Appendix C5: Stakeholder Correspondence Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment Report available for review and comment



28 April 2021

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW VREDE PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY & BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE 100MW RONDAVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS), INCLUDING ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCATED NEAR KROONSTAD, FREE STATE PROVINCE

(DFFE Ref.Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 respectively)

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd is proposing the development of two separate solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities inclusive of all associated infrastructure ~13km south west of Kroonstad, in the Free State Province. The two solar PV facilities are to be known as the Vrede Solar PV Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV Facility.

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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

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Please submit your written comments on the Impact Assessment Reports by **Tuesday**, **01 June 2021** via our online stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or:

- » Telephone: 011 656 3237
- » Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including please call me)
- » Fax: 086 684 0547
- » 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 30-day review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final Impact Assessment Reports for submission to the DFFE in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326).

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

Kind regards

Nicolene Venter Public Participation and Social Consultant Email: <u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>

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Kind regards,	
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MTN	Molebatsi	Justice
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Public Works and Rural Development: Free State	Mohlahlo	ME
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Proof of upload (<u>to be included in final EIAr</u>)

Notification of commencement of Environmental Impact Phase



Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd | Directors: KM Jodas, J Thomas, M Matsabu Company Reg No.: 2006/000127/07 VAT Reg No.: 4780226736

16 April 2021

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

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(DEFF Reference Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2038 (Vrede) and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2039 (Rondavel) respectively)

NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd, the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) notified you as a registered interested and affected party (I&APs) in November 2020 of the availability of the Scoping Report for the above-mentioned projects for your review and comments. The final Scoping Reports for both projects were submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) on 15 January 2021.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you, as registered interested and affected party (I&AP), that:

- The DEFF has accepted the final Scoping Reports, inclusive of the Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) in terms of Regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The letters in this regard were received, on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 (Vrede) and Thursday, 25 February 2021 (Rondavel).
- Savannah Environmental has commenced with the EIA processes in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Studies for EIA as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- The final EIA reports, inclusive of the specialist studies, record of the public participation undertaken, and the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPr) are due for submission to DEFF, as per the EIA Regulation 23(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, within 106 days the Scoping Reports' acceptance.

Although there are various timeframes associated with the environmental authorisation process, it is important to note that the public participation is an on-going process, allowing I&APs to interact with the project team and to submit queries or comments throughout the environmental authorisation process. We encourage you to contact our team with any queries or comments regarding the project at any time during the process.

We have developed a public participation process in line with the requirements of the approved Public Participation Plans for these projects and the relevant Regulations in place to limit the risks associated with COVID-19. In this regard, virtual meetings will be held as applicable using an appropriate platform.

Registered I&APs will receive a notification once the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) are available for your review and comment. In addition, the availability of the Reports will be advertised in a local community newspaper.

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

Kind regards,

Nicolene Venter Public Participation and Social Consultant E-mail: <u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>

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SCOPING PHASE



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18 November 2020

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Each solar PV facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project and is assessed through a full Scoping and EIA process. Due to the proximity of the solar PV facilities to each other, the public participation processes will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on each of the projects. The details for the respective projects are as follows:

Project name	Affected Properties	Capacity	EIA Process
Vrede Solar PV Facility	 Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152; Portion 1 of the farm Uitval No. 1104. 	100MW Solar PV	Scoping/EIA
Rondavel Solar PV Facility	 Remaining Extent of the farm Rondavel Noord No. 1475; Remaining Extent of the farm Rondavel No. 627. 	100MW Solar PV	Scoping/EIA

Infrastructure associated with each solar PV facility will include:

- » Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- » Inverters and transformers.
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- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- » Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- » Laydown areas.
- » Access roads, internal distribution roads and fencing around the development area.

Site-specific studies and assessments will delineate areas of potential sensitivity within the identified development areas for both the Vrede Solar PV Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV Facility. Once constraining factors have been confirmed, the layout of the solar PV facilities can be planned to minimise social and environmental impacts.

It is the Developer's intention to bid each solar PV facilities under the Department of Energy's (DoE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. The power generated from each solar PV facilities will be sold to Eskom and fed into the national electricity grid. The development of the facilities will also assist with achieving the energy mix as set out in the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicants require Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) in consultation with the Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DEDTEA) for the development of the proposed projects. In terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA, the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) and Listing Notices (GNR 983, GNR 984, and GNR 985 of 2014 (GNRs 325, 324 and 327, as amended 2017), the two (2) applications for the solar PV facility EAs are subject to the completion of Scoping/EIA processes. Each application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The proponent has appointed Savannah Environmental, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessments for the respective projects to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the projects and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs). As part of the environmental studies, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process being undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

You and/or the organization / company, which you represent, have been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed projects as described above. The nature and extent of the solar PV facilities and the associated infrastructure are explored in more detail in the Background Information Document (BID) which is attached to this letter and is also available for download from the Savannah Environmental public participation platform on https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs
- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project; and

» comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on how public consultation can be conducted as part of a EIA processes. The consultation process for these projects has been designed considering these limitations, and the implementation is in line with our public participation plan (PP Plan), as approved by the DEFF. Savannah Environmental have established an online stakeholder engagement platform, where you are invited to register your interest in the project/s, and view project documentation.

Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project, predominately through our interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person with interest in the project, enabling the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. This online stakeholder engagement platform allows for the sharing of details regarding the project and consultation documentation, including project maps, presentations and posters regarding the project, as well as all reports available for review. The use of online tools enables stakeholders and I&APs to explore the project-specific content in their own time, and allows participation in the consultation process in a meaningful way. The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting.

The benefits of the online stakeholder engagement platform include:

- » Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to projectrelated information.
- » Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for major infrastructure projects.
- » Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- » Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- » Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons accessing the online stakeholder consultation platform.
- » Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually.
- » Provides a resilient solution to a public consultation process.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, provision has been made to facilitate the consultation process through limited one-on-one consultation where sanitary conditions can be maintained, as well as consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the two Scoping Reports are available for your review and comment from **Friday**, **20 November 2020** until **Monday**, **11 January 2021**.

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Please submit your written comments on the Scoping Reports by **Monday**, **11 November 2021** via our online stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or:

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KEY STAKEHOLDERS



Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd | Directors: KM Jodas, J Thomas, M Matsabu Company Reg No.: 2006/000127/07 VAT Reg No.: 4780226736

18 November 2020

Dear Key Stakeholder,

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

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Each solar PV facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project and is assessed through a full Scoping and EIA process. Due to the proximity of the solar PV facilities to each other, the public participation processes will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on each of the projects. The details for the respective projects are as follows:

Project name	Affected Properties	Capacity	EIA Process
Vrede Solar PV Facility	 Remaining extent of the farm Vrede No. 1152; Portion 1 of the farm Uitval No. 1104. 	100MW Solar PV	Scoping/EIA
Rondavel Solar PV Facility	 Remaining Extent of the farm Rondavel Noord No. 1475; Remaining Extent of the farm Rondavel No. 627. 	100MW Solar PV	Scoping/EIA

Infrastructure associated with each solar PV facility will include:

- » Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- » Inverters and transformers.
- » Cabling between the project components.
- » On-site facility substation to facilitate the connection between the solar PV facility and the Eskom electricity grid.
- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- » Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- » Laydown areas.
- » Access roads, internal distribution roads and fencing around the development area.

Site-specific studies and assessments will delineate areas of potential sensitivity within the identified development areas for both the Vrede Solar PV Facility and the Rondavel Solar PV Facility. Once constraining factors have been confirmed, the layout of the solar PV facilities can be planned to minimise social and environmental impacts.

It is the Developer's intention to bid each solar PV facilities under the Department of Energy's (DoE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. The power generated from each solar PV facilities will be sold to Eskom and fed into the national electricity grid. The development of the facilities will also assist with achieving the energy mix as set out in the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicants require Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) in consultation with the Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DEDTEA) for the development of the proposed projects. In terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA, the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) and Listing Notices (GNR 983, GNR 984, and GNR 985 of 2014 (GNRs 325, 324 and 327, as amended 2017), the two (2) applications for the solar PV facility EAs are subject to the completion of Scoping/EIA processes. Each application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The proponent has appointed Savannah Environmental, as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessments for the respective projects to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the projects and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs). As part of the environmental studies, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process being undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

You and/or the organization / company, which you represent, have been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed projects as described above. The nature and extent of the solar PV facilities and the associated infrastructure are explored in more detail in the Background Information Document (BID) which is attached to this letter and is also available for download from the Savannah Environmental public participation platform on https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs
- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project; and

» comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on how public consultation can be conducted as part of a EIA processes. The consultation process for these projects has been designed considering these limitations, and the implementation is in line with our public participation plan (PP Plan), as approved by the DEFF. Savannah Environmental have established an online stakeholder engagement platform, where you are invited to register your interest in the project/s, and view project documentation.

Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project, predominately through our interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person with interest in the project, enabling the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. This online stakeholder engagement platform allows for the sharing of details regarding the project and consultation documentation, including project maps, presentations and posters regarding the project, as well as all reports available for review. The use of online tools enables stakeholders and I&APs to explore the project-specific content in their own time, and allows participation in the consultation process in a meaningful way. The online platform allows for instant feedback and comments to be submitted, in so doing saving time for the stakeholder and also giving the assurance that their comments have been submitted for inclusion in the project reporting.

The benefits of the online stakeholder engagement platform include:

- » Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to projectrelated information.
- » Ability to reach a wider audience, allowing more widespread consultation for major infrastructure projects.
- » Allowing stakeholders and I&APs the opportunity to engage on a project without leaving their office or home.
- » Enabling stakeholders and I&APs to register their interest in a project (for inclusion on the project database), and automatically gaining access to comprehensive project documentation.
- » Enabling the EAP to maintain a complete database of I&APs through maintaining a record of persons accessing the online stakeholder consultation platform.
- » Enabling the EAP and stakeholders/I&APs to meet virtually.
- » Provides a resilient solution to a public consultation process.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, provision has been made to facilitate the consultation process through limited one-on-one consultation where sanitary conditions can be maintained, as well as consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the two Scoping Reports are available for your review and comment from **Friday**, **20 November 2020** until **Monday**, **11 January 2021**.

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Please submit your written comments on the Scoping Reports by **Monday**, **11 January 2021**via our online stakeholder engagement platform (link provided above) or:

- » Telephone: 011 656 3237
- » Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including please call me)
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Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Grobbelaar	Nico	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Khanye	Nondwe	
Sentech Ltd	Koegelenberg	Johan	
Sentech Ltd	Motlhake	Serame	
Sentech Ltd	Venter	Marius	
South Africa Weather Services	Magogotya	Zamikhaya	
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Pretorius	Marie	
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South African Heritage Resources Agency	Higgitt	Natasha	
South African National Roads Agency Limited	Abrahams	Nicole	
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South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Matlhane	Selaelo	
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Vrede and Rondavel PV Solar Energy Facility

Vrede and Rondavel Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility, Battery Energy Storage System and Associated Infrastructure, Free State Province

Applicant: South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd

Proposed Activity: The development of two solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities namely, Vrede 100MW Solar PV Facility and Rondavel 100MW Solar PV Facility, including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and associated infrastructure located at each facility. Infrastructures associated with each solar PV will include:

- Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- Inverters and transformers.
- Underground cabling between the project components and overhead power lines (up to 33kV).
- On-site facility substation to facilitate the connection between the solar PV facility and the Eskom electricity grid.
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- · Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- · Laydown areas and temporary man camp area.
- Access roads, internal distribution roads and fencing around the development area.
- Telecommunication infrastructure;
- Stormwater channels; and water pipelines.

Project Location: The PV solar energy facilities are located ~6km and ~11km from Kroonstad in the Moqhaka Local Municipality and within the Fezile Dabi District Municipality, Free State Province.

Vrede PV Solar Energy Facility	Rondavel PV Solar Energy Facility
Remaining Extent of the Farm Vrede No. 1152	Remaining Extent of the Farm Rondavel Noord No. 1475
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Application for Environmental Authorisation: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and 2014 EIA Regulations (GNR 326), as amended, are being undertaken for the projects. Each application is being supported by a separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process.

Scoping Reports Available for Review: The Scoping Reports and associated documentation are available for download, review and comment on the Savannah Environmental website. Visit our online stakeholder engagement platform at: https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/vrede-and-rondavel-pv-sef/. The 30-day review and comment period for the Scoping Reports is from Friday, 20 November 2020 until Monday, 11 January 2020. The final date to submit comments is Monday, 11 January 2020.

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

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Ronald Baloyi

From:	Anton B Meyer
Sent:	Wednesday, 13 January 2021 11:25
То:	Savannah Public Process
Subject:	Re: SE2716: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF - Clarification re attendance register

Correct, our attendance register is Ward driven, registered to vote in, I did the courtesy of assisting copied email addresses on email sent to info on 10 January 2021, Pls read & revert soonest if you have any questions. Anton

On Wed, 13 Jan 2021, 11:19 Savannah Public Process, <<u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>> wrote:

Thank you Anton – is my assumption then correct that where the Executive Member indicated "Ward 10" that he is a resident / registered voter in that Ward and not a Ward Councilor?

Also, can you please check your members' names & their email addresses. Unfortunately it is not clear on the written attendance register.

Kind regards,

From: Anton B Meyer ·
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Savannah Public Process <<u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>>
Subject: Re: SE2716: Vrede SEF & Rondavel SEF - Clarification re attendance register

Hi Savannah, Nicolene,

I am registered voter in Ward16, Kroonstad, Moqhaka District Municipality,

I serve Moqhaka for the People, (MFP) in the function of Administrative Secretary.

Regards, Anton B Meyer

On Wed, 13 Jan 2021, 10:39 Savannah Public Process, <<u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>> wrote:

Apologies Anton, you are MFP Administrative Secretary & Ward Councilor (W16)

From: Savannah Public Process
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Anton B Meyer
Cc: Gideon Raath <<u>gideon@savannahsa.com</u>>
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Morning Anton,

Hope you are keeping well!

Anton, would you please be so kind and confirm that we are capturing the MFP's Executive Members details correctly:

NAME / SURNAME	REPRESENT / WARD
Spiro Khoury	MFP Chairman
Braam Visagie	MFP Secretary
M. Ramontso	MFP Chairman
M./C Mohande	MFP Member
Doctor Motsapele	MFP Member & Ward Councilor (W14)
Anton Meyer	MFP Member & Ward Councilor (W16)
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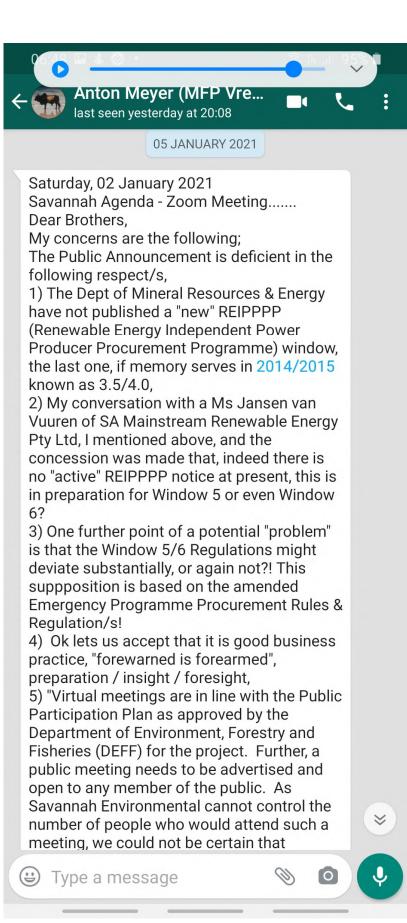
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10) It is important to note they project is at the end of the scoping phase and that detailed environmental studies (ground thruthing) will only take place during the EIA phase where the outcome of the specialists' studies will be presented. Further public consultation and opportunities for meetings will be provided in this detailed EIA Phase.
11) Inputs from your organization and that of the public received during the scoping phase

are important and will inform the EIA phase i.e. confirming / ensuring that the environmental specialists assess and/or address (where applicable) impacts, whether negative or positive.

Brothers, this is long winded process, much RED TAPE to jump through! Regards, Anton B Meyer

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Fezile Dabi District Municipality	Molibeli	Lindi
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Dear Chairman and Executive Members of the Moqhaka for the People,

Please find attached the minutes of the meeting held last week Wednesday, 06 January 2020 for your perusal.

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