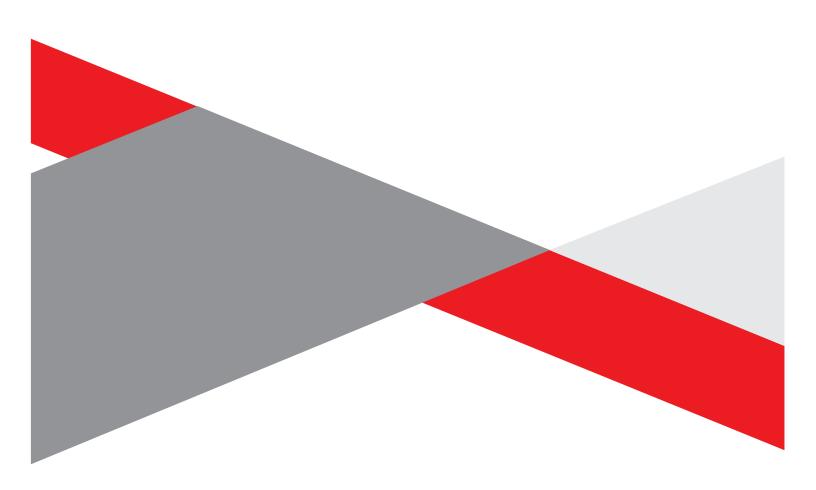
# APPENDIX C5 CORRESPONDENCE – STAKEHOLDERS



#### **Nicolene Venter**

From: Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 01 November 2022 17:40

To: Pamela Kershaw
Cc: Nicolene Venter

Subject: SE3330: HIGHVELD SOLAR PV FACILITY & ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION SOLUTION

- Notification of BA Process and Availability of Basic Assessment Reports for review and

comment

Attachments: SE3330-Highveld PV&Grid BA&BAR Notification-FINAL.pdf; SE3330-Highveld BID-

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# BASIC ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HIGHVELD SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION SOLUTION, STILFONTEIN, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued per application)

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A Basic Assessment process for the development of the Highveld Solar PV Facility and the Highveld PV Grid Connection is being undertaken by Savannah Environmental in order to obtain Environmental Authorisations (EAs).

Please find attached for your perusal the following documents:

- Background Information Document; and
- Notification of availability of the Basic Assessment Reports.

#### AVAILABILITY OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

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Basic Assessment Reports can be downloading from 11 November 202 from our website:

- \* Highveld Solar PV Facility: click here
- \* Highveld PV Grid Connection: 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 Basic Assessment process.



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The Basic Assessment (BA) processes for these two Applications are being undertaken in order to obtain Environmental Authorisations (EAs) for the development of the solar PV facility, associated infrastructure and grid connection infrastructure. The public participation process undertaken for both these applications provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the projects.

More technical information is available in the Background Information (BID) attached to this letter.

#### BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

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Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for managing the application for EAs, undertaking the supporting BA processes required to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the projects, as well as propose appropriate mitigation and management measures to be contained within the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs).

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

The sharing of information forms the basis of the public participation process and offers I&APs the opportunity to become actively involved in the BA process. Comments and inputs from I&APs are encouraged to ensure that potential impacts are considered throughout the BA process. The public participation process aims to ensure that:

- » Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the applications are 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 projects.
- » Adequate review period is provided for I&APs to comment on the findings as documented in the Basic Assessment Reports.

You, as a representative for your Department / Organisation / Company, has been identified as a Stakeholder and/or an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for these proposed projects.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

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• Telephone: 011 656 3237

• Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including please call me)

• Fax: 086 684 0547

• E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

The reports are available for download from the Savannah Environmental website:

Highveld Solar PV Facility: https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/

Highveld PV Grid Connection: <a href="https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/">https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/</a>

An electronic copy of the report can also be made available via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox upon request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards

Nicolene Venter

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**Documents attached:** Background Information Document

Registration and Comment Form

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# SE3330: HIGHVELD SOLAR PV FACILITY & ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION SOLUTION - Notification of BA Process and Availability of Basic Assessment Reports for review and comment (POE)

Date: Tuesday, 01 November 2022

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Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Nomawethu	Qase
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Department of Water and Sanitation: Free State Province	George	Nel
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National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Tamai	Hore
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**Sent:** Friday, 11 November 2022 18:05

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**Subject:** SE3330: Highveld Solar PV – Reminder of Basic Assessment (BA) Report and availability

of BA Report for review and comment

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Department of Water and Sanitation	Rens	Botha
SANRAL	Victoria	Botha
Department of Water and Sanitation	Marie	Brisley-Clarvis
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Pieter	Buys
Frontier Shooting Range	Magdil	Cloete
	Almade	Coetzee
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Transnet SOC Limited	Rudzani	Dagada
Department of Water and Sanitation	Derril	Daniels
	Markus	De Beer
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NW Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation & Tourism	Tsholofelo	Dintwe
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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Nolan	Dominick
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment		EIA Admin
ENE Limitless Accounting & Tax Services	Petrus	Erasmus
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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	John	Geeringh
Vodacom	Christien	Geldenhuys
South African Local Government Association (SALGA)	Xolile	George
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Transnet SOC Limited	Radie	Groenewald
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Andile	Gxasheka
Transnet SOC Limited	Thami	Hadebe
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Debbie	Harding

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National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Charles	Hlebela
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Constant	Hoogstad
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	Alfred	Mafune
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	Asaph	Mathibeng
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NW Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation & Tourism	Neo	Mokotedi
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South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Thato	Nape
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Buyiswa	Ndibongo
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South African Weather Services	Webster	Ngoepe
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Transnet SOC Limited	Andiswa	Njonga
Department of Public Enterprises	Donald	Nkadimeng
Department of Water and Sanitation	Mulaudzi	Nkhumbudzeni
Tense Holdings (Pty) Ltd	Sipho	Npeqeka
Department of Water and Sanitation: Free State Province	Tseliso	Ntili
Sirius Power (Pty) Ltd	David	Nunez
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Phindile	Nzimande
NW PHRA	Shahnaz	Omar
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South African Weather Services	Bernard	Petlane
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Nomawethu	Qase
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BirdLife South Africa	Samantha	Ralston-Paton
Transnet Properties: Pretoria	Cynthia	Ranjapedi
Transnet SOC Limited	Krishna	Reddy
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JB Marks Local Municipality	Joseph	Simango
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South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Busang	Sithole
Transnet SOC Limited	Jabulani	Sithole
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Danie	Smit
Telkom SOC Limited	Johan	Smit
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)		South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)
	Espy	Steyn
South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Lizelle	Stroh
Elardus Trust	Elardus	Styger
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Mmoni	Suza
Transnet SOC Limited	Odette	Swart
South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Themba	Thabethe
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Itekeng Communal Property Association (CPA)		Tlhakanye
	Sibusiso	Tong
Transnet SOC Limited		Transnet SA SOC Limited
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NW Food-Water-Energy & Climate	Lucentius	Tukula
SANRAL	Fanie- Andrew	van Aardt
Telkom SOC Limited	Heleen	van den Heever
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd: Free State (Dx)	Gerrie	Van Schakwyk
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South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Zwelithini	Vilakazi
Transnet SOC Limited	Thomas	Vorster
MMU Motors	Mohammed	Wadee
Transnet SOC Limited	Sphumelele	Yende
South African Department of Defence	Lt. Col. Kebasenosi	Zondi
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### Highveld Solar PV

# NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

# HIGHVELD SOLAR PV FACILITY, STILFONTEIN, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Applicant: WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd

**Activity:** The development of a solar photovoltaic (PV) facility with a generating capacity of up to 240MW and associated infrastructure, including:

- Solar PV arrays, modules and mounting structures
- Inverters and transformers
- A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- On-site facility substation
- Cabling between the project components
- Site and internal access roads up to 6m in width, where required
- Temporary and permanent laydown areas and O&M buildings and fencing around the development area.

The Highveld PV Grid Connection is assessed in a separate Basic Assessment Report.

**Project Location:** ~15km north east of the town of Stilfontein within the JB Marks Local Municipality, and within the greater Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, North West Province. The project falls within the Klerksdorp REDZ on Portions 10, 11, and 56 of Farm Rietfontein 388 as well as the Remainder of Farm Rietfontein 3.

**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, a Basic Assessment is to be undertaken for the Solar PV Facility. Savannah Environmental is

undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process for the project. The application is to be lodged with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), as the competent authority.

**Basic Assessment Report available for review & comment**. The Basic Assessment Report is available for download by selecting the **VIEW DOWNLOAD PAGE** below. The 30-day review & comment period for the Basic Assessment Report is from **11 November 2022** to **12 December 2022**. The final day for written comments to be submitted is **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 at Savannah Environmental

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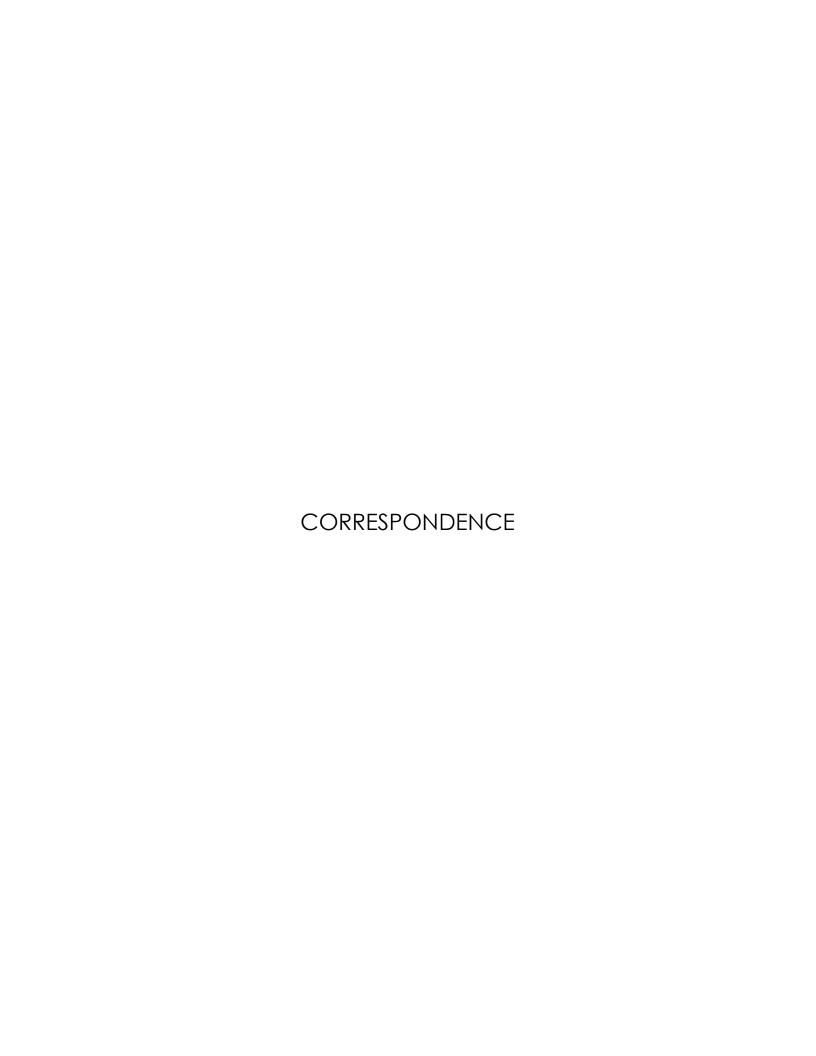
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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

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**Subject:** RE: BAR : HIGHVELD SOLAR PV FACILITY, STILFONTEIN

Dear Mr Mathibeng,

Please receive herewith acknowledgement that you, as representative for OMV, has been registered on the above-mentioned project's database.

The Basic Assessment Report will be available during the course of today and I will notify you once uploaded onto our website: <a href="https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/highveld-pv/">https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/highveld-pv/</a>. The release code to download the report is zNrcHC9p

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#### **Good Morning**

Kindly register and forward us the BAR when available

OMV, headquartered on the N12 in Stilfontein, produces and supply aggregates and readymix concrete.

#### Regards

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**Sent:** Friday, 11 November 2022 12:21 **To:** sibusisotongs@gmail.com

**Subject:** SE3330: HIGHVELD SOLAR PV FACILITY & ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION SOLUTION

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Attachments: SE3330-Highveld\_PV&Grid\_BA&BAR\_Notification-FINAL.pdf; SE3330-Highveld\_BID-

FINAL.pdf; SE3330 Highveld Solar PV&Grid Comment Form.pdf

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(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued per application)

Dear Sibusiso,

Thank you for your phone call this morning in response to the advertisement published in the Klerksdorp Record today.

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**Subject:** SE3330: Highveld Solar PV – KMZ **Attachments:** Highveld PV and Grid Layout 17.11.kmz

Dear Dennis & Tessa,

Please find attached as requested.

Kind regards,



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Dear Dennis,

We are just in the process of combining the PV and Grid KMZs and will send through as soon as possible.

Kind regards,



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Good Morning Nicolene,

I hope this finds you well. Can you please forward me the KML files for this project.



Warm regards, **Dennis Govender** 

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Please be informed that the availability of the BA Report for the Highveld PV Grid Connection will be communicated in due course.

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