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Uppies netbal in top posisies



UPINGTON: Uppies netbal gaan steeds van krag tot krag en het weereens gewys dat harde werk vrugte afwerp.

Al vyf va Uppies se nethalspanne wat aan die Siyanda Liga deelgeneem het, het in die top twee posisies in die streek geëindig en dring daarnee deur na die "Top Schools" uitspele wat gaan plaasvind 20 Junie 2013 op Hoërskool Upington se bane waar die bestes van die Noord-Kaap gaan meeding.Hoërskool Upintong se spanne vaar as volg in Siyanda: 0/14 - 2de, 0/15 - 1ste, 0/16 - 1ste, 0/17 - 2de, - 1ste. 0/19

119 - 1ste. Hier is die 0/19 A netbalspan van Hoërskool Duineveld agter vinr: Edwina Harmse, Jennifer Steenkamp, Lali Lamprecht en Mitzico Sepiember. Voor vlar is Marica Loois, Elmarte

Carstens, Esmarie Ferreira, Marna Loots en Janie Walker (afrigter).

PUBLIEKE DEELNAMEPROSES KIMBRATRAX SONKRAG PROJEK

Cape EAPrac

OIL VI

OPROEP vir Belanghebbende Partye om te Registreer

Hiermee word kennis gegee van 'n Proses van Openbare Deelname in terme van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA)(Nr 107 van 1998, soos gewysig)

Omgewingskonsultant: Cape EAPrac Aansoeker: Kimbratrax (Ptv) Ltd. NEAS Verw: DEA/EIA/0001825/2013

Do Verw: 14/12/16/3/3/2/538

Voorstel: Oprigling van 'n fotovoltaïese (PV) Sonkragaanleg, oor 'n geskatte oppervlakte van 500 ha, met 'n maksimum kapasiteit van 250 megawatt (MW) wisselstroom (AC), vir Insette in die Eskom elektrieee netwerk. Hierdie fasilitei sal gepaardgaande infrastruktuur inseluit, naamlik 'n 132 kV transmissielyn, interne paale, mini-substasies ens.

Ligging: A gedeelte van Gedeelte 12 van Plaas 454 Dyason's Klip, geleë langs die N14, ongeveer 15km noord-oos van Keimoes, Noord-Kaap.

Die prosedures van 'n Omvanas en Omgewingsinvloedbepalingsproses (08,08) word gevolg in terme van die 2010-regulasies. Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite is van toepassino:

R545: 1 & 15 R546: 4 & 14 R544: 10, 11 & 22

Atwykings: R54(1)(a)(ii) & R54(1)(b)(ii).

Kwytskeldings: R10(2)(d) van NEMA - Advertering van die Omgewingsmagtiging in 'n koerant.

Inligting beskikbaar: Harde kopië van die Agtergrondin-ligtingdokument (AID) sal beskikbaar wees ter inligting by die Kelmoes Biblioteek en Kal i Garib Munisipale Kantore in Kelmoes: Ontvangs (Hoofstrast). In Digitale afskrif van die AID sal ook beskikbaar wees op die Cape EAPrac webulaite: www.cape-eaprac.co.za/active

Datum van Advertensie: Vrydag 24 Mei 2013 (Gemsbok koerant)

Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Partye (B & GP's) word hiermee Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Partye (B & G*S) word niermee versoek om binne die 21-dae registrasie tydperk te registreer deur hui volledige kontakbesonderhede aan Cape EAPrac te stuur (adres hieronder), of aanlyn by: <u>www.cape-eaprac.co.za/active</u>. Korrespondensie gedurende die res van die omgewingsproses sal slegs aan geregistreerde B & GP's versprei word. Stuur assebief aansoek vir registrasie en enige voorlopige kommentaar aan Cape EAPrac, nie later nie as 14 Junie 2013.

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Hier is die 0/18 en 0/19 spelers van Hoërskool Duineveld wat gekies is vir onderskeidelik die Griekwa Platteland

onderskeideitk die Griekwa Platielana Cravenweekspan o/18, wat in Pietersburg gaan speel, Griekwa Platieland Akademieweekspan o/18, wat in Durban gaan speel, en Griekwa Platieland Pukke week o/19 span, wat in Potchefstroom gaan speel

gan speet, en Griekwa Platiciana Plate week o/19 span, wai in Poiche/stroom gan speet. Van links na regs in die foto is: Corné Nieuwondt, Akademieweek, Chris Opperman, Akademieweek, Junior Burger, Cravenweek, Rayno Nel, Cravenweek, Brandon-Lee Faro, Cravenweek, Gideon Coetsee, Pukke Week, Jan-Hendrik van Wyk, Cravenweek, Cobus van Niekerk, Cravenweek, Cobus van Niekerk, Cravenweek, Cobus van Niekerk, Cravenweek, Cobus van Niekerk, Cravenweek, Colus van Niekerk, Cravenweek, Conie Lamprecht, Pukke week, Christiaan du Plessis, Akademieweek, Theunis Visser, Cravenweek, Baron Visagie, Cravenweek, Barend Geldenhuys, Akademieweek en Petri van der Merwe, Die skool is bale trots op hierdie groot groep senior seuns wat hierdie provinsiale spanne gehaal het. 'n Groot dankie aan die afrigters wat hierdie seuns gelei het om

afrigiers wat hierdie seuns gelei het om hierdie prestasie te kon beretk.

Uppies hokkie meisies in **NK-span**

UPINGTON: Hoërskool Upington se hokkiedogters het besonders goed gedoen tydens die Noord Kaap

gedoen tydens die Hoord Raap hokkieproewe. Veronique Voster is opgeneem in die meisies 0/18 Noord-Kaap span wat van 7 – 13 Julie aan die Nasionale Kampioenskappe te Pietermaritzburg gaan deelneem. Raquelle Steenkamp is opgeneem in die 0/16 Platteland span wat die Noord-Kaap gaan weteenwoordio

varteenwoordig. Juanita Bok is in die 0/18 Plattelandspan opgeneem en Jana Victor is die nie-reisende reserwe vir die 0/14-span. Baie geluk aan hierdie dogters.



Vedanta: Vedanta Resources plc, is a LSE listed FTSE 100 company with a market cap including that of its listed subsidiaries of about \$ 50 billion. The Group's revenue and EBITDA for 2011-12 is estimated at \$ 20 billion and \$ 9 billion respectively (as per analysts' estimate). We operate across the following core business sectors: Zinc-Lead-Silver, Copper, Aluminum, Iron ore and Energy, with operations located in geographies spanning India, Australia, UAE, Zambia, South Africa, Namibia and Ireland. Over the past 5 years the group has displayed exemplary appetite for organic and inorganic growth - with an Industry leading organic growth program of \$ 20 billion nearing completion.

The following career opportunity exists for enthusiastic and result driven Individual to join our Engineering Department on a permanent basis:

DIESEL MECHANIC

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be in possession of a completed N2 qualification Obtained a National Trade Test Certificate Minimum 2 years' experience as a qualified Diesel Mechanic Valid Code B driver's license Must be able to obtain a Certificate of Medical Fitness (Red Ticket) Must be able to obtain a First Aid Certificate Previous exposure to the mining environment will be an added advantace
- advantage Experience of maintenance on the latest Sandvik mobile mining equipment (LHD's & Trucks)

Key Performance Areas

- Perform high quality preventative maintenance tasks Perform effective trouble shooting Plan jobs and giving constructive feedback (job cards etc) Be self-driven and ability to work in a teams

- Selection Criteria: * Short listed applicants may be required to undergo relevant psychometric assessment.

The Human Resources Department (Attention: Duncan Britz) Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd Private Bag X 01 Aggeneye 8893

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Closing Date: 31 May 2013

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd maintains the right not to fill this after the closing date may consider their application as unsuccessful.



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4 x MINER VACANCIES

Minimum requirements:

- Grade 12/ Matric Must be able to obtain a certificate of fitness

- Must be able to obtain a first aid certificate Minimum two years' experience in a mining environment Code B driver's license Must have a permanent blasting ticket (Metalliferous Mine) Shift Supervisor Course will be advantageous.

Key Performance Areas:

- Safe declaration of working areas
- Adherence to standards Work in a Team Daily plan to achieve monthly budget.
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Initial Registrations





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> 23 May 2013 Ref: KAI231/02

Attention: Neighbouring Landowner

Web:

VIA: email and fax

NEAS Reference: DEA/EIA/0001825/2013 DEA Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/538

RE: SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED KIMBRATRAX SOLAR DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 12 OF THE FARM **DYASONSKLIP 254 NEAR UPINGTON IN THE NORTHERN CAPE**

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As a Neighbouring Landowner you have been identified by Cape EAPrac as a potential "Interested & Affected Party" (I&AP) for this proposed development and automatically registered for the EIA process.

A Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process is required in terms of the NEMA for the construction of the proposed solar facility and its associated infrastructure. The listed activities associated with the proposed development, as stipulation under Regulation 544, 545 & 546 are as follows:

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	outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a	substation/operation building to the		
	capacity of more than 33kV, but less than 275kV.	new proposed Major Transmission		
		Substation. The final capacity of		
		the transmission line may still		
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	infrastructure or structures covering 50m ² or more,	the minor drainage lines or in		

	where such construction occurs within a watercourse or within 32m of a watercourse, measured from the edge of the watercourse, excluding where such construction will occur	proximity to seasonal pans.	
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	obtained for the route determination in terms of	of both Upington and Keimoes.	
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1	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity where the electricity output is 20MW or more .	The Kimbratrax solar facility will have a maximum generation capacity of 500MW .	
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

Environmental Impact Assessment Process

KIMBRATRAX SOLAR PROJECT

23 May 2013

Introduction

Kimbratrax (Pty) Ltd. is proposing the construction of the **Kimbratrax Solar Project**, over an approximate area of 500 hectare (ha), with a maximum generation capacity of approximately 250 MegaWatts (MW) Alternating Current (AC), for input into the Eskom electrical grid.

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The solar facility will consist of Photovoltaic (PV) panels, which will mounted on either fixedtilt or tracking structures (to be confirmed), orientated north. Associated infrastructure will include a 132kV transmission line, an internal road network, mini-substations & transformers.

Description of the site & environment

The proposed solar facility site is on a portion of **Portion 12 of Farm 454 Dyason's Klip**, located off the N14, approximately 15km northeast of Keimoes in the Northern Cape (see location map attached).

The majority of the farm is located within the Bushmanland Arid Grassland, while the northern portion is located within the Kalahari Karroid Shrubland vegetation type, as identified in the National Vegetation Map of Southern Africa (Mucina, 2006). Both these vegetation types are classified as Least Threatened in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEM:BA, 2011).

The Orange River aligns to the south-east of the property and is classified as a Critical Biodiversity Area. The solar site will however avoid this sensitive system.

What is the purpose of this document?

The main purpose of this **Background Information Document** (BID) is to:

- Provide potential "Interested and Affected Parties" (I&APs) with information regarding the proposed project and project site;
- Describe the environmental process being undertaken and the way forward;
- Provide I&APs with the opportunity to highlight potential issues or concerns regarding the proposal or proposed site.

Note that this information document is the first in a series of information sharing reports for this application. Further documentation, with detailed information, will be made available during the process for comment.

<u>Why is an environmental process</u> <u>necessary?</u>

Good planning of any activity is important to ensure that the resultant environmental footprint is limited and met by mitigation measures that can ensure sustainability. The environmental process will inform layouts, technological options and designs, assessed against the environmental, social and cultural resources, in order to have the least possible impact on the receiving environment.

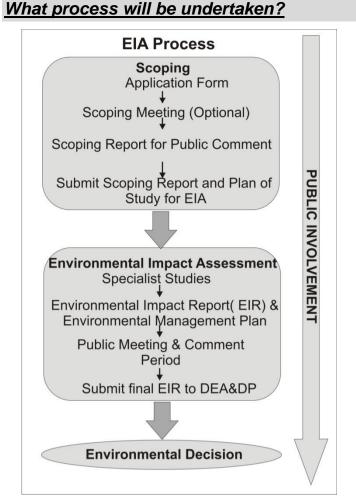
The proposed solar development 'triggers' several "listed activities" as stipulated in the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA No. 107 of 1998). In order to determine whether the Applicant may commence with the solar facility Scoping proposed а & Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) environmental process must be followed.

Cape Environmental Assessment **Practitioners** (Cape EAPrac) has been appointed, as independent environmental assessment practitioners (EAP), to facilitate the legally required environmental process and to ensure that the Public, key Stakeholders, relevant Authorities and Organs of State are presented an opportunity to participate and give input into the process and proposal.

What legislation applies?

The environmental process is undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No.107 of 1998 as amended) including the 2010 Environmental Regulations. An application has been submitted to the competent authority for Environmental Authorisation. In this case the authority is the national Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA).

Other relevant legislation pertaining to agricultural, heritage, biodiversity and planning aspects will be considered, and where relevant, permits/licenses applied for.



The following steps will be undertaken as part of the Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process:

Scoping Phase:

- Submission of the Application Form to DEA (Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/538);
- Identifying key Interested and Affected Parties ("I&AP's");
- Make available the BID, briefly explaining the process and project (this document): at Keimoes Library, !Kai!Garib municipal offices and online: <u>www.cape-</u> <u>eaprac.co.za/active</u> (from 24 May 2013);
- Advertising a 'Call for Registration' in a local newspaper (*Gemsbok newspaper*) with a registration period of 21-days ending 14 June 2013;
- Put up **Site Notices** and notices at relevant local venues to inform the general public of the process and invite them to register and participate;
- Open and maintain a Registered Stakeholder database;

- Appointment of specialists to determine the current environmental status of the site and the constraints for development (baseline studies);
- Compilation and public availability of a Draft Scoping Report (DSR) and Plan of Study for the EIR, highlighting preliminary layouts based on identified constraints.
- Compilation of Final Scoping Report (FSR) based on public comment for submission to the competent authority (DEA).

Environmental Impact Reporting Phase:

- Specialists undertake assessment of alternatives to determine the significance of potential impact(s);
- Specialist findings and recommendations detailed in the DRAFT Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), as well as the DRAFT Environmental Management Programme (EMP), to be circulated for public comment;
- Compile the FINAL Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and EMP detailing the preferred alternative / project proposal. The FEIR & EMP will be made available to registered I&APs for final review / comment.
- Submit the FINAL EIR and EMP to DEA for decision-making (authorisation, with conditions, or refusal);
- Notification of registered I&APs and Stakeholders of Environmental Decision, and details of appeal process / period.

Why and how should you get involved?

In the event that you have an **interest** in the project, or feel that you **may be affected** by the proposed development, you are invited to <u>register</u> as an I&AP for the environmental process. A vital part of the EIA Process is **public consultation** as it provides stakeholders with an opportunity to get a better understanding of what is being proposed and provide input. In order to do so, any interested and/or affected party (I&AP) **MUST REGISTER**.

How does one register for the EIA process?

Forward your full contact details (name, postal address, email address, fax and telephone numbers) and any preliminary written comment &/ concerns you may have to Cape EAPrac within the 21-dav registration period, i.e. by no later than 14 June 2013. In order to be registered, you must also disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the proposed project (please see form attached). Future correspondence (after this BID) will only be distributed to registered I&AP's.

What issues have been identified to date?

Potential issues that have already been identified by the Project Team, include but are not limited, to:

- Potential impact on flora & fauna;
- Potential impact on cultural landscape or resources;
- Potential impact on agricultural activities;
- Visual impacts;

What kind of specialist studies?

The following specialist impact assessments, among others, will inform the EIA process:

- Specialist Engineering input to inform PV Solar facility;
- Biophysical / Ecological Assessment;
- Heritage Impact Assessment;
- Topographical Survey;
- Agricultural Potential Study Etc.

Alternatives

In terms of the NEMA legislation, alternatives must be considered during an environmental These may be site, activity, assessment. operational or technological alternatives. As alternatives the such, to development concept and layout will be investigated / revised and developed throughout the environmental process.

The No Go Alternative (Status Quo) must be considered as a baseline against which the impacts of any other Alternatives are measured. Stakeholders are requested to provide details of any reasonable and/or feasible Alternatives that they may be aware of. These will be considered by the Specialists in their scoping and assessments studies.

Application for Deviation & Exemption

Cape EAPrac has applied for deviation from the following public participation regulations:

- R54(1)(a)(ii) placing site notices at alternative site/s (no alternative sites are to be considered);
- R54(1)(b)(ii) giving notice to occupiers of the site or alternative sites (there are currently no people living on the site).

Cape EAPrac has applied for exemption from Regulation 54(10)(2)(d) - Advertising the environmental decision in a newspaper. Notifications will be provided to all registered I&APs.

Way Forward

On completion of all the required Specialist Baseline / Scoping Studies, the Draft Scoping Report will be made available to all **registered** I&APs for a review and comment period of 40days.

Based on the level of public / stakeholder interest in this project, Open House Meetings may be arranged to present project information, specialist findings and recommendations to the public during the process.

Please quote the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Reference Number for this application, on all correspondence: 14/12/16/3/3/2/538.

TO REGISTER AS AN I&AP, SEND YOUR REGISTRATION REQUEST, NAME & CONTACT DETAILS, AND ANY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS:

Cape-EAPrac ATT: Dale Holder PO Box 2070 George 6530 Telephone: 044 874 0365 Fax: 044 874 0432 E-mail: <u>dale@cape-eaprac.co.za</u>

COMMENTS MUST REACH US ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2013

SCOPING & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING PROCESS

FOR THE PROPOSED KIMBRATRAX SOLAR PROJECT, KEIMOES, NORTHERN CAPE

REGISTRATION / INITIAL COMMENT SHEET on BID

Should you have any preliminary comments and would like to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party ("I&AP"), please complete this form and return it to *Cape EAPrac* at P O Box 2070, George, 6530. Tel: 044 874 0365, Fax: 044 874 0432, Email: dale@cape-eaprac.co.za, <u>on or before, 14 June 2013.</u> Registration may also be done online at <u>www.cape-eaprac.co.za/active</u> on the project page.

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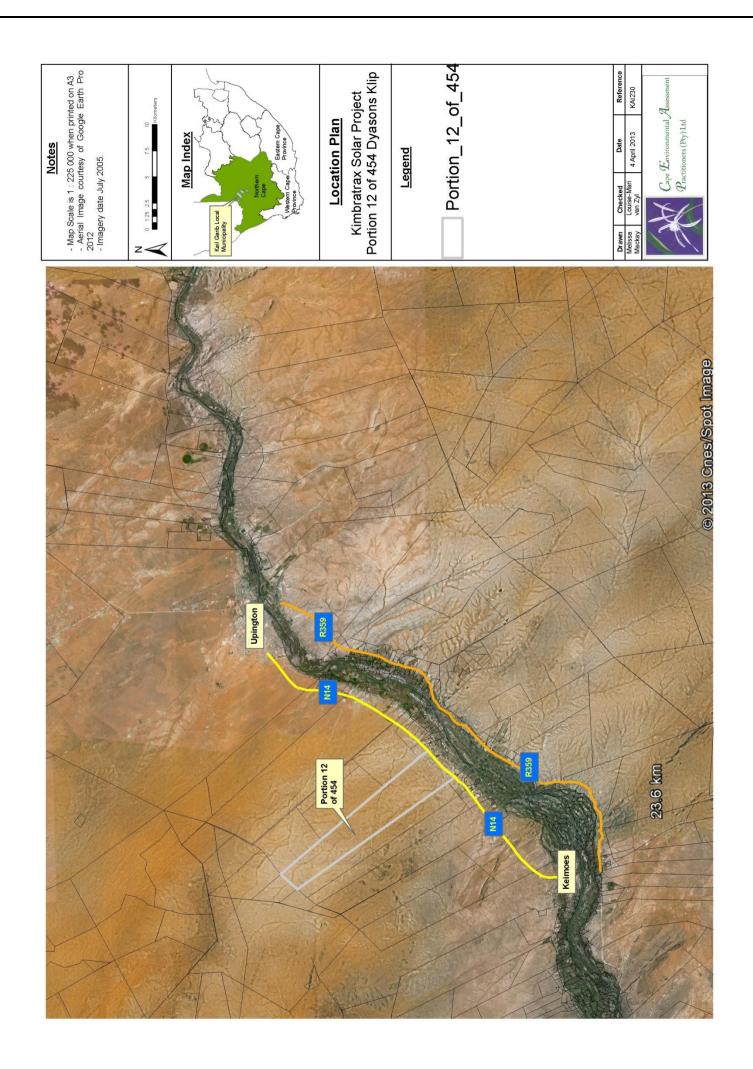
1. List any key issues or concerns relating to the proposed development:

3. Describe your **reason/motivation** for participating in this environmental process (disclose any interest):

4. List any potential (reasonable and / or feasible) **alternatives** for the site or proposal:

5. List **interested & affected parties** (I&APs) or Stakeholders that you feel should be registered (provide their **full contact details (name, telephone, fax, email and postal details)** and who they represent in order that we may contact them):

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS



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AGTERGRONDINLINGTINGSDOKUMENT (AID)

Omgewingsimpakstudie Proses

KIMBRATRAX SONKRAG PROJEK

23 Mei 2013

Inleiding

Kimbratrax (Pty) Ltd. is van voorneme om die die **Kimbratrax Sonkrag Projek** op te rig, oor 'n geskatte oppervlakte van 500 hektaar (ha), met 'n maksimum kapasiteit van ongeveer 250 megawatt (MW) Wisselstroom (AC), vir invoer in die Eskom elektriesiteitsnetwerk.



Die sonkragaanleg sal uit Fotovoltaïese (PV) panele bestaan, wat op vaste-kantel of roterende basis (wag op bevestiging), in n Noordelike rigting opgerig sal word. Gepaardgaande infrastruktuur sluit in 'n 132kV transmissie lyn, interne padnetwerk, minisubstasies en transformators.

Beskrywing van terrain & omgewing

Die voorgestelde sonkragaanleg terrein is op 'n gedeelte van **Gedeelte 12 van Plaas 454 Dyasons Klip,** geleë langs die N14, ongeveer 15km noord-oos van Keimoes, in die Noord-Kaap (sien terreinkaart aangeheg). Die meerderheid van die plaas vorm deel van die Boesmanland Arid Grasland, terwyl die noordelike gedeelte in die Kalahari Karroid Shrubland plantegroei tipe geleë is, soos geidentifiseer in die Nasionale plantegroei kaart van Suider-Afrika (Mucina, 2006). Beide hierdie tipes plantegroei word geklassifiseer mins-bedreig as (Least Threatened) in terme van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Wet op Biodiversiteit (NEM: BA, 2011).

Die Oranjerivier vloei aan die Suid-ooste kant van die eiendom en word geklassifiseer as 'n Kritiese Biodiversiteit Area. Die sonkragaaleg sal egter hierdie sensitiewe stelsel vermy.

Wat is die doel van hierdie dokument?

Die hoofdoel van hierdie **Agtergrond**inligtingsdokument (AID) is om:

- potensiële "Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Partye" (B&GPe) met inligting oor die voorgestelde projek en ligging te voorsien;
- Die voorgenome omgewingsimpakstudie wat onderneem gaan word, en die proses vorentoe te beskryf,
- B&GPe die geleentheid te bied om moontlike probleme of bekommernisse rakende die voorstel of voorgestelde terrein te opper.

Let daarop dat hierdie inligtingsdokument die eerste in 'n reeks van inligting verslae vir hierdie proses sal wees. Verdere dokumentasie met meer besonderhede, sal tydens die proses vir kommentaar beskikbaar gestel word.

<u>Hoekom is 'n omgewingsimpakstudie</u> proses nodig?

Goeie beplanning van 'n aktiwiteit is belangrik om te verseker dat die gevolglike impak op die omgewing beperk word en dat die projek volhoubaar is. Die omgewingproses sal uitlegte, tegnologiese opsies en ontwerp inligting beoordeel, asook die omgewings-, sosiale en kulturele hulpbronne, om te help verseker dat die voorgestelde projek die mins moontlike impak op die omgewing sal hê.

Die voorgestelde sonkragaanleg betrek 'n paar "gelyste handelinge" soos vervat in die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA 107 van 1998). Ten einde te bepaal of die aansoeker met die voorgestelde sonkragaanleg mag begin, is 'n **Omvangsbepaling en Omgewingsinvloedbepaling (O&OIV)** omgewing proses nodig.

CapeEnvironmentalAssessmentPractitioners(CapeEAPrac) is aangestel asonafhanklikeomgewingsassesseringpraktisyns('EAP'), om die omgewingproses tefasiliteeren om teverseker dat die publiek,sleutelbelanghebbendes,betrokkeowerhedeen staatowerhede'n billikegeleentheiddeel teneemen insettetedievoorstel.owersel.

Watter wetgewing is van toepassing?

Die omgewingproses word onderneem in terme van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA, Wet 107 van 1998, soos gewysig), insluitend die 2010 Environmental Regulasies. 'n Aansoek is ingedien by die bevoegde owerheid, in hierdie geval is die nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake (DO).

Ander toepaslike wetgewing ten opsigte van landbou, erfenis, biodiversiteit en beplanning

sal in ag geneem word, en waar toepaslik, permitte / lisensies bekom word.

Watter proses sal onderneem word?



Die volgende stappe sal onderneem word as deel van die Omvangsbepaling en Omgewingsinvloedbepaling (O&OIV) proses: <u>Omvangsbepaling Fase:</u>

- Indiening van die Aansoekvorm te DO (Verwysings Nr 14/12/16/3/3/2/538);
- Die identifisering van sleutel Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Partye ("B&GPs");
- Beskikbaarheid van die agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID), met kort verduideliking van die proses en projek (hierdie dokument): by Keimoes Biblioteek, !Kai!Garib munisipale kantore en aanlyn: <u>www.cape-eaprac.co.za/active</u> (van 24 Mei 2013);
- 'n 'Oproep vir Registrasie' in die plaaslike koerant (*Gemsbok koerant*) met 'n registrasie periode van 21-dae wat eindig 14 Junie 2013;

- Terrein Kennisgewings en kennisgewings by relevante plaaslike plekke om die algemene publiek van die proses in te lig en hulle te nooi om te registreer en deel te neem;
- Open 'n Geregistreerde Belanghebbe Register;
- Aanstel van spesialiste om die huidige omgewings status van die terrein en die beperkinge vir ontwikkeling (basislyn studies) te bepaal;
- Die opstel en beskikbaarheidstelling van 'n Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag (OBV) en Plan van Studie, wat die voorlopige uitleg bespreek, gebaseer op geïdentifiseerde beperkings.
- Saamstel van Finale Omvangbepalingsverslag (FOBV) gebaseer op openbare kommentaar vir voorlegging aan die bevoegde owerheid (DO).

Omwingsinvloedbepalingsverslag Fase:

- Spesialiste onderneem evaluering van alternatiewe om die beduidendheid van potensiële impak(te) te bepaal;
- Spesialis bevindinge en aanbevelings moet omskryf word in die Konsep Omgewingsimpakverslag (KOIV), sowel as die Konsep-Omgewingsbestuursplan (OBP), wat vir openbare kommentaar versprei word;
- Stel die FINALE Omgewingsinvloedverslag (FOIV) en OBP saam met besonderhede van die voorkeur alternatief / projek voorstel. Die FOIV & OBP sal beskikbaar gestel word aan geregistreerde B&GP vir finale hersiening / kommentaar.
- Indiening van die finale OIV en OBP aan die DO vir besluitneming (magtiging, met voorwaardes, of weiering);
- Kennisgewing van geregistreerde B&GP's en Belanghebbendes van die Omgewings Besluit, en besonderhede van appèl proses / tydperk.

Hoekom en hoe moet u betrokke raak?

In die geval dat u in die projek belangstel, of voel dat u moontlik geaffekteer mag word deur die voorgestelde ontwikkeling, word u uitgenooi om te registreer as 'n B&GP vir die omgewingsproses. 'n Belangrike deel van die OIB-proses is openbare raadpleging omdat dit belanghebbendes die geleentheid bied om 'n beter begrip te vorm van wat voorgestel word, en om insette te lewer. Om dit te kan doen, moet 'n belanghebbende geaffekteerde en/of party (B & GP) REGISTREER.

<u>Hoe moet iemand registreer vir die</u> <u>OIBproses?</u>

Stuur asseblief volledige u kontakbesonderhede (naam, posadres, eposadres, faks en telefoon nommers) en voorlopige enige kommentaar / bekommernisse skriftelik na Cape EAPrac binne die 21-dag-registrasie tydperk, nie later as 14 Junie 2013 nie. Ten einde om geregistreer te word, moet u ook enige regstreekse sake-, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belange wat u dalk mag hê in die goedkeuring of afkeuring die van voorgestelde projek bekend maak (sien asseblief vorm aangeheg). Toekomstige korrespondensie (na hierdie dokument) sal slegs aan geregistreerde B&GP's gestuur word.

<u>Watter kwessies is tot datum</u> <u>geidentifiseer?</u>

Moontlike kwessies wat deur die projekspan geïdentifiseer is, sluit in, maar is nie beperk tot:

- Potensiële impak op plantegroei en diere;
- Potensiële impak op kulturele landskap of hulpbronne;
- Potensiële impak op landbou-aktiwiteite;
- Visuele impak.

Watter tipe spesialis studies?

Die volgende spesialis-impakstudies, onder andere, sal die OIE-proses:

- Spesialis Ingeneurs insette om PV Solar fasiliteit in te lig;
- Biofisiese / Ekologiese Assessering;
- Erfenisimpakbeoordeling;
- Topografiese Opname;
- Moontlike landbou-potensiaal Studie.

Alternatiewe

In terme van die NEMA wetgewing, moet alternatiewe oorweeg word tydens 'n omgewing assessering. Dit kan terrein. aktiwiteit. operasionele of tegnologiese alternatiewe wees. As sodanig, sal alternatiewe vir die ontwikkeling konsep en uitleg deurlopen ondersoek / hersien gedurende die word omgewingproses.

Die Status Quo (sogenaamde No-Go opsie) moet in ag geneem word as 'n basislyn waarteen die impak van enige ander alternatief gemeet word. Belanghebbendes word versoek om besonderhede van enige redelike en/of haalbaar Alternatiewe wat hulle van bewus is te voorsien. Dié sal oorweeg word deur die spesialiste in hul omvangs en assessering studies.

Aansoek vir Afwyking & Kwytskelding

Cape EAPrac het aansoek gedoen om afwyking van die volgende openbare deelname regulasies:

- R54(1)(a)(ii) die plasing van terrein kennisgewings op alternatiewe terreine (geen alternatiewe terreine word oorweeg);
- R54(1)(b)(ii) kennisgewing aan inwoners van die terrein of alternatiewe terreine (daar is tans geen mense wat op die terrein woon).

Cape EAPrac het aansoek gedoen vir kwytskelding van Regulasie 54(10)(2)(d) adverteer die Omgewingbesluit in 'n koerant. Kennisgewings van die besluit sal wel aan alle geregistreerde B & GP verskaf word.

Pad Voorentoe

Na voltooiing van al die nodige spesialis ondersoeke en omvangstudies, sal die Konsep Omvangbepalingsverslag beskikbaar gestel word aan alle geregistreerde B&GP vir 'n hersiening en kommentaar periode van 40dae. Afhangende van die vlak van openbare / belanghebbende belangstelling in hierdie projek, sal openbare vergaderings oorweeg word as deel van die ondersoekproses.

Meld asseblief die Departement van Omgewingsake (DO) se verwysingsnommer vir hierdie aansoek, op alle korrespondensie: 14/12/16/3/3/2/538.

OM AS 'N B&GP TE REGISTREER, STUUR U REGISTRASIE VERSOEK, NAAM & KONTAK BESONDERHEDE, EN VOORLOOPINGE KOMMENTAAR AAN:

Cape-EAPrac Vir Aandag: Dale Holder Posbus George 6530 Telefoon: 044 874 0365 Faks: 044 874 0432 E-pos: dale@cape-eaprac.co.za

REGISTRASIE & VOORLOPIGEI KOMMENTAAR MOET ONS BEREIK OP OF VOOR DONDERDAG 14 JUNIE 2013

OMVANGBEPALING & OMGEWINGINVLOEDBEPALINGPROSES

VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE KIMBRATRAX SONKRAG PROJEK, KEIMOES, NOORD KAAP

REGISTRASIE / AANVANKLIK KOMMENTAART BLAD op AID

Indien u enige voorlopige kommentaar het of wil geregistreer as 'n Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Party ("B & GP"), voltooi asseblief hierdie vorm en stuur dit terug na *Cape EAPrac* by Posbus 2070, George, 6530, of faks na 044 874 0432, Epos: dale@cape-eaprac.co.za, **op of voor, 14 Junie 2013.** Registrasie kan ook aanlyn gedoen word by <u>www.cape-eaprac.co.za/active</u> op die projek bladsy.

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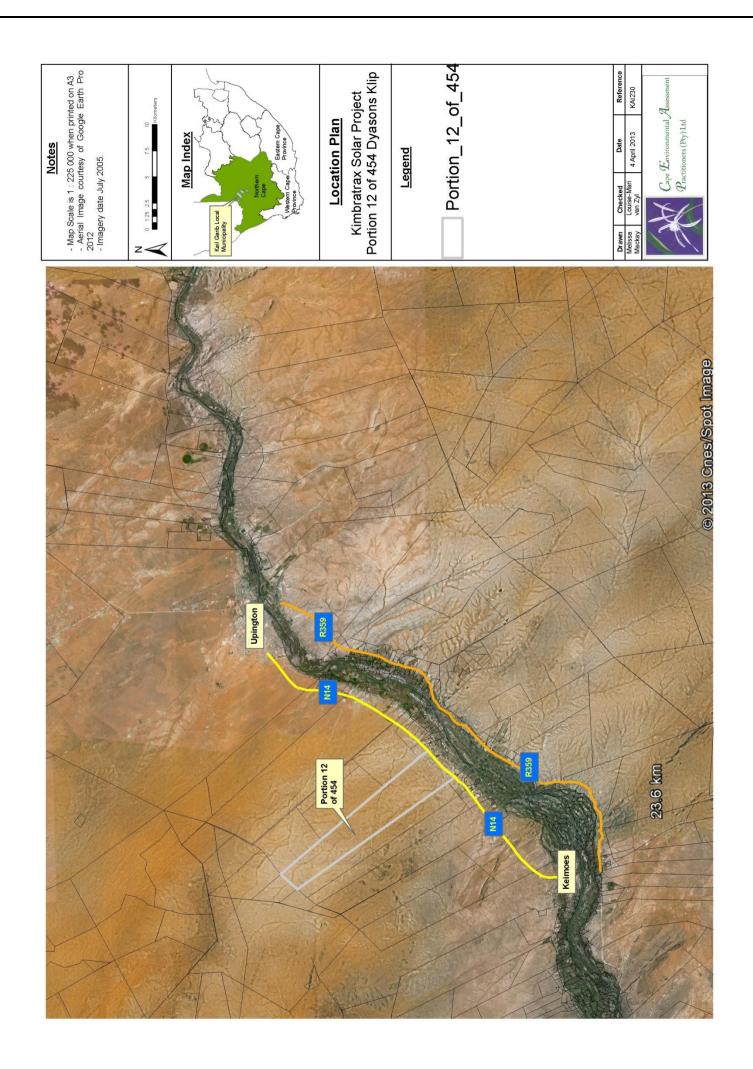
1. Dui asseblief enige **kwessies of bekommernisse** met betrekking tot die voorgestelde ontwikkeling aan:

3. Beskryf jou rede / motivering vir deelname in die omgewingsproses (openbaar enige belangsteling):

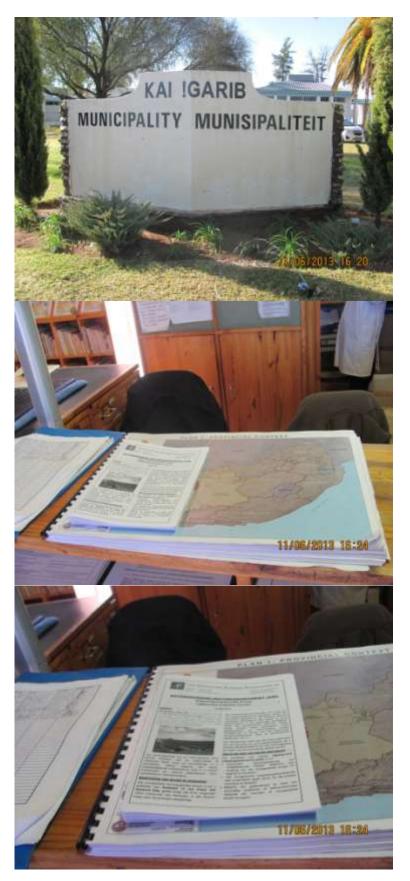
4. Noem enige potensiële (redelike en / of haalbaar) alternatiewe vir die terrein of voorstel:

5. Lys **belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye** (B & GP) of Belanghebbendes wat jy voel moet geregistreer word (voorsien **hul volle kontakbesonderhede (naam, telefoon, faks, e-pos en posadres**) en wie hulle verteenwoordig, sodat ons hulle kan kontak:

INDIEN JY EKSTRA RUIMTE VIR JOU KOMMENTAAR BENODIG, VOEL ASSEBLIEF VRY OM ADDISIONELE BLADSYE BY TE VOEG AAN DIE VORM. DANKIE VIR U DEELNAME AAN DIE OMGEWINGSPROSES



Background Information Documents Available at the Khai Garib Municipality and Keimoes Library.



Site Notices

Site Notices placed on the boundary of the site as well as at the Keimoes Library and Khai Garib Municipality.





Draft Scoping Report Notifications





Reg. No. 2008/004627/07

First Floor, Eagles View Building 5 Progress Street, George PO Box 2070, George, 6530

> 06 August 2013 Ref: KHA231/04

Dear Stakeholder / Organ of State / State Department

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Via: post

RE: AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RE CAPITAL 3 (PREVIOUSLY KIMBRATRAX) SOLAR DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 12 OF THE FARM DYASONSKLIP 254 NEAR UPINGTON IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Reference: 12/12/20/2602

Cape EAPrac have been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners, by the Applicant, **RE Capital 3 (Pty) Ltd.** (previously Kimbratrax (Pty) Ltd.), to ensure compliance with the regulations contained in the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA No 107 of 1998, as amended in 2006 & 2010) for the proposed construction of the **RE Capital 3 Solar Development** on a portion of **Portion 12 of the farm Dyasonsklip 454**, located west of Upington. The proposed **225MW solar facility** (to be implemented in 3 phases) will cover a footprint of approximately **500ha** and will include the following associated infrastructure:

- solar photovoltaic panel arrays;
- inverter stations;
- an **on-site substation** (including a transformer to allow the generated power to be connected to Eskom's electricity grid);
- a **transmission power line** to distribute the generated electricity from the on-site substation to the new Eskom MTS;
- **auxillary buildings** (administration / security offices, ablution & workshop, storage area);
- an internal electrical reticulation network (underground cables);
- an internal road / track network;
- 10kLt rainwater tanks; and
- perimeter fencing around the solar facility.

The procedures for a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) environmental process in terms of the 2010 Regulations are being followed for this application. The following listed activities are applicable:

R544	Listed Activity	Activity Description		
10(i)	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the	New overhead power line linking		
	transmission and distribution or electricity (i)	the proposed on-site		
	outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a	substation/operation building to the		
	capacity of more than 33kV, but less than 275kV.	new proposed Major Transmission		
		Substation. The final capacity of		
		the transmission line may still		
		change in the detailed design.		

11	The construction of (ii) channels (iii) bridges (y)	The possible construction of	
	The construction of (ii) channels (iii) bridges (v) weirs (x) buildings exceeding 50m ² in size, or (xi)	The possible construction of roads/tracks & PV arrays across	
	infrastructure or structures covering 50m ² or more,	the minor drainage lines or in	
	where such construction occurs within a	proximity to seasonal pans.	
	watercourse or within 32m of a watercourse,		
	measured from the edge of the watercourse,		
	excluding where such construction will occur		
	behind the development line.		
18	The infilling or depositing of any material of	The possible construction of	
	more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging,	roads/tracks & PV arrays across	
	excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand,	the minor drainage lines	
	pebbles or rock of more than 5cubic metres from (i)		
22 (ii)	a watercourse. The construction of a road, outside urban areas,	Construction of access and	
22 (11)	(i) with a reserve wider than 13.5m or, (ii) where no	internal roads for the solar facility	
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	reserve exists where the road is wider than 8m or,	for construction and operation	
	(iii) for which an environmental authorisation was	phases outside the urban area and	
	obtained for the route determination in terms of	of both Upington and Keimoes.	
	activity 5 in Government Notice 387 of 2006 or		
	activity 18 in Notice 545 of 2010.		
R545	Listed Activity	Activity Description	
1	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the	The RE Capital 3 solar facility will	
	generation of electricity where the electricity output is 20MW or more.	have a maximum generation capacity of 225MW (implemented	
		in 3 phases)	
8	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the	New overhead power line linking	
-	transmission and distribution of electricity with	the proposed on-site	
	a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more, outside an	substation/operation building to the	
	urban area or industrial complex.	proposed new Eskom Major	
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		Transmission Substation. The	
		capacity of these proposed lines	
		capacity of these proposed lines may change once detailed design	
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RE: AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RE CAPITAL 3 (PREVIOUSLY KIMBRATRAX) SOLAR DEVELOPMENT ON PORTION 12 OF THE FARM DYASONSKLIP 254 NEAR UPINGTON IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Reference: 12/12/20/2602

Cape EAPrac have been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners, by the Applicant, **RE Capital 3 (Pty) Ltd.** (previously Kimbratrax (Pty) Ltd.), to ensure compliance with the regulations contained in the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA No 107 of 1998, as amended in 2006 & 2010) for the proposed construction of the **RE Capital 3 Solar Development** on a portion of **Portion 12 of the farm Dyasonsklip 454**, located west of Upington. The proposed **225MW solar facility** (to be implemented in 3 phases)will cover a footprint of approximately **500ha** and will include the following associated infrastructure:

- solar photovoltaic panel arrays;
- inverter stations;
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- a **transmission power line** to distribute the generated electricity from the on-site substation to the new Eskom MTS;
- auxillary buildings (administration / security offices, ablution & workshop, storage area);
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- an internal road / track network;
- 10kLt rainwater tanks; and
- perimeter fencing around the solar facility.

The procedures for a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) environmental process in terms of the 2010 Regulations are being followed for this application. The following listed activities are applicable:

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10(i)	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the	New overhead power line linking		
	transmission and distribution or electricity (i)	the proposed on-site		
	outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a	substation/operation building to the		
	capacity of more than 33kV, but less than 275kV.	new proposed Major Transmission		
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	infrastructure or structures covering 50m ² or more,	the minor drainage lines or in		
	where such construction occurs within a	proximity to seasonal pans.		
	watercourse or within 32m of a watercourse,			
	measured from the edge of the watercourse,			
	excluding where such construction will occur			
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8	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the	New overhead power line linking		
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