

APPENDIX C8
COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT



**CAROLUS ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2649)**

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The Basic Assessment (BA) Process for the Carolus Electrical Grid Infrastructure was announced together with the Pixley Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities' Environmental Impact Assessment Process located near De Aar, Northern Cape Province on Friday, 25 March 2022. The Background Information Document was distributed together with a notification letter which served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments / queries that they might have on any one of the proposed developments or all.

The Basic Assessment (BA) Report was made is available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Thursday, 06 October 2022** until **Monday, 07 November 2022** and was extended to **Monday, 14 November 2022**.

The Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) has been updated with comments received during the BA Report's review and comment period and the written comments received are included in **Appendix C7** of the final BA Report, and the Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) has been updated with comments received.

The C&RR is included as a separate document to the final BA Report as **Appendix C8**.

Note: Comments received have been captured verbatim and have not been edited for typing or grammatical errors.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

APM	Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites	I&AP	Interested and Affected Parties
BA	Basic Assessment	MW	Megawatt
BAR	Basic Assessment Report	NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
BID	Background Information Document	NHRA	National Heritage Resources Agency
C&RR	Comments and Responses Report	OoS	Organs of State
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	PV	Photovoltaic
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation	RFI	Radio Frequency Interference
EA	Environmental Authorisation	SAHRA	South African Heritage Resources Agency
EGI	Electrical Grid Infrastructure	SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	SARAO	South African Radio Astronomy Observatory
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme	WUA	Water Use Application
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment		

1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE BA REPORT REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

1.1. Organs of State

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1.	Please take note that you need to notify the relevant regional offices as they may also require a WUA.	Wietsche Roets Specialist Scientist Directorate: Water Abstraction and In-Stream Impact Sub-Directorate: Technical Coordination and Support E-mail 14 October 2022	The BA Report has been sent to the relevant Regional Office for comment, and the developer will engage with the DWS prior to construction in order to receive guidance from the DWS on whether a General Authorisation or a WULA will be followed.
2.	With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved in terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended. No infrastructure of our Client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal. We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account. Please make use of pilot holes in order not too damage our infrastructure. Therefore any damages occurred during construction of work will be repaired at the customer's account.	Chris Scutte Mvelaphande Trading (Service provider to Openserve – Telkom Service Provider) Ref.: CDA+0616-22 Letter: 01 November 2022	It is noted that no Openserve infrastructure will be impacted by the EGI for the Carolus Solar PV1 facility. Should any possible Openserve infrastructure be exposed, the applicant will inform Openserve. The requested process to be followed by the applicant is acknowledged and will be attended should the applicant be a preferred bidder.

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	<p>Although we are not affected by this proposal, Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738 from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work.</p> <p>Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval.</p> <p>Any changes/deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.</p> <p>On completion of this project, please certify that all requirements as stipulated in this letter have been met. Please note that should any of our Client (Openserve) infrastructure has to be relocated or altered as a result of your activities the cost for such alteration or relocation will be for your account in terms of section 25 of the Electronic Communication Act.</p> <p>Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.</p> <p>Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval. Any changes / deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.</p> <p>Please notify this office and forward an as built plan, within 30 days of completion of construction.</p>		

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	<p>Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.</p>		
3.	<p>The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed development; • 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development: • Should it not be possible to avoid impact to Site 004 and 014, permits in terms of section 35 of the NHRA must be applied for mitigation of these sites; • 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule; 	<p>Natasha Higgitt Heritage Officer and Philli Hine Manager: Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit SAHRA</p> <p>Letter: 14 November 2022</p>	<p>SAHRA's comment that the APM unit has no objections to the proposed development is noted, and no further response is required.</p> <p>Recommendations provided by the specialists have been included in the EIAR and the mitigation measures have been included in the EMPr included in the FBAR as Appendix L and K. This will ensure that the developer adheres to the recommendations.</p> <p>The Hierarchy of impacts mitigation will be followed, in order to avoid impacts to Sites 004 and 014. In cases whereby avoidance is not possible a permit application will be submitted in terms of Section 35 of the NHRA.</p> <p>The Chance Fossil Finds Procedure will be implemented and the SAHRA APM Unit will be alerted of any finds as per Section 35(3) of NHRA.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Ngqabutho Madida 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule; • 38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA regarding offences; • 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With reference to the mitigation work noted above, a qualified archaeologist must be appointed to undertake the work in terms of the permit applied for as noted above; • If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA; • The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes; • The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application. 		<p>The Chance Fossil Finds Procedure will be implemented and the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit will be alerted of any finds as per Section 36(6) of NHRA.</p> <p>A suitably qualified Archaeologists will be appointed to undertake any work that may be required in terms of the mitigation measures provided by the specialist and as per SAHRA's requirements.</p> <p>The final BAR and EMPr will be uploaded to SAHRIS with CaseID 19835 as the reference.</p> <p>The EA will be uploaded to SAHRIS with CaseID 19835 as the reference.</p>
4.	<p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final BARs:</u></p> <p>(a) Draft BARs</p> <p>(i) Please ensure that Appendix M: Maps also includes a layout map which is inclusive of the PV facility the proposed grid connection infrastructure will be connecting to. This will assist in giving the reviewing</p>	<p>Thulisile Nyalunga Case Officer DFFE</p> <p>Letter: 28 November 2022</p>	<p>A layout map inclusive of the PV Facility and associated grid connection infrastructure have been included in Appendix M of the final BA report.</p>

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	official a visual representation of the project in its entirety		
	(ii) Please also ensure that the BAR provides background of the PV facility and the status thereof. Is it in process or has it been authorised.		The Final BAR contains information about the PV Facility and its status.
	(iii) Kindly ensure that Sub-section 3: Declaration as contained in the generic EMPrs is signed and dated.		The applicant has signed and dated the generic EMPrs.
	(iv) Please ensure that all listed activities applied for provide the specific thresholds, capacity, widths and lengths of access roads, and footprints. Please check that the project descriptions' specified activities correspond to the applicable listed activity thresholds. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description		All listed activities that have been included in the Application Form
	(v) It is noted that specialist declaration of interest ad undertaking under oath as contained in Appendix O of the draft BARs is not completed. Please ensure that details of the specialists that prepared the specialist reports, including their curriculum vitae and specialist declarations of independence, are included in the final BARs. You are referred to Appendix 6 (1) (1) (a)-(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended).		The specialists' declarations of interest and undertaking under oath are completed and submitted to the final BAR as Appendix O , as per Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
	(vi) The screening tool identified the RFI Theme as very high sensitivity. You have indicated that the project site under consideration is located within an area that is classified as Less than 18 km form a Weather Radar installation, therefore the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) will be consulted during the 30-day review and comment period of the BA Reports to provide written comment on the		The Screening Tool attached as Appendix N excludes the sensitivity of the RFI Theme, therefore the SARAO is not identified as an Interested and Affected Party.

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	<p>proposed developments. Please provide a motivation in the reports per the requirements of the Protocols (including site sensitivity verification report and specialist compliance statement for the RFI Theme).</p>		
	<p>(vii) The meeting notes attached in Appendix 6 are for Pixley park cluster (The proposed development of four solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facilities (total capacity of 500MW)). Please provide the correct minutes for the grid connection infrastructure if there are any available.</p>		<p>The Carolus EGI project was presented at the meetings held for the Carolus Solar PV project and it is for this reason that no additional meetings were required with the release of the BAR for review and comment</p>
	<p>(b) Screening Tool, Protocols and Specialist Studies (i) It was noted during the review of the draft BAR that some of the specialist commissioned did not adhere to the requirements of the protocol.</p>		<p>To comply with protocol requirements, all Specialists were asked to revise their reports.</p>
	<p>(ii) The protocols states as follows: 1.2 <i>The site sensitivity verification must be undertaken through the use of:</i> (a) <i>a desk top analysis, using satellite imagery;</i> (b) <i>a preliminary on-site inspection; and</i> (c) <i>any other available and relevant information.</i> 1.3 <i>The outcome of the site sensitivity verification must be recorded in the form of a report that-</i> (a) <i>confirms or disputes the current use of the land and the environmental sensitivity as identified by the screening tool, such as new developments or infrastructure, the change in vegetation cover or status</i> (b) <i>contains a motivation and evidence (e.g., photographs) of either the verified or different use of the land and environmental sensitivity; and</i> (c) <i>is submitted together with the relevant assessment report prepared in accordance with the</i></p>		

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	<p><i>requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (EIA Regulations)."</i></p>		
	<p>(iii) There are various inconsistencies with regards to the specialist studies as contained in the BAR. Some of the specialist studies are for both the solar and grid connection infrastructure and some of the studies only focus on the grid connection infrastructure as per the four (04) applications for environmental authorisation under review.</p>		<p>Some of the specialist studies used a hybrid approach that included the PV facility and Grid Connection in the reports.</p>
	<p>(iv) The outcome of the screening tool for the Avian theme is low sensitivity as per the screening report attached as Appendix N of the 04 draft BARs. However, the specialist report state that the findings for the Avian Theme was medium to high. Based on the information contained in the avifaunal impact assessment it seems as if the wrong specialist report was included as part of the report. The avifaunal specialist makes no reference to assessments and impacts associated with the powerline corridor and the MTS substation, the study speaks to the proposed construction of PV facilities and associated infrastructure. Kindly rectify this and attach the correct specialist study.</p>		<p>The avifauna report has been updated by the specialist. The revised report is attached to this final BAR as Appendix F.</p>
	<p>(v) Both the biodiversity and aquatic specialist studies attached to the report do not include site verification reports. In addition, the specialist studies assessed the impacts for both the PVs and the powerlines, and it is not clear in the PV applications are still in process or if they have been authorised. Please ensure that both the specialist studies comply with the protocols, more specifically the requirements for a compliance study for linear infrastructure where applicable.</p>		<p>The aquatic specialist study has been amended in accordance with protocol requirements as well as to ensure consistency throughout the report. The final BAR's Appendices D and E comprise the updated specialist studies.</p>
	<p>(vi) On page 31 of the aquatic study the specialist it is stated that no alternatives were assessed for the proposed</p>		

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	<p>development. However, on page 41 the specialist state that "drainage network will be traversed by the proposed PV area and powerline infrastructure and all the associated alternatives in several areas". Kindly ensure that there is consistency across the study. The BAR shows three different routing alternatives for the proposed projects, and it is confusing as to why the specialist study is providing contradictory information in relation to alternatives</p>		
	<p>(vii) Kindly confirm if the Heritage Specialist Study as contained in the 04 draft BARs assessed the entire corridor and not the individual impact of each grid connection alternative. Its is not clear if the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) considered the various alternatives as presented in the various BARs, as there is no information in the specialist studies which gives an indication of the impacts associated with the other three alternatives when compared or measured against the preferred alternatives.</p>		<p>The Heritage specialist study has been updated and included as Appendix H to this Final BAR.</p>
	<p>(viii) Page 11 of the HIA state that "alternatives and mitigation options were discussed with the EAP". Clarification is required on this statement, were these discussions captured anywhere and what are the implication of the said discussion on the proposed project. In addition, section 5.3 Proposed development alternatives and Section 5.2 Sustainable Social and Economic Benefit are written "TBA." What does "TBA" stand for? There is no definition of this term within the document.</p>		
	<p>(ix) Please note further that the protocols require certain specialists' to be SACNASP registered. Please refer to the relevant protocols in this regard.</p>		

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	<p>(x) Please include a table in the final BARs summarising the specialist studies required by the Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies have been conducted or not, a column indicating if a site verification has been conducted and whether or not the specialist study was commissioned subject to the findings of the site sensitivity verification report. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies as identified by the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, as a result of low site sensitivity rating, a site sensitivity verification for each individual theme (to confirm the findings or outcome of the screening tool) must be conducted and a report /s documenting the outcome thereof must be included in the BARs, per the requirements of the Protocols.</p>		<p>A site verification report is included as Appendix Q of the final BAR in accordance with the protocol standards.</p>
	<p>(xi) Public Participation Process</p> <p>(i) The final BARs must provide evidence that all identified and relevant commenting authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development, including but not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Conservation (BCAdmin@environment.gov.za), the Department of Water and Sanitation, the relevant heritage authorities, and the affected district and local municipalities.</p>		<p>The I&AP database (refer to Appendix C1: I&AP Database) includes all the relevant commenting authorities i.e. Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, DFFE: Biodiversity Conservation, DWS, SAHRA (including Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (NCPHRA), Pixley ka Seme District Municipality and Emthanjeni Local Municipality, key stakeholders and I&APs that were provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed development and the BAR that was made available for a 30-day review and comment period.</p>
	<p>(ii) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final BARs. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41,</p>		<p>The Public Participation Process has been conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended (GNR 326). The requirements of the approved the Public Participation Plan was repealed in May 2022. The public participation process undertaken for the BA process includes the following:</p>

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	<p>42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended and the approved Public Participation Plan.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project database: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A register of I&APs has been compiled and will be updated throughout the EIA process (Appendix C1: I&AP Database). • BA & Public Participation process announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The BID, accompanied by a cover letter inviting I&APs to register on the project database, was distributed via email to identified I&APs and relevant OoS on 25 March 2022 (refer to Appendices C2: Background Information Document; C4: Organs of State Correspondence and C5: Stakeholder Correspondence of the final BAR). ○ An advertisement was placed in Die Echo/Midland Nuus Newspaper on 30 September 2022 notifying the broader public of the BA and public participation process. ○ Site Notices announcing the BA process together with the Carolus Solar PV EIA process were placed at visible points along the grid corridor and the boundary of the proposed development sites in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations on 10 March 2022 (refer to Appendix C3: Site Notices & Advertisements of the final BAR). ○ Process Notices were placed at various public places in De Aar on 11 March 2022 (refer to Appendix C3: Site Notices & Advertisements of the final BAR). • Basic Assessment Report available for review and comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registered I&APs were notified of the availability of the BAR for a 30-day review and comment period via e-mail on 14 October 2022 (refer to Appendix C5: Stakeholder Correspondence of the final BAR). ○ Commenting authorities, municipal councillors and local and district municipalities which have jurisdiction in the area were requested to submit written comments on the BAR via e-mail

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			<p>on 14 October 2022 (refer to Appendix C4: Organs of State Correspondence of the final BAR).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o An advertisement was placed in Die Echo/Midland Nuus Newspaper on 30 September 2022 notifying the broader public of the availability of the BAR for a 30-day review period. The 30-day review period from <u>06 October 2022</u> to <u>07 November 2022</u> (refer to Appendix C3: Site Notices & Advertisements of the final BAR). o A <u>Correction Notification</u> advertisement was placed in Die Echo/Midland Nuus Newspaper on 14 October 2022 notifying the broader public that the BAR <u>review and comment period is extended to 14 November 2022</u> (refer to Appendix C3: Site Notices & Advertisements of the final BAR). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to obtain comments on the Basic Assessment Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o An e-mail to all registered I&APs and OoS as a reminder of the availability of the Scoping Report for review and comment was sent on 08 November 2022 (refer to Appendices C4: Organs of State Correspondence and C5: Stakeholder Correspondence of the final BAR). • Various Meetings were held during the 30-day review and comment period of the Carolus Solar PV project and the Carolus EGI was included in the presentation (refer to Appendix C6: Meeting Notes of the final BAR for the meeting notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A virtual Public Meeting was held on 13 April 2022 o A virtual FGM was held with the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development & Land Reform on 19 April 2022 o A virtual FGM was held with Pixley Ka Seme District and Emthanjeni Local Municipal Officials on 19 April 2022 o A virtual Key Stakeholder Workshop (KSW) was held on 21 April 2022. • Consultation:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Proof of consultation with I&APs and OoS throughout the BA process to is included in Appendices C4: Organs of State Correspondence and C5: Stakeholder Correspondence of the final BAR. • Comments & Responses Report: All comments received from the announcement of the BA process and those submitted during the 30-day review and comment period of the BAR have been captured in this C&RR which is attached to the final BAR as Appendix C8: Comments & Responses Report.
	<p>(iii) Comments and response trail reports (C&R) must be submitted with the final BARs. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format, which reflects the details of the interested and affected parties (I&APs) and the date comments were received, actual comments received, and responses provided. Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the draft BARs from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's comments) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed. Comments made by I&APs must be comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.</p>		<p>All comments received from the announcement of the BA process and those submitted during the 30-day review and comment period, include those received from the DFFE, of the BAR have been captured in this C&RR which is attached as a separate document to the final BAR as Appendix C8: Comments & Responses Report.</p> <p>No comments have been summarised and have been captured verbatim. Comments received have been adequately addressed, as applicable, in the C&RR.</p>
	<p>General</p> <p>Please also ensure that the final BARs include the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded (for activities without operational</p>		<p>According to the BAR, a ten-year validity period for the Environmental Authorisation is requested if the project is approved by DFFE.</p>

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	<p>aspects) as per Appendix 1(3)(1)(q) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>		
	<p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 19(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: <i>“Where basic assessment must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority- (a) a basic assessment report, inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.”</i></p>		<p>The final BAR conforms with Regulation 19(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>
	<p>Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the BARs or EMPs, which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: <i>“the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in subregulation 1(a) will be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a) and that the revised documents will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days.”</i></p>		<p>The FBAR does not contain any significant changes or new information which will require the compliance with Regulation 19(1)(b).</p>

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	<p>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</p> <p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>		<p>The final BAR adheres to the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p>

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1.	<p>Hi Nicolene- regarding your processes- please email me a map indicating locations of various planned solar projects, grid lines connecting them to your substation, and line towards Hydra connection. I just want to make sure reagrding visibility /mirror shines//reflection.</p> <p>My farm is adjacent to Wag 'n Bietjie and Rietfontein ...hopefully it would not effect me?</p>	<p>Ian Horn Landowner</p> <p>E-mail: 06 October 2022</p>	<p>It can be confirmed that the property, Hartebeest Hoek, is not impacted by the grid connection corridor as it traverses the properties on which the Wagt Solar PV and Rietfontein Solar PV are proposed.</p>
2.	<p>Please correct me if I am wrong. But regarding to this mail that you have send to me this is just for the reports that we could view on website.</p> <p>No contractors are assigned to this project just yet? And project are not being build now but are coming in the future.</p> <p>Hope to hear from you soon.</p>	<p>André van Rensburg Branch Manager SANCO Sanitation – Chemicals – Hygiene – PPE</p> <p>E-mail: 01 November 2022</p>	<p>The project is in the Environmental Authorisation process.</p> <p>General information regarding the processes before any contractors are appointed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project needs to be bid into Bid Windo 7 (BW7) of the Government REIPPPP process - submission date unknown. It will be announced in the new. • The projects then need to be adjudicated, after which Preferred Bidder projects are expected to be announced. • Preferred Bidder projects are then the shortlisted projects who will need to still reach Financial Close before construction is approved to commence.

