

APPENDIX C7:
Comments Received

Comments received on the EIA Report to be
included in the Final EIA Report

SCOPING PHASE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

HOUTHAALBOOMEN PV CLUSTER CONSISTING OF BARLEIRA PV, DICOMA PV AND SETARIA PV FACILITIES NEAR LICHTENBURG, NORTH WEST PROVINCE
(DFFE Ref. No.: To be Issued)

Registration & Comment Form

October 2021

Return completed registration and comment form to: **Nicolene Venter / Tumelo Muthelwe** of Savannah Environmental

Phone: 011 656 3237 / Mobile (incl. 'please call me'): 060 978 8396 / Fax: 086 684 0547

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Your registration as an interested and/or affected party will be applicable for this project only and your contact details provided are protected by the POPI Act of 2013

Please provide your complete contact details:

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Designation:	Manager: Town & Regional Planning		
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I would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP) on the following project's database (please tick the relevant box)

Barleira PV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dicoma PV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setaria PV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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None, other than representing interest of the District municipality that I am working for.

Please list your comments regarding your project selection above (add additional pages if necessary):

No, comments at this stage, I have yet to go through the application. We are a Water Service Authority municipality.

Please provide contact details of any other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:	Jonas Letlhaku (Director @ Ditsobotla LM)
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Sent: Friday, 15 October 2021 02:53
To: 'Support Email'
Subject: RE: SE3107: HOUTHAAALBOOMEN PV CLUSTER – Notification of EIA Process and availability of Scoping Reports for review and comment [PLSRUV]

Dear Sir/Madam

The purpose of notifying SENTECH of the proposed development is for the service provider to determine whether the proposed development are located near their infrastructure and might have an impact on their network's wave lengths.

It would be appreciated if you can inform us of the relevant staff member to contact regarding this proposed project.

Kind regards,



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Good day.
How can we assist.



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Sent: 14 October 2021 14:10

Subject: SE3107: HOUTHAAALBOOMEN PV CLUSTER – Notification of EIA Process and availability of Scoping Reports for review and comment

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**HOUTHAAALBOOMEN PV CLUSTER CONSISTING OF BARLERIA PV, DICOMA PV, AND SETARIA PV FACILITIES, NORTH WEST PROVINCE
(DEFF Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

The development of three (3) separate solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities and associated infrastructure on sites located approximately 5km north -west of the town of Lichtenburg within the Ditsobotla Local Municipality, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, North West Province has reference.

The three (3) proposed PV Facilities and associated infrastructure are the following:

- Barleira Photovoltaic
- Dicoma Photovoltaic
- Setaria Photovoltaic

The following documents are attached for your perusal:

- Background Information Document: This document provides details of the nature and extent of the PV clusters and the associated infrastructure;
- Registration and Comment Form: To register as an Interested and Affected Party on the projects' databases and to receive further information regarding the applications; and
- Notification letter: Announcing the availability of the three Scoping Reports for your review and comment.

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,

Tumelo Mathulwe

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October 2021

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Please provide your complete contact details:

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This is well noted

Please list your comments regarding your project selection above (add additional pages if necessary):

I am really interested to find out if these three projects has approval from the Department of Agriculture.

Please provide contact details of any other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Jodas

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BARLERIA PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR LICHTENBURG, NORTH WESR PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated October 2021 and received by the Department on 15 October 2021, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final Scoping Report:

(a) Application form

- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted.

(b) Alternatives

- On page 59 of the DSR, in the Technology Alternatives section, you are requested to include Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) technology alternatives.
- And also on page 29 of the DSR, in the Design and Pre-Construction Phase section, you are requested to include whether the BESS is going to be installed or assembled on-site.

(c) Layout and Sensitivity Maps

- Please provide a locality map which indicates the following:
 - Closest town(s);
 - Road names or numbers of all major roads;
 - The location of the proposed Barleria PV facility within the municipality and province;

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- A north arrow and clear legend.
- Google maps will not be accepted.

(d) Public Participation Process

- Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at the following contact details: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za.
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state, as listed in your I&APs Database, and others that have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final SR.
- Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the final SR.
- Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development particularly the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT) and the District and Local Municipalities
- All issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR, including comments from this Department, and must be incorporated into the Comments and Response Report (CRR).
- Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.
- Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to an I&AP's comments.

(e) Specialist Assessments

- You are requested to submit copies of original signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms (witnessed and signed by a Commissioner of Oaths) for each specialist assessment provided.
- The Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must also indicate the scientific organisation registration/member number and status of registration/membership for each specialist.
- It is further brought to your attention that the following protocols have come into effect:
 - *Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation*, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"); and
 - *Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on terrestrial plant and animal species*, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. "protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species").

Please note that applicable specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols unless proof is provided that indicates that those specialist studies were commissioned within 50 days from the gazetting of GN320 and prior to the gazetting of GN1150.

General

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

“If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Letter signed by: Ms Masina Litsoane

Designation: Control Environmental Officer: National Infrastructure Projects

Date: 12/11/2021.

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Dear Sir/Madam

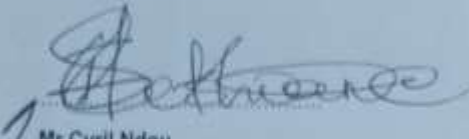
**COMMENTS ON SCOPING REPORT FOR HOUTHAALBOMEN PHOTOVOLTAIC CLUSTER
CONSISTING OF BARLERIA PV , DICOMA PV FACILITY AND SETARIA PV FACILITIES AND
ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTH WEST.**

I hereby acknowledge the opportunity to provide input on the abovementioned reports. We thus comment as follows:

1. The mandate of the Department Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFPE): Forestry Branch as an Environmental Impact Assessment Commenting Authority is responsible for implementing the National Forest Act, Act 84 of 1998 as amended (NFA).
2. The Department therefore comments that if any tree species protected by the NFA is encountered in the proposed area, such trees may not be destroyed, cut or damaged without a license in terms of the Act.

3. Please note that should there be trees protected in terms of Section 15 of the National Forest Act, a license needs to be applied through the North West Regional Office.

For more information on the matter, kindly contact Mr Lufuno Nevhufumba at lnvhufumba@ddffe.gov.za
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Mr Cyril Ndou

Director: Forestry Management Other Regions

Department Forestry Fisheries and the Environment

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Date: 12/11/2021