

APPENDIX E5
STAKEHOLDER CORRESPONDENCE



21 September 2022

Mr Johan and Mrs Cecile Kondos
Owner: Portion 3 of Farm Buffelsfontein 443

By hand

Dear Mr & Mrs Kondos,

**HARMONY MOAB KHOTSONG SOLAR PV FACILITY, VIERFONTEIN, FREE STATE PROVINCE
(DESTEA Reference No.: To be Issued)**

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21 September 2022

Mr Edwin Muller
Hansie Muller Voerkraal Trust
Owner: Portions 0 & 4 of Farm Doornkom-Oost 447

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Attachments: Moab Landowner Map-Midvaal Water Comp.pdf

Ms Elizabeth Scheepers
General Enquiries
Midvaal Water Company

Dear Ms Scheepers,

Our e-mail notification below has reference.

It will be appreciated if you can inform us who at Midvaal Water Company, registered owner of **Portion 12 of the Farm Buffelsfontein 443**, we need to consult with regarding the above-mentioned proposed project.

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, adjacent landowners to a development site need to be notified and consulted with of the proposed development.

We are looking forward to receive the requested information.

Kind regards,



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Most of the site is located within the Vaal River Mining Area and is accessible via the Vermaasdrift road originating from the R76 south of the project site, and via the Stokkiesdraai road originating from the R30 west of the project site.

Additional technical information regarding this Solar PV facility is available in the Background Information Document attached to this notification letter.

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You and/or the Department/Organization/Company, which you represent, have been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed project as described above. The nature and extent of the solar PV are explored in more detail in the BID which is attached to this letter and is also available for download from the Savannah Environmental website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/>.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

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Savannah Environmental have established an online stakeholder engagement platform, where you are invited to register your interest in the project, and view project documentation. Please visit our website (link provided above). You are also welcomed to complete the registration and comment form attached to this letter and submit it to the public participation team.

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BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Basic Assessment Report for Harmony Moab Khotsong Solar PV facility is available for review and comment from **26 September 2022** to **26 October 2022**. The report is available for download from the Savannah Environmental website (link provided above).

In terms of Regulation 3(1) of the NEMA EIA regulations, the report will be available on 26 September 2022, with 27 September 2022 being the first day of the 30-day review and comment period. The due date for written comment is 26 October 2022.

Please submit your written comments on the BA Report via one of the following means:

- E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com
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All comments received during the 30-day review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final Basic Assessment Report for submission to the Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTE) in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GNR 326).

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Applicant: Harmony Moab Khotsong Operations (Pty) Ltd

Activity: Development of the Harmony Moab Khotsong Solar PV Facility, grid connection and other associated infrastructure, with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW. The on-site infrastructure includes:

- PV modules and mounting structures
- Access roads, internal roads and fencing around the development area
- Temporary and permanent laydown areas
- Administrative building, control room, workshop, storage building, guard house, auxiliary buildings and structures, water supply infrastructure, weather station
- Peripheral boundary wall & fencing
- Inverters, transformers and up to 5 on-site facility substations and switching substations
- Cabling between the project components, to be laid underground where practical
- Grid connection infrastructure to be connected to the existing:
 - Vaalreefs Eleven Substation via a ~2km power line (located south-east of the facility);
 - Southvaal Plant Substation via a ~0.5km power line (located north-west of the facility); and
 - Southvaal Substation via a ~4km power line (located north of the facility).

Project Location: North of the Harmony Gold Moab operations, approximately ~10km north of the town of Vierfontein within the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Fezile Dabi District Municipality, Free State Province. The PV facility is located within the Klerksdorp REDZ on the Farm Anglo 593, Farm Hoekplaats 598, Farm Mispah 274, Remaining Extent of Farm Doornkom Wes 446, Farm Chrystalkop 69, Portion 1 of Farm Zaaiplaats 190, and Portions 1, 3, 4, 5 and Remaining Extent of the Farm Zuiping 394.

Basic Assessment Process: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 – R327, as amended, and GN R114 (February 2018), a Basic Assessment is to be undertaken for the solar PV facility. An application is to be lodged with the Department of Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental (DESTEA), as the competent authority.

Basic Assessment Report: The Basic Assessment Report is available for download, review & comment from the Savannah Environmental website. The 30-day review & comment period for the Basic Assessment Report is from **26 September 2022** to **26 October 2022**. The final day for written comment to be submitted is **26 October 2022**.

To obtain further information on the project and to register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to:

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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Harmony Moab Khotsong Operations (Pty) Ltd is looking to supplement its energy supply by implementing Photovoltaic (PV) generation, aiding their transition to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly energy mix.

The development of a solar photovoltaic (PV) facility with a generating capacity of 100MW is proposed on a site located north of the Harmony Gold Moab and south of the Harmony Gold Great Nologwa operations, approximately ~10km north of the town of Vierfontein within the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Fezile Dabi District Municipality, Free State Province. The solar PV development will be known as Harmony Moab Khotsong Solar PV Facility.

With reference to our letter dated 26 September 2022 in which we notified registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that the Basic Assessment Report for the Harmony Moab Khotsong Solar PV Facility is available for review and comment from **26 September 2022** to **26 October 2022**, has reference.

This e-mail serves to remind you that the review and comment period of the Basic Assessment Report is ending on **Wednesday, 26 October 2022**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the Basic Assessment Report and we kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the Basic Assessment Report to please do so before or on **Wednesday, 26 October 2022**.

The Basic Assessment Report can be downloaded from our website: [click here](#).

Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout the Basic Assessment Process.

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Subject: Re: SE3270: HARMONY MOAB KHOTSONG SOLAR PV - Reminder of Basic Assessment Report review and comment period ending soon

Thank you for the information.

On Tue, 18 Oct 2022 at 03:43, Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com> wrote:

HARMONY MOAB KHOTSONG PLANT SOLAR PV FACILITY, VIERFONTEIN, FREE STATE PROVINCE

(DESTEA Reference No.:

**EMB/11(i),12(ii)(a)(c),14,19,28(i)(ii),1,15,4(b)(i)(gg),10(b)(1)(gg)(hh),12(b)(i),14(8)(a)(c)(b)(i)(hh)/22/39 / NEAS Ref
Nr: FSP/EIA/0000481/2022)**

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Harmony Moab Khotsong Operations (Pty) Ltd is looking to supplement its energy supply by implementing Photovoltaic (PV) generation, aiding their transition to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly energy mix.

The development of a solar photovoltaic (PV) facility with a generating capacity of 100MW is proposed on a site located north of the Harmony Gold Moab and south of the Harmony Gold Great Nologwa operations, approximately ~10km north of the town of Vierfontein within the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Fezile Dabi District Municipality, Free State Province. The solar PV development will be known as Harmony Moab Khotsong Solar PV Facility.

With reference to our letter dated 26 September 2022 in which we notified registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that the Basic Assessment Report for the Harmony Moab Khotsong Solar PV Facility is available for review and comment from **26 September 2022** to **26 October 2022**, has reference.

This e-mail serves to remind you that the review and comment period of the Basic Assessment Report is ending on **Wednesday, 26 October 2022**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the Basic Assessment Report and we kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the Basic Assessment Report to please do so before or on **Wednesday, 26 October 2022**.

The Basic Assessment Report can be downloaded from our website: [click here](#).

Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout the Basic Assessment Process.

Kind regards,
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Subject: SE3270: Harmony Moab Khotsong Grondeienaars- & Liggingskaarte
Attachments: Moab Locality Map 23.09.pdf; Moab Khotsong Landowner Map.pdf

Beste Johan,

Dankie vir die tyd wat jy verlede week Woensdag aan my en Chantelle afgestaan het om die bogenoemde projek aan jou bekend te stel en jou kommentaar, in beginsel, aan te hoor.

Soos belowe, vind hierby aangeheg die Grondeienaars- en Liggingskaart.

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Attachments: Moab Locality Map 23.09.pdf; Moab Khotsong Landowner Map.pdf

Beste Hannes & Edwin,

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Subject: SE3270: HARMONY MOAB KHOTSONG SOLAR PV - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process and Availability of BA Report for review and comment
Attachments: Moab Landowner Map-Midvaal Water Comp.pdf

Ms Elizabeth Scheepers
General Enquiries
Midvaal Water Company

Dear Ms Scheepers,

Our e-mail notification below has reference.

It will be appreciated if you can inform us who at Midvaal Water Company, registered owner of **Portion 12 of the Farm Buffelsfontein 443**, we need to consult with regarding the above-mentioned proposed project.

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, adjacent landowners to a development site need to be notified and consulted with of the proposed development.

We are looking forward to receive the requested information.

Kind regards,



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Sent: Monday, 26 September 2022 07:38
To: Sifiso Mkhize <Centralp@dwa.gov.za>
Cc: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Subject: SE3270: HARMONY MOAB KHOTSONG SOLAR PV - Notification of Basic Assessment (BA) Process and Availability of BA Report for review and comment

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From: Savannah Public Process
Sent: Wednesday, 16 November 2022 10:36
To: Richard Montjoie
Cc: DirkK@villagemainreef.co.za; Mike Cross; raisaka@masebelanga.com
Subject: Basic Assessment Report: 100 Mw Harmony Moab Khotsong PV Facility, Free State Province

Dear Richard,

This is a belated acknowledgement and confirmation e-mail – please receive herewith confirmation that Dirk K (would you please provide me with Dirk’s surname to be captured on the project database) and Mike Cross have been registered on the project database on 12 October 2022.

Kind regards,



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Subject: Nicolene Venter: Savannah Environmental (2022). Basic Assessment Report: 100 Mw Harmony Moab Khotsong PV Facility, Free State Province

Dear Nicolene

I am working with the Village Main Reef/Heaven Sent Gold team at Kopanang Mine, in the Free State, on a few projects.

Kindly register those cc'd in this email as an I&AP on this project, along with Mr. Masebalanga who is your current contact person for Kopanang.

Many thanks and all the best



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