

Noko Solar Power Project: Comments and Response Report

Comments received prior to the release of the Draft Basic Assessment Report and during the initial Public Participation 30-day comment period

Organisation	Person	Issue or comment raised (see Appendix C5 & C6 of the Draft Basic Assessment report)	Addressing or incorporation of issue or comment
Interested and Affected Party	Asaph Mathibeng	In an email dated 21 July 2022, Mr. A. Mathibeng requested to be registered as and I&AP.	In an email dated 05 October 2022, Environamics responded to Mr. Mathibeng confirming that he has been registered as an I&AP and was forwarded the Background Information Document and Locality map of the project.
ESKOM	Mr. John Geering	<p>In an email dated 10 August 2022, the following feedback was received from Eskom in response to the Notification of the BA process for the project:</p> <p>Please find attached Eskom general requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes. Find attached also an Eskom setbacks guideline for renewable developments near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes for the applicants consideration during planning. Please send me a KMZ file of the affected property, proposed development area and proposed gird connection</p>	<p>It can be confirmed that the Eskom general requirements for work near or at Eskom Servitudes and Infrastructure and the Eskom setback guideline have been submitted to the Applicant for their consideration and implementation.</p> <p>The KMZ (Google Earth) file requested of the affected property, the proposed development area and the proposed grid connection was submitted to Mr. Geering via email by Ms. Christia van Dyk on 10 August 2022.</p>
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Mr. Sityhilelo Ngcatsha	<p>In a letter dated 12 August 2022, Mr. Ngcatsha on behalf of SARHA provided interim comment which stated:</p> <p>Thank you for notifying the SAHRA on the proposed development of a grid connection infrastructure which</p>	The comments made by SARHA is acknowledged. The requirements for heritage and palaeontological specialists and reports have been adhered to. The draft basic assessment report will be uploaded to the online SARHIS

		<p>consists of 132kV single/double circuit overhead power line (with the associated infrastructure) on the farms Pretorius Kraal No. 53 (Portion 23, 24 & RE), Grootdraai No. 468 (RE of Portion 1 & Portion 1), Mispah No. 274, Kleinfontein No. 472, Chrystalkop No. 69, RE Doornkom-West No. 446, Edom No. 277, Moab No. 279, Zuiping No. 394 (Portion 1, 3,4, 5, RE) and Zaaiplaats No. 190 (Portion 2 & 3) in the Moqhaka Local Municipality, Free State Province (Ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2369).</p> <p>A grid connection corridor of about 200m wide on average, up to 800m, and 11km long is being assessed for the placement of the power line route. The power line is proposed to connect into the existing Eskom Mercury Substation and a service road associated with the power line is also proposed to be developed.</p> <p>As the proposed development is undergoing an EA Application process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA), NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations for activities that trigger the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No 28 of 2002 (MPRDA)(As amended), it is incumbent on the developer to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is done as per section 38(3) and 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA). This must include an archaeological component, palaeontological component and any other applicable heritage components. The HIA must be conducted as part of the EA Application in terms of NEMA and the NEMA EIA Regulations.</p>	<p>portal for comment, as well as the heritage and palaeontological reports.</p>
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Surrounding Landowner	Mr. Jerome Gossayn Mr. A. Richter	<p>In a letter dated 02 September 2022, Mr. A. Richter on behalf of Mr. J. Gossayn provided feedback on the Notification of the BA project. The content of the letter is as follows:</p> <p>We act on behalf of Mr. Jerome Gossayn in his representative capacity. Will you kindly register our client as an affected party. Furthermore, kindly address your correspondence to Mr. Gossayn (gossaynbrothers@outlook.com) as well as our offices.</p> <p>Kindly acknowledge receipt.</p>	<p>In an email dated 12 September 2022, Environamics Acknowledged receipt of the email and confirmed the registration of Jerome Gossayn as an I&AP with the email provided.</p> <p>No further comments or issues were raised as part of the BA process.</p>