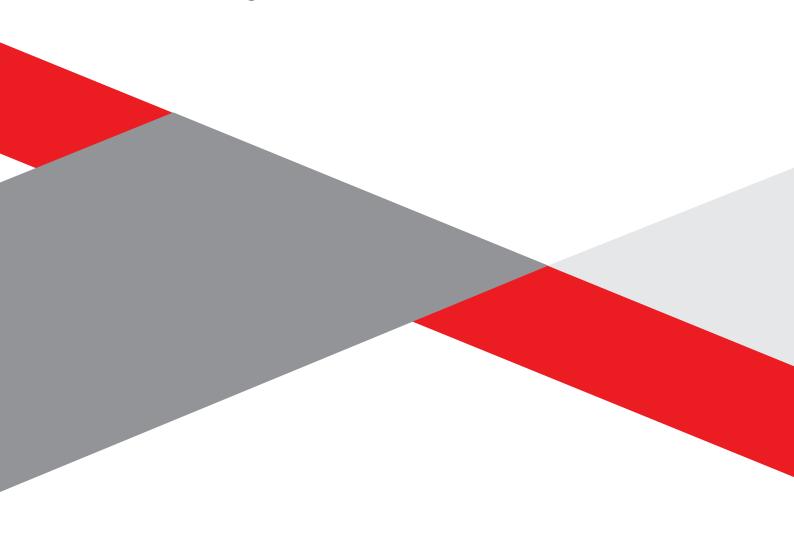
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Sent: Thursday, 12 January 2023 12:00

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**Subject:** SE2897-MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED

INFRASTRUCTURE: Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment Reports available

for review and comment

Attachments: SE2987 Mutsho PV EIArs Notification Letter-FINAL.pdf

# 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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Subject: SE3241: Sibanye Solar PVs EIArs Available for Review & Comment

Attachments: SE3241-Sibanye Solar PV ElArs Notification BCAdmin.pdf

# DEVELOPMENT OF THREE SOLAR PV FACILITIES, ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE SA PGM PV PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN RUSTERNBURG AND MARIKANA, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

(NW DEDECT Reference Nos.:

SRPM Solar PV: NWP/EIA/34/2022
Karee Solar PV: NWP/EIA/35/2022
Marikana Solar PV: NWP/EIA/36/2022)

Dear Mr Lekota,

The development of renewable energy facilities is proposed by various Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs). The project entails the development of three (3) separate solar Photovoltaic (PV) facilities with a combined contracted capacity of up to 205MW and will be known as SRPM Solar PV, Karee Solar PV, and Marikana Solar PV respectively, each including a grid connection and other associated infrastructure. The Solar PV facilities are based near current Sibanye Stillwater mining operations ~6km east of the town of Rustenburg, 3km east of the town of Photshaneng and 8km east from the town of Marikana within the Rustenburg and Madibeng Local Municipalities respectively, and within the greater Bonjanala Platinum District Municipality, North West Province (NWP). The projects will all tie-in to the electricity grid behind the Eskom meter at the respective Sibanye customer substations.

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# The Release Code to download the Reports is: v2kEoES

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# PROOF OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT UPLOAD ON SAVANNAH ENVIRONMENTAL WEBSITE

# 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**

- » 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.

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- » 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.
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**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.

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# MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MUSINA, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

(DFFE Reference Nos.: Mutsho Solar PV1 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2180; Mutsho Solar PV2 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2181; Mutsho Solar PV3 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2182 & Mutsho Solar PV4 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2183)

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Mutsho Power (Pty) Ltd proposes the construction and operation of four (4) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities, each with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW, and Electrical Grid Infrastructure comprising a 132kV onsite substation (for the entire 4 x 100MW project), and a 132kV double circuit overhead power line from the onsite substation 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).

The four (4) Solar PV Energy Facilities and grid connection infrastructure are proposed on a site 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 on Remaining Extent of Farm Vrienden 589 MS.

Our letter dated 12 January 2023 in which we notified registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIArs) for the four (4) Solar PV Energy Facilities are available for review and comment from 13 January 2023 to 13 February 2023, has reference.

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**.

The EIArs can be downloaded from our website: CLICK HERE

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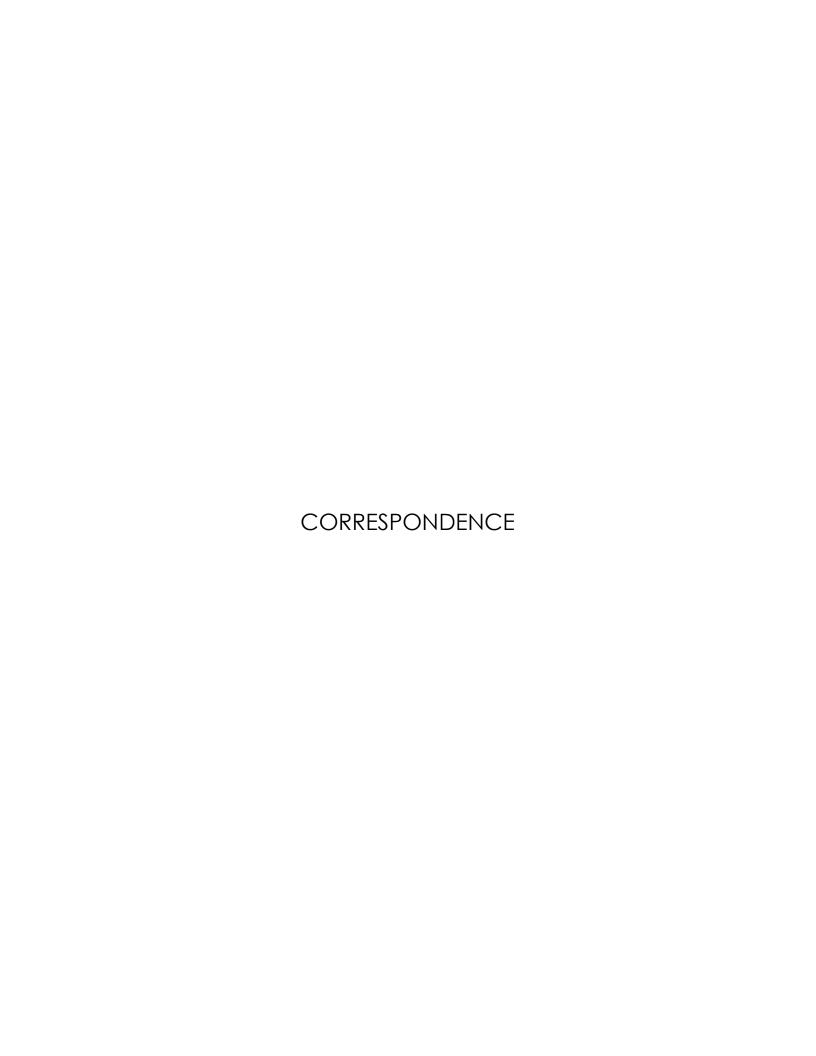
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Dear Ms Mudau & Mr Mathetja,

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The website link to download the reports is <a href="https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/mutsho/">https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/mutsho/</a> and the release code for all four reports is D70GwFyz

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

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# Solar PV Energy Facilities:

» Remaining Extent of Farm Vrienden 589 MS

# Electrical Grid Infrastructure:

- Remaining Extent of Farm Vrienden 589 MS
- » Grootpraat 564 MS
- » Remaining Extent of Farm Steenbok 565 MS
- Farm 617 MS
- » Remaining Extent of Farm Somme 611 MS
- » Groot Endaba 581 MS
- » Remaining Extent of Farm Antrobus 566 MS
- Portion 2 of Farm Scott 567 MS

Each Solar PV Energy Facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project by a separate Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and will therefore be assessed through separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes. Similarly, the grid connection solution will be subjected to a separate Basic Assessment (BA) process in order to facilitate handover of this



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infrastructure to Eskom once constructed. A combined five (5) applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) are therefore currently being pursued as follows:

- » Four (4) Solar PV Facility EAs
- One (1) EGI EA

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 will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and provide comment on all the projects.

# **AVAILABILTY OF SCOPING REPORT AND COMMENT**

Scoping Reports available for public review and comment: The Scoping Reports for each of the renewable energy facilities are available for download, review, and comment on the Savannah Environmental website (https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/). The 30day review and comment period of the Scoping Reports is from Tuesday, 26 July 2022 until Friday, 26 August 2022. The availability of the BA 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 Scoping Reports by 26 August 2022 via our online stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or:

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Post: PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157 E-mail: <u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>

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 Scoping Report 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 PPP 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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Electrical Grid Infrastructure

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Associated equipment, infrastructure, and buildings.

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132kV onsite substation to the existing Nzhelele Substation.

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## Mutsho Solar Energy Facilities

SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE 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, and Electrical Grid Infrastructure comprising a 132W online substation (for the entire 4 x 100MW project), and a 132W obuble circuit overhead power line from the onsite substation to the Nizhelele 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

- » 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 constructed, the estisting 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 Section 1997.
- » 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

#### Solar PV Facilities

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

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Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (SEEA) and Basic Assessment (BAI Processer: In terms of Sections 24 and 240 of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 - R327, as amended, a SEEA process is required for each Soiler PV Facility. Similarly, a BAI process is required for the give connection instruments—Savenman Environmental is undertaking the required SEEA, BA, and public participation processes for these projects.

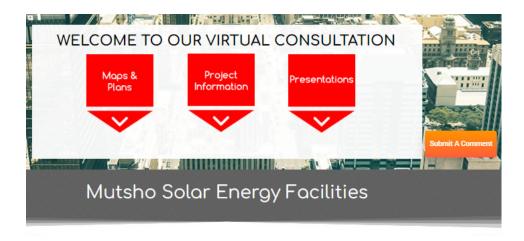
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To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below.

Nondumiso Bulunga af Savannah Environment. P.O. Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157 Tet 011 656 3237 Mobile: 060 978 8396 Fax: 086 684 0547

Documents for public review are available for download.





Mutsho PV3

Scoping Report

Appendix A - Project consulting team CVs

Appendix B - Authority Correspondence

Appendix C - Public Participation

Appendix D - Terrestrial Scoping Report

Appendix E - Freshwater and Soils Scoping Assessment

Appendix F - Heritage Scoping Assessment

Appendix G - Visual Scoping Report

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Appendix I - Specialist Declarations

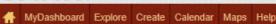
Appendix J - Maps

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Appendix L - EAP Declaration

Appendix M - SG Codes for the Affected Properties







# Proposed development of the Mutsho Solar PV 3 Energy Facility and associated EGI near Musina, Limpopo

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Development Type: Solar ProposalDescription:

Proposed development of the Mutsho Solar PV 3 Energy Facility and associated EGI near Musina, Limpopo

ApplicationDate: Friday, July 29, 2022 - 09:54

Applicants: Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd

Consultants/Experts: Jenna Lavin

OtherReferences:

Heritage Reports: Heritage Screener: Mutsho Cluster West PV Facilities

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ReferenceList:

#### AdditionalDocuments

- 1. SE2987 Mutsho PV3 AppA EIA Project Consulting Team.pdf
- 2. d SE2987 Mutsho PV3 AppB Authority Consultation.pdf
- SE2987 Mutsho PV3 AppC1 Stakeholder I&AP Database (Public).pdf
- 4. SE2987 Mutsho PV3 AppC2 Site Notices and Newspaper Advertisement.pdf
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SAHRA	Khumalo	Nokukhanya
SAHRA	Khumalo	Nokukhanya
Roads Agency Limpopo	Ventre	Mariette
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Musina Local Municipality	Siaphi	Shirilele
Musina Local Municipality	Mphephu	Musiwalo
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Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case applications, please ensure that the status of the cases is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.

Kind Regards, Nokukhanya

I will be working from home until further notice. Please contact me via email primarily or call me on 0839879817 during business hours.

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#### Dear Ms Venter

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Mutsho Solar Photovoltaic Facilities. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms Rabothata and myself (Both copied on this email).

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: <a href="mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za">BCAdmin@environment.gov.za</a> for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota

#### Regards,

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Dear Ms Sekonko,

The website link is: <a href="https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/mutsho/">https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/mutsho/</a> and the release code

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Importance: High

## Good day

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## Kind regards

Ria

From: Ria Barkhuizen (NR) <Barkhuizenr@nra.co.za>

**Sent:** Monday, 01 August 2022 13:56

**To:** Savannah Public Process

**Subject:** RE: SE2897 - MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED

**INFRASTRUCTURE** 

### Good day

This email is an acknowledgement of receipt for your enquiry.

Please note that in line with requirements of Section 29 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (Act No 16 of 2013) read with Section 3 of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (Act No 3 of 2000) SANRAL have 30 days to acknowledge receipt of your application and 90 days to evaluate and provide response.

Should you not receive any response within 120 days, kindly follow up on the enquiry by responding to Jan Oliver who will be dealing with it and will convert back to you. He can be contacted on (012) 426-6242 / Cell 081 010 6403.

Tx and Regards

Ria

### **Nicolene Venter**

From: Nicolene Venter

**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 August 2022 02:36

**To:** 'Victoria Bota (NR)'; Yogie Naidoo (NR)

Cc: NR Statutory Control

Subject: RE: SE2987: MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED

INFRASTRUCTURE - Invitation to Focus Group Meeting

Good Morning,

The calendar invitation to the Focus Group Meeting has been forwarded to the NR Statutory Control i.e. <a href="mailto:nrstatutory@nra.co.za">nrstatutory@nra.co.za</a>.

Kind regards,



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From: Victoria Bota (NR) <BotaV@nra.co.za>

Sent: Monday, 15 August 2022 16:01

To: Yogie Naidoo (NR) <Naidoy@nra.co.za>; Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>

Cc: NR Statutory Control <nrstatutory@nra.co.za>

Subject: RE: SE2987: MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE -

Invitation to Focus Group Meeting

Good day

Please send these to the statutory control section at NR Statutory Control nrstatutory@nra.co.za,

Kind regards,

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----Original Appointment----

From: Yogie Naidoo (NR) < Naidoy@nra.co.za > Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 3:37 PM
To: Nicolene Venter; Victoria Bota (NR)

Subject: Accepted: SE2987: MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE -

Invitation to Focus Group Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (UTC+02:00) Harare, Pretoria.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Good Day

Could you please forward these emails to Victoria Bota BotaV@nra.co.za in future

Many thanks

## **Nicolene Venter**

Subject: SE2987: MUTSHO SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED

INFRASTRUCTURE - Invitation to Focus Group Meeting

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Start:** Wed 2022/08/17 12:00 **End:** Wed 2022/08/17 13:00

**Show Time As:** Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Nicolene Venter

**Required Attendees:** Mmakoena Mmola; Will Swart; Siphumelele Mqadi

**Optional Attendees:** Savannah Public Process; Marius Meyer

**Resources:** nrstatutory@nra.co.za

Dear Organs of State and Commenting Authorities,,

Mutsho Power (Pty) Ltd proposes the construction and operation of four (4) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities, each with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW, and Electrical Grid Infrastructure comprising a 132kV onsite substation (for the entire 4 x 100MW project), and a 132kV double circuit overhead power line from the onsite substation 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).

**Scoping Reports available for public review and comment:** The Scoping Reports for each of the renewable energy facilities are available for download, review, and comment on the Savannah Environmental website (<a href="https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/">https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/</a>). The 30-day review and comment period of the Scoping Reports is from **Tuesday, 26 July 2022** until **Friday, 26 August 2022**.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you, as the local authority, to the Focus Group Meeting (FGM) taking place on **Thursday**, **11 August 2022** at **10h30** via **MS Teams**.

The purpose of the FGM is to present the following to you as local authority:

- brief background to the proposed projects;
- an overview of the Scoping process followed;
- a summary of the key environmental findings as documented in the Scoping Reports;
- an opportunity to seek clarity and raise comments and/or concerns; and
- to record comments raised at the FGM.

We look forward to the engagement and acceptance of this meeting invite.

Kind regards,

# Microsoft Teams meeting

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