

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE MERCURY CLUSTER SOLAR PV PROJECT



Notice is given, in terms of the NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (Act No 107 of 1998) and the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, that fourteen applications for Environmental Authorisation are lodged with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

Project Descriptions:

Solar Farms	Grid Connections	Applicants
100MW Vlakfontein Solar PV1	Vlakfontein Solar PV1 Grid Connection	Vlakfontein Solar PV1 (Pty) Ltd
100MW Biesiefontein Solar PV1	Biesiefontein Solar PV1 Grid Connection	Biesiefontein Solar PV1 (Pty) Ltd
100MW Zaaiplaats Solar PV1	Zaaiplaats Solar PV1 Grid Connection	Zaaiplaats Solar PV1 (Pty) Ltd
100MW Hormah Solar PV1	Hormah Solar PV1 Grid Connection	Hormah Solar PV1 (Pty) Ltd
100MW Kleinfontein Solar PV1	Kleinfontein Solar PV1 Grid Connection	Kleinfontein Solar PV1 (Pty) Ltd
100MW Ratpan Solar PV1	Ratpan Solar PV1 Grid Connection	Ratpan Solar PV1 (Pty) Ltd
75MW Ratpan Solar PV2	Ratpan Solar PV2 Grid Connection	Ratpan Solar PV2 (Pty) Ltd

Projects components could potentially include the following (to be confirmed for each separate application):

Solar PV Farm; 132kV Grid Connections with Switching Stations/Substations; Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS);

Diesel Storage Facility; Auxiliary Generator Set (GENSET); Laydown area for the construction period; Operational &

Maintenance Buildings; Additional infrastructure (Access Roads - new and/or upgrade; stormwater; water pipelines, etc.)

<u>Listed Activities:</u> (The list and relevance of each activity will be confirmed for each application)

Listing Notice 1 (GN R 983): Activities Numbers 11; 12; 14; 19; 24; 27; and 28)

Listing Notice 2 (GN R984: Activity Numbers 1: 4: 14: and 15

Listing Notice 3(GN 985: Activity Numbers 4; 10; 12; 14; 18; 23

Additional Relevant Legislation

- Water Use Authorisation issued by the Department of Water & Sanitation will be required in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act Nr 36 of 1998). The relevant applications for Water Use Authorisation will be made with the Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS).
- The National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No 25 of 1999) is triggered and relevant applications will be made with the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA).
- The **Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (Act 70 of 1970)** is triggered and relevant applications will be made to the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)

Project Locality

The project sites are located north and south of the R76, south of the Vaal River and between Parys and Viljoenskroon in the Free State Province. It falls entirely in the Klerksdorp Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZs) as well as the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor (STC).

You are invited to register as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP). Submit your contact details and interest to the environmental consultants within 30 days to:

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