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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party

THE PAARDE VALLEY PV2 SWITCHING STATION, 132 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE TO THE VETLAAGTE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS), AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE: NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

(DFFE REF No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2585)

This letter serves to notify all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment's (DFFE) decision in respect of the Application for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 ("NEMA") (Act 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations (2014), as amended, for the proposed Paarde Valley PV2 Switching Station, 132 kV Overhead Powerline to Vetlaagte Main Transmission Substation (MTS), and associated Infrastructure, near De Aar in the Northern Cape Province. Furthermore, the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations are also outlined herein, should an I&AP wish to appeal DFFE's decision.

Note: The contact details of all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for the project will be made available to any appellant(s), in the case of an appeal, as required in terms of Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations (2014), as amended. Should you object to this intended use of your personal information (which is currently included in the registered I&AP database), please inform Ms Tilly Watermeyer of Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants upon receipt of this notification, or by 16 January 2023.

1. Decision

You are hereby notified, on behalf of the Paarde Valley PV2 (Pty) Ltd, that the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) has issued an Environmental Authorisation in terms of Chapter 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, for the Proposed Paarde Valley PV2 Switching Station, 132 kV Overhead Powerline to Vetlaagte Main Transmission Substation (MTS), and Associated Infrastructure, near De Aar in the Northern Cape Province.

DFFE has **granted Environmental Authorisation** to the Applicant to undertake the following activities with respect to the development of the Paarde Valley PV2 Switching Station, 132 kV Overhead Powerline to Vetlaagte Main Transmission Substation (MTS), and associated infrastructure, described in the Basic Assessment Report dated September 2022 for the proposed project, i.e. Activities 11, 12, 19, 27, 28, 48 & 56 of Listing Notice 1 (GN R983, as amended), and

Activities 4, 10, 12, 14, 18 & 23 of Listing Notice 3 (GN R985, as amended), listed in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014), as amended.

The Environmental Authorisation, dated 5 December 2022 and issued on 6 December 2022 outlines the decision, conditions of authorisation, the reasons of the Competent Authority for the decision (refer to Appendix 1 of the EA attached), the details of the Applicant and decision maker, and the appeal process in terms of the National Appeal Regulations (2014), as amended. A copy of the Environmental Authorisation is attached herewith as Appendix 1, for your convenience.

Please note: Minor editorial errors have been detected in the Environmental Authorisation for the authorised project. A request to DFFE will be made by the Holder of the EA, to correct these errors.

2. Right to Appeal

We would like to draw your attention to your right to appeal against the decision to the Minister in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 8 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), as outlined within the Environmental Authorisation.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against the decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party¹, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date² that the notification of the decision was sent to registered interested and affected parties by the applicant, or the date³ that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of the Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appealsdirector@dfpe.gov.za;

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko,
Arcadia,
Pretoria,
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
0001;

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the DFFE's website at https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirector@dfpe.gov.za.

¹ The registered I&AP database can be requested from Ms Tilly Watermeyer of Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants on paardevalleygridppp@gmail.com by an Appellant.

² This letter serves as notification and was sent to I&APs on 13 December 2022.

³ The decision was sent to the Applicant by the Department on 6 December 2022.

Should you have any queries please contact Ms Tilly Watermeyer, Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants, PostNet Suite #108, Private Bag X12, Tokai 7966, Tel: 060 319 1217 or Email: paardevalleygridppp@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1:

**NATIONAL APPEAL REGULATIONS, 2014 (GN R993 IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE
NO. 38303, 08 DECEMBER 2014)**

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

No. R. 993

8 December 2014

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

NATIONAL APPEAL REGULATIONS

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby make the regulations pertaining to the processing, consideration of, and decision on appeals, under section 44(1)(a) read with section 43(4) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as set out in the Schedule hereto.



BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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CHAPTER 1

INTERPRETATION AND PURPOSE OF REGULATIONS

Interpretation

1. (1) In these Regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, and unless the context requires otherwise—

“appeal administrator” means a holder of an office in the Department or Provincial Department responsible for environmental affairs who administers the appeal on behalf of the appeal authority;

“appeal authority” is the Minister, the MEC or a person delegated the power to decide on appeals by the Minister or MEC, as the case may be;

“appellant” means any person who is entitled to submit an appeal in terms of the legislation referred to in regulation 3(1) of these Regulations;

“decision-maker” means an official who has been delegated the authority to make a decision in terms of the laws referred to in regulation 3(1) of these Regulations;

“applicant” means a person to whom a decision has been issued in terms of the Act or specific environmental management Act;

“independent”, in relation to a person appointed as a member of an appeal panel or a person providing an appeal authority with expert advice as contemplated in regulation 6 of these Regulations, means—

- (a) that such a person has no business, financial, personal or other interest in the appeal in respect of which that person is appointed in terms of these Regulations other than fair remuneration for work performed in connection with that appeal; and
- (b) that there are no circumstances that may compromise the objectivity of that person in performing such work;

“the Act” means the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

- (2) When a period of days must be reckoned in terms of these Regulations, the period must be reckoned as from the start of the day following that particular day to the end of the last day of the period, but if the last day of the period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, and the period of 15 December to 5 January must be excluded from the reckoning of days.
- (3) Where a prescribed timeframe is affected by one or more public holidays, the timeframe must be extended by the number of public holiday days falling within that timeframe.

Purpose of Regulations

2. The purpose of these Regulations is to regulate the procedure contemplated in section 43(4) of the Act relating to the submission, processing and consideration of, a decision on an appeal.

Application of Regulations

3. (1) These Regulations are applicable to an appeal in terms of section 43 of the Act to the Minister or MEC against a decision taken in terms of the:

- (a) Environment Conservation Act, 1989 (Act No. 73 of 1989);
- (b) National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998);
- (c) National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004);
- (d) National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004); or
- (e) National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008);

and subordinate legislation made in terms of any of these Acts.

- (2) No appeal is available if the Minister or MEC took the decision himself or herself in his or her capacity as the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority.
- (3) An appeal against a decision by an official or municipal manager acting under delegated authority from a metropolitan, district or local municipality must be submitted, processed and considered in terms of section 62 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000).

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION AND PROCESSING OF APPEALS

Appeal submission

4. (1) An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from:

- (a) the date that the notification of the decision for an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management licence was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or
 - (b) the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority, in the case of decisions other than those referred to in paragraph (a).
- (2) An appeal submission must be—
- (a) submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator; and
 - (b) accompanied by—
 - (i) a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;
 - (ii) supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and
 - (iii) a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm compliance with regulation 4(1) of these Regulations.

Responding statement

5. The applicant, the decision-maker, interested and affected parties and organ of state must submit their responding statement, if any, to the appeal authority and the appellant within 20 days from the date of receipt of the appeal submission.

Appeal panel

6. (1) If the appeal authority reasonably believes that expert advice must be sought or that an appeal panel must be appointed, the appeal administrator must source an independent expert or constitute an independent appeal panel, or both, within 10 days from the date of receipt of an instruction from the appeal authority.
- (2) The appeal panel contemplated in subregulation (1) may consist of such number of independent experts and with such expertise as the Appeal Authority may deem necessary under the circumstances;
- (3) The expert or appeal panel must provide advice to the appeal administrator within 10 days from the receipt of an instruction from the appeal administrator.

Recommendations and decisions on appeals

7. (1) The appeal administrator must make a recommendation on the appeal to the appeal authority within 30 days of receipt of the responding statement referred to in regulation 5 of these Regulations, in the event that an independent expert has not been sourced or an independent appeal panel has not been constituted.
- (2) The appeal administrator must make a recommendation on the appeal to the appeal authority within 10 days of receipt of the advice referred to in regulation 6(2) of these Regulations, in the event that an independent expert has been sourced or an independent appeal panel has been constituted.
- (3) The appeal authority must reach a decision on an appeal, and notify the appellant, applicant, and any registered interested and affected party, within 20 days of the recommendation on the appeal by the appeal administrator.
- (4) The decision contemplated in subregulation (3) must contain written reasons for the decision.

Communication

8. (1) A person may deliver documents in terms of these regulations by using one of the delivery methods referred to in section 47D of the Act.
- (2) In order to meet the time periods determined in these regulations, the person referred to in subregulation (1), must also email, fax or hand deliver the document to the recipient, if the document is delivered by ordinary mail or registered mail.

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL MATTERS

Repeal of regulations

9. The regulations mentioned in the Table in Annexure 1 to these Regulations are hereby repealed or amended to the extent set out in the third column of the Table.

Transitional arrangements

10. (1) An appeal lodged prior to the commencement of these Regulations, and which is still pending when these Regulations takes effect, must be finalised in terms of the legislation that applied at the time when the appeal was lodged.
- (2) An appeal lodged after the commencement of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 must be submitted, processed and considered in terms of these Regulations.

Short title and commencement

11. These Regulations are called the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, and take effect on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

ANNEXURE 1

REGULATIONS REPEALED		
Date and year of publication	Short title	Extent of repeal
Government Notice No. R.543, <i>Gazette No. 33306</i> of 18 June 2010.	Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010.	Chapter 7.

Appendix 2:

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PAARDE VALLEY PV2 SWITCHING
STATION, 132 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE TO THE VETLAAGTE MAIN
TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE DATED
5 DECEMBER 2022**



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DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2585

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PER EMAIL

Dear Mr Morse

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ACT NO. 107 OF 1998, AS AMENDED: FOR THE PAARDE VALLEY PV2 SWITCHING STATION, 132KV OVERHEAD POWER LINE TO THE VETLAAGTE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

With reference to the above application, please be advised that the Department has decided to grant authorisation. The Environmental Authorisation (EA) and reasons for the decision are attached herewith.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within fourteen (14) days of the date of the decision, of the Department's decision as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the EIA Regulations.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013) which stipulate that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within twenty (20) days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

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By post: Private Bag X447
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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirectorate@dffe.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

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Environmental Authorisation

In terms of Regulation 25 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended

**THE PAARDE VALLEY PV2 SWITCHING STATION, 132KV OVERHEAD POWER LINE TO THE
VETLAAGTE MAIN TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION (MTS) AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality

Authorisation register number:	14/12/16/3/3/1/2585
Last amended:	First issue
Holder of authorisation:	Paarde Valley PV2 (Pty) Ltd
Location of activity:	Remainder of Portion 2 of Farm Paarde Valley No. 145 Portions 6, 29, 30, 31 and 43 of Farm Paarde Valley No. 145 Remainder of Farm Du Plessis Dam No. 179 Remainder of Portion 4 of Farm Vetlaagte No. 268 Erf 266, Erf 268, Erf 5113, Erf 5114, Erf 5115, Erf 5122, Erf 5121, Erf 5123, Erf 5127, Erf 5315 and Erf 5316 Emthanjeni Local Municipality Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality Northern Cape Province

This authorisation does not negate the holder of the authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.

Decision

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this Environmental Authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activities specified below.

Non-compliance with a condition of this Environmental Authorisation may result in criminal prosecution or other actions provided for in the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in Annexure 1.

Activities authorised

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, the Department hereby authorises –

PAARDE VALLEY PV2 (PTY) LTD

(hereafter referred to as the **holder of the authorisation**)

with the following contact details –

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to undertake the following activities (hereafter referred to as “the activity”) indicated in Listing Notice 1 and Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended:

Activity number	Activity description
<p><u>Listing Notice 1, Item 11:</u> <i>“The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity— (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts”</i></p>	<p>The project includes the development of a 132kV overhead power line, 132kV switching station and 132kV feeder bay and associated infrastructure.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 1, item 12:</u> <i>“The development of (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square meters or more; where such development occurs within (a) a watercourse and (c) within 32 meters of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.”</i></p>	<p>The construction of a 132kV overhead power line and associated infrastructure (e.g., service roads), switching station and feeder bay would have a combined footprint larger than 100 square meters. The site consists of drainage lines and watercourses, which would be crossed by the power line and service roads and/or be located within 32m of a drainage line or watercourse.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 1, Item 19:</u> <i>“The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse.”</i></p>	<p>The grid connection and associated service road(s) would traverse watercourses on the site. The construction would require the infilling or depositing of more than 10 cubic meters or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic meters from a watercourse.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 1, Item 27:</u> <i>“The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for is required for- (i) The undertaking of a linear activity.”</i></p>	<p>The construction of the development would require the clearance of more than 1ha of indigenous vegetation. The majority of clearance of vegetation would be associated with the linear activities (i.e., the gridline and associated service road and access road to the switching station).</p>

<p><u>Listing Notice 1, Item 28:</u> <i>“Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial, or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes, or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development: (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1ha”</i></p>	<p>The development of the project would change the land use from agriculture to mixed use, i.e., agriculture and electricity transmission. The development site is located outside an urban area, and has a development footprint of more than 1ha.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 1, Item 48</u> <i>“The expansion of— (i) infrastructure or structures where the physical footprint is expanded by 100 square metres or more; where such expansion occurs— (a) within a watercourse; (c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse”</i></p>	<p>The project may result in the expansion of infrastructure (e.g., road(s)) or structures by more than 100 square metres which may be within a watercourse or within 32m of a watercourse.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 1, Item 56</u> <i>“The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre – where the existing reserve is wider than 13,5 meters; or where no road reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres”</i></p>	<p>Existing farm access roads may need to be widened or lengthened. These roads may have no road reserve and may be wider than 8m in some sections.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 3, Item 4:</u> <i>“The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres. g. Northern Cape ii. Outside urban areas: (ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans (gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from</i></p>	<p>The service roads associated with the overhead power line would be 6m in width. The switching station access road would be approximately 8m wide. The site falls outside an urban area. Sections of the site comprise Critical Biodiversity Areas and/or are located within 5km of the De Aar Nature Reserve.</p>

<p><i>the core areas of a biosphere reserve, excluding disturbed areas.”</i></p>	
<p><u>Listing Notice 3, Item 10:</u> <i>“The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or storage and handling of a dangerous good where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 30 but not exceeding 80 cubic metres</i> <i>g. Northern Cape</i> <i>ii. Areas within a watercourse or wetland; or within 100 metres from the edge of a watercourse or wetland.</i> <i>iii. Outside urban areas:</i> <i>(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</i> <i>(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core areas of a biosphere reserve, excluding disturbed areas.”</i></p>	<p>The switching station, access road and northern sections of the power line route alternatives fall within a Critical Biodiversity Area 2. There is a protected area, the De Aar Nature Reserve approximately within 5km of the development site. The construction and operation of the switching station will require the handling and storage of dangerous substances. The storage facilities will have a combined capacity of less than 80m³. The substances required to be stored will include diesel, transformer oil, fuel, etc. During construction, diesel is required for construction vehicles as well as generators for the construction camp. During operations, diesel is required for operations and maintenance vehicles as well as for backup diesel generators at the substation if required.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 3, Item 12:</u> <i>“The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation</i> <i>g. Northern cape</i> <i>ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.”</i></p>	<p>The project, including switching station, grid connection and associated infrastructure may require the clearance of more than 300 square metres of indigenous vegetation from areas identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 3, Item 14:</u> <i>“The development of—</i> <i>(ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more;</i> <i>where such development occurs—</i> <i>(a) within a watercourse; or</i></p>	<p>The grid connection project and associated infrastructure (e.g., service roads) would entail the construction of infrastructure with a footprint greater than 10 square metres within a watercourse (i.e., at watercourse crossings) or within 32m of a watercourse. The site falls outside an urban area.</p>

<p><i>(c) within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.</i></p> <p><i>g. Northern Cape</i></p> <p><i>ii. Outside urban areas:</i></p> <p><i>(ff) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;</i></p> <p><i>(hh) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve”</i></p>	<p>Sections of the site comprise Critical Biodiversity Areas and/or are located within 5km of the De Aar Nature Reserve.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 3, Item 18</u></p> <p><i>“The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre.</i></p> <p><i>(g) Northern Cape</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Outside urban areas:</i></p> <p><i>(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;</i></p> <p><i>(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve;</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Areas within a watercourse or wetland; or within 100 metres from the edge of a watercourse or wetland”</i></p>	<p>Existing roads would be used as far as practically possible. Such existing roads may be widened and/or lengthened. The service road(s) associated with the grid connection would entail the widening of sections of existing roads by potentially up to an additional 4m, within Critical Biodiversity Areas and/or within 5km of the De Aar Nature Reserve and/or within a watercourse or within 100m from the edge of a watercourse or wetland.</p>
<p><u>Listing Notice 3, Item 23</u></p> <p><i>“The expansion of –</i></p> <p><i>(ii) infrastructure or structures where the physical footprint is expanded by 10 square metres or more;</i></p> <p><i>Where such expansion occurs –</i></p> <p><i>(a) Within a watercourse;</i></p>	<p>The expansion of existing infrastructure, such as roads, some of which are located within a watercourse or within 32m of a watercourse. The site falls outside an urban area. Sections of the site comprise Critical Biodiversity Areas and/or are located within 5km of the De Aar Nature Reserve.</p>

<p><i>(c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse; in the</i></p> <p><i>(g) Northern Cape</i></p> <p><i>(i) Outside urban areas;</i></p> <p><i>(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;</i></p> <p><i>(gg) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any other protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve."</i></p>	
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as described in the Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated September 2022 at:

Coordinates: On-site Switching Station

	Latitude	Longitude
A	30° 37' 29.99"S	24° 00' 41.44"E
B	30° 37' 33.21"S	24° 00' 41.44"E
C	30° 37' 33.22"S	24° 00' 37.50"E
D	30° 37' 29.99"S	24° 00' 37.49"E

Coordinates: 132kV Feeder Bay

	Latitude	Longitude
	30° 37' 31.60"S	24° 00' 39.46"E

Coordinates: Power Line

	Latitude	Longitude
Start	30° 37' 30.18"S	24° 00' 41.46"E
B	30° 37' 32.44"S	24° 00' 47.06"E
C	30° 37' 32.33"S	24° 00' 57.39"E
D	30° 38' 08.00"S	24° 02' 27.53"E
E	30° 38' 34.21"S	24° 05' 08.07"E
F	30° 38' 49.61"S	24° 05' 18.91"E

G	30° 39' 00.15"S	24° 05' 24.70"E
H	30° 41' 14.09"S	24° 05' 34.32"E
I	30° 41' 15.47"S	24° 05' 39.02"E
J	30° 41' 21.82"S	24° 05' 37.10"E
K	30° 41' 19.11"S	24° 05' 27.21"E
L	30° 39' 01.65"S	24° 05' 17.20"E
M	30° 38' 53.10"S	24° 05' 12.40"E
N	30° 38' 40.02"S	24° 05' 03.36"E
O	30° 38' 14.38"S	24° 02' 25.27"E
P	30° 37' 38.82"S	24° 00' 55.67"E
Q	30° 37' 39.00"S	24° 00' 45.81"E
End	30° 37' 36.33"S	24° 00' 38.62"E

Coordinates: Access Road

	Latitude	Longitude
Start	30° 37' 49.59"S	23° 59' 37.99"E
T	30° 37' 48.15"S	23° 59' 38.75"E
U	30° 37' 47.21"S	23° 59' 38.82"E
V	30° 37' 45.95"S	24° 00' 08.98"E
W	30° 37' 33.58"S	24° 00' 09.14"E
X	30° 37' 33.56"S	24° 00' 41.89"E
Y	30° 37' 29.83"S	24° 00' 41.88"E
End	30° 37' 29.82"S	24° 00' 38.84"E

21 Digit SG Code

Project Component	SG Code
Switching Station and Access Road	C05700000000014500002
132kV Feeder Bay	C05700030000026800000
Gridline to Vetlaagte MTS Substation	C05700000000014500002
	C05700000000014500006
	C05700000000014500029
	C05700000000014500030
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- for the Paarde Valley PV2 switching station, 132kV overhead power line to the Vetlaagte Main Transmission Substation and its associated infrastructure near De Aar in the Northern Cape Province, hereafter referred to as "the property".

Infrastructure associated with the proposed project include the following:

Overhead Power Line (OHPL):

- Height of pylons: Up to 32m;
- Type of poles/pylons to be used: Double Circuit configuration. The alternatives under consideration and assessed are steel lattice or monopole structures in line with Eskom required specifications;
- Transmission line capacity: 132kV;
- Length of OHPL: approximately 12.7km & 200m wide corridor;
- OHPL Service Road (to lie within the OHPL servitude):
 - Length of OHPL service road(s) – Twin tracked service road following line route with a length of approximately 12.7km;
 - Width of OHPL service road(s): 6m.

Switching Station:

- The 132kV Switching Station will be located adjacent to the authorised Paarde Valley PV2 Solar Energy Facility's on-site substation and occupy a footprint of approximately 50 m – 100m x 100m;
- Control building, relay room, backup generator, storage warehouse, water tanks and ablutions. Area occupied by buildings: +-1.0ha;
- Switching Station Access Road (separate access servitude from the nearest public road to the Switching Station yard):
 - Compacted gravel;
 - Length of access road: +- 2.34km; and
 - Width of access road: 8m.
- Security fencing height: 2.4m:
 - Type of fencing: Eskom standard palisade fencing + chain-link fencing for temporary works.
- Capacity of on-site switching station: 132kV.

132kV Feeder Bay at the Vetlaagte Main Transmission Substation (MTS) within authorised MTS footprint

- As part of the Paarde Valley PV2 Grid Connection self-build works, Eskom will require the project to perform the following works at the authorised Vetlaagte MTS;
- Establishing a new 132kV feeder bay:
 - Extending the 132kV double busbars at the MTS by one bay;
 - Installing the overhead steel gantry structures connecting the 132kV powerline to the 132kV busbars of the MTS; and
 - Works to include all the associated electrical protection and metering components as required by Eskom.
- All the above works falls within the footprint of the Vetlaagte MTS.

Conditions of this Environmental Authorisation

Scope of authorisation

1. The establishment of the Paarde Valley PV2 switching station, 132kV overhead power line to the Vetlaagte Main Transmission Substation (MTS) and its associated infrastructure near De Aar in the Northern Cape Province, as described above is hereby approved.

2. Authorisation of the activity is subject to the conditions contained in this Environmental Authorisation, which form part of the Environmental Authorisation and are binding on the holder of the authorisation.
3. The holder of the authorisation is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in this Environmental Authorisation. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, servant, contractor, sub-contractor, employee, consultant or person rendering a service to the holder of the authorisation.
4. The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property as described above.
5. Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this Environmental Authorisation must be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder of the authorisation to apply for further Environmental Authorisation in terms of the regulations.
6. The holder of an Environmental Authorisation must apply for an amendment of the Environmental Authorisation with the competent authority for any alienation, transfer or change of ownership rights in the property on which the activity is to take place.
7. This activity must commence within a period of ten (10) years from the date of issue of this Environmental Authorisation. If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for Environmental Authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.
8. Construction must be completed within five (5) years of the commencement of the activity on site.
9. Commencement with one activity listed in terms of this Environmental Authorisation constitutes commencement of all authorised activities.

Notification of authorisation and right to appeal

10. The holder of the authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) calendar days of the date of this Environmental Authorisation, of the decision to authorise the activity.
11. The notification referred to must –
 - 11.1. specify the date on which the authorisation was issued;
 - 11.2. inform the interested and affected party of the appeal procedure provided for in the National Appeal Regulations, 2014;

- 11.3. advise the interested and affected party that a copy of the authorisation will be furnished on request;
and
- 11.4. give the reasons of the Competent Authority for the decision.

Commencement of the activity

12. The authorised activity shall not commence until the period for the submission of appeals has lapsed as per the National Appeal Regulations, 2014, and no appeal has been lodged against the decision. In terms of Section 43(7), an appeal under Section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended will suspend the Environmental Authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal has been finalised.

Management of the activity

13. A final site layout map for the power lines and substations and all associated infrastructure, as determined by the detailed engineering phase and micro-siting of the power line route and pylon structures, and all mitigation measures as dictated by the final site layout map, must be submitted to the Department for approval prior to construction. A copy of the final site layout map must be made available for comments to registered Interested and Affected Parties and the holder of this Environmental Authorisation must consider such comments. Once amended, the final development layout map must be submitted to the Department for written approval prior to commencement of the activity. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - 13.1. The power lines and the substations;
 - 13.2. The specific position of the pylon structures and foundation footprints;
 - 13.3. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads;
 - 13.4. All associated infrastructure within the assessed study area. The dimensions of the structures must be indicated;
 - 13.5. All sensitive environmental features that will be affected by the development; and
 - 13.6. All “no-go” and buffer areas.
14. Part C (Site Specific Environmental Attributes) of the generic Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs) for the power line and the substation and all associated infrastructure, submitted as Appendix F1 and F2 of the BAR dated September 2022, is not approved. Part C of the respective EMPrs must be

amended to include measures as dictated by the final site lay-out map and micro-siting, and the provisions of this Environmental Authorisation. Part C of the generic EMPs must be made available for comments to registered Interested and Affected Parties and the holder of this Environmental Authorisation must consider such comments. Once amended, the generic EMPs must be submitted to the Department for written approval of Part C prior to commencement of the activity. Part C of the generic EMPs must be amended to include the following:

- 14.1. The final micro sited and pegged power line route layout map must be appended to the generic EMPs;
- 14.2. A storm water and wash water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off;
- 14.3. An erosion management plan for monitoring and rehabilitating erosion events associated with the facility. Erosion mitigation must form part of this plan to prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion. This plan must ensure to include drainage features that will be infilled and or excavated;
- 14.4. The requirements and conditions of this Environmental Authorisation;
- 14.5. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the BAR and the specialist reports as included in the final BAR dated September 2022.
15. The EMP must be implemented and strictly enforced during all phases of the project. It shall be seen as a dynamic document and shall be included in all contract documentation for all phases of the development when approved.
16. Changes to the approved EMP must be submitted in accordance with the EIA Regulations applicable at the time.
17. The Department reserves the right to amend the approved EMP should any impacts that were not anticipated or covered in the BAR be discovered.

Frequency and process of updating the EMP

18. The EMP must be updated where the findings of the environmental audit reports, contemplated in Condition 29 below, indicate insufficient mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity, or insufficient levels of compliance with the Environmental Authorisation or EMP.

19. The updated EMPr must contain recommendations to rectify the shortcomings identified in the environmental audit report.
20. The updated EMPr must be submitted to the Department for approval together with the environmental audit report, as per Regulation 34 of GN R. 982. The updated EMPr must have been subjected to a public participation process, which process has been agreed to by the Department, prior to submission of the updated EMPr to the Department for approval.
21. In assessing whether to grant approval of an EMPr which has been updated as a result of an audit, the Department will consider the processes prescribed in Regulation 35 of GN R.982 as amended. Prior to approving an amended EMPr, the Department may request such amendments to the EMPr as it deems appropriate to ensure that the EMPr sufficiently provides for avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity.
22. The holder of the authorisation may apply for an amendment of an EMPr, if such amendment is required before an audit is required. The amendment process is prescribed in Regulation 37 of GN R.982, as amended. The holder of the authorisation must request comments on the proposed amendments to the impact management outcomes of the EMPr or amendments to the closure objectives of the closure plan from potentially interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, by using any of the methods provided for in the Act for a period of at least 30 days.

Monitoring

23. The holder of the authorisation must appoint an experienced Environmental Control Officer (ECO) for the construction phase of the development that will have the responsibility to ensure that the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and recommendations referred to in this Environmental Authorisation are implemented and to ensure compliance with the provisions of the approved EMPr.
24. The ECO must be appointed before commencement of any authorised activities.
25. Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the Director: Compliance Monitoring of the Department at Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za.
26. The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.
27. The ECO must remain employed until all rehabilitation measures, as required for implementation due to construction damage, are completed and the site is ready for operation.

Recording and reporting to the Department

28. All documentation e.g. audit/monitoring/compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted to the Department in terms of this Environmental Authorisation, must be submitted to the Director: Compliance Monitoring of the Department at Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za.
29. The holder of the Environmental Authorisation must, for the period during which the Environmental Authorisation and EMPr remain valid, ensure that project compliance with the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and the EMPr are audited, and that the audit reports are submitted to the Director: Compliance Monitoring of the Department at Directorcompliance@environment.gov.za.
30. The frequency of auditing and of submission of the environmental audit reports must be as per the frequency indicated in the EMPr, taking into account the processes for such auditing as prescribed in Regulation 34 of GN R. 982, as amended.
31. The holder of the authorisation must, in addition, submit environmental audit reports to the Department within 30 days of completion of the construction phase (i.e. within 30 days of site handover) and a final environmental audit report within 30 days of completion of rehabilitation activities.
32. The environmental audit reports must be compiled in accordance with Appendix 7 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, and must indicate the date of the audit, the name of the auditor and the outcome of the audit in terms of compliance with the Environmental Authorisation conditions as well as the requirements of the approved EMPr.
33. Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on site and made available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.

Notification to authorities

34. A written notification of commencement must be given to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the activity. Commencement for the purposes of this condition includes site preparation. The notice must include a date on which it is anticipated that the activity will commence, as well as a reference number.

Operation of the activity

35. A written notification of operation must be given to the Department no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the activity operational phase.

Site closure and decommissioning

36. Should the activity ever cease or become redundant, the holder of the authorisation must undertake the required actions as prescribed by legislation at the time and comply with all relevant legal requirements administered by any relevant and competent authority at that time.

Specific conditions

37. A pre-construction walk-through of the development footprint of all infrastructure for species of conservation concern that would be affected and that can be translocated must be undertaken by an ecologist prior to the commencement of the construction phase. Permits from the relevant national and provincial authorities must be obtained before the individuals are disturbed.
38. The footprint of the development must be limited to the areas required for actual construction works and operational activities.
39. Areas outside of the footprint, including sensitive areas and buffer areas, must be clearly demarcated (using fencing and appropriate signage) before construction commences and must be regarded as "no-go" areas.
40. All areas of disturbed soil must be reclaimed using only indigenous grass and shrubs. Reclamation activities shall be undertaken according to the EMPr.
41. Topsoil from all excavations and construction activities must be salvaged and reapplied during reclamation.
42. An integrated waste management approach must be implemented that is based on waste minimisation and must incorporate reduction, recycling and re-use options where appropriate. Where solid waste is disposed of, such disposal shall only occur at a landfill licensed in terms of section 20(b) of the National Environment Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act 59 of 2008).
43. The holder of this authorisation must take note that no temporary site camps will be allowed outside the footprint of the development area as the establishment of such structures might trigger a listed activity as defined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.
44. Borrow materials must be obtained only from authorised and permitted sites. Permits must be kept on site by the ECO.
45. Should any archaeological sites, artefacts, paleontological fossils or graves be exposed during construction work, work in the immediate vicinity of the find must be stopped, the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be informed and the services of an accredited heritage professional obtained for an assessment of the heritage resources.

46. All declared aliens must be identified and managed in accordance with the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 1983 (Act No. 43 of 1983). There should be an alien species monitoring and eradication program to prevent encroachment of these problem plants for the duration of the operation.

General

47. The recommendations of the EAP in the BAR dated September 2022 and the specialist studies attached must be adhered to. In the event of any conflicting mitigation measures and conditions of the Environmental Authorisation, the specific condition of this Environmental Authorisation will take preference.
48. A copy of this Environmental Authorisation, the audit and compliance monitoring reports, and the approved EMPr, must be made available for inspection and copying-
- 48.1. at the site of the authorised activity;
 - 48.2. to anyone on request; and
 - 48.3. where the holder of the Environmental Authorisation has a website, on such publicly accessible website.
49. National government, provincial government, local authorities or committees appointed in terms of the conditions of this authorisation or any other public authority shall not be held responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the holder of the authorisation or his/her successor in title in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction be temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance by the holder of the authorisation with the conditions of authorisation as set out in this document or any other subsequent document emanating from these conditions of authorisation.

Date of Environmental Authorisation: 05/12/2022.



Ms Millicent Solomons

Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Annexure 1: Reasons for Decision

1. Information considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The listed activities as applied for in the application form received on 15 July 2022.
- b) The information contained in the BAR dated September 2022.
- c) The comments received from interested and affected parties as included in the BAR dated September 2022.
- d) Mitigation measures as proposed in the BAR and the EMPs dated September 2022.
- e) The information contained in the specialist studies contained within the appendices of the BAR dated September 2022.

2. Key factors considered in making the decision

All information presented to the Department was taken into account in the Department's consideration of the application. A summary of the issues which, in the Department's view, were of the most significance is set out below.

- a) The findings of all the specialist studies conducted and their recommended mitigation measures.
- b) The BAR dated September 2022 identified all legislations and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the BAR.
- c) The need for the proposed project to connect the Paarde Valley PV2 Solar Energy Facility to the national grid.
- d) The methodology used in assessing the potential impacts identified in the BAR dated September 2022 and the specialist studies have been adequately indicated.
- e) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended for public involvement.

3. Findings

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings -

- a) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the BAR dated September 2022 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- b) The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.

- c) The information contained in the BAR dated September 2022 is deemed to be accurate and credible.
- d) The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- e) EMPr measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the BAR dated September 2022 and will be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts during the construction phase.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the Environmental Authorisation, the authorised activities will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the authorised activities can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The Environmental Authorisation is accordingly granted.



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Ms. Milicent Solomons
Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects

Dear Ms. Solomons

APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 01 NOVEMBER 2022 – 16 DECEMBER 2022

I hereby inform you that I have decided to appoint you as Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations, for the period of 01 November 2022 – 16 December 2022 whilst Mr Sabelo Malaza is fulfilling his temporary reassignment function at the Forestry Branch.

All the correspondence and other documents that are usually signed by the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorizations must be signed under Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations during the above-mentioned period.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the Promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standard, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of these legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of Departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all your assistance on behalf of the department.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Devinagie Bendeman

Deputy Director-General: RCSM (Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring)

Date: 31 October 2022

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACCEPT / ~~DO NOT ACCEPT~~
appointment as Acting Chief
Director: Integrated Environmental
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Signed:

Date: 31/10/2022