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PER MAIL / EMAIL

Dear Mr Berlijn

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT NO. 107 OF 1998, AS AMENDED: PROPOSED 150MW INGWE PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE FARM BRANDHOEK NO. 1211, REGISTRATION DIVISION LS, SITUATED WITHIN THE MAKHADO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

With reference to the above application, please be advised that the Department has decided to grant authorisation. The Environmental Authorisation (EA) and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within fourteen (14) days of the date of the decision, of the decision, as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, Act No. 3 of 2000, you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, Act No. 4 of 2013 which stipulate that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998 National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appeals@dfe.gov.za;

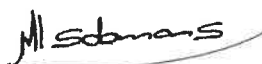
By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko
Arcadia
Pretoria
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447
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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appeals@dfe.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



Ms Millicent Solomons
Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Date: 25/04/2022.

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	Mr K.M. Nemaname	Makhado Local Municipality	Email: municipal.manager@makhado.gov.za



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Environmental Authorisation

In terms of Regulation 25 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended

**Proposed 150MW Ingwe Photovoltaic Solar Facility and associated infrastructure on the Farm
Brandhoek No. 1211, Registration Division LS, Limpopo Province**

Vhembe District Municipality

Authorisation register number:	14/12/16/3/3/2/2093
Last amended:	First issue
Holder of authorisation:	Ingwe Solar Power Plant (RF) (Pty) Ltd
Location of activity:	Solar Power Plant: Farm Brandhoek No. 1211 Power Line Corridor: Farm Brandhoek No. 1211 Remaining Extent of Portion 2 of the Farm Leeuwdoorns 472, Portion 1 of the Farm Brandhoek 419, Farm Joppa 1209 and Portion 1 of the Farm Joppa 473, Ward 20, Makhado Local Municipality Limpopo Province

This authorisation does not negate the holder of the authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.

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Decision

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this Environmental Authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activities specified below.

Non-compliance with a condition of this Environmental Authorisation may result in criminal prosecution or other actions provided for in the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in Annexure 1.

Activities authorised

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, the Department hereby authorises –

INGWE SOLAR POWER PLANT (RF) (PTY) LTD

(hereafter referred to as the **holder of the authorisation**)

with the following contact details –

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to undertake the following activities (hereafter referred to as "the activity") indicated in Listing Notice 1, 2 and Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended:

Activity number	Activity description
<p><u>GN R. 327 Item 11 (i)</u></p> <p><i>"The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity</i></p> <p><i>(i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts."</i></p>	<p>The photovoltaic solar facility will transmit and distribute electricity of 132 kilovolts outside an urban area. The infrastructure for the distribution of electricity will include one power line (132 kV) and an on-site HV/MV substation (130 MVA). For the preferred power line corridor, the power line will be constructed in a ~2.5km long and 100 m wide corridor. It is expected that generation from the facility will tie in with the Eskom TABOR 275/132kV MTS Substation.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 327 Item 14</u></p> <p>The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.</p>	<p>The proposed development will need to develop infrastructure for the storage and handling of dangerous goods (diesel and oils) in closed containers to be located on bunded surfaces with a capacity of 80 cubic metres, to be located within the development footprint of the project.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 327 Item 24 (ii)</u></p> <p><i>"The development of a road</i></p> <p><i>(ii) with reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 meters.</i></p>	<p>The internal roads of the solar power plant will vary between 6 and 12 meters in width. The main access road will have a maximum width of up to 12 meters and will be 180 m in length.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 327 Item 28 (ii)</u></p> <p><i>"Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 1998 and where such development</i></p>	<p>The portions of the affected farm has been previously used for grazing and the property will be re-zoned to "special" use. The development footprint of the solar power plant</p>

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<i>(ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare."</i>	will be 293 hectares to be placed within an assessed area of 400 hectares.
<p><u>GN R. 325, Item 1:</u></p> <p><i>"The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more."</i></p>	The photovoltaic solar facility will generate up to 150 megawatts electricity through the use of a renewable resource.
<p><u>GN R. 325, Item 15:</u></p> <p><i>"The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation."</i></p>	In terms of the vegetation type the preferred site falls within the Carletonville Dolomite Grassland which is described by Mucina and Rutherford (2006) as 'vulnerable'. Portions of the site have not been lawfully disturbed during the preceding ten years; therefore, more than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation will be removed. The development footprint of the solar power plant will be 400 ha.
<p><u>GN R. 324, Item 10 (e) (i)</u></p> <p><i>"The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 30 but not exceeding 80 cubic metres</i></p> <p><i>e. Limpopo</i></p> <p><i>i. All areas"</i></p>	The development will need to develop infrastructure for the storage and handling of dangerous goods (diesel and oils) in closed containers to be located on bunded surfaces with a capacity of 80 cubic metres, to be located within the development footprint of the project. The project is located within the Limpopo Province.

as described in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) dated December 2021 at:

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GPS Co-ordinates proposed facility

Coordinates	Latitude	Longitude
Project site		
A	23°22'46.82"S	29°46'1.60"E
B	23°22'44.89"S	29°44'35.76"E
C	23°21'56.42"S	29°44'36.19"E
D	23°21'56.30"S	29°46'7.56"E
E	23°22'29.82"S	29°46'8.09"E
Proposed access		
1	23°22'45.91"S	29°46'2.07"E
2	23°22'45.69"S	29°45'56.39"E
Onsite facility substation		
A	23°22'41.70"S	29°45'55.20"E
B	23°22'41.76"S	29°45'49.97"E
C	23°22'45.02"S	29°45'50.03"E
D	23°22'44.91"S	29°45'55.29"E
100m wide grid connection corridor (covers grid connection point option 1)		
1	23°22'41.73"S	29°45'55.19"E
2	23°22'48.64"S	29°46'51.70"E
3	23°22'30.08"S	29°46'51.34"E
4	23°22'29.89"S	29°47'4.16"E
5	23°22'53.40"S	29°47'4.29"E
Battery energy storage		
A	23°22'34.56"S	29°45'48.03"E
B	23°22'34.52"S	29°45'55.03"E
C	23°22'40.93"S	29°45'55.15"E
D	23°22'41.02"S	29°45'48.15"E

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Farm portions and SG codes

Farm portions	SG codes
Solar power plant	
Farm Brandhoek No. 1211	TOLS0000000012110000
Grid Connection Corridor	
Farm Brandhoek No. 1211	TOLS0000000012110000
Remaining Extent of Portion 2 of the Farm Leeuwdoorns 472	TOLS00000000047200002
Portion 1 of the Farm Brandhoek 419	TOLS00000000041900001
Farm Joppa 1209	TOLS00000000120900000
Portion 1 of the Farm Joppa 473	TOLS00000000047300001

Technical details for the proposed facility

Component	Description / dimensions
Height of PV panels	6 meters
Area of PV Array	293 Hectares (Development footprint) placed within an assessed area of 400ha
Number of inverters required	Minimum 50
Area occupied by inverter / transformer stations / substations / BESS	Central inverters+ LV/MV trafo: 20 m ² HV/MV substation with switching station: 15 000 m ² BESS: 4 000 m ²
Capacity of on-site sub- and switching station	Minimum 130MVA in HV/MV substation / 132kV
Capacity of the power line	132Kv
Power Line servitude	32m
Area occupied by both permanent and construction laydown areas	Permanent Laydown Area: 293ha Construction Laydown Area: ~2000 m ²
Area occupied by buildings	Security Room: ~60 m ² Office: ~200 m ² Staff Locker and Changing Room: ~200 m ²
Battery storage facility	Maximum height: 8 m Maximum volume: 1740 m ³ Capacity: 500MW
Length of internal roads	Approximately 20 km

Width of internal roads	Between 6 & 12 meters
Proximity to grid connection	Approximately 2.5km (preferred grid connection corridor point (Option 1))
Height of fencing	Approximately 2.5 meters

-for the proposed 150MW Ingwe Photovoltaic Solar Facility and associated infrastructure on the Farm Brandhoek No. 1211, Registration Division LS, Limpopo Province, hereafter referred to as "the property".

Conditions of this Environmental Authorisation

Scope of authorisation

1. The proposed development of a 150MW Ingwe Photovoltaic Solar Facility located on Farm Brandhoek No. 1211 and the preferred 132kV 2.5km connection point (Option 1), a direct connection from the facility on-site substation to the existing Tabor 275/132 kV MTS substation located directly to the east of the site and associated infrastructure, are hereby approved as per the geographic coordinates cited in the table above.
2. Authorisation of the activity is subject to the conditions contained in this Environmental Authorisation, which form part of the Environmental Authorisation and are binding on the holder of the authorisation.
3. The holder of the authorisation is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in this Environmental Authorisation. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, servant, contractor, sub-contractor, employee, consultant or person rendering a service to the holder of the authorisation.
4. The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property as described above.
5. Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this Environmental Authorisation must be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder of the authorisation to apply for further Environmental Authorisation in terms of the regulations.
6. The holder of an Environmental Authorisation must apply for an amendment of the Environmental Authorisation with the Competent Authority for any alienation, transfer or change of ownership rights in the property on which the activity is to take place.
7. This activity must commence within a period of ten (10) years from the date of issue of this Environmental Authorisation. If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses

and a new application for Environmental Authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.

8. Construction must be completed within five (05) years of the commencement of the activity on site.

Notification of authorisation and right to appeal

9. The holder of the authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this Environmental Authorisation, of the decision to authorise the activity.
10. The notification referred to must –
- 10.1. specify the date on which the authorisation was issued;
 - 10.2. inform the interested and affected party of the appeal procedure provided for in the National Appeal Regulations, 2014;
 - 10.3. advise the interested and affected party that a copy of the authorisation will be furnished on request; and
 - 10.4. give the reasons of the Competent Authority for the decision.

Commencement of the activity

11. The authorised activity shall not commence until the period for the submission of appeals has lapsed as per the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, and no appeal has been lodged against the decision. In terms of Section 43(7), an appeal under Section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended will suspend the Environmental Authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal has been finalised.

Management of the activity

12. A final site layout plan for the PV facility, as determined by the detailed engineering phase and micro-siting, and all mitigation measures as dictated by the final site layout plan, must be submitted to the Department for approval prior to construction. A copy of the final site layout map must be made available for comments to registered Interested and Affected Parties and the holder of this environmental authorisation must consider such comments. Once amended, the final development layout map must be submitted to the Department for written approval, prior to commencement of the activity. All available

biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:

- 12.1. The position of the solar PV panels;
 - 12.2. All associated infrastructure;
 - 12.3. The finalised access route;
 - 12.4. The on-site and/or switching substation, indicating the Independent Power Producer's section and Eskom's section;
 - 12.5. The specific position of the powerline route, with pylon structures and foundation footprints;
 - 12.6. All sensitive features; and
 - 12.7. All "no-go" and buffer areas.
13. The Generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure submitted as part of the EIAr is approved. The final micro-sited and pegged powerline route layout plan must be appended to Part B of the generic EMPr.
 14. The generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the substation (the relevant section that will be maintained by the Independent Power Producer), submitted as part of the final EIAr dated December 2021, is approved. The final site layout plan of the on-site and/or switching substation, depicting the Independent Power Producer's section and Eskom's section, must be appended to Part B of the generic EMPr.
 15. The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the PV facility, submitted as part of the EMPr is not approved and must be amended to include measures, as dictated by the final site lay-out map and micro-siting, and the provisions of this environmental authorisation. The EMPr must be made available for comments to registered Interested and Affected Parties and the holder of this environmental authorisation must consider such comments. Once amended, the final EMPr must be submitted to the Department for written approval prior to commencement of the activity.
 16. The EMPr amendment must include the following:
 - 16.1. The requirements and conditions of this environmental authorisation;
 - 16.2. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist reports as included in the final EIAr dated December 2021;
 - 16.3. A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats. This plan must ensure to include drainage features that will be infilled and or excavated;

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- 16.4. A storm water and wash water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off;
- 16.5. An erosion management plan for monitoring and rehabilitating erosion events associated with the facility. Erosion mitigation must form part of this plan to prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion. This plan must ensure to include drainage features that will be infilled and or excavated;
- 16.6. An effective monitoring system to detect any leakage or spillage of any hazardous substances during their transportation, handling, use or storage. This must include precautionary measures to limit the possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from entering the soil or storm water systems;
- 16.7. A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility; and
- 16.8. The final site layout map.
17. Once approved, the EMPr must be implemented and strictly enforced during all phases of the project. It shall be seen as a dynamic document and shall be included in all contract documentation for all phases of the development when approved.
18. Changes to the approved EMPr must be submitted in accordance with the EIA Regulations applicable at the time.
19. The Department reserves the right to amend the approved EMPr should any impacts that were not anticipated or covered in the EIAR be discovered.

Frequency and process of updating the EMPr

20. The EMPr must be updated where the findings of the environmental audit reports, contemplated in Condition 27 below, indicate insufficient mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity, or insufficient levels of compliance with the environmental authorisation or EMPr.
21. The updated EMPr must contain recommendations to rectify the shortcomings identified in the environmental audit report.
22. The updated EMPr must be submitted to the Department for approval together with the environmental audit report, as per Regulation 34 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. The updated EMPr must

have been subjected to a public participation process, which process has been agreed to by the Department, prior to submission of the updated EMPr to the Department for approval.

23. In assessing whether to grant approval of an EMPr which has been updated as a result of an audit, the Department will consider the processes prescribed in Regulation 35 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Prior to approving an amended EMPr, the Department may request such amendments to the EMPr as it deems appropriate to ensure that the EMPr sufficiently provides for avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity.
24. The holder of the authorisation must apply for an amendment of an EMPr, if such amendment is required before an audit is required. The amendment process is prescribed in Regulation 37 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The holder of the authorisation must request comments on the proposed amendments to the impact management outcomes of the EMPr or amendments to the closure objectives of the closure plan from potentially interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, by using any of the methods provided for in the Act for a period of at least 30 days.

Monitoring

25. The holder of the authorisation must appoint an experienced Environmental Control Officer (ECO) for the construction phase of the development that will have the responsibility to ensure that the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and recommendations referred to in this environmental authorisation are implemented and to ensure compliance with the provisions of the approved EMPr.
 - 25.1. The ECO must be appointed before commencement of any authorised activities.
 - 25.2. Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department.
 - 25.3. The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.
 - 25.4. The ECO must remain employed until all rehabilitation measures, as required for implementation due to construction damage, are completed and the site is ready for operation.

Recording and reporting to the Department

26. All documentation e.g. audit/monitoring/compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted to the Department in terms of this environmental authorisation, must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department.

27. The holder of the environmental authorisation must, for the period during which the environmental authorisation and EMPr remain valid, ensure that project compliance with the conditions of the environmental authorisation and the EMPr are audited, and that the audit reports are submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department.
28. The frequency of auditing and of submission of the environmental audit reports must be as per the frequency indicated in the EMPr, taking into account the processes for such auditing as prescribed in Regulation 34 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
29. The holder of the authorisation must, in addition, submit an environmental audit report to the Department within 30 days of completion of the construction phase (i.e. within 30 days of site handover) and a final environmental audit report within 30 days of completion of rehabilitation activities.
30. The environmental audit reports must be compiled in accordance with Appendix 7 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended and must indicate the date of the audit, the name of the auditor and the outcome of the audit in terms of compliance with the environmental authorisation conditions as well as the requirements of the approved EMPr.
31. Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on site and made available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.

Notification to authorities

32. A written notification of commencement must be given to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the activity. Commencement for the purposes of this condition includes site preparation. The notice must include a date on which it is anticipated that the activity will commence, as well as a reference number.

Operation of the activity

33. A written notification of operation must be given to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the activity operational phase.

Site closure and decommissioning

34. Should the activity ever cease or become redundant, the holder of the authorisation must undertake the required actions as prescribed by legislation at the time and comply with all relevant legal requirements administered by any relevant and Competent Authority at that time.

Specific conditions

35. The applicant must consult with the avifaunal specialist regarding the positions and designs of bird perching/nesting deterrents and power line markers.
36. Suitable bird repelling structures and bird diverters must be considered to avoid collision of birds with the PV facility.
37. Monitoring of implementation of mitigation controls, along with reporting, must be undertaken at least quarterly throughout the construction phase, and bi-annually during the operational phase. Monitoring, at the minimum, should consist of:
 - 37.1. Quarterly monitoring of the PV array area for evidence of PV collisions.
 - 37.2. Quarterly monitoring of power line route for evidence of collisions or electrocutions.
 - 37.3. Bi-annual monitoring of the resident avifaunal population, including priority species, to compare the impacts to the baseline avifaunal community description in this report.
38. Should archaeologically sites or graves be exposed during construction work, it must immediately be reported to a heritage practitioner so that an investigation and evaluation of the finds can be made.
39. The ECO must monitor all substantial surface clearance operations and excavations into sedimentary rocks for fossil remains on an on-going basis during the construction phase.
40. Final walk-through to locate Species of Conservation Concern that can be trans-located or avoided must be undertaken with an experienced and qualified ecologist.
41. Permits from relevant authorities must be obtained for the removal or disturbance of any TOPs, Red Data listed or nationally protected species.
42. An integrated waste management approach must be implemented that is based on waste minimisation and must incorporate reduction, recycling, re-use and disposal where appropriate. Any solid waste must be disposed of at a landfill licensed in terms of Section 20 (b) of the National Environment Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act No.59 of 2008).


General

43. A copy of this Environmental Authorisation, the audit and compliance monitoring reports, and the approved EMPr, must be made available for inspection and copying-
 - 43.1. at the site of the authorised activity;
 - 43.2. to anyone on request; and

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- 43.3. where the holder of the Environmental Authorisation has a website, on such publicly accessible website.
44. National government, provincial government, local authorities or committees appointed in terms of the conditions of this authorisation or any other public authority shall not be held responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder of the authorisation or his/her successor in title in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction be temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance by the holder of the authorisation with the conditions of authorisation as set out in this document or any other subsequent document emanating from these conditions of authorisation.

Date of Environmental Authorisation: 25/04/2022.



Ms Milicent Solomons

Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Annexure 1: Reasons for Decision

1. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The listed activities as applied for in the application form received on 17 August 2021.
- b) The information contained in the EIAr dated December 2021.
- c) The comments received from Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET), Makhado Local Municipality, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) and Interested and Affected Parties as included in the EIAr dated December 2021.
- d) Mitigation measures as proposed in the EIAr and the EMPr.
- e) The information contained in the specialist studies contained within the appendices of the EIAr dated December 2021 and as appears below:

Name of Specialist	Title of specialist reports	Date issued
ASH Haagner	Avifaunal Impact Assessment	October 2021
Dr BJ Henning	Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	March 2021
Dr BJ Henning	Wetland Impact Assessment	March 2021
J van Schalkwyk	Heritage Impact Assessment	July 2021
Dr John Almond	Paleontological Impact Assessment	April 2021
Johan Lanz	Agricultural Compliance Statement	October 21
Johan Botha	Visual Impact Assessment	May 2021
Pro Marion Bamford	Social Impact Assessment	May 2021
Liza van Zly	Traffic Assessment	October 2021
Richards Roberts	Geotechnical feasibility investigation	June 2021

2. Key factors considered in making the decision

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below.

- a) The findings of all the specialist studies conducted and their recommended mitigation measures.
- b) The need and desirability are that the proposed project is intended to form part of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy's (DMREs) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer

Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. The REIPPP Programme aims to secure 14 725 Megawatts (MW) of new generation capacity from renewable energy sources, while simultaneously diversifying South Africa's electricity mix. According to the 2021 State of the Nation Address, Government will soon be initiating the procurement of an additional 11 800 MW of power from renewable energy, natural gas, battery storage and coal in line with the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 and fulfilling their commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement which include the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Eskom, the largest greenhouse gas emitter of South Africa, has committed in principle to net zero emission by 2050 and to increase its renewable capacity.

- c) The EIAr dated December 2021 identified all legislation and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the EIAr.
- d) The location of the proposed project.
- e) The methodology used in assessing the potential impacts identified in the EIAr dated December 2021 and the specialist studies have been adequately indicated.
- f) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended for public involvement.

3. Findings

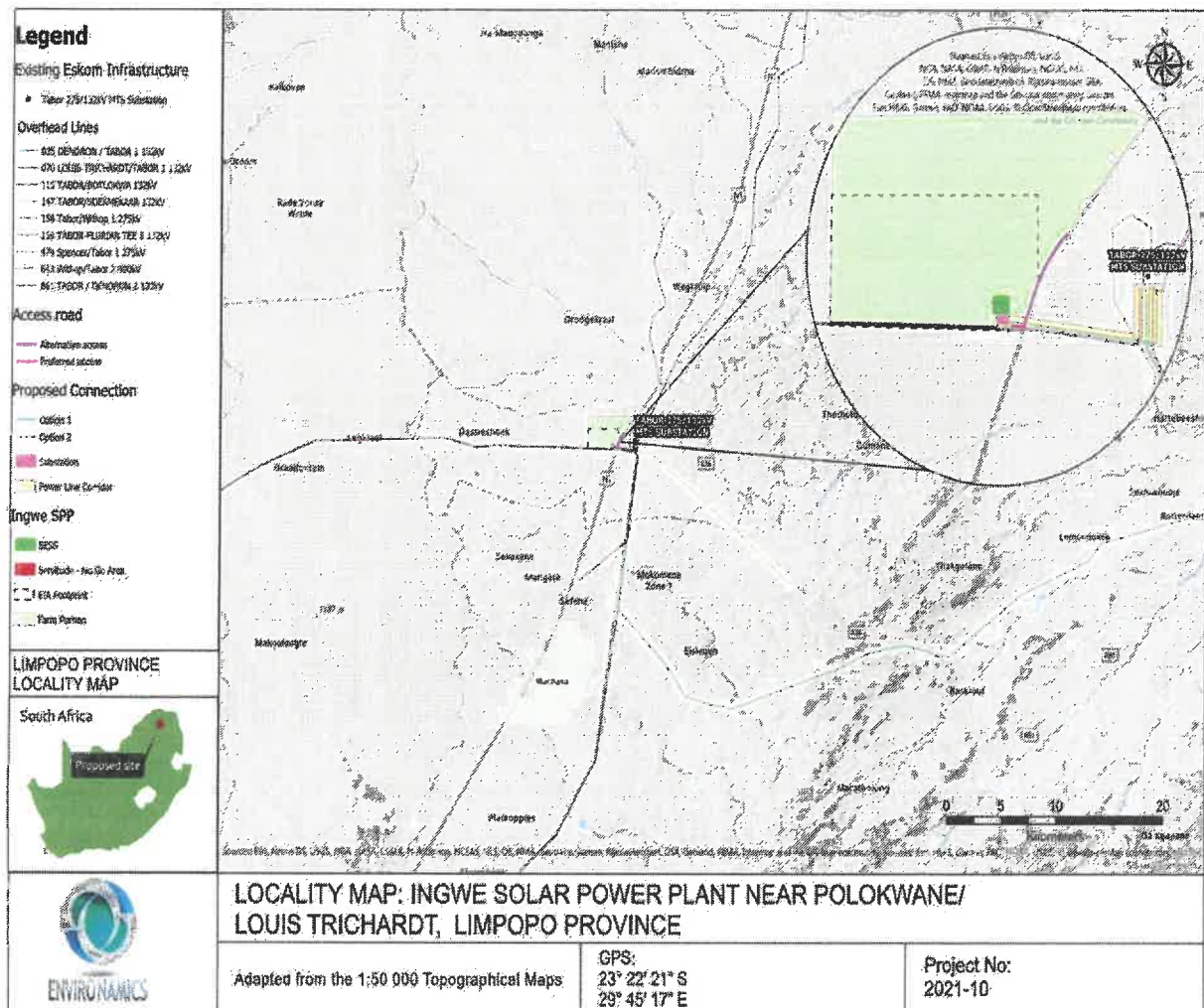
After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings -

- a) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the EIAr dated December 2021 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- b) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- c) The information contained in the EIAr dated December 2021 is deemed to be accurate and credible.
- d) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- e) EMP measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the EIAr and will be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts during the construction phase.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation, the authorised activities will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the authorised activities can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The environmental authorisation is accordingly granted.

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Annexure 2: Locality Plan





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Ms. Milcent Solomons
Director: Prioritized Infrastructure Projects

Dear Mrs Solomons

APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF 25 APRIL 2022 UNTIL 31 OCTOBER 2022

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as the Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations for the period of 25 April to 31 October 2022 whilst Mr Sabelo Malaza is fulfilling his temporary reassignment function at the Forestry Branch.

All the correspondence and other documents that are usually signed by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations must be signed under Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations during the above-mentioned period.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standard, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of these legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of Departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your assistance on behalf of the department.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Devinagie Bendeman
Deputy Director-General: RCSI (Regulatory Compliance and
Sector Monitoring)

Date 20 April 2022

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACCEPT / ~~DO NOT ACCEPT~~
appointment as Acting Chief
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Signed:

Date:

20/04/2022