

Chantelle Geyer

From: Jo-Anne Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 12:41 PM
To: Karen Jodas; Chantelle Geyer; Nicolene Venter
Subject: FW: Comments: The proposed 30 MW Harmony one plant solar PV Facility near Welkom, Free State.
Attachments: Draft Comments The proposed 30 MW Harmony One Plant Solar PV Facility near Welkom, Free State..pdf

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Cc: Boipelo P.R. Mogorosi <mogorosib@destea.gov.za>
Subject: Comments: The proposed 30 MW Harmony one plant solar PV Facility near Welkom, Free State.

Good day Jo-Anne,

Please find attached draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (Draft EIAR) comments letter for the above mentioned project.

Kind Regards

Keolebogile Motsilili

Environmental Officer: Intern

Department of Economic, Small Business development,
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Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:30 AM
To: Chantelle Geyer
Subject: RE: Harmony One Plant Site Visit Arrangements

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Good Morning Chantelle,

With regards to expediting the commenting process, unfortunately that will not be possible as the CA is allowed 30 days for the PPP, as discussed on the telephone communication.

I would like that, before preparing and sending the final EIR, kindly wait for comments should I have any.

With regards to the submission of the final EIR, we can communicate telephonically after I have send the comments.

Kind Regards
Keolebogile Motsilili
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From: Chantelle Geyer <Chantelle@savannahsa.com>
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Cc: Boipelo P.R. Mogorosi <mogorosib@destea.gov.za>; Karen Jodas <karen@savannahsa.com>; Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Subject: Harmony One Plant Site Visit Arrangements

Dear Ms. Motsilili

Thank you for taking the time to answer my call this morning.

This email serves as a confirmation of the telephone discussion we had.

It was confirmed that we can arrange for a site visit after the submission of the Final EIA report for the Harmony One Plant Solar PV Facility. As discussed, we submitted it on the 12th of November 2022 (this is also when the public review period started). But due to courier delays, your department only received the report on the 16th of November 2022. I understand that this is not your concern as you have 30 days to review the report upon receiving it.

I do however request that if there is any way we can expedite the commenting process by assisting with additional documents or information you can please consider this.

I would also like to request confirmation that we may submit the report on the 19th of December 2022 as the 16th is a public holiday. Will there be anyone available to receive the hard copy?

Thank you in advance for your continued consideration and understanding.

Kind regards,



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Reference: 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
NEAS ref: FSP/EIA/0000478/2022
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Dear Jo-Anne,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 30 MW 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 the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (Draft EIR) on the 16th of November 2022 for the above-mentioned project.

At present, in progress is the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for further processing of this application.

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

Regards,

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Ms. B. Mogorosi
Environmental Officer Production Grade B: EIM

Date: 18/11/22.....

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Dear Ansone,

**ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 30 MW 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' hereby accept the scoping report without conditions and advise the applicant to proceed or continue with the tasks contemplated in the plan of study for environmental impact assessment as per regulation 22 (a).

The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority an environmental impact report as per regulation 23 (1) (a) or (b).

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

Regards,


P.P.

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Nicolene Venter


From: Ansoné Esterhuizen
Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 07:48
To: Nicolene Venter
Subject: FW: Scoping application acknowledgement letter-proposed Harmony one plant solar PV facility near Welkom

From: Boipelo P.R. Mogorosi <mogorosib@destea.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:51 PM
To: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansone@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: Scoping application acknowledgement letter-proposed Harmony one plant solar PV facility near Welkom

Good day Ansone,

Please note that if the Department did not provide you with the comments, then it means they do not have and please note that i have already received the final scoping report on 05/10/22 which will be acknowledged before 10 day period lapse.

Regards,
Ms. Boipelo Mogorosi
Environmental Officer: Environmental Impact Management
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From: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansone@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, 06 October 2022 15:28
To: Boipelo P.R. Mogorosi <mogorosib@destea.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Scoping application acknowledgement letter-proposed Harmony one plant solar PV facility near Welkom

Good day Boipelo,

Can we please receive feedback on the comments on this report we would like to submit the final scoping report.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 11:49 AM

To: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Anson@savannahsa.com>

Subject: Scoping application acknowledgement letter-proposed Harmony one plant solar PV facility near Welkom

Good Morning Ansoné,

Please find attached the acknowledgement letter for the above-mentioned development.

Regards,

Ms. Boipelo Mogorosi


Environmental Officer: Environmental Impact Management

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Ansoné Esterhuizen

From: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 10:31 AM
To: Ansoné Esterhuizen
Subject: RE: Application submission

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Good day Ansone,

We are currently experiencing challenges with our server its up and down so I don't want to risk and tell you to submit digital copies in case our emails will be down.

Kind regards,
Grace Mkhosana
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From: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansone@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 11:37 AM
To: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
Subject: Application submission

Hi Grace

I hope you are well, I would just like to check what the best way is to submit and EIA application and report to your department, we are working on projects with escalated timelines and would like to be able to get the reports and acknowledgment from the department as soon as possible

The application forms state that a copy must be hand delivered to the office, would it be possible to send digital copies onto of the hard copies just to ensure we don't lose any days?

Regards,



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From: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Ansoné Esterhuizen
Cc: Karen Jodas; Kristen Shaw; Dimakatso Mokoena; Lorato Moalosi; Boipelo P.R. Mogorosi; Disebo Masoetsa
Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansone,

This serves to confirm that the Department's Basic Assessment Templates meet the requirements in terms of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.

Kind regards,
Grace Mkhosana
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From: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansone@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
Cc: Karen Jodas <karen@savannahsa.com>; Kristen Shaw <Kristen@savannahsa.com>; Dimakatso Mokoena <mokoena@destea.gov.za>; Lorato Moalosi <moalosi@destea.gov.za>; Boipelo P.R. Mogorosi <mogorosib@destea.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Grace

We simply require confirmation of the reporting formats, however based on the comments previously received from the department we are making use of the Free State's Basic Assessment Templates.

We would appreciate confirmation that this meets the department's requirements, and that the department acknowledges its role as the competent authority for these projects.

Regards,

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Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansoné,

Thank you for the information so we would like to know what are the issues that you want to discuss with the Department.

Kind regards,
Grace Mkhosana
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From: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansone@savannahsa.com>
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To: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
Cc: Karen Jodas <karen@savannahsa.com>; Kristen Shaw <Kristen@savannahsa.com>; Dimakatso Mokoena <mokoenad@destea.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Grace

Thank you for getting back to me. Please see attached the project information with maps. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,



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From: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
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Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansoné,

To avoid further delays, Is it possible for you to send BID regarding the above matter so that we can determine if pre-application consultation meeting will be necessary. Almost 99% of our Environmental Management Committee members will be out on site inspections the whole of next week.

Kind regards,
Grace Mkhosana
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From: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansone@savannahsa.com>
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Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good Afternoon Grace,

I have tried calling you, I hope you had a wonderful time on leave. I just wanted to follow up with you regarding the below request. We would like to have a pre application meeting with the department as soon as possible.

Thanks so much

Regards,



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Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Hi Grace

I have tried to call you, please let me know if there is a more effective way to get a hold of you, it would be greatly appreciated.

I just want to follow up if we could have the pre application meeting this week? If that would suite you.

Regards,



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Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Hi Grace

Thank you for getting back to me. No application will be lodged with the DMR and therefore presume that DESTEA is the correct competent authority.

We are currently finalizing the project information for most of our sites and therefore can not provide you with the completed BIDs for the projects as of yet, and ask however for you to consider the project scopes as follow:

1x BAR for **Central: 10MW**

1x BAR for **Moab + Noligwa: 120MW**. This site is located with the Klerksdorp REDZ, and a BAR process will be required for this PV project.

1x Scoping/EIA for **Harmony 1: 40MW**

1x Scoping/EIA for **Joel: 40MW**

From Savannah's side, we would like to request a formal meeting with the department to brief you on the projects and to clarify some of the questions, such as template usage, submission requirements, developer queries, and environmental sensitivities noted.

If the is fine with you, could you perhaps provide me with some dates that you or the case officers at DESTEA will be available? This will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to your response

Regards,



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From: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
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Cc: Karen Jodas <karen@savannahsa.com>; Kristen Shaw <Kristen@savannahsa.com>; Dimakatso Mokoena <mokoenad@destea.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good day Ansone,
We would like to find out if there are no applications that are going to be lodged with DMR in relation to the proposed development. If there are any, then DMR will be Competent Authority, if not DESTEA is the Competent Authority. With regard to the template we prefer that you use ours. For pre-consultation meeting we would request that you send us BID highlighting concerns for clarity. Then we will determine if pre-consultation meeting is necessary or not.

Kind regards,
Grace Mkhosana
DESTEA

From: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansone@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 4:06 PM
To: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
Cc: Karen Jodas <karen@savannahsa.com>; Kristen Shaw <Kristen@savannahsa.com>
Subject: Initiation of various EIA's in the Free state province

Good afternoon, Grace,

We have recently submitted an enquiry to DFFE to enquire about the competent authority in mine solar PV applications we are in the process of compiling. As per the DFFE email attached they have elected that the competent authority would be provincial. We would like to find out if the department requires or would be open to any pre application meetings.

Here is a brief overview of the projects:

Solar PV Facilities and grid connection infrastructure which are planned to be located on Harmony-owned properties. There are multiple projects which will be done in phases. The first phase includes the following **4 projects**:

1x BAR for **Central: 10MW**

1x BAR for **Moab + Noligwa: 120MW**. This site is located with the Klerksdorp REDZ, and a BAR process will be required for this PV project.

1x Scoping/EIA for **Harmony 1: 40MW**

1x Scoping/EIA for **Joel: 40MW**

Additionally, in the case of the REDZ Basic assessment, we would like to find out if we could use our own template usually submitted to the DFFE or if it has to be provincial.

Please let me know if you have any queries in this regard.

Regards,



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