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Our reference: 230203	Your reference: 230203	Date: March 2023

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Environmental Authorisation Application and Draft Basic Assessment Report for Public Comment

THE PROPOSED Good hope overhead powerline (OHPL) and associated infrastructure, to connect the authorized Good Hope Solar Park to the national grid located near Dealesville, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province.

Terramanzi Group Project Reference: 230203

Dear Stakeholder,

You have been identified as a stakeholder, to be notified, in accordance with Section 24(O) as well as in accordance with Regulation 41 of GN No. R. 326 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014, as amended) with respect to the above-mentioned Project.

Please take note of the following important information, for your consideration.

<u>Project Description:</u> The Applicant, Antlia Energy (Pty) Ltd is proposing to develop the Good Hope 132kV Overhead Powerline (OHPL) and substation to connect the authorised Good Hope Solar Photovoltaic Park to the national grid via the Eskom Artemis substation. The project falls within the Kimberly Renewable Energy Development (RED) Zone 5 and the Central Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) Corridor.

The Project triggers the activities listed in Listing Notice 1 (GN No. R 327) and Listing Notice 3 (GN No. R 324) of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014 as amended). A **Basic Assessment** is required to be carried out as part of the **Environmental Authorisation** (EA) application process for Listing Notice 1 & 3 activities.

A Heritage Permit may be required in terms of Section 38 of the National Heritage Resource Act (Act 25 of 1999). A Water Use License / General Authorisation may be required for water use activities in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998). These processes will be carried out concurrently with the EA application process.

<u>Property Location:</u> The OHPL will be approximately 8 km in length and located within a 400 m wide corridor. The site is located near Dealesville Town in the Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province. The site is located approximately 60 km to the southwest of the Bultfontein town and approximately 95 km northeast of Kimberly. The powerline will traverse three Farm portions, namely:

- The Farm Gedenksrust, Boshof Rd;
- Remainder of Farm Klipfontein, 305, Boshof Rd; and
- Remainder of the Farm Klipkoppan, 535, Boschof Rd

GPS Location:

Substation Middle Point: 28°38'45.56"S, 25°46'12.67" E
Powerline Corridor – Start: 28°38'46.09"S, 25°46'23.37" E

Powerline Corridor – Middle: 28°40'25.65"S, 25°45'22.43" E

• Powerline Corridor – End: 28°40'13.32"S, 25°43'38.12"E

Notice of a 30-day Public Participation Process is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014 as amended).

<u>Project Progress</u>: This notification forms part of the public consultation process as required by the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) and is taking place as part of this **EA application process**.

Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd has been appointed to undertake the necessary environmental permitting for the above-mentioned Project.

Opportunity to Participate: Interested and affected parties ("I&APs") are hereby invited to register as a stakeholder in this Project. I&APs should please use the 230203 reference number below when commenting and must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and a disclosure of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application, to the contact persons indicated below, within 30 calendar days of the commencement of the public consultation process (i.e. the deadline for comments is 08 May 2023) from the date of this notice (03 April 2023), in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Good Hope Overhead Powerline and supporting documentation can be accessed at the following online hyperlink:

• https://terramanzi.egnyte.com/fl/Cvp1mWbueP:

Please note the following:

- Should you wish to receive a digital copy of the above-mentioned documentation, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) at the contact details below, accordingly.
- Should you require any assistance with interpreting this notice, please contact the EAP at the contact details below, accordingly.
- Should you require any assistance with interpreting the documentation noted above, including the language used, the terminology used, the outcomes and recommendations, please contact the EAP at the contact details below, accordingly.

All comments must be submitted directly to the EAP, as follows:

• Electronic mail: comments@terramanzi.co.za; or

• Facsimile: 086 558 1213; or

Post: Postnet Suite 211, Private Bag X26, Tokai, Cape Town, 7966

• For Attention: Kristen Shaw

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We look forward to your valued participation

Yours Faithfully,

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