

Comments and Response Table

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES – RE CAPITAL 3 SOLAR DEVELOPMENT DRAFT SCOPING REPORT (as included in the Final Scoping Report)

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12 Sep 2013	South African Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If abnormal roads have to be transported by road to the site, a permit needs to be obtained from the Provincial Government Northern Cape (PGNC) 2. The proposed northern site must be accessed from the D3276 and the central site must preferably be accessed via the existing road currently used to access the neighbouring solar facility. 3. If services need to be constructed within 60m measured from the road reserve fence or if a crossing of the National Road is required, the services owner must apply for a wayleave. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We take note of the requirement to obtain a permit from PGNC should abnormal loads be required to be transported by road to the site. This requirement has been communicated to the project engineers who will undertake the permit application should it become necessary during the construction phase of this project. 2. SANRAL's preferred access route options to the two alternative sites is noted. A transport engineer will be approached to provide input into the suitability of the various access road options. Further details of this will be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. SANRAL will be given an opportunity to provide comment on this report. 3. We can confirm that there are no intentions to install any services for this project within 60m of the National Road. Notwithstanding, the project engineers have been notified of this requirement, should the need for installation of such services arise in the future.
29 Aug 2013	South African Heritage Resources Agency	SAHRA stated that they concurred with the recommendations made by the specialist, Dr David Morris. These recommendations related to the undertaking of an Archaeological and Paleontological Impact Assessment. SAHRA will provide additional comment on the Draft EIR, once the	Dr David Morris will undertake the required further studies as required in your letter, namely;

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	(SAHRA)	archaeological impact assessment is completed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full Heritage Impact Assessment, consisting of an Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessment. <p>This study along with the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment will be uploaded to the SAHRIS as soon as it is completed. You will be notified of its availability as soon as it is uploaded.</p>
12 Sep 2013	Department of Water Affairs	The Department of Water Affairs (DWA) recommended that pump test (not a blow yield test) be done on both the boreholes by an accredited person or company. DWA also recommended that the applicant do a monthly monitoring of the water level of the boreholes and keep it on record as it is in the applicant's best interest to do so. It was requested that the applicant consider the option to clean the panels with high pressure wind to reduce the water usage.	<p>The recommended pump tests will be undertaken (service provider still to be appointed) and the results of these pump tests will be submitted to the Department of Water Affairs along with the Integrated Water Use Licence Application. It is the understanding that this WULA can only be submitted to DWA if the project receives an Environmental Authorisation and is selected as a preferred bidder by the Department of Energy.</p> <p>The current landowner has been requested to do monthly measurements of the borehole levels. These measurements will be provided to DWA along with the submission of the WULA.</p> <p>The project Engineers are currently investigating alternative panel cleaning technologies. The results of these investigations will be provided to you for further comment in the Draft Environmental Impact Report.</p>
05 Sep	ESKOM	ESKOM provided a list of requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure should such be on site or on route to the connection point. The	The requirements for working near ESKOM Servitudes have been provided to the Project

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2013		<p>following requirements were provided by Eskom:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times. 2. Eskom shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes. 3. Eskom's consent does not relieve the developer from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals. 4. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer. 5. If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer's activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand. 6. The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard. 7. Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom's satisfaction. 8. Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages 	<p>Managers, who have drafted a signed declaration stating that they will comply with this requirement. A copy of this declaration is included in the Final Scoping Report that been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs.</p>

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		<p>including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer's equipment.</p> <p>9. No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager</p> <p>10. Eskom's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with.</p> <p>11. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom's satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom.</p> <p>12. The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993).</p> <p>13. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.</p> <p>14. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.</p>	

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		<p>15. Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant.</p> <p>16. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.</p> <p>17. Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom's title deed at the developer's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.</p>	
21 Aug 2013	South African Square Kilometre Array (SKA)	<p>The nearest SKA station has been identified as Rem-Opt-09, at approximately 32km from the proposed installation;</p> <p>Based on distance to the nearest SKA station, and the information currently available on the detailed design of the PV installation, this facility poses a low risk of detrimental impact on the SKA;</p> <p>Any transmitters that are to be established, or have been established, at the site for the purposes of voice and data communication will be required to comply with the relevant AGA regulations concerning the restriction of use of the radio frequency spectrum that applies in the area concerned;</p> <p>As a result of the very low risk associated with the PV facility, no mitigation measures would be required at this stage. However, the South African SKA Project Office would like to be kept informed of progress with this project, and reserves the right to further risk assessments at a later stage.</p>	<p>The requirements with regards to transmitters for voice and data communication have been submitted to the project engineers for incorporation into the Detailed Design.</p> <p>SKA will remain registered as a key stakeholder on this process and will be given further opportunity to provide input and comment of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report.</p>