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Dear Ms. Esterhuizen,

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 30MW HARMONY TARGET SOLAR PV FACILITY ON PORTION 0 OF FARM KROMDRAAI 386 AND PORTION 0 OF FARM AANDENK 227 IN ALLANRIDGE, MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) - "The Department" hereby acknowledge the receipt of the final Scoping Report and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the 05 October 2022, and it would like to inform you that the report has been accepted.

The following should be amended in the draft EIA report:

1. Point 1 on draft Scoping Report comments is not addressed on page 181 of final Scoping Report.

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You may proceed with undertaking of the EIA in accordance with the tasks that are outlined in the Plan of Study for EIA. The draft EIA report must be submitted in the form of 1 hard copy and 1 soft copy.

Regards,

Ms. D. Mokoena
Environmental Officer Production Grade A: EIM

Date: 17/10/2022

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The Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) - "The Department" hereby acknowledge receipt of the application form and draft Scoping report on 08 September 2022, for the above-mentioned project.

Kindly note that your application is assigned to **Ms. Dimakatso Mokoena** as the case officer and all the correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to case officer at above mentioned contact details. The application has been allocated the Department reference number (Ref No): **EMS/11(i),12(ii)(a)(c),14,19,24(ii),1,15,4(b)(i)(ee),10(b)(ee)(hh),12(b)(i),14(ii)(a)(c)(i)(ee)/22/12** and **National Environmental Authorisation System (NEAS) Ref No: FSP/EIA/0000477/2022**. Both the indicated reference numbers should be quoted at all times throughout the EIA process and project life cycle e.g. documents, emails, letters etc. as indicated below:

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The official is at present reviewing draft scoping report which is subjected to 30 days of public participation process as per sub-regulation 21 (1) and chapter 6 in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended).

The NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) Regulation 45 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 time frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless the extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

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

Regards,

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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 <Ansonе@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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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>
Sent: Friday, July 8, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Grace Mkhosana <mkhosana@destea.gov.za>
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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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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,
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From: Ansoné Esterhuizen <Ansone@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 3:38 PM
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 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

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

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

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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

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Good day Ansone,
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Kind regards,
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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:

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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.

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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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