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Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd PO Box 148 SUNNINGHILL 2157

Attention: Mrs Gabriele Wood

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ORYX SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY NEAR VIRGINIA, FREE STATE PROVINCE (DEA REF No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/482)

Reference is hereby made to the draft scoping report dated 21 May 2013 submitted by Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd to this Department with DEA REF No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/482.

This office has evaluated the above mentioned EIA and has no objections for its approval on condition that the following aspects need to be looked at prior to the commencement of the said project:

- The project may not take place within 100 meters from a water resource or within the 1: 100 year flood line without obtaining the necessary authorization from this Department.
- Any development within 500m from the boundary of any wetland requires a water use licence according to the Department's regulations.
- No surface, ground or storm water may be polluted as a result of any activities emanating from the activities associated with this development.
- All sections of the National Waste Management Act (Act 59 of 2008) pertaining to the disposal of waste must be adhered to.
- If the applicant will require abstracting water from water resource (ground or surface water resource) for this activity, this office must be consulted to obtain the necessary authorization.
- Storm water management must be in place for this project.
- All the commitments stipulated in the various parts of this report must be adhered to and any deviations must be communicated to this department.

For any enquiries you are welcome to contact Ms B Melato at 051 405 9263 or melatob@dwa.gov.za.

Yours-sincerely

REGIONAL-HEAD: FREE STATE

Letter signed by: Mr W Grobler Designation: Deputy Director: Water Regulation

From:	John Geeringh <geerinjh@eskom.co.za></geerinjh@eskom.co.za>
Sent:	15 May 2013 02:03 PM
То:	Gabriele Wood
Subject:	RE: Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment - Oryx Solar Energy Facility, Free
	State (DEA REF: 14/16/3/3/3/2/482)
Attachments:	Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes SOLAR.doc

The development does not seem to have a direct impact on any existing Eskom Transmission infrastructure, however please find attached requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure.

Regards

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Sent: 15 May 2013 01:28 PM
Subject: Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment - Oryx Solar Energy Facility, Free State (DEA REF:
14/16/3/3/3/2/482)

Dear Stakeholder

FRV Energy South Africa (Pty) Ltd is proposing to establish a commercial photovoltaic solar energy facility with a generating capacity of up to 80MW, as well as associated infrastructure on a site located approximately 11 km south-west of Virginia, Free State Province. Savannah Environmental has been appointed to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed project. Please find herewith a project notification letter, Back Ground Information Document and stakeholder reply form for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Kind Regards

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Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes.

- 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 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.
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- 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.
- 16. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.
- 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.

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REF: P29/4/184/P1/2 ENQ: Mr. W.A. Naude

3 June 2013

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Dear Mrs. Wood

VIRGINIA: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: ORYX SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY: SUBDIVISION 2 OF KALKOENKRANS 225: PRIMARY ROAD P1/2 AND PRIMARY LINK ROAD A166: ROAD OFFICE MATJHABENG

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Yours faithfully

DIRECTOR: PROJECT FACILITATION

Date 3.6.2013

Chief Directorate Roads

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a.gov.za] Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 8:50 AM To: 'Eddie Scott' Subject: RE: Proposed Everest Solar Energy Facility (DEA Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/512)

Thank you for inviting this Directorate to participate in the various EAI processes. However, we will comment on the EAI by receiving the full application, whereby we will forward a resolution to the Townships Board.

Eddie Scott



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Subject: FW: Proposed Everest Solar Energy Facility (DEA Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/512)

From: Gabriele Wood [mailto:gabriele@savannahsa.com]
Sent: 21 May 2013 06:15 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Proposed Everest Solar Energy Facility (DEA Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/512)

Dear Organ of State

The Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the proposed Everest Solar Energy Facility (DEA Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/2/512) has reference. Please find a letter attached for your attention.

If you have any queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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Amanda

From:	Dewald Kristen <dewald@lejwe.co.za></dewald@lejwe.co.za>
Sent:	14 June 2013 07:46 AM
To:	gabriele@savannahsa.com
Subject:	Comments: Oryx, Grootkop, Everest solar energy facilities
Importance:	High

Gabrielle

Our concern is mainly concentrated on the impact on surface water in the project areas, but in particular the proposed Grootkop facility and to a lesser extent the Oryx facility. The Grootkop area have a number of wetland areas. The Oryx area have the nearby Bosluisspruit which also receive natural run-off surface water. Will the construction of the facility have any influence on the natural flow of surface water? It is recommended that a full study be done in this regard.

Questions has also been raised regarding:

- What will be the direct or indirect job creation ?
- How will the nearby communities and the region at large benefit by the project?
- Will some of the energy generated be used to provide more affordable electricity to the nearby communities or the region at large?
- What social responsibility activities will be undertaken by the Project free solar energy project at schools? Sponsoring/funding of Green Economy Projects which are to be developed or already implemented in the area.

Thanks for the opportunity to work with you and to be part of the development. Looking forward towards the Project.

Best regards



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То:	Gabriele Wood (Gabriele@savannahsa.com)
Subject:	proposed Oryx solar facility near virginia

The project reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/482 refers.

- 1. Page XV the reference to an environmental management plan is not in line with EMPr as now used in the Regulations, 2010.
- 2. Page xviii abbreviation for EMP not in line with Regulations, 2010.
- 3. Page 13 paragraph 2.2.2 there is an indication of the project area of 2400ha?

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From: Director: Land Use and Soil Management

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2013-05-24

Dear Sir/Madam

This serves as a notice of receipt and confirms that your application has been captured in our electronic AgriLand tracking and management system. It is strongly recommended that you use the on-line AgriLand application facility in future.

Detail of your application as captured:

Type: EIA Your reference number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/482 Property Description: Farm Kalkoen-Krans 225 Ptn 2 Dated: 21 May 2013

Please use the following reference number in all enquiries:

AgriLand reference number: 2013_05_0172 Enquiries can be made to the above postal, fax or e-mail address. Email: <u>ThokoB@daff.gov.za</u> Tel: 012 319 7634

Yours sincerely, M.Gazide **pp DIRECTOR: LAND USE AND SOIL MANAGEMENT**

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Return completed reply form to: Gabriele Wood of Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd Phone: 011 656 3237 E-mail: gabriele@savannahsa.com Fax: 086 684 0547

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Subject: FW: Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment - Oryx Solar Energy Faci		
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Attachments:	Oryx SEF BID, Eng.pdf; Oryx SEF BID Afri.pdf; Oryx Reply Form.pdf; Oryx SEF	
	Notification Letter 14.05.2013.pdf	

Hello Gabriele,

Please note that the SA National Roads Agency (SANRAL) is not affected. The road adjacent to which the property lies falls under the jurisdiction of the Freestate Department of Police Roads and Transport. Please remove us from your mailing list for this particular application.

Regards

Cas

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Dear John

Thank you for your comments and changes will be made with regard to question 1 and 2. Question 3 is a typing error and will be corrected.

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