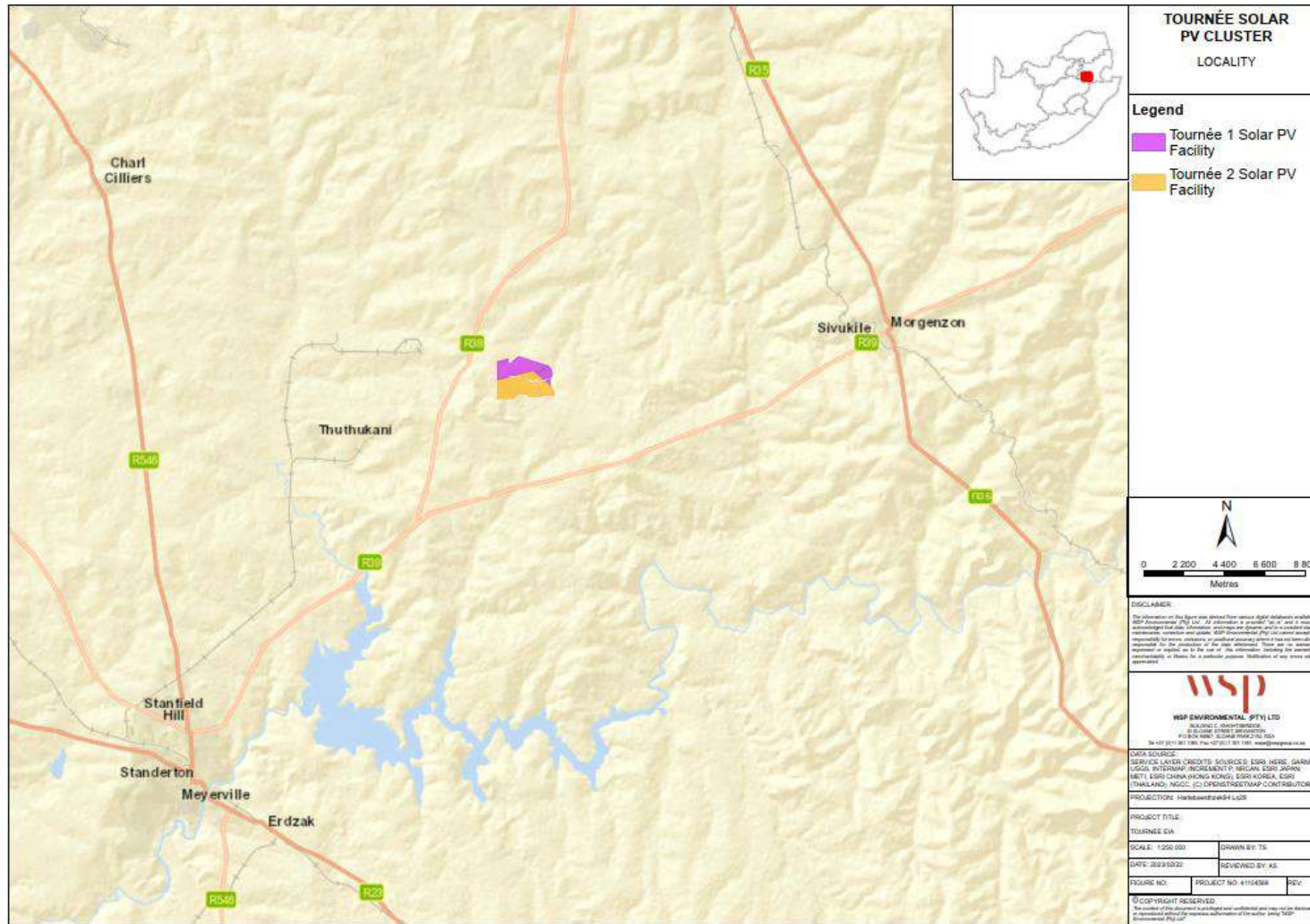
Tournée 1 and Tournée 2 propose to construct the Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Parks Facilities near Thuthukani in the Mpumalanga Province (**Figure 1-1**). The Tournée Solar PV Cluster will include two 150MW SEFs. Each SEF will be subject to a Scoping and EIA (S&EIA) Process in terms of NEMA (as amended) and Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 promulgated in Government Gazette 40772 and GN R326, R327, R325 and R324 on 7 April 2017.

The proposed project will be applied for under a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for each application and the Project Applicant is therefore Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd and Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd, respectfully. The proposed Solar PV Facilities will each connect to a nearby Eskom substation (still to be confirmed) through an up to 132kV single or double circuit powerline. The powerline will subject to a separate BA process towards environmental authorisation.

The Cluster is being developed in the context of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPP), in conjunction with private off-take or wheeling agreements, where possible.

It is understood that Tournée 1 and Tournée 2 have a corporate Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) which aligns with the Equator Principles, the International Funding Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards (PS) and applicable World Bank/IFC Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) and Sector specific Guidelines and applicable Good International Industry Practice (GIIP). All Red Rocket's renewable energy projects, from inception, development, construction, operation, and any decommissioning are required to fully comply with the requirements and expectations of the ESMS.

The Tournée Solar PV Cluster does not fall within a Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ).



**Figure 1-1 - Regional locality map of Tournée Solar PV Cluster**

## 1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE

There are two applications associated with the Tournée Solar PV Cluster as indicated in **Table 1-1**.

**Table 1-1 – Tournée Solar PV Cluster Environmental Applications**

Project	Applicant	Details	Environmental Process
Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility	Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd	150 MW solar facility including associated infrastructure	S&EIR Process
Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility	Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd	150 MW solar facility including associated infrastructure	S&EIR Process

A combined Public Participation Process (PPP) is being undertaken for all projects mentioned above, and as such this Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) is applicable to both projects.

## 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 SER was compiled as part of the EA Process and must be read in conjunction with the 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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<b>EAP Qualifications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Masters in Environmental Management, University of the Free State</li> <li>■ B Tech, Nature Conservation, Technikon SA</li> <li>■ National Diploma in Nature Conservation, Technikon SA</li> </ul>
<b>EAPASA Registration Number:</b>	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 Scoping 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.
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 to 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.

Scale of Anticipated Impacts	Recommended Response	
	If “Yes”	If “No”
<b>Public and environmental sensitivity of the project:</b>		
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.
<b>Potentially affected parties:</b>		
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.
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	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance with EIA Regulations must be met.



Scale of Anticipated Impacts	Recommended Response	
	If “Yes”	If “No”
	any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts.	
<b>Do the RI&amp;APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)?</b>	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 **27 February 2023** 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 Tournée Solar PV Cluster include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Portion 7 (Portion of Portion 3) of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li> <li>■ Remaining Portion of Portion 3 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li> <li>■ Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li> </ul>
(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 12 (LLM) have been included on the stakeholder database.
(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area	The project is located in LLM located within the GSDM. 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 Mpumalanga Department: Agriculture, Rural Development,

NEMA Requirement	Discussion
	Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) has 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"> <li>■ DFFE;</li> <li>■ DFFE: Biodiversity Conservation</li> <li>■ DFFE: Protected Areas</li> <li>■ Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS);</li> <li>■ Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE);</li> <li>■ Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD);</li> <li>■ Department of Public Works;</li> <li>■ National Department of Transport;</li> <li>■ South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL);</li> <li>■ South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA);</li> <li>■ South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA);</li> <li>■ Square Kilometre Array (SKA);</li> <li>■ South African Weather Service (SAWS);</li> <li>■ BirdLife South Africa;</li> <li>■ LLM;</li> <li>■ GSDM;</li> <li>■ Mpumalanga DWS: Vaal Proto CMA- Water Quality Management;</li> <li>■ Mpumalanga Department of Social Development;</li> <li>■ Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport;</li> <li>■ Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs;</li> <li>■ Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority;</li> <li>■ Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga;</li> <li>■ Transnet Freight Rail;</li> <li>■ Eskom;</li> <li>■ South African National Biodiversity Institute;</li> <li>■ Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA); and</li> <li>■ Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT).</li> </ul> <p>For a full list of registered stakeholders please refer to <b>Appendix A</b>.</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 **27 February 2023** 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.). Copies of the notification letters have been included in **Appendix B-1**. Proof of Email notification is included in **Appendix B.4** and proof of SMS notification is included in **Appendix B.5**.

## NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of GNR 982, as amended, the proposed project was advertised in two 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-2**. The advertisement publication details are provided in **Table 2-2**.

**Table 2-2 – Dates on which the advert was published**

Newspaper	Distribution Type	Language	Reach	Publication Date
Standerton Advertiser	Hard Copy	English, Afrikaans and Zulu	Bethal, Ermelo, Greylingstad, Morgenzon, Sakhile, Secunda, Standerton, Trichardt, Volksrust	21 March 2023
Standerton Bulletin	Online (Electronic)	English	Standerton, Morgenzon, Charl Cilliers, Balfour, Greylingstad	23 March 2023

## SITE NOTICES

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices have been developed (see **Appendix B-3**) and have been placed at strategic points in close proximity to the proposed Project site, as well as in public places within LLM and GSDM. The site notices were placed on site on 27 March 2023. Proof of placement is included in **Appendix B.3**.

## AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS

The Draft Scoping Reports were placed on public review for a period of at least 30 days from **27 March 2023** to **02 May 2023**, at the venues as follows:

- Hard Copy: Standerton Public Library;
- Hard Copy: Sakhile Public Library;
- Hard Copy: Thuthukani Library;
- Hard Copy: Tutuka Power Station Security Office
- 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.

In order to ensure maximum participation of all I&APs, reports were shared on the Datafree website.

Proof of display is included in **Appendix B.6**.



## 2.4 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

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

### 3 **COMMENTS RECEIVED**

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

### 3.1 COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING DRAFT SCOPING PHASE

The Draft Scoping Reports were placed on public review from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023. The comments received are reflected in the sections below.

#### 3.1.1 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR BOTH TOURNÉE 1 AND TOURNÉE 2

Comments Received During Draft Scoping Phase for both Tournée 1 and Tournée 2 are incorporated in **Table 3-1** below and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.1**.

**Table 3-1 – Comments received for both Tournée 1 and Tournée 2**

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>											
<b>I&amp;AP: Sizwe Dlamini from National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NAFCOC)</b>														
<p>Sizwe Dlamini 22 March 2023 Email</p>	<p>Good day pleas receiver my objection for proposed Development of Tournee 1\$2</p> <p><u>Im am business. Man in town of lekwa we want to put our objection for this projects reason we a not consulted as community of lekwa on the whole total project what will be the impact</u></p> <p>1, All farms a going to be used white farmers it benefit them 2,communities employment before and after project when its finished 3,Business opportunity for Local black supply.</p> <p>4,What its SLA for our community</p> <p>5, We need in black and white how much you offering this Farmers and leas its for how long 6,,what procurement procedure you took to appoint this farms 7.your Solar were its going to Feed its lekwa Munucipality bernefing in this 150w</p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Good Day Sizwe</u></p> <p><u>The advert was placed in advance before the release of the Environmental Scoping Reports for public review. As per the advert, the Environmental Scoping Reports were made available for public review from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023 at the following venues:</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>Venue</th> <th>Street Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Standerton</td> <td>Standerton Public Library</td> <td>18 Calidon St, Standerton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sakhile Public Library</td> <td>Cnr Mbonani and Maisela ,Beyers Nauder, Standerton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thuthukani</td> <td>Thuthukani Library</td> <td>26°47'08.5"S 29°17'30.1"E</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area	Venue	Street Address	Standerton	Standerton Public Library	18 Calidon St, Standerton	Sakhile Public Library	Cnr Mbonani and Maisela ,Beyers Nauder, Standerton	Thuthukani	Thuthukani Library	26°47'08.5"S 29°17'30.1"E	<p>Appendix D1 of the SER</p>
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<p><u>Sizwe Dlamini</u> <u>05 April 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Thanks I send date</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>A meeting was held on 20 April 2023 with Sizwe Dlamini, the Applicant and WSP. The meetings minutes are included in Appendix C2. The main comments raised during the meeting are captured in this table.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix C2 of the SER</u></p>									



<p>Sizwe Dlamini 20 April 2023 <u>Comment raised during meeting</u></p>	<p><u>SD enquired if there any private farms involved in this project?</u></p>	<p><u>The applicant responded during the meeting:</u> <u>ML responded that the land parcels proposed for development are Eskom owned land parcels that were sent out in a tender for Independent Power Producers to develop on these specific land parcels identified by Eskom. Eskom is the custodian of the land. The applicant has been given permission to undertake the permitting process to allow the applicant development rights for solar on the property. This process being following is for the granting of an EA to allow development relating to the solar energy facility on the property.</u></p> <p><u>The link was sent to Sizwe Dlamini on 02 May 2023.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>SD noted that in terms of stakeholder engagement, the only time the Business Chamber was consulted or notified about the proposed development was when the advert for the EIA Process came out. There was no prior engagement on the project with the community. There was mention of the decommissioning of the Tutuka Power Station, but there has been no engagement about this with the community.</u></p>	<p><u>The applicant responded during the meeting:</u> <u>ML clarified that the project is the environmental permitting stage to acquire rights to develop from an environmental perspective. In terms of NEMA, there is specific criteria that needs to be followed in terms of notifying the public and engaging them in the process. The project is still in the early phases and if the permit is granted and the development goes ahead, further engagement with the community will be undertaken. AS also noted that the purpose of EIA Process is to start the engagement with the community and build up the database for further engagement at a later stage. This is the start of the process and I&amp;APs can contact WSP to register on the database for updates on the project. AS also clarified that DFFE will decide if the environmental authorisation is granted, but the EA does not guarantee that development will take place. SH clarified that in terms of the decommissioning of Tutuka Power Station,</u></p>	<p>=</p>

		<u>the decommissioning of Tutuka Power Station does not need to take place for this project to be developed. Both Tutuka and Tournée 1 &amp; 2 can operate simultaneously.</u>	
	<u>SD enquired if there is an opportunity for the developers to start engaging with the community and unions now and bring awareness that there will be a solar facility developed in the area in the new future.</u>	<u>The applicant responded during the meeting:</u> <u>ML confirmed that further engagement, outside of what is required as per NEMA, will only be undertaken at a later stage when it can be confirmed that an EA has been granted and it can be confirmed that the project will be developed. SD noted that he will also try to get comments from other Business Chambers.</u>	=
	<u>SD noted that the Draft Scoping Reports indicated that there are graves in the area. SD advised that the community may want to visit the graves and enquired if they will still have access to the graves.</u>	<u>WSP responded during the meeting:</u> <u>AS confirmed that the heritage specialist identified graves on the edge of the proposed development area. The specialist has put in a no-go 50 m buffer around the grave sites. AS confirmed that the graves are very close to the main road on the edge of the facility so there will still be access. The area of the grave site will be marked as a no-go area so no development will take place within that area. The community will still be allowed access to the graves.</u> <u>The applicant responded during the meeting:</u> <u>ML confirmed that the graves will be demarcated and access will not be denied.</u>	=
	<u>SD suggested that consultation with the Ward Councillor should be undertaken to ensure that there are no land claims further down the line from community members in relation to the graves.</u> <u>SD confirmed that he will send through details of the ward councillors.</u>	<u>The applicant responded during the meeting:</u> <u>ML highlighted that this is only the Scoping Phase and the grave site will be further investigated by the heritage specialist during the EIA Phase. If discussions need to be undertaken with families whom the grave sites belong to, this will be investigated in the EIA Phase.</u>	=



		<p><u>WSP responded during the meeting:</u></p> <p>AS also noted that WSP is engaging with the Department of Land Affairs for land claims, however, no comments have been received back as yet. WSP have a ward councillor on the database that was provided by the municipality, however any additional ward councillors that should be notified is welcome.</p>							
<p><u>Sizwe Dlamini</u> <u>02 May 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Please receive number of council as promised</u> <u>THABANG ..0767445465</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>The Ward Councillor Thabang has been added to the Stakeholder Database.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D1 of the SER</u> <u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>						
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<p><u>Chelsea Damster</u> <u>06 April 2023</u> <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Hello Megan,</u></p> <p><u>I hope you are well. I came across a town planning notice for the Tournee 1 &amp; 2 Solar PV Facility near Standerton in Mpumalanga.</u></p> <p><u>I do not have any objections but would like to please be registered as an interested party.</u></p> <p><u>I follow building and construction related projects from conceptual / feasibility up until completion.</u></p> <p><u>Please can you email me a copy of the background information document or motivating memorandum or any other documents or reports for this project.</u></p> <p><u>Please can you also provide me with the below.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>- Client Company Name: Tournee Solar (Pty) Ltd ?</u></li> <li><u>- EIA Company Name: WSP Group Africa</u></li> <li><u>- Town Planning Company Name: ?</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>Good Day Chelsea</u></p> <p><u>Please may you confirm what town planning notice you are referring to? The only advert and notice that has gone out is for the environmental authorisation process being undertake for Tournee 1 and Tournee 2.</u></p> <p><u>The Draft Environmental Scoping Reports have been made available at the venues below for review and comment from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023.</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Area</b></th> <th><b>Venue</b></th> <th><b>Street Address</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Standerton</td> <td>Standerton Public Library</td> <td>18 Calidon St, Standerton</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	Standerton	Standerton Public Library	18 Calidon St, Standerton	<p><u>Appendix D1 of the SER</u> <u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>
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<p><u>Shonese Bloy</u></p> <p><u>18 April 2023</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Hi Ashlea,</u></p> <p><u>I hope you are well.</u></p> <p><u>Could I please request that Caryn Clarke with email address <a href="mailto:eia@g7energies.com">eia@g7energies.com</a> be registered as an I&amp;AP for the proposed Tournee Solar Facility Projects (1 and 2).</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Dear Shonese</u></p> <p><u>Thank you for your email.</u></p> <p><u>WSP confirm that Caryn Clarke has been added to the I&amp;AP database for the proposed Tournee Solar Facility Projects (1 and 2).</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>														



	<p><u>Could you also please send through any relevant documents and reply with confirmation of registration.</u></p> <p><u>Thank you very much.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards,</u></p> <p><u>Shonese Bloy</u></p>	<p><u>Please note that the Draft Environmental Scoping Reports are available for review and comment from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023 as follows:</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>Venue</th> <th>Street Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WSP Website</td> <td colspan="2"><a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Datafree Website</td> <td colspan="2"><a href="https://wsp-engage.com/">https://wsp-engage.com/</a></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Kind regards</u></p> <p><u>Ashlea</u></p>	Area	Venue	Street Address	WSP Website	<a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</a>		Datafree Website	<a href="https://wsp-engage.com/">https://wsp-engage.com/</a>		
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<p><u>Kholofelo Rameetse</u></p> <p><u>18 April 2023</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Good day Ashlea,</u></p> <p><u>Please register myself and Stephnie (copied) as I&amp;APs for Red Rocket's Tournée's PV projects.</u></p> <p><u>Thanks and regards,</u></p> <p><u>Kholofelo Rameetse</u></p> <p><u>Land and Environmental Project Manager</u></p> <p><u>African Clean Energy Developments (Pty) Ltd</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Dear Kholofelo</u></p> <p><u>Thank you for your email.</u></p> <p><u>WSP confirm that you and Stephanie have been added to the I&amp;AP database for the proposed Tournée Solar Facility Projects (1 and 2).</u></p> <p><u>Please note that the Draft Environmental Scoping Reports are available for review and comment from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023 as follows:</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>Venue</th> <th>Street Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>WSP Website</td> <td colspan="2"><a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</a></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area	Venue	Street Address	WSP Website	<a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</a>		<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>
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<b>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation</b>					
<p><u>Kamogelo Mathetja</u></p> <p><u>29 March 2023</u></p> <p><u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Sir/Madam</u></p> <p><u>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 M Rabothata and Mr K Mathetja (Both copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.</u></p> <p><u>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: <a href="mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za">BCAdmin@environment.gov.za</a> for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota</u></p> <p><u>Regards,</u></p> <p><u>Kamogelo</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Good Day</u></p> <p><u>Please find attached kmz files for the Tournee 1 and Tournee 2 Solar PV Facilities, as requested below.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards,</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D1 of the SER</u></p>		
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<p><u>Kamogelo Mathetja</u>  <u>14 April 2023</u>  <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Megan,</u></p> <p><u>Kindly note that I attempted to download reports of both proposed development but I found that under Tournee 1, the following annexures are for Impumelelo WEF, thus Kindly share the correct annexures:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Freshwater Scoping report</u></li> <li>• <u>Terrestrial Biodiversity Report</u></li> <li>• <u>Screening tool Report</u></li> <li>• <u>Maps</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Regards,</u>  <u>Kamogelo</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Responded:</u></p> <p><u>Good Day Kamogelo</u></p> <p><u>Please may you confirm where you are downloading the reports from? I have checked the WSP Website, WSP Data free Website and One Drive Folder, and all Annexures are correct for Tournee 1 and 2.</u></p> <p><u>Please use the link below to download the reports from We Transfer for Tournee 01:</u></p> <p><u>Download link</u>  <u><a href="https://we.tl/t-MP6lmcaa76">https://we.tl/t-MP6lmcaa76</a></u></p> <p><u>And Tournee 02:</u></p> <p><u>Download link</u>  <u><a href="https://we.tl/t-nfaOqjs83W">https://we.tl/t-nfaOqjs83W</a></u></p> <p><u>Please confirm successful download of the reports.</u></p> <p><u>Kind Regards,</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D1 of the SER</u></p>
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<p><u>Seoka Lekota</u>  <u>28 April 2023 (Received 04 May 2023)</u>  <u>Letter (via Email)</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ms. Strong</u></p> <p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR TOURNEE SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</u></p> <p><u>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the draft report and doesn't have any objections to the Scoping Report and the Plan of Study. However, it is recommended that the PV</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges the department's no objection. A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map is included in Figure 7-17 of the FSR and a no-go map has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR. The maps will be refined, if necessary, in the EIA Phase.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 7-17 of the FSR</u>  <u>Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>

	<p><u>facilities be placed in such a way that they avoid any highly sensitive biodiversity areas. Furthermore, the layout Plan overlaid with biodiversity sensitivities must be included and submitted during the next phase of the EIA.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>Yours faithfully</u></p> <p><u>Mr. Seoka Lekota</u></p>		
<b><u>MDARDLEA</u></b>			
<p><u>SB Mbuyane</u></p> <p><u>19 April 2023</u></p> <p><u>Letter via Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Madam,</u></p> <p><u>DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOURNEE SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 7 (PORTION OF PORTION 3) AND PORTION 8 OF THE FARM DWARS-IN-DIE-WEG 350 IS, STANDERTON, LEKWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.</u></p> <p><u>The draft environmental impact assessment report which was submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 27 March 2023 refers. The Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:</u></p> <p><u>1. According to the Soil, Land-use and Land Capability Assessment dated February 2023 the site largely compromises grazing land as well as</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>Table 5-7 of the FSR notes the following:</u></p> <p><u>Given that the project is proposed on land zoned for Agriculture, SALA requires that any long-term lease associated with the renewable energy facility be approved by the DALRRD. Subdivision and consolidation of land are also regulated as part of municipal planning, and will therefore be subject to municipal by-laws and provincial legislation.</u></p> <p><u>The SALA consent and Land use zoning are separate processes from the Application for EA, and needs to be applied for and obtained separately from the EA and S&amp;EIR process.</u></p> <p><u>It is however noted that a rezoning application is already underway for the proposed project, however, can only be complete once the EA is issued. The proponent will</u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-7 of the FSR</u></p>



	<p><u>cultivated field with maize and soybeans as crops of choice. Furthermore, the proposed activities will result in the loss of growth medium (stripped soils), if change of land use is proposed for the above mentioned development a letter of 'no objection' for change in land use should be acquired before commencement of the project. Consultation should be made with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) to ensure that the development will not affect future agricultural production.</u></p>	<p><u>ensure all municipal approvals and zoning requirements are met prior to commencement of construction.</u></p>	
	<p><u>2. The proposed development will lead to loss of floral communities which will impact on the terrestrial biodiversity within the proposed site and will result in the degradation of the surrounding Freshwater Ecosystem. The mitigation measures proposed on the Biodiversity Scoping Report must be implemented and strictly adhered to.</u></p>	<p><u>The mitigation measures proposed by the biodiversity specialist will be integrated into the EMPr that will be compiled as part of the EIA Phase.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 8-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<p><u>3. The applicant must ensure that the proposed development is prioritized in habitats of decreased sensitivity. To ensure that sensitive habitats are avoided.</u></p>	<p><u>A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been included in Figure 7-17 of the FSR and has been compiled based on the sensitivities and buffers outlined in the specialist studies. A no-go map has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR, indicating areas where no development will take place.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 7-17 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>
	<p><u>4. According to the Freshwater Scoping Report dated February 2023 the proposed development may result in potential encroachment of three wetlands. A sensitivity layout plan on aquatic assessment must be included in the final EIAR delineating all sensitivity areas and clearly showing all buffer zones between watercourses and development edges as well as and no go areas.</u></p>	<p><u>A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been included in Figure 7-17 of the FSR and has been compiled based on the sensitivities and buffers outlined in the specialist studies. A no-go map has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR, indicating areas where no development will take place.</u></p> <p><u>An aquatic sensitivity map will be included in the Draft and Final EIAs.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 7-17 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>

	<p><u>5. A heritage sensitivity layout map must be included in the final EIAR with the 50m buffer around the burial sites as advised on the Heritage Impact Assessment dated February 2023 to ensure that no development within the area.</u></p>	<p><u>A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been included in Figure 7-17 of the FSR and has been compiled based on the sensitivities and buffers outlined in the specialist studies. A no-go map has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR, indicating areas where no development will take place.</u></p> <p><u>A heritage sensitivity map will be included in the Draft and Final EIAs.</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 7-17 and Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>
	<p><u>6. The recommendations and mitigation measures advised on the various assessment studies conducted must be incorporated on the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).</u></p>	<p><u>The EMPr will be compiled in the EIA Phase upon the finalisation of the recommendations and mitigation measures provided by the specialists.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 10.2 of the FSR</u></p>
	<p><u>7. The final EIAR must provide proof that all potential and registered I&amp;AP's, including the Organs of State, were provided with access to and an opportunity to comment on the draft EIAR following submission of the application form (Regulation 40(3)).</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirms that all registered I&amp;APs as indicated in Appendix A of the SER were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DSR from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023. Proof of correspondence is included in Appendix B of the SER. All registered I&amp;APs will be given the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIA and proof will be submitted in the final EIA.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u> <u>Appendix B of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>8. The final EIAR must include issues and responses of the report, as well as copies of and responses to comments received from all I&amp;APs, including these comments</u></p> <p><u>Do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.</u></p> <p><u>Yours sincerely,</u></p> <p><u>MS S.B. MBUYANE</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirms that all comments received to date have been captured in the comments and responses tables in Section 3 of the SER. A copy of the original comment has been included in Appendix D of the SER.</u></p> <p><u>The comments and responses table will continue to be updated as the project progresses.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 3 of the SER</u> <u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>

### 3.1.2 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR TOURNÉE 1

Comments Received During Draft Scoping Phase for Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility are incorporate in **Table 3-2** below and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.2**.

**Table 3-2 – Comments received for Tournée 1**

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
<b>DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations:</b>			
<p><u>Lydia Kutu</u>  <u>28 March 2023</u>  <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Sir/Madam</u></p> <p><u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED TOURNÉE 1 SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR STANDERTON, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.</u></p> <p><u>The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 24 March 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p> <p><u>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 referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</u></p> <p><u>Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP confirms that the I&amp;APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DSR from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023.</u></p> <p><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></p> <p><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 D2 of the SER</u></p>

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	<p><u>potential Interested &amp; 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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</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>Kind Regards,</u></p> <p><u>Lydia Kutu</u></p> <p><u>Integrated Environmental Authorisations:</u></p> <p><u>Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support</u></p>		
<p><u>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u></p> <p><u>18 April 2023</u></p> <p><u>Letter via Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Ms Strong</u></p> <p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TOURNÉE 1 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITY AND</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>The FSR and Amended Application Form have been updated to both reflect the same project title. The</u></p>	<p>=</p>

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
	<p><u>ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR STANDERTON WITHIN LEKWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</u></p> <p><u>The application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) and draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Competent Authority (CA) on 24 March 2023 refer.</u></p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:</u></p> <p><u>Application Form and Project Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>It has been noted that the project title and description from the application form differ with that of the draft SR. When submitting the final SR, please ensure that the project description and title from the amended application form are defined the same with that of the final SR.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Amended Application Form will be submitted with the FSR</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>On Appendix 4 of the application form, please provide for the Lekwa Local Municipality Competent Authority representative, contact details in full and email address as well.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The Lekwa Local Municipality was contacted and Mr Letshego Mabena was provided as the contact person. The application form has been amended and the Stakeholder Database has been updated.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>Listed Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>It has been noted that the exclusions on the triggered listed activities applied for are not included. Therefore, you are advised to include in the amended application form as well as final SR all the relevant exclusions related to the listed activities applied for. For instance, activity 11 of Listing Notice (LN) 1 have been applied for, however the exclusions have not been quoted in the application form.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The application form has been amended to include the relevant exclusions related to the listed activities applied for.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been noted that the word “may be” have been used in the description of activity 30 of Listing Notice (LN) 1. Please refrain from using such word/s, since it creates an uncertainty regarding the applicability of the listed activity applied for, for the proposed development. In addition, please note that the Project Description and Listed Activities are not based on a precautionary approach.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Activity 30 of Listing Notice 1 has been amended and the wording “may be” has been removed.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CA acknowledges that activity 56 of LN 1 will be triggered by the proposed development as the access roads will be widened by more than 6m and the existing roads does not have the reserve. However, the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates indicated that “access road will need to be widened by more than 6 meters”. Please ensure that the exact width is included in the updated application form and final SR to determine if the said activity is triggered by the proposed development or not.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Activity 56 of Listing Notice 1 has been amended to include the statement: <i>The access road will need to be widened by between 6m and 8m.</i></u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 12 of LN 3 for the clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation is applied for without specifying the exact total amount of vegetation to be cleared. The CA acknowledge that it has been indicated that more than 20ha of indigenous vegetation will be cleared for activity 15 of LN 2.</li> </ul> <p><u>However, you are advised to include the exact amount of vegetation to be cleared in the amended application form and final SR for activity 12 of LN 3.</u></p>	<p><u>Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 has been amended to include the statement: It is anticipated that the construction of the Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility will require clearance of up to 3 066 500 m<sup>2</sup> of vegetation . It is likely that at least 300m<sup>2</sup> of this vegetation will be within the ESAs.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It has been noted that activities 4, 10, 12, 14, and 18 of LN 3 have been applied for. Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) has been indicated as the area to be affected by for the proposed development and the description of the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates indicated the area to be affected as Ecological Support Areas (ESA). However, the listed activities under Listing Notice 3 does not include ESA in for the development to trigger a listed activity. Therefore, you are requested to explain and provide evidence why the above-mentioned listed activities are triggered for the proposed development. In addition, the description of the proposed project must make reference to the systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the CA or in bioregional plans and proof of such must be obtained from the relevant CA and be part of the amended application form and final SR.</li> </ul>	<p>A very small portion of the proposed Tournée 1 Solar PV Park is identified as Optimal CBA (approximately 0.36 ha) as identified by the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (2019). The listed activities in the FSR and amended application form have been amended to reflect this.</p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. In addition, the onus is on the applicant and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application and the final SR. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application.</li> </ul>	<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><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the draft SR, an amended application form must be submitted with the final SR. Please note that the Department's</li> </ul>	<p>WSP can confirm that an amended application form will be submitted with the FSR to include the amended listed activities. Furthermore, the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p><u>application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <a href="https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms">https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms</a>.</u></p>		
	<p><u>Alternatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• You are further required to provide details of the all the alternatives considered for this development and indicate the preferred alternatives as per Appendix 2 (2) (1) (g) (i) (v) (vi) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended in the final report.</u></li> <li><u>• Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The alternatives considered for this project are include in Section 4 of the FSR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4 of the FSR.</u></p>
	<p><u>Cumulative Impact</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• It has been noted on page 179 of the draft SR that, one (1) solar PV plant application have been approved within the geographic area of investigation. Further to this, the Tutuka PV Energy Facility and its associated infrastructures are within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, therefore, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</u></li> <li><u>➢ Assess the cumulative impacts of the proposed (not yet authorised), authorised (not yet constructed) and existing solar energy facilities.</u></li> <li><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</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Section 9 of the FSR identifies Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility. Other planned or existing projects that can interact with the Project will be identified during stakeholder engagement and finalisation of the S&amp;EIA process. The cumulative impact assessment will be undertaken in the EIA Phase.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9 of the FSR</u></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> <p>➤ <u>The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u></p> <p>➤ <u>A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</u></p>		
	<p><u>Specialist Assessments</u></p> <p>• <u>According to the screening report, the Aquatic Biodiversity Theme, Landscape (solar) Theme, Paleontology Theme, and Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme are all very high sensitivity, Agricultural Theme has high sensitivity and Animal Species Theme, Civil Aviation Theme, Plant Species Theme and RFI Theme are all medium sensitivity, whereas Avian Theme, Defence Theme, Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme are all low sensitivity. Therefore, you are advised to submit a site verification report and motivation for the exclusions of any specialist studies identified by the screening tool.</u></p>	<p><u>A site verification section has been included in Section 7 of the FSR. Table 7-1 summarises the DFFE Screening Tool sensitivity for each assessment and provides the specialist sensitivity identified.</u></p> <p><u>Motivation for specialists studies excluded are included in Section 2.2.1 of the FSR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u> <u>Table 7-1 of the FSR</u> <u>Section 2.2.1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<p>• <u>It is 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, have come into</u></p>	<p><u>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).</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p><u>effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols unless proof is provided to demonstrate that the specialist assessments were commissioned prior to 50 days after the promulgation of GN 320 and after promulgation of GN1150 (30 October 2020).</u></p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• The protocols require certain specialists' to be registered with SACNASP. Refer to the relevant protocols in this regard.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Specialist CVs and applicable professional body certificates (including SACNASP) have been provided in Appendix C of the FSR.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix C of the FSR.</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>➢ A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</u></li> <li><u>➢ Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.</u></li> <li><u>➢ 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.</u></li> <li><u>➢ Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p>clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.</p> <p>&gt; 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>&gt; Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.</p> <p>&gt; 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>&gt; Declaration forms must be provided for all specialist studies to be conducted.</p> <p>&gt; Should it be determined that there is a need for additional specialist studies to be undertaken based on the outcome of public participation, these must be commissioned and be included in the draft EIA reports for public comment.</p>		
	<p><u>Layout &amp; Sensitivity Maps</u></p> <p>• The CA had noted the following on Appendix E: <u>Layout and sensitivity map and you are required to provide clarity in the final SR:</u></p> <p>&gt; Considering that the proposed development will be located within high sensitivity in terms of Flora and intermediate sensitivity in terms of Fauna and as per</p>	<p>The DFFE Screening Tool indicates that the site has a <u>medium sensitivity for plant species</u>. The triggering species included <u>Sensitive species 1252 (VU) and Sensitive Species 691 (VU)</u>. A site visit was undertaken during the summer months which coincide with these species' flowering time, however, these species were not found during the site assessment and habitat for this species to occur is unlikely. The medium sensitivity for</p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u></p> <p><u>Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p><u>activities under LN 3 applied for (e.g., CBAs). Please explain why the proposed development affects these sensitive areas (Fauna, Flora and CBAs) while there are areas not depicted as environmentally sensitive and cannot be considered for the location/placing of solar panels.</u></p>	<p><u>the Plant Species Theme is disputed by the specialist and the low sensitivity is confirmed.</u></p> <p><u>The DFFE Screening Tool indicates that the site has a medium sensitivity for animal species due to potential suitable habitat for the following trigger species: Aves: Tyto capensis (African Grass Owl; VU) and Eupodotis senegalensis (White Bellied Korhaan; VU). Insecta: Lepidochrysops procera (Potchefstroom Blue; Rare) and Mammalia: Crocidura maquassiensis (Maquassie Musk Shrew; VU). The medium and low sensitivity for the Animal Species Theme for the Tournée 1 Solar PV Park within the Grassland and Freshwater habitat is supported for Mammal, Herpetofauna and invertebrate.</u></p> <p><u>A no-go map has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR, indicating areas where no development will take place.</u></p>	
	<p><u>• Please be advised that a layout map to be submitted to the CA must indicate the following (but not limited to and the findings of the specialists must also be used for the finalisation of the layout).</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>&gt; The PV development area;</u></li> <li><u>&gt; Position of all infrastructure e.g., BESS, on-site HV/MV substation and 132kV switching station, grid connection etc;</u></li> <li><u>&gt; Supporting infrastructure (i.e., operation and maintenance buildings including a gate house and security building, control centre, offices, warehouses and workshops for storage and maintenance)</u></li> <li><u>&gt; Permanent and temporary laydown area footprint;</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The following key components will be developed within the proposed Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility development site:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• Solar Field;</u></li> <li><u>• Back-to-Back Substation and BESS;</u></li> <li><u>• Operations and Maintenance (O&amp;M) Building Infrastructure;</u></li> <li><u>• Construction Camp Laydown;</u></li> <li><u>• Access Road; and</u></li> <li><u>• Associated Infrastructure.</u></li> </ul> <p><u>A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map is included in Figure 7-17 of the FSR and a no-go map</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 7-17 of the FSR</u></p> <p><u>Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <u>All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g., roads (existing and proposed);</u></li> <li>&gt; <u>All existing infrastructure on the site;</u></li> <li>&gt; <u>The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, ESAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;</u></li> <li>&gt; <u>Buffer areas of the above sensitive areas; and</u></li> <li>&gt; <u>All “no-go” areas.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR. The layout map will be further updated and formalised in the EIA Phase.</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Please ensure that the above map has a clear legend that communicate with details of the map.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>A legend has been included on all maps.</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the map and infrastructure must not encroach on highly sensitive areas as far as possible.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map is included in Figure 7-17 of the FSR and a no-go map has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 7-17 of the FSR</u> <u>Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ensure that similar colours are not used to differentiate between infrastructure. i.e., items must be easily distinguishable in the legend.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Similar colours have not been used on the maps and items in the legend are easily distinguishable.</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>No google maps have been used.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Generic EMPr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The 132kV feeder bay is being mentioned as part of the infrastructure to form part of the proposed development in activity 11 of Listing Notice 1. Therefore, ensure that the generic EMPr that</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The recommended EMPr has been considered and made reference to in Section 5.5.1 of the FSR. The recommendations and mitigation measures provided by the specialists will only be finalised in the EIA Phase. The recommendations and mitigation measures will be used to compile the site-specific EMPr with the Generic</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5.5.1 of the FSR</u> <u>Section 10.2 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p><u>complies with the GN 435 of March 2022 is submitted in the final SR.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The EMPr that complies with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, as amended, for the facility must be submitted with the final report.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>EMPr attached as an appendix. The Plan of Study for the EIA Phase in Section 10.2 of the FSR notes that a Site Specific EMPr and relevant Generic EMPr will be compiled in the EIA Phase and included in the Draft and Final EIA Reports.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Public Participation Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final SR. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE): Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness and Directorate: Biodiversity Planning and Conservation (BCAdmin@environment.gov.za); Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA), MTPA, Telkom, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), South African Civil Aviation Authority, Endangered Wildlife Trust, Birdlife South Africa, Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation, South African National Defence Force, Local interest and affected groups, for example: Councillors and Rate Payers associations; Surrounding landowners, Farmer Organisations, Environmental Groups and NGOs; and Grassroots communities and structures as well as the affected district and local municipalities.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state have been included in the SER and adequately addressed and responded to.</u></p> <p><u>The Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were contacted for comment on the FSR. At the time of finalisation of the FSR no comment had been received.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders has been included in Appendix B of the SER.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix B of the SER</u></p>

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	<p><u>must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.</u></p>		
	<p><u>• The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended and the approved Public Participation Plan.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>• The comments and response trail report (C&amp;R) must be submitted with the Final SR. The C&amp;R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&amp;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.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 3 of the SER.</u></p> <p><u>WSP can confirm that the SER is also being submitted as a separate report.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u> <u>Section 3 of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>• Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department’s comments) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed. Comments made by I&amp;APs must be 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&amp;AP’s comments.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirm that all comments from I&amp;APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore the response “Noted” has not been utilised.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u> <u>Section 3 of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>General</u> <u>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:</u></p>	<p><u>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 “Where a</u></p>	<p>=</p>

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	<p><u>"If S&amp;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 scoping report 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"</u></p>	<p><u>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"</u>.</p>	
	<p><u>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 Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p>=</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 timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).</u></p>	<p><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></p>	<p>=</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>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u></p>	<p><u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</u></p>	<p>=</p>



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<b><u>SAHRA</u></b>			
<p><u>Natasha Higgitt</u> <u>03 May 2023</u> <u>Letter via SAHRIS</u></p>	<p><u>Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd propose to construct the Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility near Thuthukani in the Mpumalanga Province. The proposed Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility will be developed with a contracted capacity of 150 megawatt (MW), thus allowing for up to 150 MW for export from the facility.</u></p> <p><u>WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility and associated infrastructure, near Morgenzon, Mpumalanga 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 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include a solar field, site substation and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Operation and Maintenance Buildings, construction camp and laydown area, temporary cement batching plant, septic tanks, underground cables, fencing, stormwater infrastructure, water pipelines and other associated infrastructure within a development footprint of 306.65 ha.</u></p> <p><u>CTS Heritage was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges the interim comment provided by SAHRA. The Draft EIA and associated Appendices will be submitted on SAHRIS.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D2 of the SER</u></p>

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	<p><u>Lavin, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed development of the Tournée 1 Solar PV Park near Standerton, Mpumalanga</u></p> <p><u>The HIA draws on the results of Archaeological Specialist Study (Lavin, J; Fivaz, H and Fairhurst, S. 2023) and Palaeontological report (Bamford, M. 2023).</u></p> <p><u>The proposed development area is underlain by non-fossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite and potentially very highly fossiliferous Vryheid Formation. No fossils were identified during the site visit. A total of two heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include two burial grounds of high heritage significance. The visual impact of the development is considered to be moderately low.</u></p> <p><u>Recommendations provided in the report include the following:</u></p> <p><u>The recommendation sin the VIA are implemented;</u></p> <p><u>A no development buffer of 50m is implemented around the burial sites identified within the development area;</u></p> <p><u>On going community access to these burials, as well as their conservation into the future, must be ensured. This can be managed through the development of a Heritage Management Plan for the burials to be implemented for the duration of the project;</u></p>		



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	<p><u>The attached Chance Fossil Finds Procedure must be implemented for the duration of construction activities; and</u></p> <p><u>Should any buried archaeological resources or human remains or burials be uncovered during the course of development activities, work must cease in the vicinity of these finds. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be contacted immediately in order to determine an appropriate way forward.</u></p> <p><u>Interim Comment</u></p> <p><u>The SAHRA notes the submitted HIA and associated heritage specialist reports. SAHRA will provide further comments upon receipt of the Draft EIA and associated appendices.</u></p> <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>		

### 3.1.3 COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR TOURNÉE 2

Comments Received During Draft Scoping Phase for Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility are incorporate in **Table 3-3** below and have been responded to adequately. The original comments have been included in **Appendix D.3**.

**Table 3-3 – Comments received for Tournée 2**

<u>Stakeholder Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Response</u>	<u>Report Reference</u>
<b>DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations:</b>			
<p><u>Lydia Kutu</u>  <u>28 March 2023</u>  <u>Email</u></p>	<p><u>Dear Sir/Madam</u></p> <p><u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED TOURNÉE 2 SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR STANDERTON, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.</u></p> <p><u>The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 24 March 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</u></p> <p><u>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 referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</u></p> <p><u>Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP confirms that the I&amp;APs were provided with an opportunity to comment on the DSR from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023.</u></p> <p><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></p> <p><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 D3 of the SER</u></p>

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	<p><u>potential Interested &amp; 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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</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>Kind Regards,</u></p> <p><u>Lydia Kutu</u></p> <p><u>Integrated Environmental Authorisations:</u></p> <p><u>Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support</u></p>		
<p><u>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u></p> <p><u>19 April 2023</u></p> <p><u>Letter via Email</u></p>	<p><u>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TOURNÉE 2 SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR STANDERTON WITHIN LEKWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>The FSR and Amended Application Form have been updated to both reflect the same project title. The</u></p>	<p>=</p>

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	<p><u>The application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) and draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Competent Authority (CA) on 24 March 2023, refer. Authority (CA) on 24 March 2023 refer.</u></p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:</u></p> <p><u>Application Form and Project Description</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>It has been noted that the project title and description from the application form differ with that of the draft SR. When submitting the final SR, please ensure that the project description and title from the amended application form are defined the same with that of the final SR.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Amended Application Form will be submitted with the FSR</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>On Appendix 4 of the application form, please provide for the Lekwa Local Municipality Competent Authority representative, contact details in full and email address as well.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The Lekwa Local Municipality was contacted and Mr Letshego Mabena was provided as the contact person. The application form has been amended and the Stakeholder Database has been updated.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix A of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>Listed Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>It has been noted that the exclusions on the triggered listed activities applied for are not included. Therefore, you are advised to include in the amended application form as well as final SR all the relevant exclusions related to the listed activities applied for. For instance, activity 11 of Listing Notice (LN) 1 have been applied for, however the exclusions have not been quoted in the application form.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The application form has been amended to include the relevant exclusions related to the listed activities applied for.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been noted that the word “may be” have been used in the description of activity 30 of Listing Notice (LN) 1. Please refrain from using such word/s, since it creates an uncertainty regarding the applicability of the listed activity applied for, for the proposed development. In addition, please note that the Project Description and Listed Activities are not based on a precautionary approach.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Activity 30 of Listing Notice 1 has been amended and the wording “may be” has been removed.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CA acknowledges that activity 56 of LN 1 will be triggered by the proposed development as the access roads will be widened by more than 6m and the existing roads does not have the reserve. However, the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates indicated that “access road will need to be widened by more than 6 meters”. Please ensure that the exact width is included in the updated application form and final SR to determine if the said activity is triggered by the proposed development or not.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Activity 56 of Listing Notice 1 has been amended to include the statement: <i>The access road will need to be widened by between 6m and 8m.</i></u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 12 of LN 3 for the clearance of an area of 300 square meters or more of indigenous vegetation is applied for without specifying the exact total amount of vegetation to be cleared. The CA acknowledge that it has been indicated that more than 20ha of indigenous vegetation will be cleared for activity 15 of LN 2. However, you are advised to include the exact amount of vegetation to be cleared in the amended application form and final SR for activity 12 of LN 3.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Activity 12 of Listing Notice 3 has been amended to include the statement: It is anticipated that the construction of the Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility will require clearance of up to 5 051 500m<sup>2</sup> of vegetation. It is likely that at least 300m<sup>2</sup> of this vegetation will be within the ESAs.</u></p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It has been noted that activities 4, 10, 12, 14, and 18 of LN 3 have been applied for. Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) has been indicated as the area to be affected by for the proposed development and the description of the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates indicated the area to be affected as Ecological Support Areas (ESA). However, the listed activities under Listing Notice 3 does not include ESA in for the development to trigger a listed activity. Therefore, you are requested to explain and provide evidence why the above-mentioned listed activities are triggered for the proposed development. In addition, the description of the proposed project must make reference to the systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the CA or in bioregional plans and proof of such must be obtained from the relevant CA and be part of the amended application form and final SR.</li> </ul>	<p>A very small portion of the proposed Tournée 1 Solar PV Park is identified as Optimal CBA (approximately 0.33 ha) as identified by the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (2019). The listed activities in the FSR and amended application form have been amended to reflect this.</p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. In addition, the onus is on the applicant and the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application and the final SR. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application.</li> </ul>	<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><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the draft SR, an amended application form must be submitted with the final SR. Please note that the Department's</li> </ul>	<p>WSP can confirm that an amended application form will be submitted with the FSR to include the amended listed activities. Furthermore, the most recent application form template has been utilised.</p>	<p><u>Table 5-1 of the FSR</u></p>



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	<p><u>application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <a href="https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms">https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms</a>.</u></p>		
	<p><u>Alternatives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>You are further required to provide details of the all the alternatives considered for this development and indicate the preferred alternatives as per Appendix 2 (2) (1) (g) (i) (v) (vi) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended in the final report.</u></li> <li>• <u>Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The alternatives considered for this project are include in Section 4 of the FSR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 4 of the FSR.</u></p>
	<p><u>Cumulative Impact</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>It has been noted on page 179 of the draft SR that, one (1) solar PV plant application have been approved within the geographic area of investigation. Further to this, the Tutuka PV Energy Facility and its associated infrastructures are within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, therefore, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</u></li> <li>➢ <u>Assess the cumulative impacts of the proposed (not yet authorised), authorised (not yet constructed) and existing solar energy facilities.</u></li> <li>➢ <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</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Section 9 of the FSR identifies Renewable Energy Projects with 30km of the Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility. Other planned or existing projects that can interact with the Project will be identified during stakeholder engagement and finalisation of the S&amp;EIA process. The cumulative impact assessment will be undertaken in the EIA Phase.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 9 of the FSR</u></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> <p>➤ <u>The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.</u></p> <p>➤ <u>A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.</u></p>		
	<p><u>Specialist Assessments</u></p> <p>• <u>According to the screening report, the Aquatic Biodiversity Theme, Landscape (solar) Theme, Paleontology Theme, and Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme are all very high sensitivity, Agricultural Theme has high sensitivity and Animal Species Theme, Civil Aviation Theme, Plant Species Theme and RFI Theme are all medium sensitivity, whereas Avian Theme, Defence Theme, Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme are all low sensitivity. Therefore, you are advised to submit a site verification report and motivation for the exclusions of any specialist studies identified by the screening tool.</u></p>	<p><u>A site verification section has been included in Section 7 of the FSR. Table 7-1 summarises the DFFE Screening Tool sensitivity for each assessment and provides the specialist sensitivity identified.</u></p> <p><u>Motivation for specialists studies excluded are included in Section 2.2.1 of the FSR.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u> <u>Table 7-1 of the FSR</u> <u>Section 2.2.1 of the FSR</u></p>
	<p>• <u>It is 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, have come into</u></p>	<p><u>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).</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p><u>effect. Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols unless proof is provided to demonstrate that the specialist assessments were commissioned prior to 50 days after the promulgation of GN 320 and after promulgation of GN1150 (30 October 2020).</u></p>		
	<p><u>• The protocols require certain specialists' to be registered with SACNASP. Refer to the relevant protocols in this regard.</u></p>	<p><u>Specialist CVs and applicable professional body certificates (including SACNASP) have been provided in Appendix C of the FSR.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix C of the FSR.</u></p>
	<p><u>• The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>➢ A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisation.</u></li> <li><u>➢ Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.</u></li> <li><u>➢ 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.</u></li> <li><u>➢ Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p>clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.</p> <p>&gt; 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>&gt; Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.</p> <p>&gt; 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>&gt; Declaration forms must be provided for all specialist studies to be conducted.</p> <p>&gt; Should it be determined that there is a need for additional specialist studies to be undertaken based on the outcome of public participation, these must be commissioned and be included in the draft EIA reports for public comment.</p>		
	<p><u>Layout &amp; Sensitivity Maps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CA had noted the following on Appendix E: <u>Layout and sensitivity map and you are required to provide clarity in the final SR:</u></li> <li>• <u>Considering that the proposed development will be located within high sensitivity in terms of Flora and intermediate sensitivity in terms of Fauna and as per</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The DFFE Screening Tool indicates that the site has a medium sensitivity for plant species. The triggering species included Sensitive species 1252 (VU) and Sensitive Species 691 (VU)). A site visit was undertaken during the summer months which coincide with these species' flowering time, however, these species were not found during the site assessment and habitat for this species to occur is unlikely. The medium sensitivity for</u></p>	<p><u>Section 7 of the FSR</u></p> <p><u>Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p><u>activities under LN 3 applied for (e.g., CBAs). Please explain why the proposed development affects these sensitive areas (Fauna, Flora and CBAs) while there are areas not depicted as environmentally sensitive and cannot be considered for the location/placing of solar panels.</u></p>	<p><u>the Plant Species Theme is disputed by the specialist and the low sensitivity is confirmed.</u></p> <p><u>The DFFE Screening Tool indicates that the site has a medium sensitivity for animal species due to potential suitable habitat for the following trigger species: Aves: Tyto capensis (African Grass Owl; VU) and Eupodotis senegalensis (White Bellied Korhaan; VU). Insecta: Lepidochrysops procera (Potchefstroom Blue; Rare) and Mammalia: Crocidura maquassiensis (Maquassie Musk Shrew; VU). The medium and low sensitivity for the Animal Species Theme for the Tournée 2 Solar PV Park within the Grassland and Freshwater habitat is supported for Mammal, Herpetofauna and invertebrate.</u></p> <p><u>A no-go map has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR, indicating areas where no development will take place.</u></p>	
	<p><u>• Please be advised that a layout map to be submitted to the CA must indicate the following (but not limited to and the findings of the specialists must also be used for the finalisation of the layout).</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>&gt; The PV development area;</u></li> <li><u>&gt; Position of all infrastructure e.g., BESS, on-site HV/MV substation and 132kV switching station, grid connection etc;</u></li> <li><u>&gt; Supporting infrastructure (i.e., operation and maintenance buildings including a gate house and security building, control centre, offices, warehouses and workshops for storage and maintenance)</u></li> <li><u>&gt; Permanent and temporary laydown area footprint;</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The following key components will be developed within the proposed Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility development site:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• Solar Field;</u></li> <li><u>• Back-to-Back Substation and BESS;</u></li> <li><u>• Operations and Maintenance (O&amp;M) Building Infrastructure;</u></li> <li><u>• Construction Camp Laydown;</u></li> <li><u>• Access Road; and</u></li> <li><u>• Associated Infrastructure.</u></li> </ul> <p><u>A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map is included in Figure 7-17 of the FSR and a no-go map</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 7-17 of the FSR</u></p> <p><u>Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g., roads (existing and proposed);</u></li> <li>➤ <u>All existing infrastructure on the site; and</u></li> <li>➤ <u>The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, ESAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;</u></li> <li>➤ <u>Buffer areas of the above sensitive areas; and</u></li> <li>➤ <u>All “no-go” areas.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR. The layout map will be further updated and formalised in the EIA Phase.</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Please ensure that the above map has a clear legend that communicate with details of the map.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>A legend has been included on all maps.</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the map and infrastructure must not encroach on highly sensitive areas as far as possible.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map is included in Figure 7-17 of the FSR and a no-go map has been included in Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>	<p><u>Figure 7-17 of the FSR</u> <u>Figure 7-18 of the FSR</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ensure that similar colours are not used to differentiate between infrastructure. i.e., items must be easily distinguishable in the legend.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Similar colours have not been used on the maps and items in the legend are easily distinguishable.</u></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>No google maps have been used.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Generic EMPr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The 132kV feeder bay is being mentioned as part of the infrastructure to form part of the proposed development in activity 11 of Listing Notice 1. Therefore, ensure that the generic EMPr that</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>The recommended EMPr has been considered and made reference to in Section 5.5.1 of the FSR. The recommendations and mitigation measures provided by the specialists will only be finalised in the EIA Phase. The recommendations and mitigation measures will be used to compile the site-specific EMPr with the Generic</u></p>	<p><u>Section 5.5.1 of the FSR</u> <u>Section 10.2 of the FSR</u></p>

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	<p><u>complies with the GN 435 of March 2022 is submitted in the final SR.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• The EMPr that complies with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, as amended, for the facility must be submitted with the final report.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>EMPr attached as an appendix. The Plan of Study for the EIA Phase in Section 10.2 of the FSR notes that a Site Specific EMPr and relevant Generic EMPr will be compiled in the EIA Phase and included in the Draft and Final EIA Reports.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Public Participation Process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final SR. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE): Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness and Directorate: Biodiversity Planning and Conservation (BCAdmin@environment.gov.za); Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA), MTPA, Telkom, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), South African Civil Aviation Authority, Endangered Wildlife Trust, Birdlife South Africa, Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation, South African National Defence Force, Local interest and affected groups, for example: Councillors and Rate Payers associations; Surrounding landowners, Farmer Organisations, Environmental Groups and NGOs; and Grassroots communities and structures as well as the affected district and local municipalities.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state have been included in the SER and adequately addressed and responded to.</u></p> <p><u>The Biodiversity Directorate of the DFFE were contacted for comment on the FSR. At the time of finalisation of the FSR no comment had been received.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders has been included in Appendix B of the SER.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix B of the SER</u></p>

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	<p><u>must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.</u></p>		
	<p><u>• The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended and the approved Public Participation Plan.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process is being conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p>=</p>
	<p><u>• The comments and response trail report (C&amp;R) must be submitted with the Final SR. The C&amp;R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&amp;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.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state have been included in a comment of response report included in Section 3 of the SER.</u></p> <p><u>WSP can confirm that the SER is also being submitted as a separate report.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u> <u>Section 3 of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>• Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department’s comments) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed. Comments made by I&amp;APs must be 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&amp;AP’s comments.</u></p>	<p><u>WSP confirm that all comments from I&amp;APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Furthermore, the response “Noted” has not been utilised.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D of the SER</u> <u>Section 3 of the SER</u></p>
	<p><u>General</u> <u>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:</u></p>	<p><u>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 “Where a</u></p>	<p>=</p>



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	<p><u>"If S&amp;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 scoping report 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"</u></p>	<p><u>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"</u>.</p>	
	<p><u>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 Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</u></p>	<p><u>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.</u></p>	<p>=</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 timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).</u></p>	<p><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></p>	<p>=</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>Mr Sabelo Malaza</u></p>	<p><u>WSP and the Applicant take note of this reminder.</u></p>	<p>=</p>

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<b>SAHRA</b>			
<p>Natasha Higgitt 03 May 2023 Letter via SAHRIS</p>	<p><u>Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd propose to construct the Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility near Thuthukani in the Mpumalanga Province. The proposed Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility will be developed with a contracted capacity of 150 megawatt (MW), thus allowing for up to 150 MW for export from the facility</u></p> <p><u>WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility and associated infrastructure, near Morgenzon, Mpumalanga 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 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include a solar field, site substation and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Operation and Maintenance Buildings, construction camp and laydown area, temporary cement batching plant, septic tanks, underground cables, fencing, stormwater infrastructure, water pipelines and other associated infrastructure within a development footprint of 505.15 ha.</u></p> <p><u>CTS Heritage was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).</u></p>	<p><u>WSP Response:</u></p> <p><u>WSP acknowledges the interim comment provided by SAHRA. The Draft EIA and associated Appendices will be submitted on SAHRIS.</u></p>	<p><u>Appendix D2 of the SER</u></p>

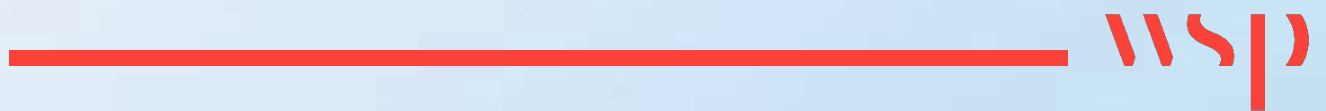
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	<p><u>Lavin, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed development of the Tournée 2 Solar PV Park near Standerton, Mpumalanga</u></p> <p><u>The HIA draws on the results of an Archaeological Specialist Study (Lavin, J; Fivaz, H and Fairhurst, S. 2023) and Palaeontological report (Bamford, M. 2023).</u></p> <p><u>The proposed development area is underlain by non-fossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite and potentially very highly fossiliferous Vryheid Formation. No fossils were identified during the site visit. A total of three heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include a demolished historical farmstead of negligible heritage significance and two burial grounds of high heritage significance. The visual impact of the development is considered to be moderately low</u></p> <p><u>Recommendations provided in the report include the following:</u></p> <p><u>The recommendation sin the VIA are implemented;</u></p> <p><u>A no development buffer of 50m is implemented around the burial sites identified within the development area;</u></p> <p><u>On going community access to these burials, as well as their conservation into the future, must be ensured. This can be managed through the development of a Heritage Management Plan for the burials to be implemented for the duration of the project;</u></p>		



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	<p><u>The attached Chance Fossil Finds Procedure must be implemented for the duration of construction activities; and</u></p> <p><u>Should any buried archaeological resources or human remains or burials be uncovered during the course of development activities, work must cease in the vicinity of these finds. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be contacted immediately in order to determine an appropriate way forward.</u></p> <p><u>Interim Comment</u></p> <p><u>The SAHRA notes the submitted HIA and associated heritage specialist reports. SAHRA will provide further comments upon receipt of the Draft EIA and associated appendices.</u></p> <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>		

# Appendix A

## STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



## Tournee Solar PV - Stakeholder Database

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COMPANY/PROPERTY OWNED	POSITION
<b>LANDOWNERS</b>			
Kritesh	Bedessie	Eskom Holdings SOC Limited - Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS	
		Eskom Holdings SOC Limited - Remaining Portion of Portion 3 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS	
		Eskom Holdings SOC Limited - Portion 7 (Portion of Portion 3) of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS	
Adndrie	Botha	Eskom Holdings SOC Limited	
Bongi	Malahlela	Eskom Holdings SOC Limited	
<b>ADJACENT LANDOWNERS / OCC</b>			
Fanie	van der Merwe	Occupier - Remaining Portion of Portion 3 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS	
Schoonraad		Occupier - Portion 7 (Portion of Portion 3) of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS	
Schoonraad		Occupier - Remaining Portion of Portion 3 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS	
<b>WARD COUNCILLORS</b>			
Thabang	Motaung	Lekwa Local Municipality	Ward Councillor: Ward 12
Sechaba	Mosia	Lekwa Local Municipality	Ward Councillor: Ward 12
<b>COMMENTING AUTHORITIES</b>			
Mmatlala	Rabothata	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation

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Seoka	Lekota	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation
Portia	Makitla	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation
Rofhiwa	Magodi	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Protected Areas
Thivhulawi	Nethononda	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Directorate: Protected Areas
Asanda	Mnyaka	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Vaal Proto CMA- Water Quality Management
Whitney	Tshimbana	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Responsible Officer: Environmental Impact Management
Sindisiwe	Mbuyane	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact Management
Okwethu-kuhle	Fakude	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Environmental officer: Environmental Impact Management
NATIONAL AUTHORITIES			
Manthekeleng	Monama	Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWR) (National)	Chief Director in the Office of the DG
Khayaletu	Matrose	Department of Minerals and Resources (DMR) (National)	Director General's Office
Sipho	Skosana	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Director: Water Allocation
Thokozani	Mazibuko	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Deputy Director: Compulsory Licensing
Thuso	Ndou	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS) Head Office: Resource Protection & Waste	Deputy Director: Resource Protection & Waste
Pieter	Ackerman	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Instream Water Use Section
Andrew	Salomon	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	Heritage Officer: Archaeology

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Nkosazana	Machete	South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA)	The Provincial Manager
Anneliza	Collett	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	Directorate: Land Use and Soil Management
Thembi	Nyoka	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	
David	Moffet	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development	
Sweetness	Maletse	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	
Charles	Hlebela	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	
Poppie	Mahlangu	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	
PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES			
Nditsheni	Ramuhulu	Department of Mineral Resources (DMR)	Sub-Directorate: Mine Environmental Management
Aubrey	Tshivhandekano	Mpumalanga Department of Minerals and Resources (DMR)	Regional Manager – Mpumalanga Region
Masala	Mulaudzi	Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	Acting Chief Director
Adivhaho	Rambuda	Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	Control Officer
Fikile	Guma	Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	Regional Director: Mpumalanga
Sindisiwe	Mbuyane	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact Management
Okwethu-kuhle	Fakude	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Environmental officer- EIA
CM	Chunda	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Head of Department



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Pamela	Ntuli	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Chief Director (Environmental Services)
Sam	Nkosi	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Chief Director: Land Restitution Support
Nonhlanhla	Mbatha	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Director: Quality Assurance
Ntokozo Daniel	Nkambule	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA)	Information Management Support
Dineo	Tswai	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)	Deputy Director: Environmental Impact Management
Surgeon	Marebane	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)	Environmental Impact Management
Jan	Venter	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)	
A	Mkhabela	Mpumalanga Department Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)	Director: Economic Development
LH	Maphutha	Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Regional Land Claims Commissioner Mpumalanga
Herman	Alberts	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	
Mashudu	Mundalamo	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)	Chief Directorate: Climate Change Monitoring, Evaluation and Mitigation
Dr Savera	Mohangi	Mpumalanga Department of Social Development	Head of Department
Kgopana Matthew	Mohlasedi	Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWR)	Head of Department
Stephan	Pienaar	Mpumalanga Department of Public Works Road and Transport	Public Works
Sam	Ngubane	Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Head of Department
Lindi	Msibi	Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Acting Head of Communications

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Benjamin	Moduka	Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority	Provincial Heritage Resources Officer
George	Kutumela	Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Agency	Heritage Officer
F	Krige	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Development Assessment Officer
Mervyn	Lotter'	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Control Scientist for Biodiversity Planning
Phumla	Nkosi	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Scientific Services and Conservation
Khumbelo	Malele	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Scientific Services and Conservation
Thabile	Mnisi	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Scientific Services and Conservation
Johan	Eksteen	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Head of Scientific Services and Conservation
Kennel	Oos	Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga	Officer Commanding
Fikile	Sengwayo	Mpumalanga Public Works, Roads & Transport	

## LEKWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Councilor Delani Louis	Thabetha	Lekwa Local Municipality	Executive Mayor
Matladi	Thabitha	Lekwa Local Municipality	Head of Department: Development & Planning
T	Sebilwane	Lekwa Local Municipality	MMC: Development & Planning
Dumazile	Mhlongo	Lekwa Local Municipality	Ward Committee
J	Sindane	Lekwa Local Municipality	Municipal Manager

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Itumeleng	Mashishi	Lekwa Local Municipality	Town Planner
Deli	Galela	Lekwa Local Municipality	Speaker's Office
Letshego	Mabena	Lekwa Local Municipality	Regional Director: Petroleum Licensing
DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY			
Cllr. Walter	Mngomezulu	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Executive Mayor
Mr Cijimpi Abnesia	Habile	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Municipal Manager
Bulelwa	Mthembu	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Environmental Officer/ Air Quality
Anelisa	Gqabe	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Air Quality Official
Tsunke	Hlanyane	Gert Sibande District Municipality	District Air Quality Officer
Phiwokuhle	Nkosi	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Manager:Planning& Economic Development
Dan	Hlanyane	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Manager:Municipal Health and Environmental Services
S	Msibi	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Senior Manager Council Support
Job	Khubeka	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Manager: Speakers office
BG	Sikhonde	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Gert Sibande: Speaker
Lindokuhle	Magagula	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Environmental Officer: Municipal Health and Environmental Services
Tebogo	Mogakabe	Gert Sibande District Municipality	Manager: Municipal Environmental Services

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<b>TRIBAL AUTHORITIES</b>			
PS	Nkosi	Gert Sibande Local House of Traditional Leaders	Secretary
L T	Sibiya	Mpumalanga Provincial House of Traditional Leaders	Acting Chief Director
<b>ORGANS OF STATE / PARASTATALS</b>			
Sihle	Madlala	Transnet Freight Rail	Senior Manager: Risk Management / Coal BU / Transnet Freight Rail
Zanele	Manyathi	Transnet Freight Rail	Co-ordinator
John	Geeringh	Eskom Transmission Grid Planning Land and Rights	Senior Consultant Environmental Management
Mpho	Muswubi	Eskom Transmission Land and Rights	Mpumalanga Co-ordinator
Mike	Summerfield	Telkom/Blue Tech part of Telkom	Area Manager

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## BUSSINESSES

Zakariya	Abrahams	WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd	Project Developer
Lynsey	Rimbault	WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd	
Rueben	Maroga	Sola Group	Permitting Specialist
Caryn	Clarke	G7 renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd	
Kholofelo	Rameetse	African Clean Energy Developments (Pty) Ltd	Land and Environmental Project Manager
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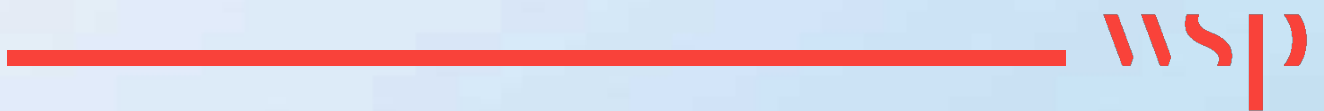
Koos	Pretorious	Federation of Sustainable Environment (FSE) & Mpumalanga Lakes District Protection Group	Representative
Mariette	Lieffernk	Federation of Sustainable Environment (FSE)	Chief Executive Officer
Dr A	Berruti	BirdLife South Africa	Head of Department
Yolan	Freedman	Endangered Wildlife Trust	Chief Executive Officer
Gareth	Tate	Endangered Wildlife Trust	
EWT EIA Applications		Endangered Wildlife Trust	
Bradley	Gibbons	Endangered Wildlife Trust	Highland Grassland Field Officer

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Piet	Kemp	Transvaal Landbou Unie	
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Malcolm	Suttill	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
Simon	Evered	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
Andrew	Rossaak	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	
Andre	Beegte	Mpumalanga Wetland Forum	Chairperson
Hannes	Mare	South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)	Chairperson
Nicolene	Van der Walt	Waterval Forum	
Philemon	Khwinana		
Danie	Du Plessis	Mpumalanga District Farmers Association	
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Zakhlele	Jiyane	Vodacom	Regional Manager
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Richard	Madlala	Air Traffic and Navigation Service (ATNS)	Executive Engineering
Oliver	Mohlala	SA Weather Service (SAWS)	Head of Technical Services
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Sizwe	Dlamini	Community Member	

# Appendix B

## NOTIFICATIONS





# Appendix B.1

## NOTIFICATION LETTERS





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## **NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES NEAR STANDERTON IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

**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**

Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd and Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd are proposing to develop two solar energy facilities (SEFs), namely Tournée 1 and Tournée 2 Solar PV Facilities, collectively known as the Tournée Solar PV Cluster near Standerton in the Lekwa Local Municipality and the Gert Sibande District Municipality in the Mpumalanga Provinces. The proposed Tournée Solar PV Cluster is located in close proximity to the Tutuka Power Station. The proposed authorisations include the following Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes:

<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Process</b>	<b>Farm Names</b>
Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Up to 150 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portion 7 (Portion of Portion 3) of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li><li>• Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li></ul>
Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Up to 150 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remaining Portion of Portion 3 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li><li>• Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li></ul>

### **ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS**

The following listed activities associated with the Proposed Projects are triggered for both Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities :

- NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended): Activity 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii), 24 (ii), 27, 30, 48(i)(a)(c) 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 (f)(ii)(ee), 10(f)(i)(ee), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f)(ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)(ee) and 23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)(ee).

### **DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD**

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An integrated Public Participation Process is proposed for the above-mentioned projects. The Draft Environmental Scoping Reports will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from **27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023**.

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- Standerton - Sakhile Public Library, Cnr Mbonani and Maisela ,Beyers Nauder,Standerton, 017 712 9687
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- WSP Website - <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>
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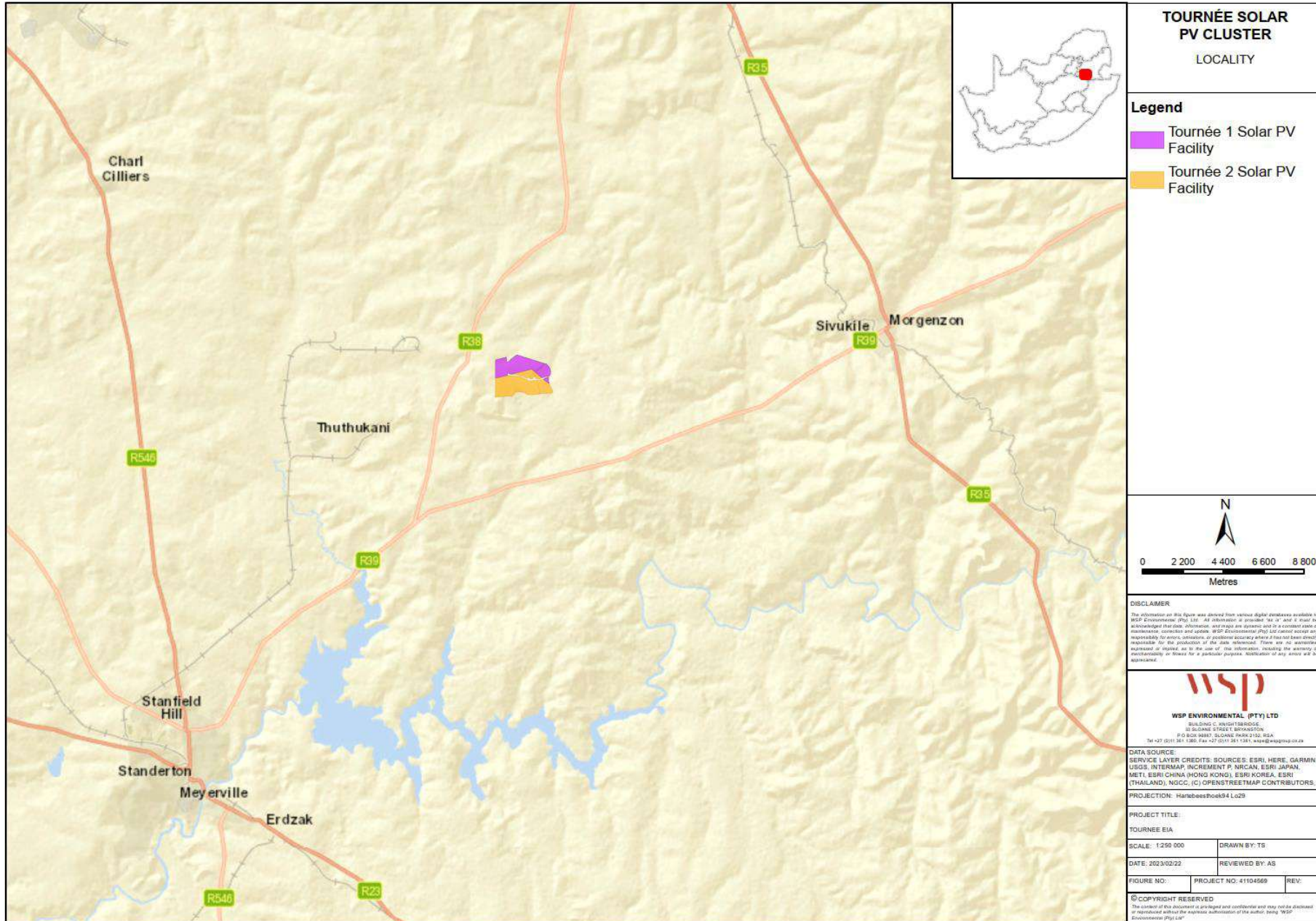
## REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Red Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd, to manage the respective 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:

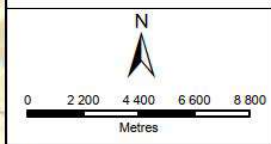
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WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an I&AP for purposes of enabling your registration as an I&AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact 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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## KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SONFOTOVOLTAISE (PV) FASILITEITE NABY STANDERTON IN DIE MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE

**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

Tournée 1 Solar en Tournée 2 Solar (Edms) Bpk stel voor om twee sonkragfasiliteite (SKF's) te ontwikkel, naamlik Tournée 1 en Tournée 2 Sonkragfasiliteite, gesamentlik bekend as die Tournée Solar PV Cluster naby Standerton in die Lekwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en die Gert Sibande Distrik Munisipaliteit in die Mpumalanga Provinsies. Die voorgestelde Tournée Solar PV Cluster is naby die Tutuka Kragstasie geleë. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Omvang- en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIV) prosesse in ::

Voorstander	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Plaasname
Tournée 1 Solar (Edms.) Bpk	Tot 150 MW SKF insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Sonkrag PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gedeelte 7 (Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li> <li>Gedeelte 6 van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li> </ul>
Tournée 2 Solar (Edms.) Bpk	Tot 150 MW SKF insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Sonkrag PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3 van Plaas Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li> <li>Gedeelte 6 van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li> </ul>

### OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word vir beide Tournée 1 en 2 Sonkrag-PV-fasiliteite geaktiveer:

- NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24 (ii), 27, 28(ii), 30, 48(i)(a) (c) en 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 (f)(ii)(ee), 10(f)(i)(ee), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f) (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)(ee) en 23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)(ee).

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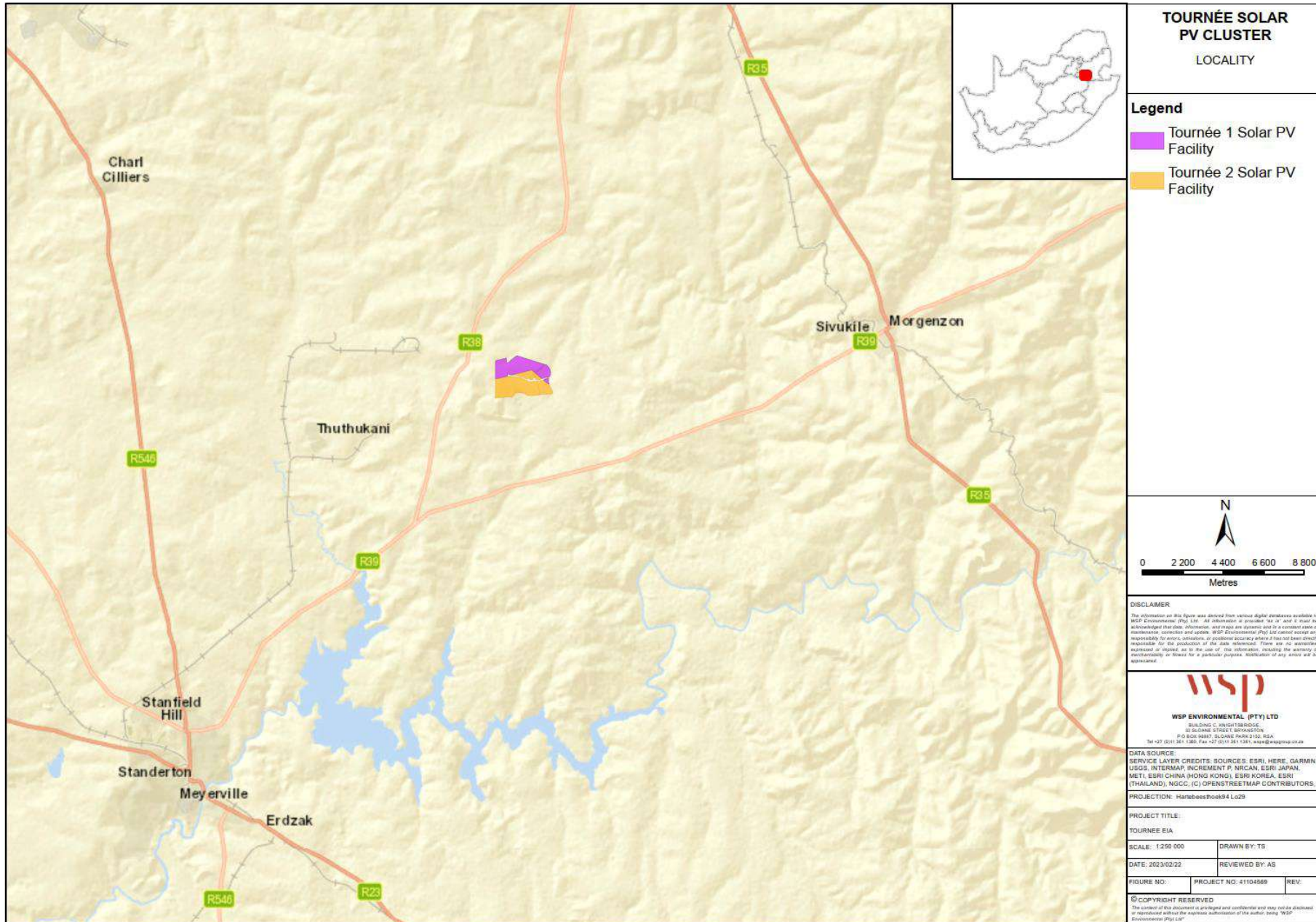
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WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur Red Rocket South Africa (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike Omgewingsevalueringpraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om die onderskeie S&OIV-prosesse te bestuur. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbendes wil registreer om hul kommentaar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

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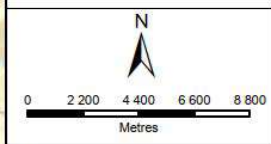
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## ISAZISO SOKUTHUTHUKISWA OKUHLONGOZWAYO KWEZINKHIWO ZE-TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) EDUZE NE-SANDERTON ESIFUNDAZWENI SEMPUMALANGA

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokoMthethonqubo 41(2) we-GNR 982, njengoba uchitshiyelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) njengoba uchitshiyelwe ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo zokugunyazwa kwezeMvelo (EA) maqondana neMithethonqubo Yokuhlola Umthelela Ezungezile ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983 (njengoba ichtshiyelwe), i-GNR 984 (njengoba ichtshiyelwe) kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichtshiyelwe)

### INCAZELO NENDAWO

I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd futhi I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd ihlongoza ukuthuthukisa izindawo ezimbili zamandla elanga (ama-SEF), okuyi- Tournée 1 kanye ne -Tournée 2 Solar PV Facilities, eyaziwa ngokuthi yi-Tournée Solar PV Cluster eduze kwase-Standerton kuMasipala Wasekhaya wase -Lekwa kuMasipala weSifunda sase-Gert Sibande ezifundazweni zaseMpumalanga. I- Tournée Solar PV Cluster ehlongozwayo iseduze neSiteshi Samandla Sase- Tutuka. Izigunyazo ezihlongozwayo zihlanganisa lezi zinqubo ezilandelayo ze-Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR):

Umsekeli	Iphrojekthi	Ubuchwepheshe	Inqubo	Amagama Epulazi
I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Kufika ku-150 MW SEF kuhlanganisa nengqalasizinda ehlobene	I-Solar PV	I-S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ingxenywe 7 (Ingxenywe Yengxenywe 3) Yepulazi Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li><li>Ingxenywe yesi-6 yeFarm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li></ul>
I-Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Kufika ku-150 MW SEF kuhlanganisa nengqalasizinda ehlobene	I-Solar PV	I-S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ingxenywe Esele Yengxenywe 3 Yepulazi Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li><li>Ingxenywe yesi-6 yeFarm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li></ul>

### IZICELO ZEMVELO

Imisebenzi elandelayo esohlwini ehlotshaniswa Nemiklamo Ehlongozwayo iqalwa kuzo zombili i -Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities :

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- Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso Sohlu 2 (GNR 984, njengoba ichtshiyelwe): Umsebenzi 1 no-15;
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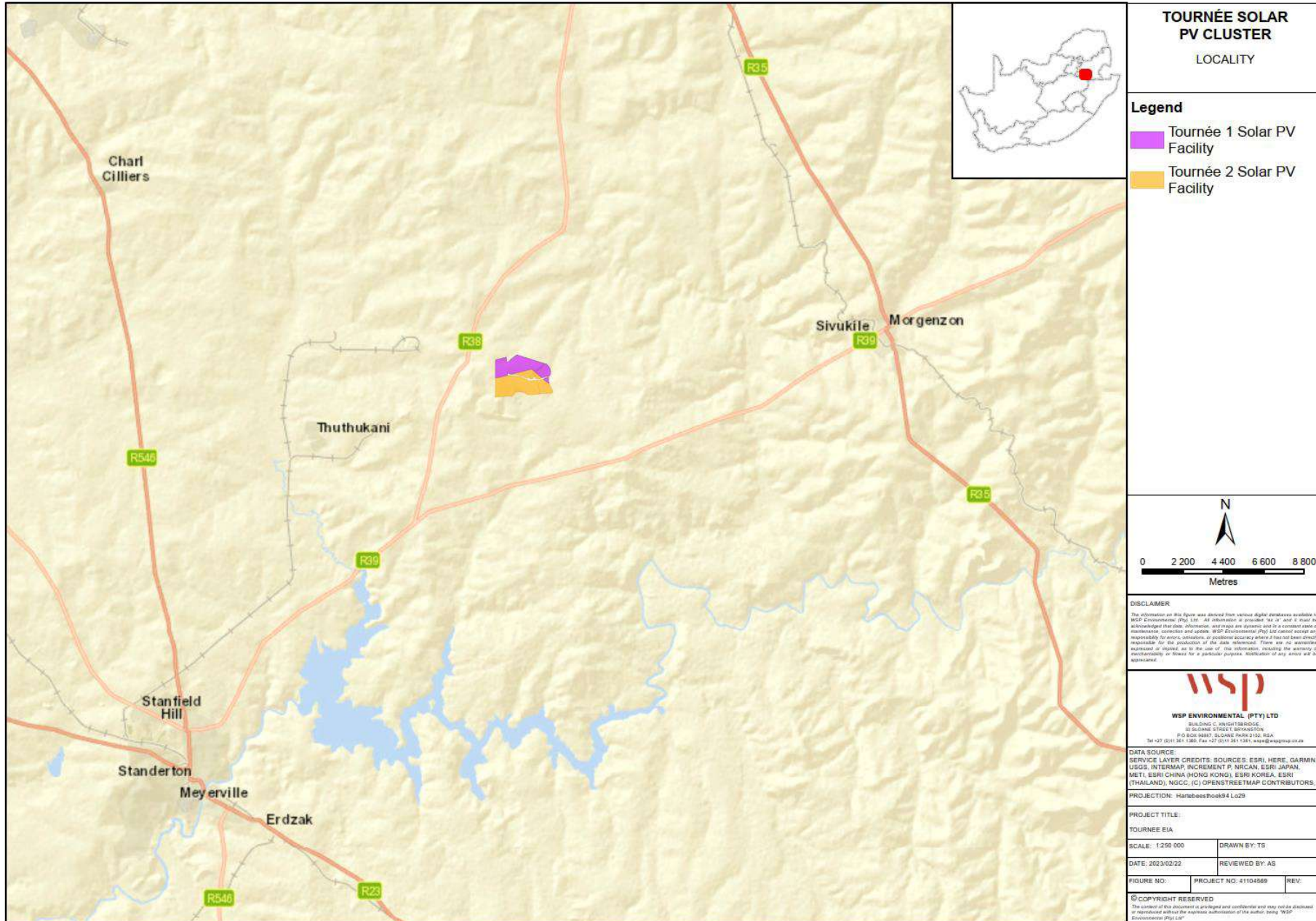
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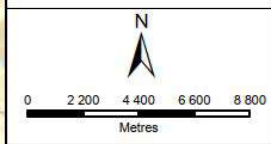
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## ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

### NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES NEAR STANDERTON IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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## OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

### KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SONFOTOVOLTAISE (PV) FASILITEITE NABY STANDERTON IN DIE MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE

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

Tournée 1 Solar en Tournée 1 Solar (Edms) Bpk stel voor om twee sonkragfasiliteite (SKF's) te ontwikkel, naamlik Tournée 1 en Tournée 2 Sonkragfasiliteite, gesamentlik bekend as die Tournée Solar PV Cluster naby Standerton in die Lekwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en die Gert Sibande Distrik Munisipaliteit in die Mpumalanga Provinsies. Die voorgestelde Tournée Solar PV Cluster is naby die Tutuka Kragstasie geleë. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Omvang- en Omgewingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIV) prosesse in ::

Voorstander	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Plaasname
Tournée 1 Solar (Edms.) Bpk	Tot 150 MW SKF insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Sonkrag PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gedeelte 7 (Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li><li>Gedeelte 6 van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li></ul>
Tournée 2 Solar (Edms.) Bpk	Tot 150 MW SKF insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Sonkrag PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3 van Plaas Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li><li>Gedeelte 6 van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li></ul>

#### OMGEWINGSTOEPASSINGS

Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word vir beide Tournée 1 en 2 Sonkrag-PV-fasiliteite geaktiveer:

- NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24 (ii), 27, 28(ii), 30, 48(i)(a) (c) en 56(ii);
- NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 2 (GNR 984, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 1 en 15;
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#### KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

'n Geïntegreerde Openbare Deelnameproses word vir bogenoemde projekte voorgestel. Die Konsep Omgewingsbestekverslae sal vir 30 dae by WSP beskikbaar gestel word op versoek en/of by die lokale hieronder vir hersiening en kommentaar vanaf **27 Maart 2023 tot 02 Mei 2023**.

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#### REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur Red Rocket South Africa (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om die onderskeie 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 WHP te stuur by die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregistreerde belanghebbendes sal alle toekomstige korrespondensie 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 verwerk 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 datasubjek 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.



## IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

### ISAZISO SOKUTHUTHUKISWA OKUHLONGOZWAYO KWEZINKHIWO ZE-TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) EDUZE NE-SANDERTON ESIFUNDAZWENI SEMPUMALANGA.

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokoMthethonqubo 41(2) we-GNR 982, njengoba uchitshiyelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) njengoba uchitshiyelwe ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo zokugunyazwa kwezeMvelo (EA) maqondana neMithethonqubo Yokuhlola Umthelela Ezungezile ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983 (njengoba ichtshiyelwe), i-GNR 984 (njengoba ichtshiyelwe) kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba ichtshiyelwe)

#### INCAZELO NENDAWO

I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd futhi I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd ihlongoza ukuthuthukisa izindawo ezimbili zamandla elanga (ama-SEF), okuyi- Tournée 1 kanye ne -Tournée 2 Solar PV Facilities, eyaziwa ngokuthi yi- Tournée Solar PV Cluster eduze kwase-Standerton kuMasipala Wasekhaya wase -Lekwa kuMasipala weSifunda sase-Gert Sibande ezifundazweni zaseMpumalanga. I- Tournée Solar PV Cluster ehlongozwayo iseduze neSiteshi Samandla Sase- Tutuka. Izigunyazo ezihlongozwayo zihlanganisa lezi zinqubo ezilandelayo ze-Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR):

Umsekelo	Iphrojekthi	Ubuchwepheshe	Inqubo	Amagama Epulazi
I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Kufika ku-150 MW SEF kuhlangukisa nengqalasizinda ehlobene	I-Solar PV	I-S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ingxenywe 7 (Ingxenywe Yengxenywe 3) Yepulazi Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li><li>Ingxenywe yesi-6 yeFarm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li></ul>
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#### IZICELO ZEMVELO

Imisebenzi elandelayo esohlwini ehlotshaniswa Nemiklamo Ehlongozwayo iqalwa kuzo zombili i -Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities :

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#### ISIKHATHI SOKUHLOLA OKUSISEKELO OKUSAHLULEKA KANYE NESIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZWA KOMBIKO WE-SCOPING

Kuhlongozwe Uhlelo Oludidiyelwe Lokubambiqhaza Komphakathi kula maphrojekthi ashiwo ngenhla. Imibiko Esalungiswa Yokuhlelwa Kwendawo izotholakala kwa-WSP ngesicelo kanye/noma ezindaweni ezingezansi ukuze ibuyekwe futhi iphawule izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu (30) kusukela zingu- **27 ku Ndaso 2023 kuya ngezi 2 KuNhlaba 2023.**

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#### UKUBHALISA

I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) iqokwe njengoMsebenzi Ohlola Imvelo ozimele (EAP) yiRed Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd, ukuphatha izinqubo ze-BA kanye ne-S&EIR. Izinhloko ezifisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza ukuze zibeke imibono yazo mayelana Nemiklamo Ehlongozwayo ziyacelwa ukuba zithumele imininingwane yazo egcwele ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ababambiqhaza ababhalisiwe bazothunyelwa zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo futhi baziswe ngabanye ngamathuba engezwe okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlobo.

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I-WSP izocubungula ulwazi oluthile lomuntu siqu olumayelana nawe njenge-I&AP ngezinjongo zokwenza ukubhaliswa kwakho kube yi-I&AP kanye nezinjongo zokugcina imininingwane yakho kusizindalwazi sethu , uma uvuma ukuba senze kanjalo. I-WSP isebenzisa le mininingwane ukuze ixhumane nawe mayelana namanye amaphrojekthi esikhathini esizayo. I-WSP izohlala icubungula ulwazi lwakho lomuntu siqu ngokuhambisana noMthetho Wokuvikelwa Kolwazi Lomuntu Siqu 4 ka-2013. Ugunyaza lokusebenzisa amalungelo akho njengesihloko sedatha futhi usazise uma ufisa ukukhishwa ukubhaliswa njenge-I&AP noma uma ungasafuni. Imininingwane yakho yokuxhumana izofakwa kusizindalwazi sethu.



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## BASIESE ASSESSERINGSPROSES

## KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE IMPUMELELO 132KV OORHOOF KRAGLYN EN SUBSTASIE NABY SECUNDA, MPUMALANGA PROVINSE

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## BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Die Voorstander, Impumelelo Wind (RF) (Edms) Bpk., stel voor om die Impumelelo Windenergiefasiliteit (WEP) te ontwikkel wat geleë is in die Dipaleseng en Govan Mbeki Plaaslike Munisipaliteit onder die jurisdiksie van die Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit, naby Secunda, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie. As deel van die projek word 'n tot 132kV oorhoofse kraglyn en substasie vereis. Die volgende plaasgedeeltes word deur die projek geraak:

- Plaas Zandfontein 130 (Gedeeltes 2, 3, 5, 8 en 9)
- Plaas Grootspruit 279
- Farm de Bank van Vaalbank 280 (Gedeeltes 1, 2, 4 en 6)
- Plaas Kaalspruit 528 (Gedeeltes 2, 3, 6, 7 en 9)
- Plaas 542
- Plaas Holgatsfontein 535 (Gedeeltes 3, 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 en 20)
- Plaas Uitspan 529
- Plaas Platkop 543 (Gedeeltes 2, 4, 5 en 9)
- Plaas Springbokdraai 277 (Gedeeltes 3, 5 en 8)
- Plaas Roodebank 323 (Gedeelte 20)
- Plaas Wolfvontein 534 (Gedeeltes 1 18 19 en 20)
- Plaas Leeuwpan 532 (Gedeelte 16)
- Plaas Mahemfontein No 544 (Gedeeltes 0, 7 en 8)
- Plaas Hartbeesfontein No 522 (Gedeeltes 6 en 25)

## OMGEGWINGSTOEPASSING

'n Basiese Asseseringsproses (BA) word vir die projek vereis. Die gelyste aktiwiteitsnommers wat met die Voorgestelde Projek geassosieer word, word hieronder weerspieël. Indien u 'n volledige kopie van hierdie aktiwiteite op die lys wil bekom, kontak asseblief die Omgevingsevalueringpraktisyn (WHP), besonderhede hieronder verskaf.

- GNR 983 Gelyste aktiwiteite: 11 (i), 12 (ii) (a) (c), 19, 27, 28 (ii), 30 en 48 (i) (a) (c)
- GNR 985 Gelyste aktiwiteite: 4 (f) (ii) (ee), 12 (f) (ii), 14 (ii) (a) (c) (f) (i) (ff), 18 (f) (i) (ee) en 23 (ii) (a) (c) (f) (i) (ee)

## REGISTRASIE

Impumelelo Wind (RF) (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike en toepaslik gekwalifiseerde WHP aangestel om die BA-proses te bestuur en te onderneem. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbende en geïdentifiseerde partye wil registreer om meer inligting te ontvang en/of hul kommentaar(s) oor die voorgestelde projek te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die WHP te stuur en hul direkte besigheid, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belangstelling in die projek. Enige kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek kan by die WHP ingedien word via die besonderhede wat hieronder verskaf word. Geregisteerde belanghebbende en geïdentifiseerde partye sal alle toekomstige projekverwante korrespondensie aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

## KONSEP BASIESE ASSESSERINGSRAPPORT OORSIGTYDPERK

Die Konsep Basiese Evalueeringsverslag sal vir 30 dae vanaf 23 Maart 2023 tot 25 April 2023 by die lokale hieronder beskikbaar gestel word vir hersiening en kommentaar:

- Secunda Openbare Biblioteek: Govan Mbeki Biblioteek en Inligtingsdienste (Louwrens Mullerstraat 01, Secunda, 2302)
- Balfour ( Dipaleseng ) Openbare Biblioteek (Joubertstraat, Balfour, 2410)
- Nthoroane Openbare Biblioteek ( Simunyestraat 739 , Nthoroane- Lokasie , Greylingstad)
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- Datavrye webwerf ( <https://wsp-engage.com/> )

All kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek of versoeke om te registreer as n belanghebbende moet teen 25 April 2023 ingedien word by die kontakbesonderhede wat hiermee verskaf word . Indien u enige navrae/opmerkings het, moet asseblief nie huiwer om die WHP te kontak nie.

Die kontakbesonderhede van die WHP: Ashlea Strong ( T ) 011 361 1392 ( E ) Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com ( A ) Posbus 98867, Sloane Park, 2152

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## IZINQUBO ZOKUGUNYAZWA KWEZEMVELO

## ISAZISO SOKUTHUTHUKISWA OKUHLONGOZWAYO KWEZINKHIWO ZE-TOURNÉE 1 &amp; 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) EDUZE NE-SANDERTON ESIFUNDAZWENI SEMPUMALANGA.

Isaziso sinikezwa ngokomthethonqubo 41(2) we-GNR 982, njengoba uchitshiyelwe ngaphansi kwesigaba 24 no-24D soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwemvelo Kazwelonke (No. 107 ka-1998) (NEMA) njengoba uchitshiyelwe ukuze kuthunyelwe izicelo zokugunyazwa kwezemvelo (EA) maqondana neMithethonqubo Yokuhlola Umthelela Ezungezile ehlonzwe ngokwe-GNR 983 (njengoba uchitshiyelwe), i-GNR 984 (njengoba uchitshiyelwe) kanye ne-GNR 985 (njengoba uchitshiyelwe)

## INCAZELO NENDAWO

I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd futhi I-Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd ihlongozoza ukuthuthukisa izindawo ezimbili zamandla elanga (ama-SEF), okuyi- Tournée 1 kanye ne -Tournée 2 Solar PV Facilities, ezayizi ngokuthi yi- Tournée Solar PV Cluster eduze kwase-Standerton kuMasipala Wasekhaya wase -Lekwa kuMasipala weSifunda sase-Gert Sibande ezifundazweni zaseMpumalanga. I- Tournée Solar PV Cluster ehlongozwayo iseduze neSitheshi Samandla Sase-Tutuka. Izigunyazo ezihlongozwayo zihlanganisa lezi zinqubo ezilandelayo ze-Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR):

Umsekelo	Iphrojekthi	Ubuchwepheshe	Inqubo	Amagama Epulazi
I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Kufika ku-150 MW SEF kuhlanganisa nengqalasisinda ehlobene	I-Solar PV	I-S&EIR	• Ingxenywe 7 (Ingxenywe Yengxenywe 3) Yepulazi Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS • Ingxenywe yesi-6 yeFarm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS
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## IZICELO ZEMVELO

Imisebenzi elandelayo esohlwini ehlotshaniswa Nemiklamo Ehlongozwayo iqalwa kuzo zombili i -Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities :

- Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso sokufakwa kuhlu 1 (GNR 983, njengoba sichitshiyelwe): Umsebenzi 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii), 24 (ii), 27, 30, 48(i)(a) (c) kanye nama-56(ii);
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- Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso Sohlu 3 (GNR 985, njengoba sichitshiyelwe): Umsebenzi 4 (f)(ii)(ee), 10(f)(i)(ee), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f) (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)(ee) kanye no-23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)(ee).

## ISIKHATHI SOKUHLOLA OKUSISEKELO OKUSAHLULEKA KANYE NESIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZWA KOMBIKO WE-SCOPING

Kuhlongozwe Ukhelo Oludidayelwe Lokubambiqhaza Komphakathi kula maphrojekthi ashawo ngenhla. Imibiko Esalungiswa Yokuhlola Kwendawo izotholalaka kwa-WSP ngesicelo kanye/noma ezindaweni ezingezansi ukuze ibuyekezwe futhi iphawule izinsuku ezingamashumi amathathu (30) kusukela zingu- 27 ku Nda 2023 kuya ngezi 2 kuNhlabha 2023.

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## UKUBHALISA

I-WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) iqokwe njengoMsebenzi Ohlola Imvelo ozimele (EAP) yiRed Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd, ukuphatha izinqubo ze-BA kanye ne-S&EIR. Izinhloko ezifisa ukubhalisa ngokusemthethweni njengababambe iqhaza ukuze zibeke imibono yazo mayelana Nemiklamo Ehlongozwayo ziyacelwa ukuba zithumele iminingwane yazo egcwele ku-EAP kule mininingwane enikezwe ngezansi. Ababambiqhaza abahaliswa bazothunyelwa zonke izincwadi zesikhathi esizayo futhi baziswe ngabanye ngamathuba engezwe okubamba iqhaza kulolu hlelo.

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I-WSP izocubungula ulwazi oluthile lomuntu siqu olumayelana nawe njenge-I&AP ngezinjongo zokwenza ukubhaliswa kwakho kube yi-I&AP kanye nezinjongo zokucina iminingwane yakho kusizindalwazi sethu , uma uvuma ukuba senze kanjalo. I-WSP isebenzisa le mininingwane ukuze ixhumane nawe mayelana namanye amaphrojekthi esikhathini esizayo. I-WSP izohlala icubungula ulwazi lwakho lomuntu siqu ngokuhambisana noMthetho Wokuhlola Kolwazi Lomuntu Siqu 4 ka-2013. Unegunya lokusebenzisa amalungelo akho njengesihloko sedatha futhi usazise uma ufisa ukukhishwa ukubhaliswa njenge-I&AP noma uma ungasafuni. iminingwane yakho yokuxhumana izofakwa kusizindalwazi sethu.



## OMGEGWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

## KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE TOURNÉE 1 &amp; 2 SONFOTOVOLTAISE (PV) FASILITEITE NABY STANDERTON IN DIE MPUMALANGA PROVINSE

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## BESKRYWING EN LIGGING

Tournée 1 Solar en Tournée 2 Solar (Edms) Bpk stel voor om twee sonkragfasiliteite (SKF's) te ontwikkel, naamlik Tournée 1 en Tournée 2 Sonkragfasiliteite, gesamentlik bekend as die Tournée Solar PV Cluster naby Standerton in die Lekwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en die Gert Sibande Distrik Munisipaliteit in die Mpumalanga Provinsies. Die voorgestelde Tournée Solar PV Cluster is naby die Tutuka Kragstasie geleë. Die voorgestelde magtigings sluit die volgende Omvang-en Omgevingsimpakverslagdoening (S&OIV) prosesse in:

Voorstander	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Plaasname
Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Tot 150 MW SKF insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Sonkrag PV	S&EIR	• Gedeelte 7 (Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS • Gedeelte 6 van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS
Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Tot 150 MW SKF insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Sonkrag PV	S&EIR	• Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3 van Plaas Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS • Gedeelte 6 van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS

## OMGEGWINGSTOEPASSING

Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite wat met die voorgestelde projekte geassosieer word, word vir beide Tournée 1 en 2 Sonkrag-PV-fasiliteite geaktiveer:

- NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24 (ii), 27, 28(ii), 30, 48(i)(a) (c) en 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 (f)(ii)(ee), 10(f)(i)(ee), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f) (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)(ee) en 23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)(ee).

## KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

'n Geïntegreerde Openbare Deelnameproses word vir bogenoemde projekte voorgestel. Die Konsep Omgevingsbestekverslag sal vir 30 dae by WSP beskikbaar gestel word op versoek en/of by die lokale hieronder vir hersiening en kommentaar vanaf 27 Maart 2023 tot 02 Mei 2023.

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- 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 Rocket South Africa (Edms) Bpk as die onafhanklike Omgevingsevalueringpraktisyn (EAP) aangestel om die onderskeie 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 WHP te stuur by die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregisteerde belanghebbendes sal alle toekomstige korrespondensie aangestuur word en individueel in kennis gestel word van bykomende geleenthede om aan die proses deel te neem.

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STANDERTON

# 'n Trotse dag vir SHS Atletiek!



Kofi Kyei & Majake Katleho u/17 110mH, 400mH



Teninke Van Niekerk u/17 100m, 200m en 100mH



Anika Lategan u/17 Javelin

"Ons is só trots op ons atlete en afrigters wat die afgelope naweek deelgeneem het aan die Mussa atletiekbyeenkoms! Net om hier te kon deelneem is reeds 'n groot prestasie! Tydens Saterdag se byeenkoms het 4 van ons atlete vir die SA skole asook ASA ("Athletics South Africa"- sluit in skole asook klubs) kampioenskappe gekwalifiseer! Aan ons atlete, julle skool en die hele gemeenskap bars van trots. Harde werk word beslis beloon! Welgedaan! In die woorde van Julie Foudy: "Sport not only builds better athletes, but also better people." Baie geluk!!! Resultate: Katleho Majake u/17 - Q: ASA 110mH, SA schools 400mH & 110mH en Mp champs: 1st

110mH & 3rd 400mH. Kofi Kyei u/17 - Q: SA schools 110mH en Mp champs: 3rd 110mH & 5th 400mH. Teninke van Niekerk u/17 - Q: ASA and SA schools, 100m, 200m & 100mH en Mp champs: 1st 100m, 200m & 100mH. Anika Lategan u/17 - Q: ASA - Javelin en Mp champs: 2nd Javelin. Lara Pretorius u/19 - Mp champs: 2nd 400mH. Jayden Pretorius u/15 - Mp champs: 3rd Discus & Shotput. Carla v Rooyen u/17 - Mp champs: 4th 400mH & 8th 400m. Chané Vosloo u/15 - Mp champs: 4th 90mH. Eduan De Klerk u/19 - Mp champs: 9th 100m. Robert Nortje u/15 - Mp champs: 7th Shotput. Lihan Swart u/15 - Mp champs: 5th Javelin. Ethan van der

Westhuizen u/15 - Mp champs: 10th Discus. Marlize Rautenbach u/15 - Mp champs: 9th Discus & Shotput. Reabetsoe Buthelezi u/19 - Mp champs: 7th Shotput. Ntokozo Maseko u/19 - Mp champs: 6th 400mH. Aan ons afrigters, dankie vir julle daaglikse toewyding en voorbeeld wat julle vir ons kinders stel, SHS waardeer julle harde werk! Baie geluk met julle puik atlete! Ons bakgat afrigters sluit in: Elsjé Greaves, Riaan Viviers, Maresha de Jager, Heidi Janse v Rensburg, Anebel Buys, Carmen Gouws, Annanet Boshoff en The Shed (Strength & Conditioning)," sê Hoërskool Standerton. (Foto's: Hoërskool Standerton)

## ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESSES

### NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES NEAR STANDERTON IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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Proposent	Project	Technology	Process	Farm Names
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Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd	Up to 150 MW SEF including associated infrastructure	Solar PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remaining Portion of Portion 3 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li> <li>Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS</li> </ul>

The following listed activities associated with the Proposed Projects are triggered for both Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities: NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended): Activity 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii), 24 (ii), 27, 30, 48(i)(a)(c) 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 (f)(ii)(ee), 10(f)(i)(ee), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f)(ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)(ee) and 23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)(ee).

#### DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

An integrated Public Participation Process is proposed for the above-mentioned projects. The Draft Environmental Scoping Reports will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for 30 days from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023. Standerton - Standerton Public Library, 18 Calidon St, Standerton, 017 712 9678 Standerton - Sakhile Public Library, Cnr Mbonani and Maisela, Beyers Nauder, Standerton, 017 712 9687

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# Appendix B.3

## **SITE NOTICES**



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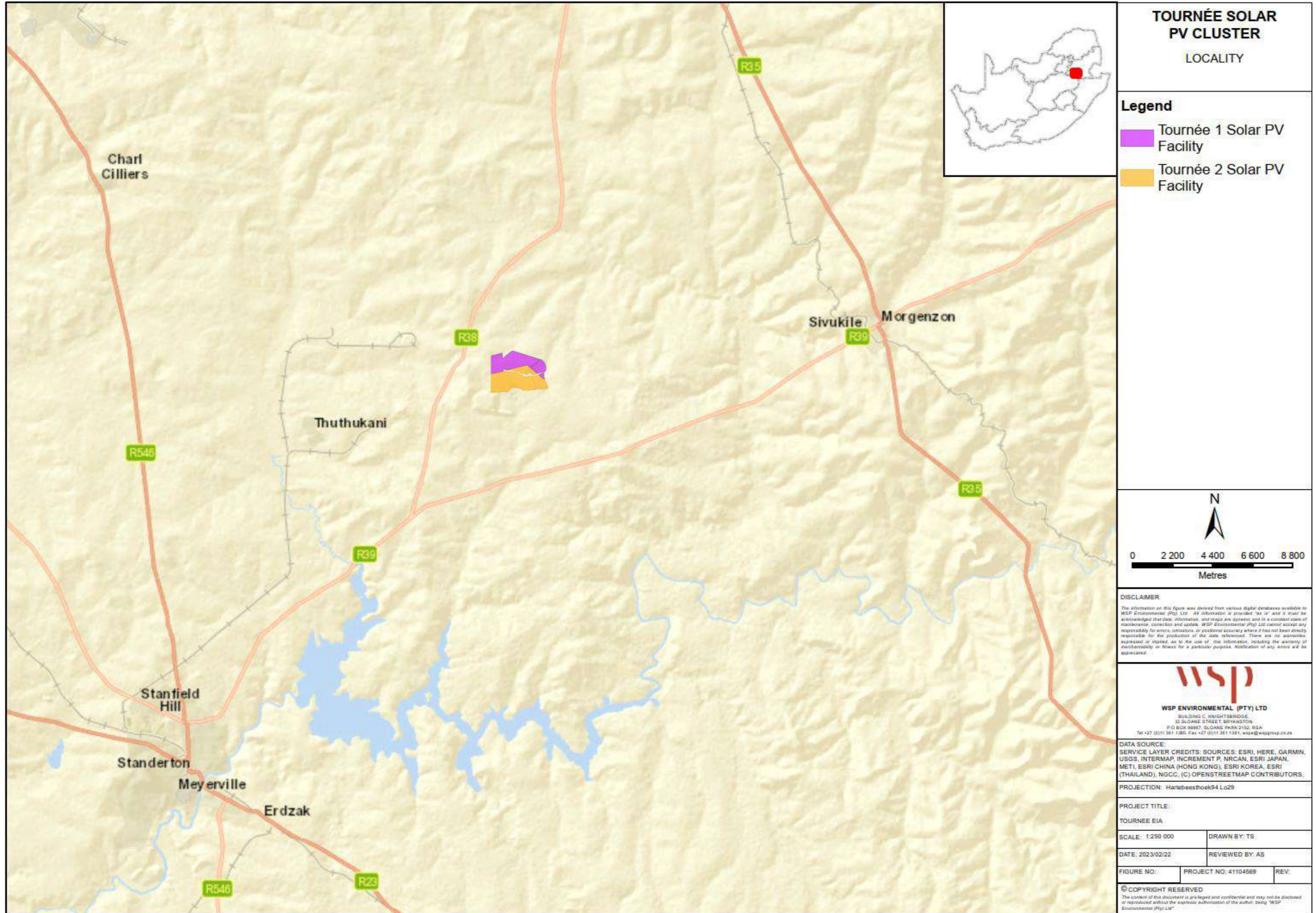


Figure 1: Tournée Solar Photovoltaic Cluster

## OMGEWINGSMAGTIGINGSPROSESSE

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Voorstander	Projek	Tegnologie	Proses	Noteringskennisgewings	Plaasname
Tournée 1 Solar (Edms.) Bpk	Tot 150 MW SKF insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Sonkrag PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii), 24 (ii), 27, 30, 48(i)(a) (c) en 56(ii);</li><li>NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 2 (GNR 984, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 1 en 15;</li><li>NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR 985, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 4 (f)(ii)( ee ), 10(f)(i)( ee ), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f) (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)( ee ) en 23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)(ee).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gedeelte 7 (Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3) van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li><li>Gedeelte 6 van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li></ul>
Tournée 2 Solar (Edms.) Bpk	Tot 150 MW SKF insluitend geassosieerde infrastruktuur	Sonkrag PV	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 1 (GNR 983, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii), 24 (ii), 27, 30, 48(i)(a) (c) en 56(ii);</li><li>NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 2 (GNR 984, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 1 en 15;</li><li>NEMA OIB-regulasies: Noteringskennisgewing 3 (GNR 985, soos gewysig): Aktiwiteit 4 (f)(ii)( ee ), 10(f)(i)( ee ), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f) (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)( ee ) en 23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)(ee).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 3 van Plaas Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li><li>Gedeelte 6 van Farm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li></ul>

#### KONSEP OMFANGVERSLAG OORSIGTYDPERK

'n Geïntegreerde Openbare Deelnameproses word vir bogenoemde projekte voorgestel. Die Konsep Omgewingsbestekverslae sal vir 30 dae vanaf **27 Maart 2023 tot 02 Mei 2023** by WSP beskikbaar gestel word op versoek en/of by die lokale hieronder vir hersiening en kommentaar .

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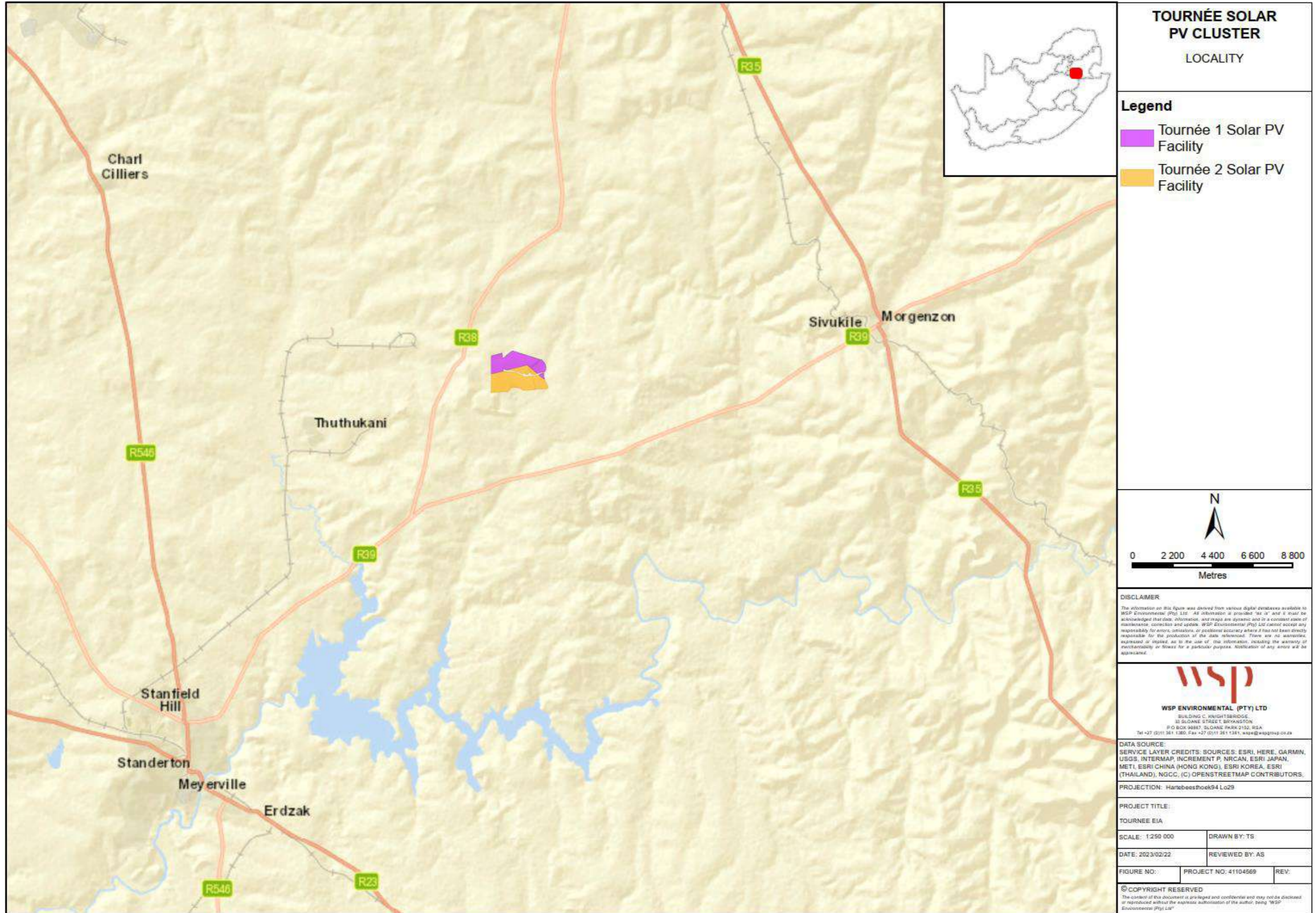
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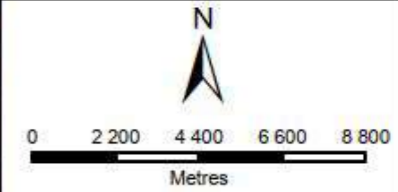




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**Figuur 1: Tournée Solar PV Cluster**

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### ISAZISO SOKUTHUTHUKISWA OKUHLONGOZWAYO KWEZINKHIWO ZE-TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) EDUZE NE-SANDERTON ESIFUNDAZWENI SEMPUMALANGA.

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#### INCAZELO NENDAWO

I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd futhi I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd ihlongoza ukuthuthukisa izindawo ezimbili zamandla elanga (ama-SEF), okuyi- Tournée 1 kanye ne -Tournée 2 Solar PV Facilities, eyaziwa ngokuthi yi- Tournée Solar PV Cluster eduze kwase-Standerton kuMasipala Wasekhaya wase -Lekwa kuMasipala weSifunda sase-Gert Sibande ezifundazweni saseMpumalanga. I- Tournée Solar PV Cluster ehlongozwayo iseduze neSiteshi Samandla Sase-Tutuka . Izigunyazo ezihlongozwayo zibandakanya lezi zinqubo ezilandelayo ze-Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR):

Umsekeli	Iphrojekthi	Ubuchwepheshe	Inqubo	Izaziso Zohlu	Amagama Epulazi
<b>I-Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd</b>	Kufika ku-150 MW SEF kuhlanganisa nengqalasizinda ehlobene	I-Solar PV	I-S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso sokufakwa kuhlu 1 (GNR 983, njengoba sichitshiyelwe): Umsebenzi 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii), 24 (ii), 27, 30, 48(i)(a) (c) kanye nama-56(ii);</li> <li>Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso Sohlu 2 (GNR 984, njengoba ichitshiyelwe): Umsebenzi 1 no-15;</li> <li>Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso Sohlu 3 (GNR 985, njengoba sishintshiwe): Umsebenzi 4 (f)(ii)( ee ), 10(f)(i)( ee ), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f) (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)( ee ) kanye no-23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)( ee ).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ingxenye 7 (Ingxenye Yengxenye 3) Yepulazi Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li> <li>Ingxenye yesi-6 yeFarm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li> </ul>
<b>I-Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd</b>	Kufika ku-150 MW SEF kuhlanganisa nengqalasizinda ehlobene	I-Solar PV	I-S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso sokufakwa kuhlu 1 (GNR 983, njengoba sichitshiyelwe): Umsebenzi 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 28(ii), 24 (ii), 27, 30, 48(i)(a) (c) kanye nama-56(ii);</li> <li>Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso Sohlu 2 (GNR 984, njengoba ichitshiyelwe): Umsebenzi 1 no-15;</li> <li>Imithethonqubo ye-NEMA EIA: Isaziso Sohlu 3 (GNR 985, njengoba sishintshiwe): Umsebenzi 4 (f)(ii)(ee), 10(f)(i)(ee), 12 (f)(ii), 14 (f) (ii)(a)(c) (i)(ff), 18(f) (i)( ee ) kanye no-23 (ii)(a)(c) (f)(i)( ee ).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ingxenye Esole Yengxenye 3 Yepulazi Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li> <li>Ingxenye yesi-6 yeFarm Dwars -in-die- Weg 350 IS</li> </ul>

#### ISIKHATHI SOKUBUYEKEZA UMBIKO OSAHLULEKAYO

Kuhlongozwe Uhlelo Oludidiyelwe Lokubambiqhaza Komphakathi kula maphrojekthi ashiwo ngenhla. Imibiko Esalungiswa Yokuhlelwa Kwendawo izotholakala kwa-WSP ngesicelo kanye/noma ezindaweni ezingezansi ukuze ibuyekwezwe futhi kuphawulwe ngayo izinsuku ezingama shumi amathathu (30) kusukela zingu- **27 ku Ndasa 2023 kuya ngezi 2 KuNhlabo 2023**.

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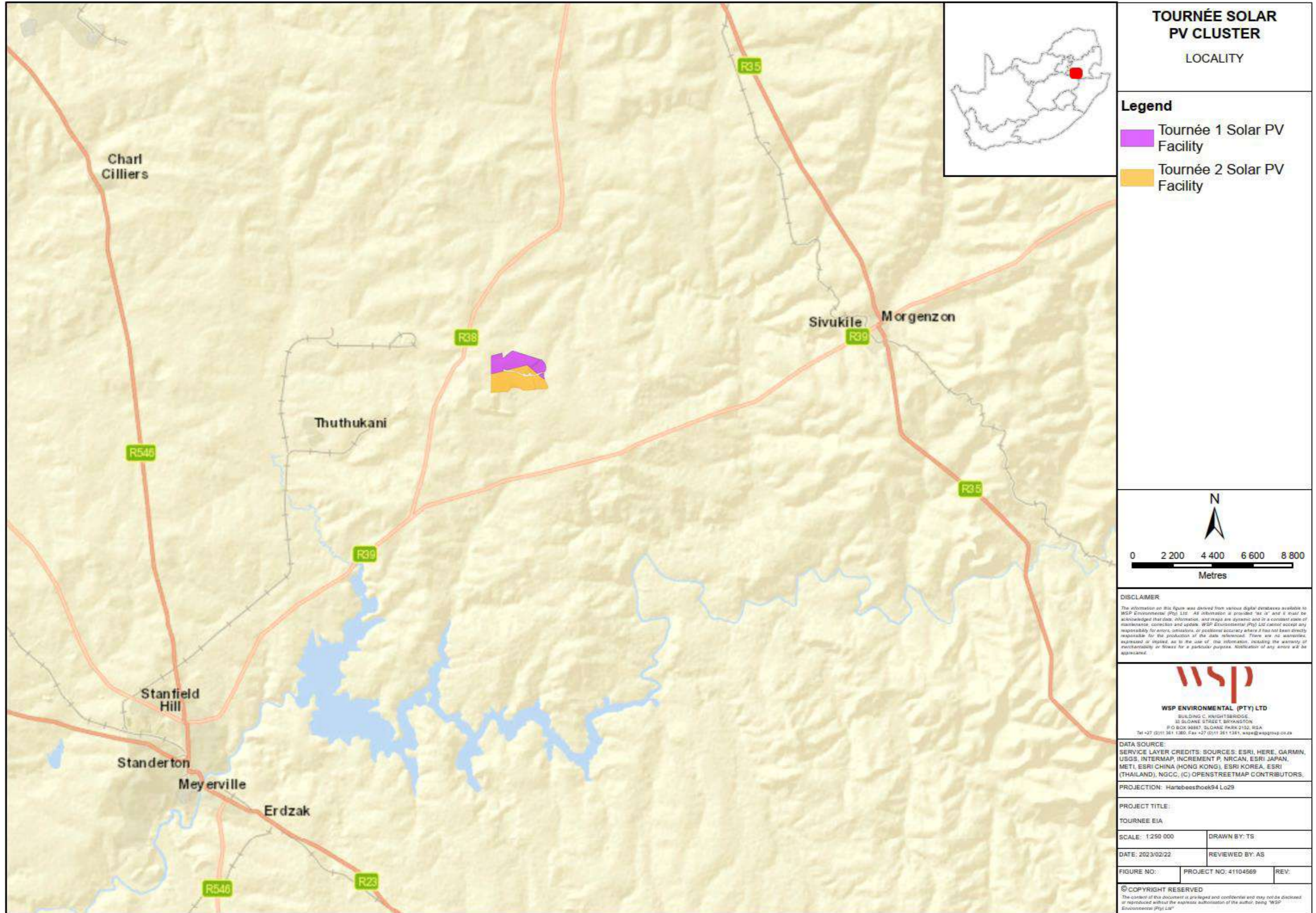
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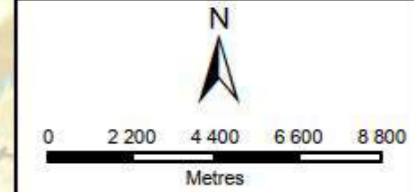




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**Umfanekiso 1: Iqoqo le-Tournée Solar Photovoltaic**

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## EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS



## Govender, Megan

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**From:** Govender, Megan  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 March 2023 09:23  
**Cc:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE OF THE TOURNÉE 1 & 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES NEAR STANDERTON IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE: DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS REVIEW [Filed 27 Mar 2023 09:23]  
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Dear Stakeholder,

**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) for submission of an application for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended).**

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### DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

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Datafree Website	<a href="https://wsp-engage.com/">https://wsp-engage.com/</a>	

The report has also been made available at the link below easy access:

<b>One Drive Link</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Tournee Solar PV Cluster For Public Review</a>
<b>One Drive Instruction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li></ul>

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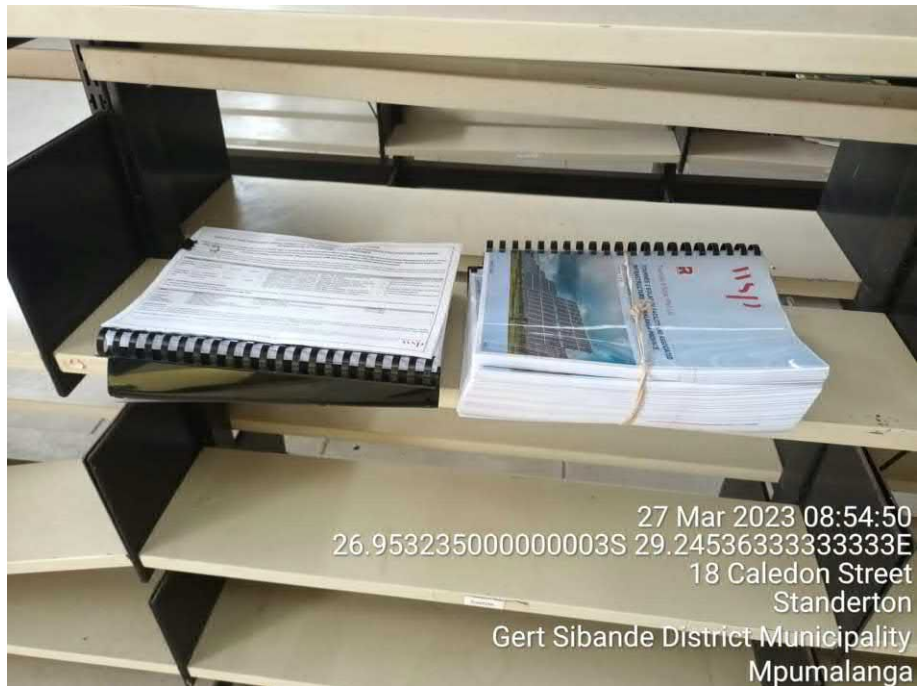
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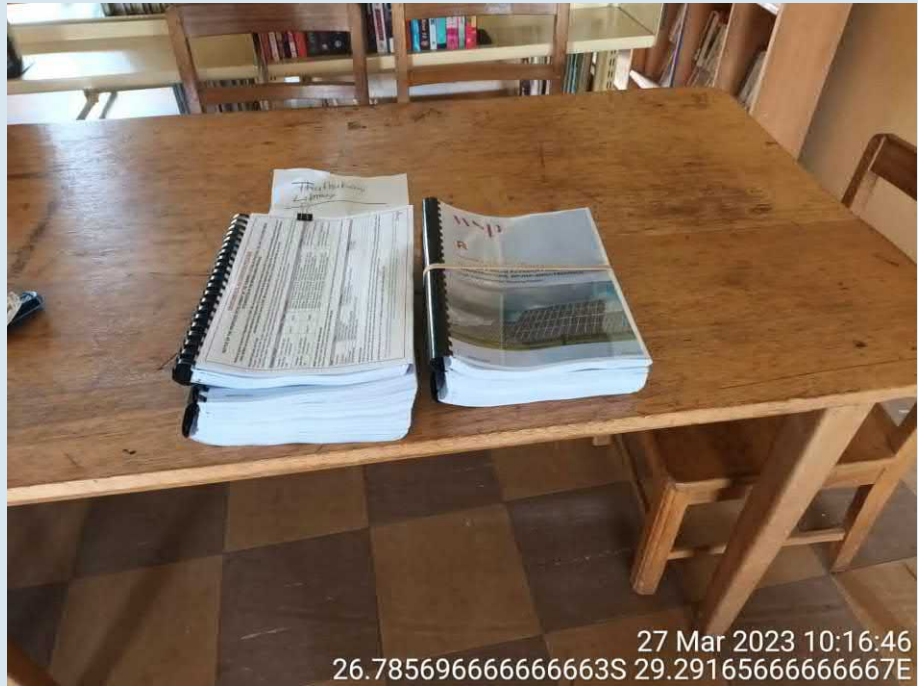


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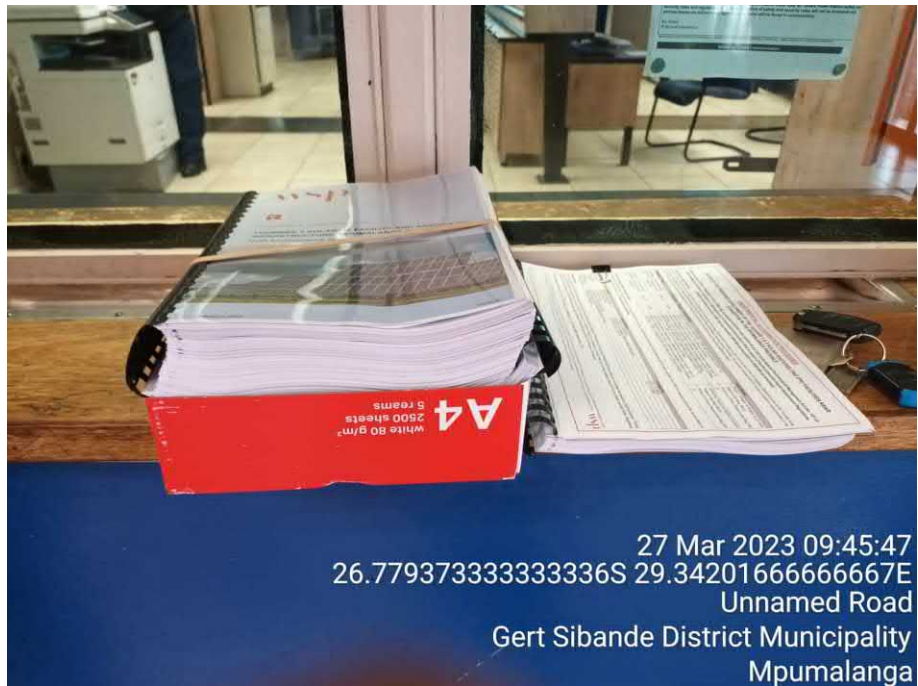
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**Document on Public Display:** Draft Basic Assessment Report

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Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd propose to construct the Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility near Thuthukani in the Mpumalanga Province. The proposed Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility will be developed with a contracted capacity of 150 megawatt (MW), thus allowing for up to 150 MW for export from the facility.

ApplicationDate: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - 09:13

CaseID: 20942

Applicants: Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd

Consultants/Experts: Ashlea Strong

OtherReferences:

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# Appendix C

## MEETINGS



# Appendix C.1

**DFFE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING**





## MEETING NOTES

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PhotoVoltaic (PV) Facilities
<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	41104569
<b>DATE</b>	27 February 2023
<b>TIME</b>	10h00
<b>VENUE</b>	MS Teams
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) Pre-application Meeting
<b>CLIENT</b>	Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd
<b>PRESENT</b>	Ashlea Strong (AS) – WSP Megan Govender (MG) – WSP Ryan Collins (RC) – Red Rocket Janine Brasington (JB) – Red Rocket Makhosi Yeni (MY) - DFFE Mahlatse Shubane (MS) - DFFE Olivia Letlalo (OL) - DFFE Kevin Mathebula (KM) - DFFE Reitumetse Mokgele (RM) - DFFE
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## MEETING NOTES

### MATTERS ARISING

### ACTION

#### NOTE:

These notes constitute a summary of the key discussion points and decisions made during the discussion. They are not intended to reflect the exact discussions held.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

AS welcomed everyone to the meeting for the Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PhotoVoltaic (PV) Facilities. The recording of the meeting was approved by all attendees. The agenda was confirmed and all attendees introduced themselves. Magdalena Logan from Red Rocket sent her apologies.

#### 2.0 PROJECT PRESENTATION

AS proceeded with the presentation (included as **Appendix A**) of the proposed Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities.

AS presented the project which covered the following:

- Project Background;
- Typical Infrastructure;
- Key Considerations;
- Environmental Authorisation (EA) Process;
- Specialist Studies;
- Public Participation (PP) Plan;
- Timeframes; and
- Specific Questions.

The following was discussed during the presentation:

- The proposed project is the planned development of two Solar PV facilities, at 150 MW each and neighbouring each other. The facilities are north-east of Tutuka Power Station.
- It was noted that the applicants will be the following SPV's:
  - Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd
  - Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd
- Features such as wetlands, have been identified and included in the layout as exclusion areas.
- OL requested confirmation if Tournée PV2 is located within the Tutuka Power Station Ash facility? AS confirmed that it is adjacent to the Ash Facility, and there is a fence between the Ash Facility and PV2.
- OL enquired if there are powerlines included in the applications. AS noted that there will be powerlines later but it is not included in the current scope of work. RC also confirmed that they are waiting for confirmation from Eskom on the powerline routes. Once the facility has been permitted and Eskom provides the available powerline route options, the powerline applications will proceed. OL highlighted that if associated infrastructure applications are submitted separately, the application goes to the Provincial Authorities not the DFFE. AS noted this and confirmed that the Powerline Applications will be separate as it will need to be transferred to Eskom for Operation.
- There are no terrestrial CBAs or ESAs within the site boundary.
- The Project Area does not fall within any Strategic Transmission Corridors or Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ).
- There will be two Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Processes followed, one for each facility.
- MS requested that all exclusions for the listed activities are also included on the application form.
- MY requested that statements such as “likely” and “may be” must not be included to avoid confusion. AS confirmed that more detailed information will be provided in the application form.
- OL requested that if there is an activity triggered as a result of a CBA, it must be highlighted in the description if there is a systematic biodiversity plan or bioregional plan.
- OL enquired if there is an indication of what the “other natural areas” listed on the map refers to. AS confirmed that that the description comes from the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP). But underneath these areas the land use is agriculture. OL requested that clarity on the term “other natural areas” be included in the application and indicate if it is threatened or vulnerable.

**MEETING NOTES**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The DFFE Screening Tool was used to identify theme sensitivities and thus define the specialist studies to be undertaken. The avifauna sensitivity is low, but an avifauna specialist study and bat compliance statement has been commissioned. OL requested that motivation for the additional specialist studies be included in the Scoping Reports. AS confirmed that a Site Sensitivity Verification Section will be included in the Scoping Reports. The Project also needs to be International Finance Corporation (IFC) Compliant and the IFC requires bats and birds to be looked at to ensure there are no major impacts.</li> <li>— The Competent Authority is the minister because of activities related to the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and because the projects have Implications for the international environmental commitments and relations. The DFFE is therefore the competent authority.</li> <li>— OL requested that it should be made clear in the application whether the project is part of the Renewable Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP) or will be private off-take. JB clarified that Red Rocket is unsure which tender the projects will be bid in as yet, it may be REIPPP or private off-take. However, it is understood from previous project that it all falls under IRP and therefore the DFFE is the competent authority.</li> <li>— MS enquired if Zulu was considered as a language apart from Afrikaans and English for the PP material. AS confirmed that based on previous projects in the area there have only been requests for English or Afrikaans. However, WSP will confirm language requirements and if Zulu is required, the PP material will also be translated into Zulu.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3.0 CLARIFICATION AND DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>AS noted that Regulation 11 is being considered, however two separate EAs are required, one for each of the projects. Would it be possible to submit two applications but one combined report and received two EAs. The projects are very close together and therefore there will be a lot of repeated information.</p> <p>MY: In terms of regulation 11, an application needs to be submitted beforehand for DFFE to approve. This will take at least 30 days to approve and you will still have to pay for two applications.</p> <p>JB confirmed that Red Rocket does not want to delay the project with a 30 day process to approve the Regulation 11 request therefor two applications will be submitted and two full S&amp;EIA processes will be followed.</p> <p>OL noted that there is a disadvantage with submitting combined applications. If there is an appeal for one project it will also affect the other and delay the EA for that project.</p> <p>AS confirmed that a Regulation 11 request will not be followed, and two applications and two reports will be submitted. There will be one combined PP Process with two separate Stakeholder Engagement Reports.</p>	<p>WSP to submit two application forms and follow two full S&amp;EIA processes.</p>
<p><b>4.0 WAY FORWARD</b></p> <p>WSP to compile and submit the meeting minutes to DFFE for approval.</p>	

**Approved:**

DFFE:  Olivia Letlalo 14/03/2023

WSP:  Digitally signed by Ashlea Strong  
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**APPENDIX A**

**MEETING PRESENTATION**




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# DFFE Pre-Application Meeting

Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PhotoVoltaic (PV) Facilities

27 February 2023  
10:00



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## Agenda

- 1 Introduction**  
Introductions
- 2 Overview of Project**  
Project Background  
Typical Infrastructure  
Key Considerations
- 3 Permitting Processes**  
Environmental Authorisation Process  
Listed Activities  
DFFE Screening Tool  
Specialist Studies
- 4 Public Participation Plan**
- 5 Timeframes**
- 6 Discussion**  
Specific Clarification  
Questions and Comments



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## Introductions

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd</b> <b>Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd</b> Ryan Collins Janine Brasington Magdalena Logan
<b>EAP</b>	<b>WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd</b> Megan Govender Ashlea Strong
<b>Authority</b>	<b>Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFE)</b> Makhosi Yeni Mahlatse Shubane Olivia Letlalo Kevin Mathebula Reitumetse Mokgele



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### Overview of the Project

## Background

Red Rocket propose to construct the Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities near Thuthukani in the Mpumalanga Province. The Tournée Solar PV Cluster will include two 150MW Solar Energy Facilities (SEFs). The development will be divided into two solar projects, namely:

- Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility (up to 150 MW)
- Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility (up to 150 MW)

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Overview of the Project

## Background and Location

	Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility	Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility
Project Extent (Farm Boundary)	306.65 ha	505.15 ha
Buildable Area	Approximately 229 ha, subject to finalisation based on technical and environmental requirements	Approximately 297 ha, subject to finalisation based on technical and environmental requirements
Generation capacity	150 MW	150 MW
Province	Mpumalanga	
District Municipality	Gert Sibande District Municipality	
Local Municipality	Lekwa Local Municipality	
Farms	Portion 7 (Portion of Portion 3) of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS  Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS	Remaining Portion of Portion 3 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS  Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS

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**Overview of the Project**


## Typical Infrastructure

Each of the solar facilities will contain the following infrastructure:

- Solar Field
  - Maximum height of 6 m
  - PV Modules that are located on axis tracking structures or similar
- Solar Farm Substations
  - Two up to 4.5ha substation yards that will include:
    - Substation building
    - High voltage gantry
    - multiple (up to) 132kV feeder bays and transformers
    - Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) (up to 150MW/600MWh)
- Building Infrastructure
  - Operational and maintenance (O&M)/ control centre (including warehouse/workshop)
  - Construction camp and laydown areas
  - Ablution facilities
  - Converter/inverter stations
  - Internal and access roads
  - Cement batching plant

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Overview of the Project

## Key Considerations

- The Project Area does not traverse any **Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA)** (CBA 1)
- The Project Area does not fall within a **Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ)**
- The Project Area does not fall within a **Strategic Transmission Corridor**
- The Project Area is located directly adjacent to the Dry Ash Disposal Facility for the Tutuka Coal Fired Power Station
- The current land use is agriculture
- The Project Area is located within the **Air Quality Highveld Priority Area**

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**TOURNEE SOLAR PV CLUSTER**  
CBA

**Legend**

- Tournee 1 Solar PV Facility
- Tournee 2 Solar PV Facility

**Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MPTA, 2019)**

- CBA Irreplaceable
- CBA Optimal
- ESA Landscape corridor
- ESA Local corridor
- Other Natural Areas

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Permitting Processes

## Environmental Authorisation Applications

- **Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Processes:**
  - Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility (up to 150 MW)
  - Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility (up to 150 MW)

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Permitting Processes

## Listed Activities – Listing Notice 1

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
<b>Activity 11:</b> The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity— (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts	Both projects will include an Independent Power Producer (IPP) substation. The substation will consist of a high voltage substation yard to allow for multiple (up to) 132kV feeder bays and transformers, control building, telecommunication infrastructure, etc
<b>Activity 12:</b> The development of— (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; or (c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse	Both projects will require the development of internal roads and/or access roads around the site. The physical footprint of internal access roads and electrical cabling required to connect the various components of the Facility either traverse the delineated watercourses on site, or be located within 32m of the outer extent of the delineated watercourses on site.
<b>Activity 14:</b> The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.	Both projects will require storage and handling of dangerous goods, including fuel (e.g. diesel), cement and chemical storage onsite, that will be greater than 80m <sup>3</sup> but not exceeding 500m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Activity 19:</b> The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse	Internal access roads and stormwater control infrastructure, as well as electrical cabling required to connect the various components of the Facilities will collectively require the excavation, infilling or removal of soil exceeding 10m <sup>3</sup> from delineated watercourses on site.
<b>Activity 28:</b> Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development: (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare;	Both projects are considered commercial and/or industrial developments, and are located on several farm portions outside an urban area, used for agricultural purposes. The total area to be developed for the Facilities (buildable area) are approximately 229 ha and 297 ha respectively (subject to finalization based on technical and environmental requirements) (i.e. greater than 1 ha).

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Permitting Processes

### Listed Activities – Listing Notice 1


Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
<p><b>Activity 30:</b> Any process or activity identified in terms of section 53(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).</p>	<p>Both projects are located within, and will require vegetation clearance or disturbance of the Soweto Highveld Grassland. The Soweto Highveld Grassland is confirmed to be listed in the National List of Ecosystems that are Threatened and in Need of Protection (as indicated in GNR 1002 of 9 December 2011). Due to the fact that this ecosystem is listed as threatened it is assumed that various threatened or protected species may be found within the development area.</p> <p>The restricted activity of "cutting, chopping off, uprooting, damaging or destroying, any specimen" has been identified in terms of Section 53(1) of the NEM:BA and is therefore applicable to the vegetation clearance that will be required to construct the development.</p>
<p><b>Activity 48:</b> The expansion of— (i) infrastructure or structures where the physical footprint is expanded by 100 square metres or more; where such expansion occurs— (a) within a watercourse; (c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse;</p>	<p>Transport of large infrastructure components related to both facilities will require the expansion of existing access and/or internal roads, culverts or similar drainage crossing infrastructure collectively exceeding 100m<sup>2</sup> or more beyond existing road or road reserves located within delineated watercourses on site, or within 32m of the outer extent of the delineated watercourses on site.</p>
<p><b>Activity 56:</b> The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre— (i) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres;</p>	<p>Transport of large infrastructure components related to both facilities will require the widening of existing access and/or internal roads where no reserve exists and where such road is wider than 8 metres. Both facilities are located within a rural area.</p>




Permitting Processes

### Listed Activities – Listing Notice 2

Listed Activity	Description of Project Activity
<p><b>Activity 1:</b> The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs: (a) within an urban area; or (b) on existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>Both Facilities will generate up to 150 MW of electricity output from a renewable resource i.e. Solar.</p>
<p><b>Activity 15:</b> The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for— (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</p>	<p>Each of the projects will utilise a footprint of approximately 229 ha and 297 ha respectively. It is likely that at least 20 ha of indigenous vegetation will be removed.</p>

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We can always remove activities during the process if the DFFE advises they are not applicable. Might just be good to add more now to cover our bases as we wont be able to add these later on.


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## DFFE Screening Tool Identified Sensitivities – Solar PV Facilities

THEME	VERY HIGH SENSITIVITY	HIGH SENSITIVITY	MEDIUM SENSITIVITY	LOW SENSITIVITY
Agriculture Theme		X		
Animal Species Theme			X	
Aquatic Biodiversity Theme	X			
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Theme				X
Avian Theme				X
Civil Aviation (Solar PV) Theme			X	
Defence Theme				X
Landscape (Solar) Theme	X			
Palaeontology Theme	X			
Plant Species Theme			X	
RFI Theme			X	
Terrestrial Biodiversity Theme	X			

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## Specialist Assessments Identified by the DFFE Screening Tool

Specialist Study	Tournée 1 and 2 Solar PV Facilities
Agricultural Impact Assessment	X
Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment	X
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	X
Palaeontology Impact Assessment	X
Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	X
Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	X
Civil Aviation Assessment	X
Defence Assessment	X
RFI Assessment	X
Geotechnical Assessment	X
Socio-Economic Assessment	X
Plant Species Assessment	X
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## Specialist Studies Commissioned

Specialist Study	Comment
Soils and Agricultural Potential Assessment	A soils and agricultural assessment will be undertaken
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	An archaeological and heritage impact assessment will be undertaken
Palaeontology Impact Assessment	A palaeontological impact assessment will be undertaken
Visual Impact Assessment	A visual impact assessment will therefore be undertaken
Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	A terrestrial biodiversity assessment will be undertaken. This assessment will include both plant and animal aspects
Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	An aquatic biodiversity assessment will be undertaken
Avifauna and Bats Impact Assessment	Even though the DFFE tool notes this to be of low sensitivity, an avifauna and Bat assessment will be undertaken
★ Social Impact Assessment	A socio-economic impact assessment will be undertaken
★ Traffic Assessment	A traffic assessment will be undertaken
★ Noise and Air Quality Assessment	A compliance statement will be undertaken
★ Desktop Geotechnical Assessment	A desktop geotechnical assessment will be undertaken
Civil Aviation Assessment	A compliance statement will be undertaken
RFI Assessment	A compliance statement will be undertaken

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## Specialist Studies NOT Commissioned

Specialist Study	Comment
<b>Geotechnical</b>	A detailed Geotechnical Assessment will not be undertaken as this will be undertaken during the design phase.
<b>Defence</b>	The Department of Defence will be included on the project stakeholder database. They will be informed of the proposed Project, and comment will be sought. As this theme has been identified as a low sensitivity, no compliance statement is required.

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## Competent Authority

- **Section 24C(2)(a) of NEMA**
  - The Minister must be identified as the Competent Authority (CA) if the activity has implications for international environmental commitments or relations
- **GN 779 of 01 July 2016**
  - Identifies the Minister as the CA for the consideration and processing of environmental authorisations and amendments thereto for activities related the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2010 – 2030
- **DFFE** is therefore deemed to be the Competent Authority

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#### Public Participation Process

## Public Participation Plan

- A Consolidated Public Participation Process is proposed for the two projects
- Formally announce project via:
  - Adverts (English and Afrikaans in local newspaper)
  - Site notices
  - Utilising existing stakeholder databases
- Compilation and management of I&AP Database
- Written notification:
  - Owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site
  - Municipality Ward Councillor
  - District Municipality
  - Relevant State Departments
- Draft Reports Review for 30 days:
  - Online on the WSP website
  - Online on a data free website
  - Hard copies placed at local libraries

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#### Timeframes

## Timeframes

- Authority Timeframes
  - Authority decision making timeframe is 107 days for S&EIA
- Key Milestones
  - Submission of Application Forms – March 2023
  - Draft Scoping Report Public Review – March to April 2023
  - Submission of Final Scoping Reports – May 2023
  - Draft EIA Reports Public Review – August to September 2023
  - Submission of Final EIA Reports – November 2023

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## Specific Clarification

- We would like to understand how a Regulation 11 request could potentially be applied to the project? Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations (GNR 982, as amended), states that:

*"If a proponent or proponents intend to undertake one or more than one activity of the same type at different locations within the area of jurisdiction of a competent authority, the competent authority may, on written request, grant permission for the submission of a single application."*

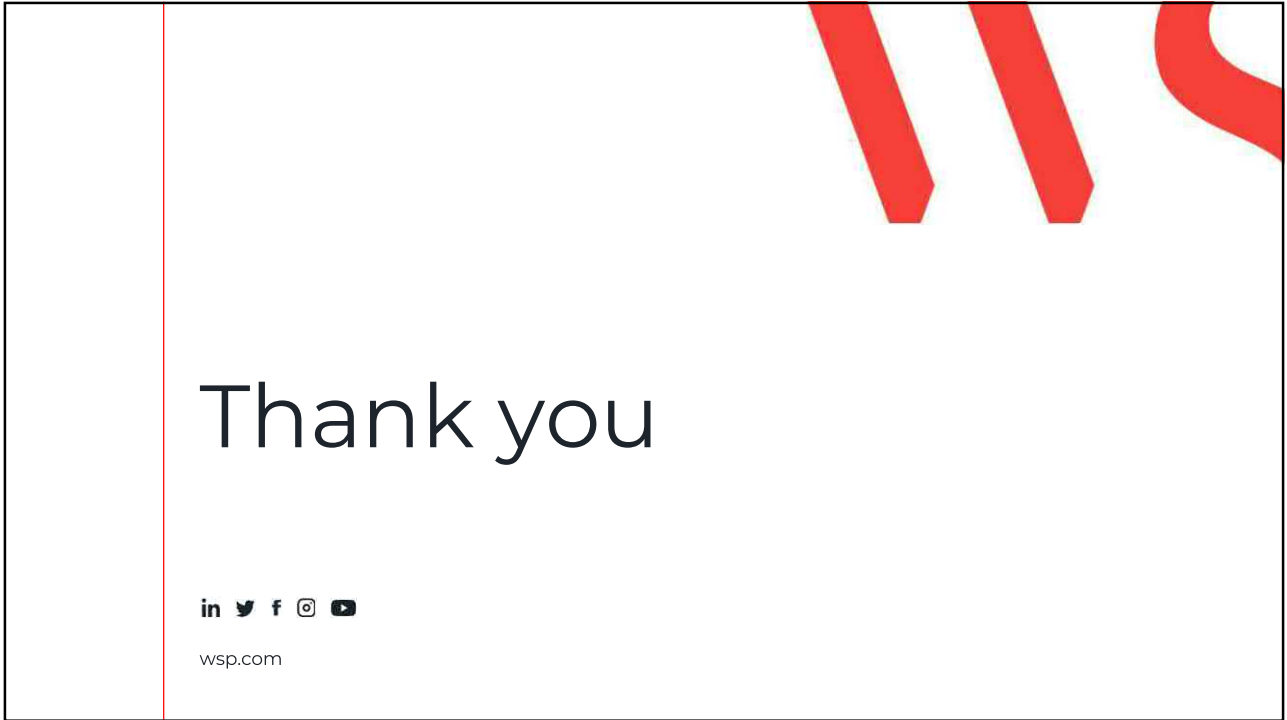
- Can one application process be undertaken with the option of receiving two environmental authorisations?

Or

- Can two application forms be submitted with combined reporting? Noting that the impacts would be assessed separately for each site?

- Questions
- Way Forward







# Appendix C.2

**MEETING WITH I&AP**





## MEETING NOTES

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PhotoVoltaic (PV) Facilities
<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	41104569
<b>DATE</b>	20 April 2023
<b>TIME</b>	09h00
<b>VENUE</b>	MS Teams
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facility EIA Process
<b>CLIENT</b>	Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd
<b>PRESENT</b>	Ashlea Strong (AS) – WSP Megan Govender (MG) – WSP Ryan Collins (RC) – Red Rocket Janine Brasington (JB) – Red Rocket Magdalena Logan (ML) – Red Rocket Sharief Harris (SH) – Red Rocket Sizwe Dlamini (SD) – National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NAFCOC)

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## MEETING NOTES

### MATTERS ARISING

### ACTION

#### NOTE:

These notes constitute a summary of the key discussion points and decisions made during the discussion. They are not intended to reflect the exact discussions held.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

AS welcomed everyone to the meeting for the Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PhotoVoltaic (PV) Facilities. The recording of the meeting was approved by all attendees. The agenda was confirmed and all attendees introduced themselves. The purpose of the meeting was to take Sizwe Dlamini, an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) from the NAFCOOC Business Chamber, through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for the Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities.

#### 2.0 PROJECT PRESENTATION

AS proceeded with the presentation (included as **Appendix A**) of the proposed Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities.

AS presented the project which covered the following:

- Project Background;
- Typical Infrastructure;
- Key Considerations;
- Environmental Authorisation (EA) Process;
- Specialist Studies;
- Public Participation (PP) Plan;
- Timeframes; and
- Specific Questions.

The following was noted and discussed during the presentation:

- The proposed project is the planned development of two Solar PV facilities, at 150 MW each and neighbouring each other.
- The facilities are adjacent to Tutuka Power Station.
- The facilities will be connected to an Eskom substation and will be developed in the context of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement program (REIPPPP) and/or Private off-take/Tenders, where possible. Due to this, the competent authority and decision maker is the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).
- The solar facilities are located on Eskom-owned land. These particular land parcels were chosen out of a request for proposal (RFP) that came from Eskom that the applicant responded to.
- No-go areas were already identified at the beginning of the project and have been taken into consideration in the development of the facilities.
- In terms of the site selection, these sites were chosen on in terms of several factors which include:
  - being close to existing Eskom infrastructure so that there would be easy access to substations and interconnection points to transmit the electricity generated by the facilities to the grid;
  - having suitable open land for solar energy generating facilities;
  - having no exceedances of environmental sensitivities and
  - being able to contribute to the Just Energy Transition Program (JET). The JET programme is an initiative to replace the capacity from Eskom Power Stations which are scheduled to be decommissioned, and to do this with renewable energies rather than more coal and non-renewable energy facilities.
- In order to develop the projects, the applicant has to undertake an environmental impact assessment (EIA) process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act. This process includes the compilation of several reports, including the Scoping Report which has just gone out for public review. It also includes various specialist studies. This is being done in order for them to obtain an environmental authorisation (EA).
- WSP, as environmental assessment practitioners (EAPs), have been appointed to compile the reports and manage the process. The final reports go to the DFFE for decision-making. The DFFE will review it and either grant or reject their EA application.
- Specialist studies have identified preliminary sensitivity areas, which WSP have reviewed and marked some as no-go areas, where development cannot take place.

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- In terms of the EIA Process, there is a lot of specialist studies and report writing, but the most important part is the stakeholder engagement. This included direct notification where we send e-mails or SMSs to everyone on our database notifying them of the start of the EIA Process, and we send communication throughout the project. So now that you (Sizwe Dlamini) are on our database, you will receive all the communication about the process going forward. Adverts were also put in newspapers, which is actually how you (Sizwe Dlamini) saw the advert and how you came to join the database. We put out site notices and we put out some draft reports in various libraries and at the power station and on the various websites.
- The fact that we are having this meeting means that that our notifications and advertising worked.
- In terms of time frames, the scoping reports that we put out will be finalised in May. The next round of reports, the EIA Reports, will come out in August / September. The final reports will be submitted to the DFFE towards the end of the year. There's still a bit of a road to walk and all of your questions and queries will be captured and responded to as best as possible with the information that we have available at this stage.
- When the public review process for the Draft Scoping Reports ends, WSP will incorporate all comments received during this timeframe, including yours (Sizwe Dlamini) into the Stakeholder Engagement Report and respond accordingly. The reports will be finalised and sent to the DFFE for decision-making. If the DFFE approves the Scoping Report, WSP will move onto the next phase, which is the EIA Phase.

### 3.0 CLARIFICATION AND DISCUSSION

SD noted that the NAFCOC Business Chamber welcomes any development that is taking place in the town as it provides job opportunities for the locals.

SD enquired if there any private farms involved in this project? ML responded that the lard parcels proposed for development are Eskom owned land parcels that were sent out in a tender for Independent Power Producers to develop on these specific land parcels identified by Eskom. Eskom is the custodian of the land. The applicant has been given permission to undertake the permitting process to allow the applicant development rights for solar on the property. This process being following is for the granting of an EA to allow development relating to the solar energy facility on the property.

SD requested a copy of the RFP from Eskom. The applicant confirmed that a link to the website where the RFP is located will be provided.

SD noted that in terms of stakeholder engagement, the only time the Business Chamber was consulted or notified about the proposed development was when the advert for the EIA Process came out. There was no prior engagement on the project with the community. There was mention of the decommissioning of the Tutuka Power Station, but there has been no engagement about this with the community.

ML clarified that the project is the environmental permitting stage to acquire rights to develop from an environmental perspective. In terms of NEMA, there is specific criteria that needs to be followed in terms of notifying the public and engaging them in the process. The project is still in the early phases and if the permit is granted and the development goes ahead, further engagement with the community will be undertaken. AS also noted that the purpose of EIA Process is to start the engagement with the community and build up the database for further engagement at a later stage. This is the start of the process and I&APs can contact WSP to register on the database for updates on the project. AS also clarified that DFFE will decide if the environmental authorisation is granted, but the EA does not guarantee that development will take place. SH clarified that in terms of the decommissioning of Tutuka Power Station, the decommissioning of Tutuka Power Station does not need to take place for this project to be developed. Both Tutuka and Tournée 1 & 2 can operate simultaneously.

SD: By Eskom putting out an RFP, it raises awareness that development will take place in the area. The undertaking of the EIA also raises awareness and can be a platform to raise issues and concerns that can be addressed at a later stage. AS noted that any additional information or registration requests from I&APs is welcome. However, it must be noted that the current stakeholder engagement process is specific to the Tournée 1 & 2 projects, and does not have anything to do with the Eskom RFP. If the applicant receives authorisation, it does not mean development will definitely take place. If any

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additional people that should be on the database, please let WSP know or provide them with our contact details. All I&APs must also disclose what their interest in project is.

SD enquired if there is an opportunity for the developers to start engaging with the community and unions now and bring awareness that there will be a solar facility developed in the area in the new future. ML confirmed that further engagement, outside of what is required as per NEMA, will only be undertaken at a later stage when it can be confirmed that an EA has been granted and it can be confirmed that the project will be developed. SD noted that he will also try to get comments from other Business Chambers.

SD noted that the Draft Scoping Reports indicated that there are graves in the area. AS confirmed that the heritage specialist identified graves on the edge of the proposed development area. The specialist has put in a no-go 30 m buffer around the grave sites. SD advised that the community may want to visit the graves and enquired if they will still have access to the graves. AS confirmed that the graves are very close to the main road on the edge of the facility so there will still be access. The area of the grave site will be marked as a no-go area so no development will take place within that area. The community will still be allowed access to the graves. ML confirmed that the graves will be demarcated and access will not be denied.

SD suggested that consultation with the Ward Councillor should be undertaken to ensure that there are no land claims further down the line from community members in relation to the graves. ML highlighted that this is only the Scoping Phase and the grave site will be further investigated by the heritage specialist during the EIA Phase. If discussions need to be undertaken with families whom the grave sites belong to, this will be investigated in the EIA Phase. AS also noted that WSP is engaging with the Department of Land Affairs for land claims, however, no comments have been received back as yet. WSP have a ward councillor on the database that was provided by the municipality, however any additional ward councillors that should be notified is welcome. SD confirmed that he will send through details of the ward councillors.

AS: WSP will keep in touch to get more details of other I&APs that should be on the database.

Meeting was concluded.

### **4.0 WAY FORWARD**

WSP to compile the meeting minutes.

**APPENDIX A**

**MEETING PRESENTATION**




# Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PhotoVoltaic (PV) Facilities

Environmental Authorisation Process




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## Introductions


**Applicant** Tournée 1 Solar (Pty) Ltd  
Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd  
Ryan Collins  
Janine Brasington  
Magdalena Legari

**EAP** WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd  
Hegem Govender  
Ashlea Strong



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## Background

The proposed project includes the development of the Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Parks near Thuthukani in the Mpumalanga Province. The Tournée Solar PV Cluster will be divided into two solar projects, namely:


- o Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility (up to 150 MW)
- o Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility (up to 150 MW)

The proposed Solar PV Facility will connect to a nearby Eskom substation (still to be confirmed) through an up to 132kV single or double circuit powerline. The powerline will be subject to a separate environmental assessment process.

The Cluster is being developed in the context of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP), in conjunction with private off-take or wheeling agreements, where possible. The Solar PV Facilities are located on Eskom owned land and were selected in response to an Eskom Request For Proposal (RFP).

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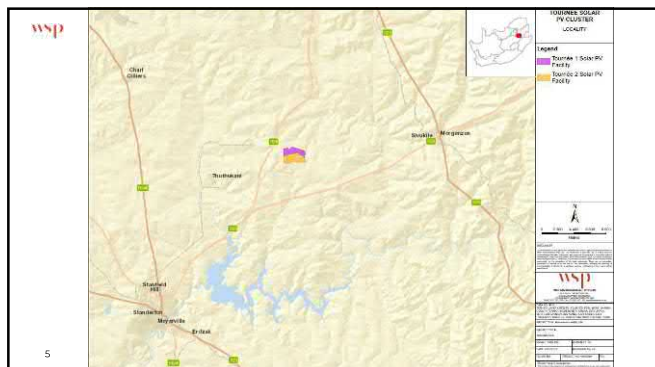
## Location

The proposed facilities are located within the Lekwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province near Tutuka Coal Fired Power Station.

	Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility	Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility
Project Extent (Farm Boundary)	306.65 ha	505.15 ha
Buildable Area	Approximately 229 ha, subject to finalisation based on technical and environmental requirements	Approximately 297 ha, subject to finalisation based on technical and environmental requirements
Generation capacity	150 MW	150 MW
Farms	Portion 7 (Portion of Portion 3) of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS	Remaining Portion of Portion 3 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS Portion 6 of Farm Dwars-in-die-Weg 350 IS
Land Owner	Eskom Holdings (SOC) Limited	

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**WSP Site Selection**

The location of the proposed project is based on the site awarded to the applicant in response to an Eskom RFP. The following aspects were required by the RFP to be taken into consideration when selecting the location of the site:

- The selected location must be in close proximity to the existing Eskom infrastructure and interconnection points including substations;
- The site must be suitable open land for Solar PV development;
- The screening process for the selected location must not identify exceedances of environmental sensitivities; and
- The selected site must contribute to the Just Energy Transition (JET) Programme.

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**WSP Environmental Authorisation Process**

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for each of the projects to meet the requirements under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA).

The proposed projects are subject to a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes:

Project	Environmental Process	Listed Activities
Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983, as amended): Activity 11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24 (i), 27, 28(ii), 30, 48(i)(a)(c) and 56(i);</li> </ul>
Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility	S&EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 2 (GNR 984, as amended): Activity 1 and 15;</li> <li>NEMA EIA Regulations: Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985, as amended): Activity 4(f)(ii)(ee), 10(f)(i)(ee)(hh), 12(f)(i), 14 (i)(a)(c)(f)(i)(ff), 18(f)(i)(ee) and 23 (i)(a)(c)(f)(ee).</li> </ul>

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### Typical Infrastructure

Each of the solar facilities will contain the following infrastructure:

- Solar Field
  - Maximum height of 6 m
  - PV Modules that are located on axis tracking structures or similar
- Solar Farm Substations
  - Two up to 4-SHA substation yards that will include:
    - Substation building
    - High voltage pylon
    - Multiple (up to) 132kV feeder bays and transformers
    - Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) (up to 150MW/600MWh)
- Building Infrastructure
  - Operational and maintenance (O&M) control centre (including warehouse/workshop)
  - Construction camp and laydown areas
  - Ablution facilities
  - Converter/inverter stations
  - Internal and access roads
  - Cement batching plant

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### Specialist Studies

The following specialist studies have been commissioned to support the EA Process:

- Agricultural Impact Assessment;
- Landscape/Visual Impact Assessment;
- Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment;
- Palaeontology Impact Assessment;
- Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment;
- Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment;
- Plant Species Assessment;
- Animal Species Assessment;
- Socio-Economic Assessment;
- Air Quality Compliance Statement;
- Noise Compliance Statement;
- Avifauna Assessment;
- Bats Assessment;
- Traffic and Transport Assessment;
- Geotechnical Desktop Study; and
- High-level Qualitative Risk Assessment.

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### Site Sensitivity Verification

A summary of the specialist assessment protocol followed as well as the sensitivity verification for the project site is detailed.

Theme	Assessment Protocol	Specialist Site Sensitivity Verification
Agricultural Compliance Statement	Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements of environmental impacts on agricultural resources by onshore wind and/or solar photovoltaic energy generation facilities where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more	High, Medium and Low Sensitivity
Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Protocol for the Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impacts on Terrestrial Biodiversity	Low Sensitivity
Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Protocol for the Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impacts on Aquatic Biodiversity	Very High Sensitivity
Plant Species	Protocol for the Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impacts on Terrestrial Plant Species	Low Sensitivity
Animal Species	Protocol for the Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impacts on Terrestrial Animal Species	Medium Sensitivity
Avifauna Impact Assessment	Protocol for the Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impacts on Terrestrial Animal Species	Low Sensitivity
Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment	Site Sensitivity Verification Requirements where a specialist Assessment is required but no Specific Assessment Protocol has been prescribed	Medium Sensitivity
Palaeontology Impact Assessment	Site Sensitivity Verification Requirements where a specialist Assessment is required but no Specific Assessment Protocol has been prescribed	Medium Sensitivity
Visual (Landscape) Impact Assessment	Site Sensitivity Verification Requirements where a specialist Assessment is required but no Specific Assessment Protocol has been prescribed	Low Sensitivity
Civil Aviation Assessment	Site Sensitivity Verification Requirements where a specialist Assessment is required but no Specific Assessment Protocol has been prescribed	Medium Sensitivity
Defence Assessment	Site Sensitivity Verification Requirements where a specialist Assessment is required but no Specific Assessment Protocol has been prescribed	Low Sensitivity
RH Assessment	Site Sensitivity Verification Requirements where a specialist Assessment is required but no Specific Assessment Protocol has been prescribed	Low Sensitivity

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### Sensitive Mapping

A preliminary consolidated environmental sensitivity map has been compiled based on the sensitivities and buffers outlined in the following specialist studies

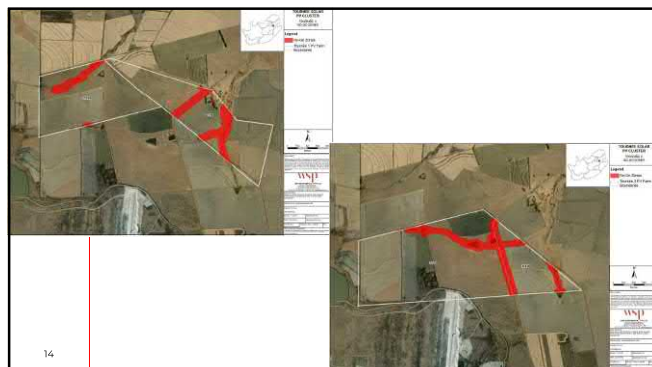
- Aquatic Biodiversity;
- Terrestrial Biodiversity;
- Heritage; and
- Visual.

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**WSP Stakeholder Engagement**

A Consolidated Public Participation Process is proposed for the two projects


- Direct Notification
  - Notification to potential and existing Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e., site notices, emails, SMS, etc.)
- Newspaper Advertisements
  - Standerton Advertiser
  - Standerton Bulletin
- Site Notices
  - Placed at strategic points in close proximity to the proposed Project site, as well as in public places.
- Availability of the draft Scoping reports for Public Review
  - Hard Copy: Standerton Public Library
  - Hard Copy: Sakhile Public Library
  - Hard Copy: Thuthukani Library
  - Hard Copy: Tutuka Power Station Security Office
  - Electronic Copy: WSP Website (<https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>)
  - Electronic Copy: Datafree Website (<https://wsp-engage.com/>)

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**WSP High Level Timeframes**

- Authority Timeframes
  - Authority decision making timeframe is 107 days for S&EIA
- Key Milestones
  - Submission of Application Forms – March 2023
  - Draft Scoping Report Public Review – March to May 2023
  - Submission of Final Scoping Reports – May 2023
  - Draft EIA Reports Public Review – August to September 2023
  - Submission of Final EIA Reports – November 2023

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 **Way Forward**

The Draft Scoping Reports have been made available for review from **27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023**.

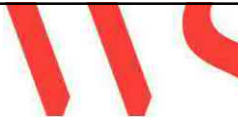
All issues and comments submitted to WSP will be incorporated in the Comments and Responses Table of the SER.

The Draft Reports will be updated with all comments and submitted as a Final Report to the DFFE.


An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken between May 2023 and August 2023. An EIA Report will be compiled and made available for public review in August 2023.

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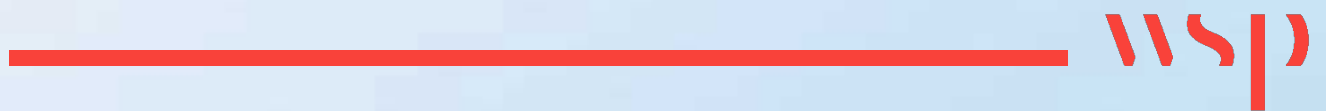
Thank you

  
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# Appendix D

## COMMENTS



# Appendix D.1

**COMMENTS FOR BOTH PROJECTS**



## Govender, Megan

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**From:** sdlamini [Redacted as per POPIA]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 05 April 2023 15:33  
**To:** Govender, Megan  
**Cc:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Subject:** RE: Objecion

Thanks I send date

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

**From:** "Govender, Megan" <Megan.Govender@wsp.com>  
**Date:** 2023/04/05 14:11 (GMT+02:00)  
**To:** sdlamini [Redacted as per POPIA]  
**Cc:** "Strong, Ashlea" <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Objecion

Good Day Sizwe

We can set up a virtual consultation to discuss the EIA Process as requested. Please advise on your availability after 18 April 2023.

Kind Regards,



**Megan Govender**  
Senior Consultant

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[Redacted as per POPIA]

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**From:** sdlamini [Redacted as per POPIA]  
**Sent:** Friday, 31 March 2023 13:31  
**To:** Govender, Megan <Megan.Govender@wsp.com>  
**Cc:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Objecion

We asking to be taken through whole Eia consultation on virtual consultation

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: "Govender, Megan" <[Megan.Govender@wsp.com](mailto:Megan.Govender@wsp.com)>

Date: 2023/03/31 12:51 (GMT+02:00)

To: Sizwe Dlamini Redacted as per POPIA

Cc: "Strong, Ashlea" <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

Subject: RE: Objecion

Good Day Sizwe

The advert was placed in advance before the release of the Environmental Scoping Reports for public review. As per the advert, the Environmental Scoping Reports were made available for public review from 27 March 2023 to 02 May 2023 at the following venues:

Area	Venue	Street Address
Standerton	Standerton Public Library	18 Calidon St, Standerton
	Sakhile Public Library	Cnr Mbonani and Maisela ,Beyers Nauder,Standerton
Thuthukani	Thuthukani Library	26°47'08.5"S 29°17'30.1"E
	Tutuka Power Station Security Office	
WSP Website	<a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</a>	
Datafree Website	<a href="https://wsp-engage.com/">https://wsp-engage.com/</a>	

The purpose of the advert was to notify the public about the proposed project and invite them to register as an Interested and Affected Party to receive communication on the project. WSP can confirm that you have been registered as an I&AP on the project database and will receive all future communication on the project.

Kind Regards,

Megan Govender

Senior Consultant

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sizwe Dlamini Redacted as per POPIA

Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 13:26

To: Govender, Megan <[Megan.Govender@wsp.com](mailto:Megan.Govender@wsp.com)>

Subject: Objection

Good day please receive my objection for proposed Development of Tournee 1&2

I am a business. In town of Lekwa we want to put our objection for this project's reason we were not consulted as a community of Lekwa on the whole total project what will be the impact

1, All farms are going to be used white farmers it benefits them 2, communities employment before and after project when it's finished 3, Business opportunity for local black supply.

4, What is its SLA for our community

5, We need in black and white how much you are offering this farmers and lease it for how long 6, what procurement procedure you took to appoint these farms 7, your solar were it's going to feed Lekwa Municipality benefiting in this 150w

With this submission I want to say we don't support this project that has already shown it benefits white farmers alone

Thanks Sizwe Dlamini

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## Govender, Megan

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**From:** sdlamini [Redacted as per POPIA]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 02 May 2023 14:09  
**To:** Govender, Megan  
**Cc:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Subject:** RE: Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities\_Clarification

Please receive number of council as promised

THABANG [Redacted as per POPIA]

Sent from my Galaxy

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**From:** "Govender, Megan" <Megan.Govender@wsp.com>  
**Date:** 2023/05/02 13:52 (GMT+02:00)  
**To:** sdlamini [Redacted as per POPIA]  
**Cc:** "Strong, Ashlea" <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** Tournée 1 & 2 Solar PV Facilities\_Clarification

Good Day Sizwe

During the meeting held with you on 20 April 2023 you requested a copy of the Eskom RFP that the applicant responded to.

The direct link to the RFP doesn't seem to be working however, if you do a Google Search of "MWP1247GX" the Tender Bulletin page should come up (see attached). Please see the RFP attached which can be found in the Commercial folder on the website (screenshot attached for reference).

Kind Regards,



**Megan Govender**  
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## Govender, Megan

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**From:** Govender, Megan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 April 2023 13:01  
**To:** Chelsea Damster  
**Cc:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Subject:** RE: Tournee 1 & 2 Solar PV Facility

Good Day Chelsea

Please may you confirm what town planning notice you are referring to? The only advert and notice that has gone out is for the environmental authorisation process being undertake for Tournee 1 and Tournee 2.

The Draft Environmental Scoping Reports have been made available at the venues below for review and comment from **27 March 2023** to **02 May 2023**.

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Datafree Website	<a href="https://wsp-engage.com/">https://wsp-engage.com/</a>	

Kind Regards,



**Megan Govender**  
Senior Consultant

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**From:** Chelsea Damster Redacted as per POPIA

**Sent:** Thursday, 06 April 2023 08:36

**To:** Govender, Megan <Megan.Govender@wsp.com>

**Subject:** Tournee 1 & 2 Solar PV Facility

Hello Megan,

I hope you are well. I came across a town planning notice for the Tournee 1 & 2 Solar PV Facility near Standerton in Mpumalanga.

I do not have any objections but would like to please be registered as an interested party.

I follow building and construction related projects from conceptual / feasibility up until completion.

Please can you email me a copy of the background information document or motivating memorandum or any other documents or reports for this project.

Please can you also provide me with the below.

- Client Company Name: Tournee Solar (Pty) Ltd ?

- EIA Company Name: WSP Group Africa

- Town Planning Company Name: ?

- Developer Company Name: ?

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Kind Regards

**Chelsea Damster | Regional Content Researcher Projects**

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## Govender, Megan

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 April 2023 11:00  
**To:** Shonese Bloy  
**Cc:** Ansoné Esterhuizen; Skye Clarke-McLeod; Caryn Clarke; Colette Alisha Stander; Kathryn Winstanley; Govender, Megan  
**Subject:** RE: I&AP Registration: Tournee SEF 1 and 2

Dear Shonese

Thank you for your email.

WSP confirm that Caryn Clarke has been added to the I&AP database for the proposed Tournee Solar Facility Projects (1 and 2).

Please note that the Draft Environmental Scoping Reports are available for review and comment from **27 March 2023** to **02 May 2023** as follows:

Area	Venue	Street Address
WSP Website	<a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</a>	
Datafree Website	<a href="https://wsp-engage.com/">https://wsp-engage.com/</a>	

Kind regards

Ashlea



**Ashlea Strong**  
Principal Associate

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Redacted as per POPIA

**From:** Shonese Bloy Redacted as per POPIA

**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 April 2023 16:30

**To:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Redacted as per POPIA

**Subject:** I&AP Registration: Tournee SEF 1 and 2

Hi Ashlea,

I hope you are well.

Could I please request that **Caryn Clarke** with email address Redacted as per POPIA be registered as an I&AP for the proposed Tournee Solar Facility Projects (1 and 2).

Could you also please send through any relevant documents and reply with confirmation of registration.

Thank you very much.

Kind Regards,



Shonese Bloy  
Environmental Intern

Redacted as per POPIA

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Cape Town 8001, South Africa



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## Govender, Megan

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 April 2023 11:06  
**To:** Kholofelo Rameetse  
**Cc:** Stephnie Kot; Govender, Megan  
**Subject:** RE: Tournée PV Sites| I&AP Registration

Dear Kholofelo

Thank you for your email.

WSP confirm that you and Stephanie have been added to the I&AP database for the proposed Tournée Solar Facility Projects (1 and 2).

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Ashlea



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**To:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

**Cc:** Stephnie Kot Redacted as per POPIA

**Subject:** Tournée PV Sites| I&AP Registration

Good day Ashlea,

Please register myself and Stephnie (copied) as I&APs for Red Rocket's Tournée's PV projects.

Thanks and regards,

**Kholofelo Rameetse**

**Land and Environmental Project Manager**

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Good Day Kamogelo

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### PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms. Strong

### COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR TOURNÉE SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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**Control Biodiversity Grade B Officer: Biodiversity Conservation**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment**  
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3. The applicant must ensure that the proposed development is prioritized in habitats of decreased sensitivity, to ensure that sensitive habitats are avoided.
4. According to the Freshwater Scoping Report dated February 2023 the proposed development may result in potential encroachment of three wetlands, a sensitivity layout plan on aquatic assessment must be included in the final EIAR delineating all sensitivity

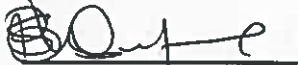
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5. A heritage sensitivity layout map must be included in the final EIAR with the 50m buffer around the burial sites as advised on the Heritage Impact Assessment dated February 2023 to ensure that no development within the area.
  6. The recommendations and mitigation measures advised on the various assessment studies conducted must be incorporated on the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).
  7. The final EIAR must provide proof that all potential and registered I&AP's, including the Organs of State, were provided with access to and an opportunity to comment on the draft EIAR following submission of the application form (Regulation 40(3)).
  8. The final EIAR must include issues and responses of the report, as well as copies of and responses to comments received from all I&APs, including these comments

Do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.

Yours sincerely,



**MS. S.B. MBUYANE**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT**

DATE: 19/04/2023

# Appendix D.2

## COMMENTS FOR TOURNÉE 1



## **Govender, Megan**

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**From:** Lydia Kutu <LKutu@dffe.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 March 2023 11:14  
**To:** Govender, Megan; Strong, Ashlea; Ryan Collins; Magdalena Logan; Janine Brasington  
**Cc:** Kevin Mathebula; EIAadmin; Salome Mambane  
**Subject:** 14/12/16/3/3/2/2339 [Filed 28 Mar 2023 11:15]

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED TOURNÉE 1 SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR STANDERTON, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.**

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 24 March 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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 referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

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.

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.

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.

Kind Regards,  
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The application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) and draft Scoping Report (SR) dated March 2023 and received by the Competent Authority (CA) on 24 March 2023 refer.

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**Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment**

**Letter signed by: Mahlatse Shubane**

**Designation: Acting Deputy Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects**

**Date: 18 April 2023**

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**Annexure 1**

Format for Comments and Response Report:

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## **Interim Comment**

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*Lavin, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed development of the Tournée 1 Solar PV Park near Standerton, Mpumalanga*

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

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# Appendix D.3

## COMMENTS FOR TOURNÉE 2



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**From:** Lydia Kutu <LKutu@dffe.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 March 2023 11:17  
**To:** Govender, Megan; Strong, Ashlea; Ryan Collins; Magdalena Logan; Janine Brasington  
**Cc:** Kevin Mathebula; EIAadmin; Salome Mambane  
**Subject:** 14/12/16/3/3/2/2340 [Filed 28 Mar 2023 11:17]

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  - All “no-go” areas.
- Please ensure that the above map has a clear legend that communicate with details of the map.
  - Available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the map and infrastructure must not encroach on highly sensitive areas as far as possible.
  - Ensure that similar colours are not used to differentiate between infrastructure. i.e., items must be easily distinguishable in the legend.
  - Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes.

### **Generic EMPr**

- The 132kV feeder bay is being mentioned as part of the infrastructure to form part of the proposed development in activity 11 of Listing Notice 1. Therefore, ensure that the generic EMPr that complies with the GN 435 of March 2022 is submitted in the final SR.
- The EMPr that complies with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, as amended, for the facility must be submitted with the final report.

### **Public Participation Process**

- Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final SR. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE): Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness and Directorate: Biodiversity Planning and Conservation ([BCAdmin@environment.gov.za](mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za)); Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA), MTPA, Telkom, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), South African Civil Aviation Authority, Endangered Wildlife Trust, Birdlife South Africa, Department of Human Settlement, Water and Sanitation, South African National Defence Force, Local interest and affected groups, for example: Councillors and Rate Payers associations; Surrounding landowners, Farmer Organisations, Environmental Groups and NGOs; and Grassroots communities and structures as well as the affected district and local municipalities.
- 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.
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended and the approved Public Participation Plan.
- The comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the Final SR. 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 ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department’s comments) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed. Comments made by I&APs must be 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.

## **General**

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

*“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 scoping report 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”*

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 Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

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).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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**Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment**

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**Date: 19 April 2023**

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## **Annexure 1**

Format for Comments and Response Report:

DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2340

Comments on the draft Scoping Report for the proposed Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility and associated infrastructure, near Standerton within Lekwa Local Municipality in Mpumalanga Province

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP,	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
27/03/2021 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Priority Infrastructure Projects (Joe Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format.  Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority.	EAP: ( <del>Noted</del> )The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K.  EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form.

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## **Interim Comment**

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd

**Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd propose to construct the Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility near Thuthukani in the Mpumalanga Province. The proposed Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility will be developed with a contracted capacity of 150 megawatt (MW), thus allowing for up to 150 MW for export from the facility**

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Tournée 2 Solar (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility and associated infrastructure, near Morgenzon, Mpumalanga Province.

A draft Scoping Report (DSR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed development will include a solar field, site substation and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Operation and Maintenance Buildings, construction camp and laydown area, temporary cement batching plant, septic tanks, underground cables, fencing, stormwater infrastructure, water pipelines and other associated infrastructure within a development footprint of 505.15 ha.

CTS Heritage was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process in terms of section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Lavin, J. 2023. Heritage Impact Assessment in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA for the Proposed development of the Tournée 2 Solar PV Park near Standerton, Mpumalanga*

The HIA draws on the results of an Archaeological Specialist Study (Lavin, J; Fivaz, H and Fairhurst, S. 2023) and Palaeontological report (Bamford, M. 2023).

The proposed development area is underlain by non-fossiliferous Jurassic Dolerite and potentially very highly fossiliferous Vryheid Formation. No fossils were identified during the site visit. A total of three heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area. These include a demolished historical farmstead of negligible heritage significance and two burial grounds of high heritage significance. The visual impact of the development is considered to be moderately low.

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Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- The recommendation in the VIA are implemented;
- A no development buffer of 50m is implemented around the burial sites identified within the development area;
- On going community access to these burials, as well as their conservation into the future, must be ensured. This can be managed through the development of a Heritage Management Plan for the burials to be implemented for the duration of the project;
- The attached Chance Fossil Finds Procedure must be implemented for the duration of construction activities; and
- Should any buried archaeological resources or human remains or burials be uncovered during the course of development activities, work must cease in the vicinity of these finds. The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be contacted immediately in order to determine an appropriate way forward.

### **Interim Comment**

The SAHRA notes the submitted HIA and associated heritage specialist reports. SAHRA will provide further comments upon receipt of the Draft EIA and associated appendices.

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

Yours faithfully

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**Tournée 2 150MW Solar PV Facility and associated infrastructure, near Standerton, Mpumalanga**

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