

Appendix F2
Consultation with I&APs



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From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 05 July 2022 14:18
To: Phil Edmunds
Cc: Nondumiso Bulunga
Subject: SE3406: PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE VAAL RIVER SOLAR PV FACILITIES, SUBSTATION AND 132kV POWER, NEAR ORKNEY NORTH WEST PROVINCE
Attachments: SE3406_-VRS_Amendments_Notification_Letter_20220705_-_Final.pdf; SE3406_-VRS_Amendments-_Comment_Form.pdf

VAAL RIVER SOLAR PV FACILITIES, SUBSTATION AND 132kV POWER, NEAR ORKNEY NORTH WEST PROVINCE
(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued)

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

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The Motivation Report compiled in support of the substantive Amendment Application (Part 1 amendment) will be available for public review and comment from **Tuesday, 05 July 2022 to Wednesday, 03 August 2022.**

Kindly find attached a letter for your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

Kind regards,

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NOTICE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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- » Extension of the validity of the Environmental Authorisation (associated with all four projects)

The project and applications details are as follows:

| Project Title | DFFE Reference Number | Applicant | Affected properties |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|
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To verify the potential for a change in the impacts on ecology, heritage, social, visual, and Soil and Agricultural Potential exposure, specialist input into the amendment motivation report has been included.

AVAILABILITY OF MOTIVATION REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

In terms of Condition 5 of the EA dated 04 December 2012 and of Chapter 5 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for a change or deviation from the project description to be approved.

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Please submit your written comments on the Motivation Report by **Wednesday, 03 August 2022** via our website (link provided above) or:

- » Telephone: 011 656 3237
- » Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including *please call me*)
- » Fax: 086 684 0547
- » Post: PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157
- » E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

All comments can be addressed to Nondumiso at Savannah Environmental.

All comments received during the 30-day public review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final Motivation Report in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326, for submission to the DFFE for review and decision-making).

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project.

Kind regards



Nondumiso Bulunga

Lead Consultant: GIS, Social and Stakeholder

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

VAAL RIVER SOLAR PV FACILITIES, SUBSTATION AND 132kV POWER, NEAR ORKNEY NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Registration & Comment Form

July 2022

Return completed registration and comment form to: **Nondumiso Bulunga** of **Savannah Environmental**

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E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com **Postal Address:** PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Your registration as an interested and/or affected party will be applicable for this project only and your contact details provided are protected by the POPI Act of 2013

Please provide your complete contact details:

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| Name & Surname: | | | |
| Organisation: | | | |
| Designation: | | | |
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| Telephone: | | Fax: | |
| Mobile: | | | |
| E-mail: | | | |

In terms of EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, Regulation 43(1), you are required to register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the projects and to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application (add additional pages if necessary):

Please list your comments regarding your project selection above (add additional pages if necessary):

Please provide contact details of any other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

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| Endangered Wildlife Trust | Hoogstad | Constant | |
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Totals:

Vaal River Solar PV Facilities, Substations and 132kV power line

VAAL RIVER SOLAR PV FACILITIES, SUBSTATION AND 132kV POWER, NEAR ORKNEY NORTH WEST PROVINCE

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- Extension of the validity of the Environmental Authorisation (associated with all four projects)

Project Location: The Vaal River Solar projects are located approximately 8 km northeast of Orkney within the City of Matlosana Local Municipality in the North West Province.

Amendment Process: In terms of Conditions 5 of the EA dated 10 October 2012 and Regulation 29 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for a change or deviation from the project description to be approved. An application in this regard has been submitted to the DFFE who have confirmed that the applications fall within the ambit of a Part 1 amendment process. A public participation process is required to be undertaken in support of these applications in accordance with the requirements of the DFFE.

Motivation Report available for public review and comment: Savannah Environmental has compiled a Motivation Report in support of the Amendment Applications (Part 1 amendment). The Motivation Reports and supporting documentation will be available for public review and comment from **Tuesday, 05 July 2022 to Wednesday, 03 August 2022**.

To obtain further information, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to Savannah Environmental:

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Documents for public review are available for download.

Please click on the "Register Interest" button to obtain the Registration Code to access the project's documents under the "View Download Page."

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From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

With reference to our email dated **05 July 2022**, informing you that the review and comment period for Vaal River Solar PV Facilities, substation and 123kV power, near Orkney North West Province.

This email hereby serves to remind you that the review and comment period of the Reports is ending **Friday, 05 August 2022**.

We would like to further take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the Reports and kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the report to do so before or on **Friday, 05 August 2022**.

For those that have not been able to access the report, kindly be reminded that the Report may be accessed for download from our public participation platform.

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