

**Table: Comments and response report**

Organisation	Raised by	Comment received	Response
I&AP	Mr. Jan Combrink of the Remaining Extent of the farm Grootpoort 168	On 8 September 2015 Mr. Jan Combrink requested via telephone that we send him the background information document (BID)	The BID was sent to Mr. Combrink on 23 September 2015.
Department of Water and Sanitation	Sibo Mdhuli Water Regulations	On 5 October 2015 Sibho Mdhuli acknowledged receipt of the draft scoping report and indicated that Dumisani will provide comments on the report and for further inquiries to the report Dumisani can be contacted on 082 895 3465.	On 5 October 2015 the EAP thanked Sibho for the reply.
ESKOM	John Geeringh (Pr Sci Nat) Senior Consultant Environmental Management Eskom GC: Land Development	On 2 September 2015 Mr. Geeringh attached in an email two documents outlining Eskom requirements for works at or near Eskom infrastructure.	No Response.
Department of Agriculture, forestry & fisheries	N. V. Maumela Director: Land use and soil management	On 2 October 2015 Mr. Maumela attached in an email a letter that serves as a notice of receipt and confirms that the application has been captured in their electronic AgriLand tracking and management system. They strongly recommended that we use the on-line AgriLand application facility in future.  They indicated that the <b>AgriLand reference number is: 2015_10_0106</b>	No Response.

	Dr. M E. Tau Acting Deputy Director-General: Forestry and Natural Resources Management Delegate of the Minister	On 18 December 2015 Dr. Tau sent a letter informing that they have no objections against the proposed Grootpoort Photovoltaic Solar Power Plant on a portion measuring approximately 250 hectares, but indicated that a number of conditions apply.	
	Mrs. Annelize Colette	In an automatic email reply on 18 March 2016, Mrs. Annelize indicated that she would be unavailable until 29 March 2016 and will attend to our email as soon as possible.	No response.
Department of Water and Sanitation	Mr. W. Grobler Deputy Director: Water Regulation	On 6 November 2015 Mr. Grobler attached in an email a letter acknowledging the receipt of the Scoping Report for the Grootpoort Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility near Luckhoff in the Free State. And indicated that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Section 21 Water Use could be a possibility in this instant. Section 21(i) must be applied for because the development will be within 32m of the watercourse (non perennial stream).</li> <li>- The project will be using water of approximately 10 000 liters per annum. If the water would be abstracted from the water use authorisation has to be applied for.</li> <li>- If the project will be generating wastewater that will be discharged to water resource, Water Use Authorisation Section 21(f) should</li> </ul>	On 6 November 2015 the EAP thank Mr. Dumisani for sending the comments and indicated that DWS comments will be incorporated into the Final scoping report.

		<p>be applied for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All the requirements of the national Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) must be adhered to at all times.</li><li>- Mitigation measures must be in place to reduce the potential negative impacts to water resources.</li><li>- No surface, ground or storm water may be polluted as a result of any activities emanating from the activities associated with this development.</li><li>- Solid waste must be managed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant legislation.</li></ul>	
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	<p>Dr. T. Ntili Provincial Head: Free State</p>	<p>On 11 November 2015 Dr. Ntili issued a Non-Binding Confirmation of water availability for the proposed Grootpoort Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility on Portion 1 of the Farm Grootpoort 168. Fauresmith District.</p> <p>He indicated that even though a non-binding confirmation of water availability is made at this stage, it is not a guarantee that water will be available as Pele Green is appointed as a preferred bidder since the bidder might be competing with other preferred bidders for the same water allocation.</p> <p>He also indicated that if the project were to receive preferred bidder status, then a WULA will be submitted, processed and considered for approval by the Minister's delegated official.</p>	
	<p>Mr. Mchunu Dumisani</p>	<p>In an email dated 23 March 2016, Mr. Dumisani indicated that the Department does not have access to Dropbox and that a hard copy should be sent to the following address:</p> <p>Dr. T. Ntili Department of Water Affairs 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bloem Plaza Building Cnr Charlotte Maxeke and East Burger Street Bloemfontein 9300</p>	<p>A hard copy was couriered to the department on 18 March 2016.</p>
	<p>Mr. Mchunu</p>	<p>In an email dated 12 April 2016, Mr. Dumisani attached the comments on the Environmental Impact</p>	<p>No response</p>

	Dumisani	<p>Assessment for the grootpoort photovoltaic solar energy facility near Luckhoff in the Free State Province:</p> <p>In the attached letter the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) acknowledged the receipt of the above mentioned report.</p> <p>The department stated that it was indicated in the report that there will be water used in the project. They indicated that if surface or ground water will be used it should be noted that it should not be used in a manner that will compromise downstream users. If the Municipal water will be used, other users especially domestic users must not be compromised.</p> <p>The DWS indicated that they have no further comments to the application mentioned, however the requirements and conditions in their previous correspondence are still valid. The comments were dated 6/11/2015 with the reference number 16/2/7/D330/D5.</p> <p>They also stated that any further correspondence should be sent to their offices.</p>	
Letsemeng Local Municipality	Mr. B. B. Mnguni Municipal Manager	On 16 February 2016, the Letsemeng Local Municipality confirmed that they would not be able to remove the construction solid waste or general household waste to the nearest landfill site and that the Luckhoff landfill site has the capacity to accommodate waste from the construction and operational phases of the project, but	

		<p>the landfill site is not yet registered. The Municipality will however be able to remove sewerage from septic tanks during the construction and operational phase of the project for a fee.</p> <p>The municipality indicated that they would not be able to provide the solar power plant with water during either the construction – or operational phase of the project as the existing plant is underperforming and does not meet the current demands of the community. Only after the plant has been upgraded will the municipality be able to supply the project with water during both phases. And if possible the water will be delivered by truck.</p> <p>The municipality also indicated that they require documentation for approval of the building plans of the site.</p>	
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