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APPLICATION FOR A REZONING ON PORTION 1 OF THE FARM JAKALSFONTEIN NO. 443 AND REMAINDER OF THE FARM VLAKFONTEIN NO. 15, FREE STATE PROVINCE

Your letter bearing reference Vlakfontein Solar PV1 dated 20 September 2022 refers.

With reference to the above-mentioned matter, this department wishes to inform you that it has no objection against the proposed development of Vlackfontein Solar PV 1 solar energy facility and associated infrastructure on a total footprint area of 158,52 hectares of the above properties. However, the following needs to be adhered to:

1. This approval is granted subject to the proposed project being awarded as a preferred bidder by the Department of Energy.
2. Any further extension of this proposed project should be reviewed in terms of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act, 70 (Act 70 of 1970).
3. No subdivision for the purposes of demarcating the individual footprint area should be allowed.
4. No construction should be placed in areas that are of high or unique agricultural value and those under cultivation.
5. Natural vegetation should be restored after the construction of the plant to prevent degradation.



- Where applicable, a provision should be made for the controls of runoff water.
7. Water needed for the maintenance of the site should not be sourced from existing water rights allocated to the site or nearby farm portions as it will negatively impact on agricultural production.
 8. The applicant should take responsibility for the maintenance and well-being of the natural resources base of the site.
 9. These comments are valid for five years and if the development does not take place, the proposed rezoned portions must revert back to its original parent portion and remain agricultural land in terms of section (1) of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act, Act 70 of 1970.
 10. The application for the registration of the long-term lease shall be considered upon receipt of the positive Record of Decision and a copy of the rezoning approval.

This comment does not exempt any person from the provisions of any other law and does not purport to interfere with the rights of any person who may have an interest in the agricultural land.

Yours faithfully


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