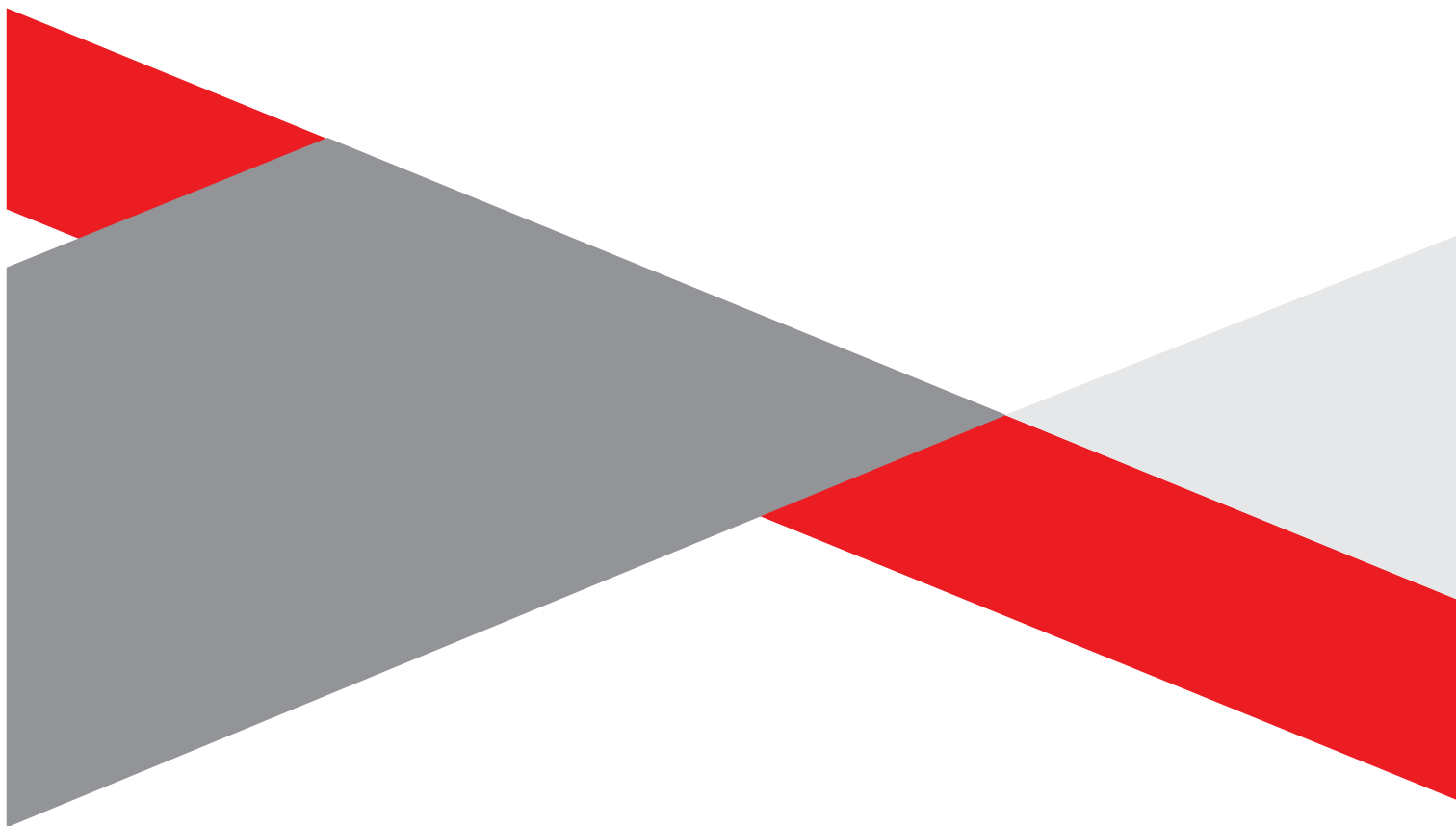


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From: Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Friday, 11 November 2022 19:10
To: Sifiso Mkhize
Cc: Nicolene Venter
Subject: SE3270: HARMONY ONE PLANT SOLAR PV - Notification of EIA Report available for review and comment
Attachments: SE3270-Harmony_1_Solar_PVs_EIAR_Notification-FINAL.pdf

**HARMONY ONE PLANT SOLAR PV FACILITY, ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE
LOCATED NEAR WELKOM, FREE STATE PROVINCE
(DESTEA Reference No.: EMS/11(i), 12 (ii) (a) cc, 14, 19, 24 (ii), I, 15, 4 (b) (i) (gg), 12 (b) (i), 14 (ii) (a) (b) (i) (hh),
22/13 - NEAS Ref No.: FSP/EIA/0000478/2022)**

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the Harmony One Plant Solar PV is available for review and comment from **11 November 2022** to **12 December 2022**. The report is available for download from the Savannah Environmental website: [click here](#)

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

Kind regards,

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The Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) accepted the Scoping Report and approved the Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessment as per Regulation 22(a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the Harmony One Plant Solar PV is available for review and comment from **11 November 2022** to **12 December 2022**. The report is available for download from the Savannah Environmental website: [https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/harmony-one-solar-pv/..](https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/harmony-one-solar-pv/)

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Kind regards

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Nicolene Venter

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Harmony One Solar PV

HARMONY ONE PLANT SOLAR PV FACILITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

Applicant: Freegold Harmony (Pty) Ltd

Activity: The development of a solar PV facility with a generating capacity of up to 30MW and associated infrastructure, including:

- PV modules and mounting structures.
- Inverters and transformers a SCADA room, and maintenance room.
- Cabling between the project components, to be laid underground where practical.
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Scoping & Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) Processes: In terms of Sections 24 & 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 – R327, as amended, a S&EIA process is required, and Savannah Environmental is undertaking the S&EIA and public participation process.

EIA Report available for Review & Comment: The EIA Report is available for review and comment and can be download from the Savannah Environmental website. The 30-day review and comment period of the EIA Report is from **11 November 2022** to **12 December 2022**.

To obtain further information and register on the project database and submit comments or queries, please refer to the contact information:

Nicolene Venter of Savannah Environmental

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Documents for public review are available for download.

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From: Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
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To: Sifiso Mkhize
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Subject: E3270: HARMONY ONE PLANT SOLAR PV - Notification of EIA Process and Availability of Scoping Report for review and comment
Attachments: SE3270-Harmony_1_Plant_Solar_PV_Notification(BID&SR)-FINAL.pdf; SE3270-Harmony_One_Plant_BID-FINAL.pdf; SE3270-Harmony_One_PV_RegComm_Form-FINAL.pdf

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The nature and extent of the solar PV facility is explored in more detail in this Background Information Document (BID). A full Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process is being undertaken in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the development of the PV facility and associated infrastructure. The public participation process provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the project.

Please find attached for your perusal the following documents:

- Background Information Document; and
- Notification of availability of the Scoping Report.

The Scoping Report is available for downloading from our website [click here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information and/or clarification regarding these projects.

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

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and
NOTIFICATION OF SCOPING REPORT AND AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicant requires Environmental Authorisation from the Department of Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental (DESTE), as the Competent Authority. In terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA, the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) and Listing Notices (GNR 327, GNR 325, and GNR 324), the application for EA is subject to the completion of a Scoping/EIA process. The application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The EIA is an effective planning and decision-making tool. It allows for potential environmental consequences resulting from a proposed activity to be identified and appropriately managed during the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of development. It also provides an opportunity for the project applicants to be forewarned of potential environmental issues, and allows for the resolution of impacts identified and reported on as part of the EIA process, as well as provides opportunity for dialogue with key stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).

Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for managing the application for EA and undertaking the supporting EIA process required to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the project, as well as propose appropriate mitigation and management measures to be contained within the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). I&APs will be actively involved in the EIA process through the public participation process.

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, associated infrastructure and the EGI, 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/portal/downloads/energy-generation/harmony-one-solar-pv/>.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

The public participation (PP) process is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is made available to I&APs for review;
- » I&AP participation is facilitated in such a manner that they are provided with reasonable opportunity to comment on the project;
- » adequate review periods are provided for I&APs to comment on the findings of the Scoping/EIA Reports; and
- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

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).

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, alternative means for consultation and to facilitate comment on the projects will be made through the Ward Councillor and/or Ward Committee Members. I&APs are also able to make contact via the "Please call me" functionality available on our public participation mobile phone (060 978 8396).

SCOPING REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Scoping Report for Harmony One Solar PV facility is available for review and comment from **24 August 2022 to 23 September 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 24 August 2022, with 25 August 2022 being the first day of the 30-day review and comment period. The due date for written comment is 23 September 2022.

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

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Kind regards



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Attached: Background Information Document
Registration and Comment Form

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HARMONY ONE PLANT SOLAR PV FACILITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

Applicant: Freegold Harmony (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Activity:

Freegold Harmony (Pty) Ltd (a subsidiary of Harmony Gold Mining Company 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 30MW is proposed south-west of the Witpan dam, south of the Harmony One Gold Plant operations, approximately ~14km north west of the town of Virginia within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality and within the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province. The PV facility is located on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Marmageli 20 and Remaining Extent of the Farm Welkom 80 and is owned by the Mine. The solar PV development will be known as Harmony One Plant Solar PV Facility.

The infrastructure associated with the 30MW solar PV facility will include:

- PV modules and mounting structures.
- Inverters and transformers a SCADA room, and maintenance room.
- Cabling between the project components, to be laid underground where practical.
- Access roads, internal roads and fencing around the development area.
- Temporary and permanent laydown areas.
- Grid connection infrastructure including an on-site facility substation and a switching substation to be connected to the existing Brandgold Substation via an overhead power line.

The Scoping Report is now available for review & comment. The 30-day review and comment period is from **24 August 2022** to **23 September 2022**. The final day to submit written comment is **23 September 2022**.

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Proposed development of the Development of 18MWac Harmony One Solar PV Facility, Theunissen, Free State Province

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<p>ProposalDescription: The development of a renewable energy facility, overhead powerline and associated infrastructure is proposed by FREEGOLD HARMONY PTY LTD. The project entails the development of a Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Energy Facility and associated infrastructure with a capacity of up to 30MW over 75ha of land and will be known as Harmony Central Plant Solar PV, the facility will include a grid connection and other associated infrastructure. H Harmony One Plant Solar PV is based near Harmony 1 Gold Plant operations located in the Town of Welkom and ~14km Northwest of the town of Virginia within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality respectively, and within the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province.</p> <p>ApplicationDate: Friday, August 26, 2022 - 13:48</p> <p>CaseID: 19408</p> <p>Applicants: Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd</p> <p>Consultants/Experts: Jenna Lavin</p> <p>OtherReferences:</p> <p>Heritage Reports: Heritage Screener: Harmony PV HIA: Harmony PV</p> <p>ReferenceList:</p>		

AdditionalDocuments

1. [0.Harmony One Plant Draft Scoping Report.pdf](#)
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Dear Ansone',

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 30MW HARMONY ONE PLANT SOLAR PV FACILITY NEAR WELKOM, FREE STATE PROVINCE.

The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) - 'the Department' acknowledge receipt of your application form and the Draft Scoping Report on 08th of September 2022 for the above-mentioned project.

Kindly note that your application is assigned to **Ms. Boipelo Mogorosi** as the case officer and all correspondence regarding the application should be forwarded to the case officer at the above provided contact details. The application has been allocated the Departmental reference number (**DESTEA Ref. No.**) **EMS/11(i), 12 (ii) (a) cc, 14, 19, 24 (ii), 1, 15, 4 (b) (i) (gg), 12 (b) (i), 14 (ii) (a) (b) (i) (hh)/22/13** and **National Environmental Authorisation System (NEAS Ref. No.) FSP/EIA/0000478/2022**. Both the reference numbers should be quoted at all times throughout the EIA process and the project lifecycle e.g. documents, e-mails, letters etc. in the below indicated manner:

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As per regulation 21 (1) within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority the scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days must be submitted and must reflect the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.

Regulation 45 of the EIA regulations cautions that this application will be deemed as having lapsed by the Competent Authority (CA) in this case DESTEA, if the application fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these regulations, unless extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3 (7). Furthermore, potential cumulative impacts of the activity applied for should be reflected within the EIA process.

Please also note that the activity applied for may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the CA.

Regards,

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