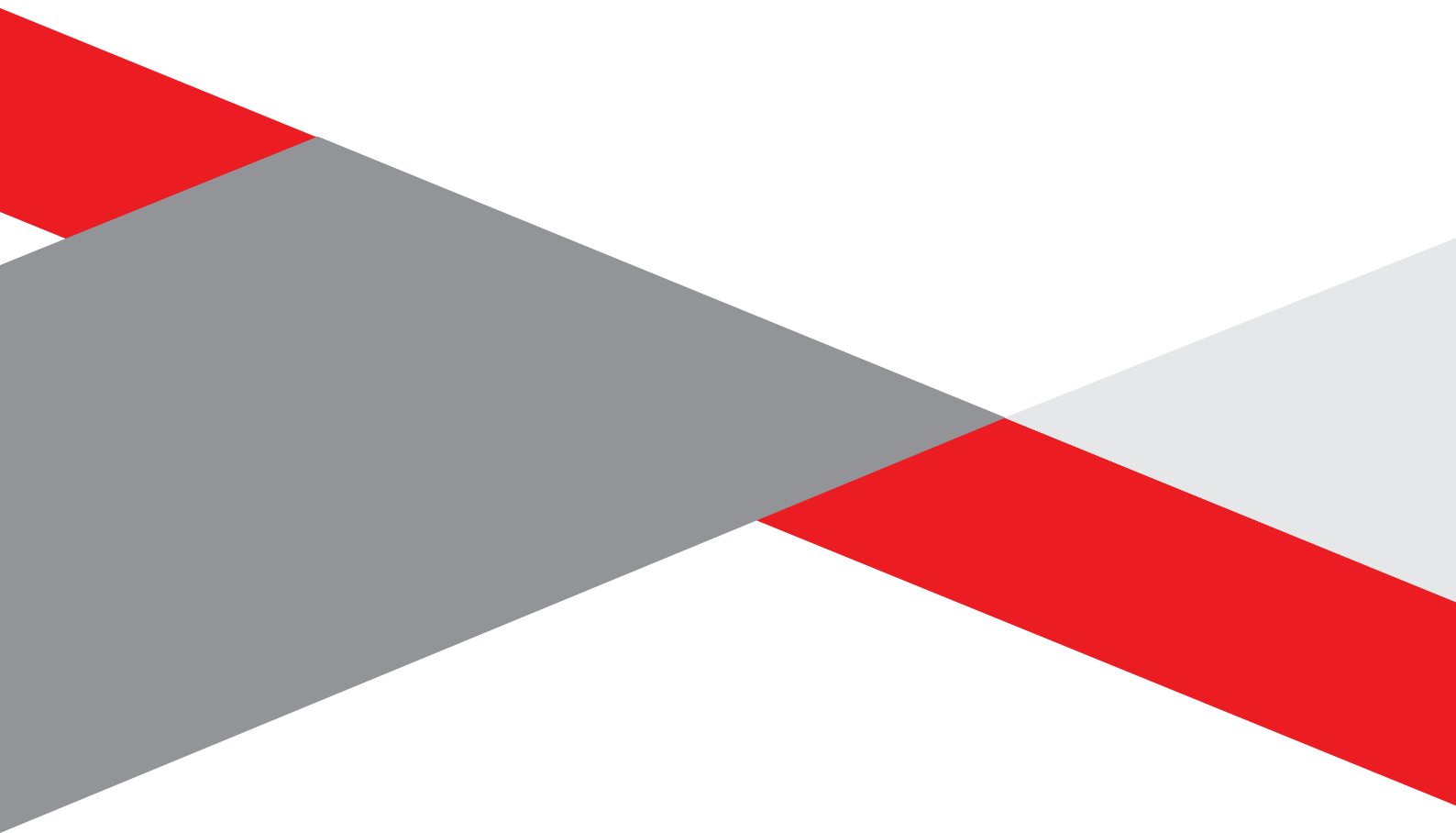


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Sent: Tuesday, 05 July 2022 14:18
To: Phil Edmunds
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Subject: SE3406: PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE VAAL RIVER SOLAR PV FACILITIES, SUBSTATION AND 132kV POWER, NEAR ORKNEY NORTH WEST PROVINCE
Attachments: 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,

Vaal River Solar PV Facilities, Substations and 132kV power line for the Vaal River Solar projects have received separate Environmental Authorisations (EA) on the 10 October 2012.

The Vaal River Solar project Applicants are requesting the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) to amend the existing Environmental Authorisations.

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.

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**VAAL RIVER SOLAR PV FACILITIES, SUBSTATION AND 132kV POWER, NEAR ORKNEY NORTH
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NOTICE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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- » An increase of total generation capacity of the facility (associated with the three Vaal River Solar PV Facilities)
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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
1. Vaal River Solar 2 PV Facility	12/12/20/2513/1	Vaal River Solar 2 (Pty) Ltd	Farm Vaalkop, Portion 3 of Farm Vaalkop and Portion 200 of the Farm Noitgedacht
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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
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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

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July 2022

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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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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):

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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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Amendments: Vaal River Solar PV Facilities, Substations and 132kV power line for the Vaal River Solar projects have received separate Environmental Authorisations (EA) on the 10 October 2012. The Vaal River Solar project Applicants are requesting the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) to amend the existing Environmental Authorisations as follows:

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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.


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 Heritage Cases

Vaal River Solar 1 PV Facility near Orkney in the North West Province

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<p>Status: Closed (Approved)</p> <p>HeritageAuthority(s): SAHRA NWPHRA</p> <p>Case Type: Section 38 (8) - Statutory Comment Required</p> <p>Development Type: Solar</p> <p>ProposalDescription: The proposed development of the Vaal River Solar PV Facilities, consisting of 3 PV Facilities developments and associated grid and powerline infrastructure, received Environmental Authorisation (EA) for a site near Orkney in the North West Province (see the table below) on 27 June 2012. The Environmental Authorisation for the Vaal River Solar PV Facility projects lapses on 10 October 2022. In this regard a Part 1 Amendment Application is being undertaken to extend the validity of the Environmental Authorisation. The Applicant is requesting the following Amendments for the PV: To amend the authorised solar PV capacity with no adjustment to the PV panel height and development footprint of the facility from that as authorised. Inclusion of BESS into the project description. An extension of the validity of the Environmental Authorisation. The Applicant is requesting the following Amendments for the grid connection: An extension of the validity of the Environmental Authorisation.</p> <p>ApplicationDate: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 - 16:36</p> <p>CaseID: 19003</p> <p>Applicants: Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd</p> <p>Consultants/Experts: Jenna Lavin</p> <p>OtherReferences: Heritage Reports: Extension of Validity Letter: Vaal River Solar PVs Heritage Survey Kabi Vaalkop PV HIA Kabi Vaalkop PV PIA Kabi Vaalkop PV</p> <p>ReferenceList:</p>		

Official Decisions & Comments

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 - SE3406 VRS1 Appendix E - Visual Impact Report.pdf
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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,

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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