

# **Appendix C5**

## **Stakeholder Correspondence**



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**MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MUSINA,  
LIMPOPO PROVINCE**  
**(DFFE Reference Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2180, 14/12/16/3/3/2/2181, 14/12/16/3/3/2/2182 & 14/12/16/3/3/2/2183)**

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Kindly find attached notification letter which provides you with additional information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

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Each Solar PV Energy Facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project by a separate Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and is therefore assessed through separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes. A combined four (4) applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) are therefore currently being pursued.

The grid connection solution associated with the solar PV facilities will be subjected to a separate Basic Assessment (BA) process in order to facilitate handover of this infrastructure to Eskom once constructed. You, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) will be notified once the BA Report is available for review and comment.

Due to the proximity of the Solar PV Energy Facilities and their associated grid connection solution to one another, the public participation processes for the projects are being undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and provide comment on all the projects.

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The availability of the Basic Assessment Report for the grid connection infrastructure for a 30-day review and comment period will be communicated in due course.

Please submit your written comments on the EIAs by **Monday, 13 February 2023** via our online stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or:

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All comments can be addressed to Nicolene Venter at Savannah Environmental.

All comments received during the review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final EIAs for submission to the DFFE in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326).

We look forward to your participation in the in the process as your valuable contribution to the proposed developments will ensure an inclusive approach and further allow the DFFE to make an informed decision.

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



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# Mutsho Solar Energy Facilities

## NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES NEAR MUSINA, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

**Applicant:** Mutsho Power (Pty) Ltd.

**Proposed Activity:** Establishment of four (4) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities, each with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW which will connect to the Nzhelele Substation to enable the connection of the four (4) Solar PV Energy Facilities to the national grid for the evacuation of the generated power. It is the developer's intention to develop the projects in a phased approach (i.e., 100MW at a time). Infrastructure associated with each project includes:

### Solar PV Energy Facilities

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- » Solar PV array comprising PV panels and mounting structures.
- » Inverters and transformers.
  
- » Cabling between the project components.
  
- » 33/132kV onsite facility (IPP Portion), including associated equipment and infrastructure – the onsite substation will be completely constructed as part of phase 1 but only equipped for the first 100MW. When such a time comes that the next 100 MW is constructed, the existing substation will be equipped for the additional 100MW generation capacity (i.e., additional transformers, extending the busbars, etc.). This approach will be followed as each 100MW is added.

- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – In a similar manner to the onsite substation, one BESS will be constructed for the entire 400MW project. The BESS will be added in a phased approach as required. Each project phase may or may not require a BESS, depending on the Power Purchase Agreement requirements.
- » Site offices, warehouses, and guardhouses.
- » Water storage tanks at admin block for human consumption.
- » Laydown areas.
- » Internal gravel distribution roads.

**Project Location:** Located approximately 8km south-west of Mopane and 39km south-west of Musina, within the Musina Local Municipality and the Vhembe District Municipality in the Limpopo Province.

### Solar PV Facilities

Project	Property/ies
Mutsho Solar PV1 (100MW)	» Farm Vrienden 589 MS – Solar Energy PV Facilities and associated infrastructure.
Mutsho Solar PV2 (100MW)	
Mutsho Solar PV3 (100MW)	
Mutsho Solar PV4 (100MW)	

**Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA):** 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 S&EIA process is required for each Solar PV Facility. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required S&EIA and public participation processes for these projects.

**EIA Reports available for Review and Comment.** The EIA Reports for each of the renewable energy facilities are available for download, review, and comment on the Savannah Environmental website. The 30-day review and comment period of the EIA Reports is from **Friday, 13 January 2023** until **Monday, 13 February 2023**.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below.

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## Documents for public review are available for download.

Please click on the “Register Interest” button to obtain the Registration Code to access the project’s documents under the “View Download Page.

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**Appendix O - Site Sensitivity Verification Report**

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank those Stakeholders and I&APs who submitted their written comments on the EIARs and we kindly urge those who have not yet submitted their written comments on the EIARs to please do so before or on **13 February 2023**.

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**Attachments:** SE2987 Mutsho Solar BID\_Eng\_D1.pdf; SE2987 Mutsho Solar Reg&Comm Form-FINAL.pdf

### MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

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- **Mutsho Solar PV 1: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2180**
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Mr Samuel Makhlimela  
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Dear Mr Makhlimela,

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Kindly find attached a Background Information Document containing details of the project.

The Scoping Reports for these four (4) Applications are still available on our website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/mutsho/> and the release code to download the reports is: D70GwFyz

Savannah Environmental is in the process of drafting the Basic Assessment Report for the Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI) and we will notify you once the report is available for review and comment.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

Kind regards,



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**Subject:** Re: PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATED POWER END USER  
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Thank you for the information.

Greetings

Karin Marais

On Tue, 14 Feb 2023, 04:37 Savannah Public Process, <[publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com)> wrote:

Dear Ms Marais,

An offtaker for this project has not been finalised yet. However, any potential offtaker agreement can either be a public or private agreement. The generated electricity is planned to be exported via the National Grid and this electricity can be procured by Eskom or sold to one or more private offtakers through a process called wheeling.

Kind regards,



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Good day

Could you kindly inform whether the electricity generated by the proposed MUTSHO facility will be supplied to the National Grid for public utilization or whether it's end user is the proposed MSEZ development?

Greetings

Karin Marais

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### **MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (DFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

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