# APPENDIX C4: Organs of State Correspondence





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Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities

Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment, Basic Assessment and Public Participation Processes for the Proposed Development of the Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities and Grid Connection Infrastructure, Near Richmond, Northern Cape Province

Applicant: Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd.

**Proposed Activity:** Establishment of three (3) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities, two (2) Wind Energy Facilities and grid connection infrastructure comprising a 132kV central collector substation and a 132kV power line to enable the connection of five (5) renewable energy facilities to the national grid for the evacuation of the generated electricity. The connection point to the national grid will be the existing Eskom Gamma Substation. Infrastructure associated with each project includes:

#### **Solar Energy Facilities**

- » Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- » Inverters and transformers.
- » Cabling between the panels.
- » 33/132kV onsite facility substation.
- » Cabling from the onsite substation to the collector substation (either underground or overhead).
- » Electrical and auxiliary equipment required at the collector substation that serves that solar energy facility, including switchyard/bay, control building, fences, etc.
- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- » Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- » Laydown areas.
- » Access roads and internal distribution roads.

#### Wind Energy Facilities

- » Wind turbines.
- » Concrete turbine foundations and turbine hardstands.
- » Inverters and transformers.
- » Temporary laydown areas which will accommodate storage and assembly areas.
- » Cabling between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical.
- » A temporary concrete batching plant.
- » 33/132kV onsite facility substation.
- » Underground cabling from the onsite substation to the collector substation.
- » Electrical and auxiliary equipment required at the collector substation that serves that wind energy facility, including switchyard/bay, control building, fences, etc.
- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- » Access roads and internal distribution roads.

#### **Grid Connection Infrastructure**

- » Central collector substation which consists of:
- \* 33/132kV collector substation.
- Associated equipment, infrastructure, and buildings.
- Temporary and permanent laydown areas.
- » Distribution Line:
- \* A double-circuit 132kV distribution line to connect the central collector 132kV substation to the existing Eskom Gamma Substation will be constructed.

» Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.

**Project Location:** Approximately 35km South-West of the town of Richmond along the N1 and approximately 80km South-East of Victoria West along the R63 in the Northern Cape Province, within the Ubuntu Local Municipality, and the Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality.

| Solar Energy Facilities            |  | Wind Energy Facilities                 |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Project                            | Property/ies                           | Project                                | Property/ies                                     |
| Nku Solar PV Facility (100MW)      | » Farm Rondavel 85 (Portion 0 and 1) – | Angora Wind Energy Facility            | » Farm Gegundefontein 53 (Portion 11), Farm      |
|                                    | Solar PV Facilities and associated     | (140MW)                                | Vogelstruisfontein 84 (Portion 0), Farm Rondave  |
| Moriri Solar PV Facility (100MW)   | infrastructure.                        |  | 85 (Portion 0 and 1) and Farm Bult & Rietfontein |
| Vivine Color DV Facility (4004 MA) |  | Marina Wind Faarm Facility             | 96 (Portion 9) – Wind Energy Facilities and      |
| Kwana Solar PV Facility (100MW)    |  | Merino Wind Energy Facility<br>(140MW) | associated infrastructure.                       |

## Collector Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI)

| Project               | Property/ies   |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Collector EGI (132kV) | <ul> <li>» Portion 0 of Farm Annex Rondavel 86</li> <li>» Portion 1 of Farm Annex Rondavel 86</li> </ul> |  |
|                       | » Portion 1of Farm Uit Vlugt Fontein 265   |  |

- » Portion 0 of Farm Wynandsfontein 91
- » Portion 1 of Farm Wynandsfontein 91
- » Portion 3 of Farm Vlekfontein 90
- » Portion 0 of Farm Burgersfontein 92
- » Portion 1 of Farm Nieuwe Fontein 89
- » Portion 0 of Farm Rondavel 85
- » Portion 1 of Farm Rondavel 85
- » Portion 0 of Farm Kleinfontein 93
- » Portion 8 of Farm Jan Booysens Onder Plaats 94
- » Portion 1 of Farm Bult & Rietfontein 96
- » Remaining extent of Farm 3

Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) and Basic Assessment (BA) Processes: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 – R327, as amended, a S&EIA process is required for each renewable energy facility. Similarly, a BA process is required for the grid connection infrastructure. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required S&EIA, BA, and public participation processes for these projects.

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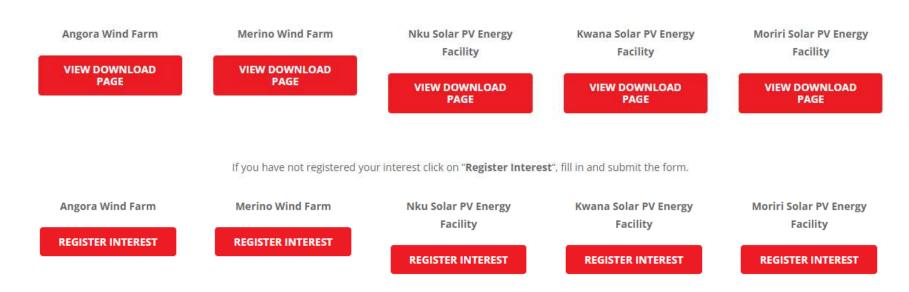
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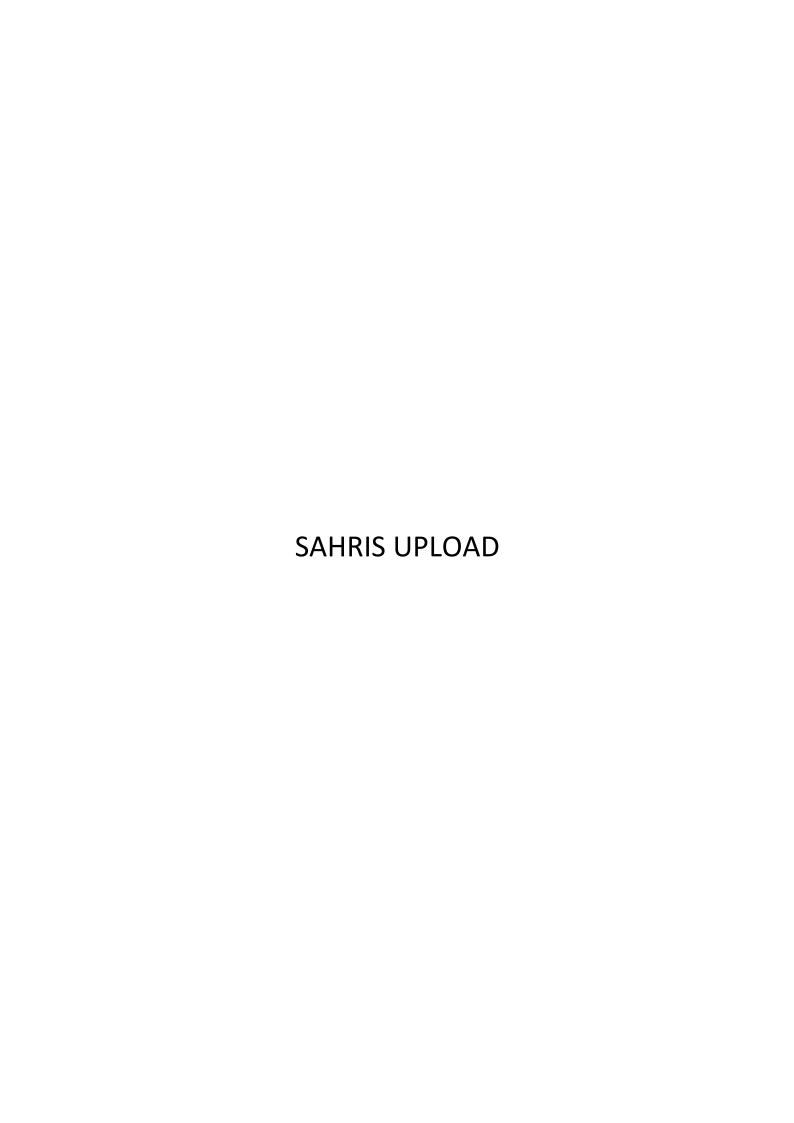
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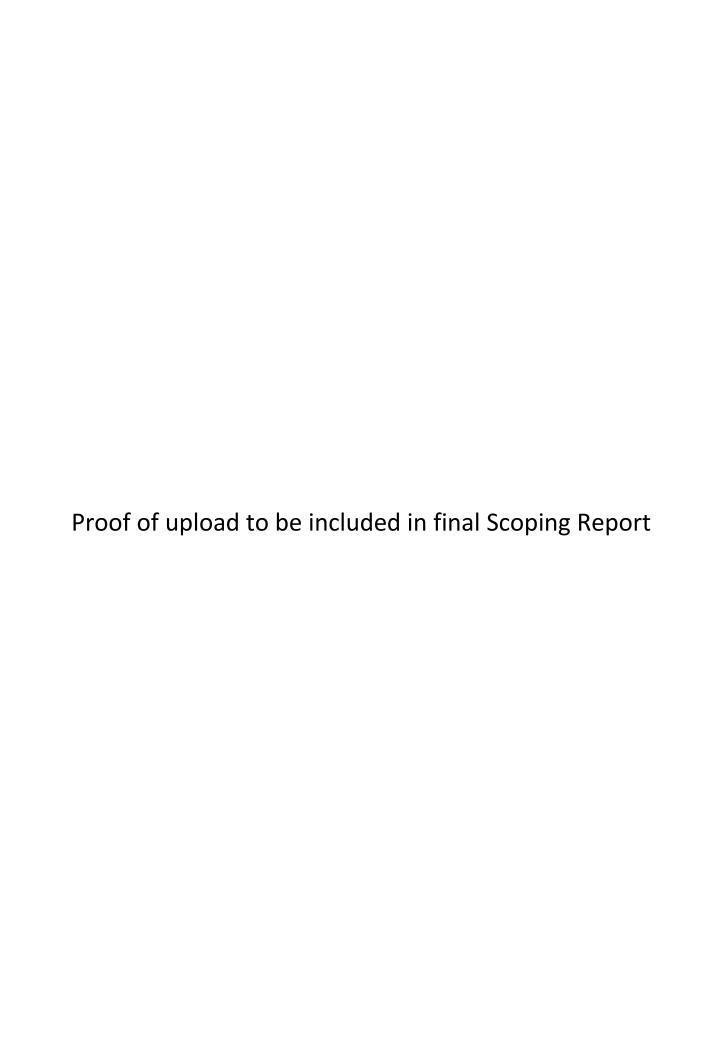
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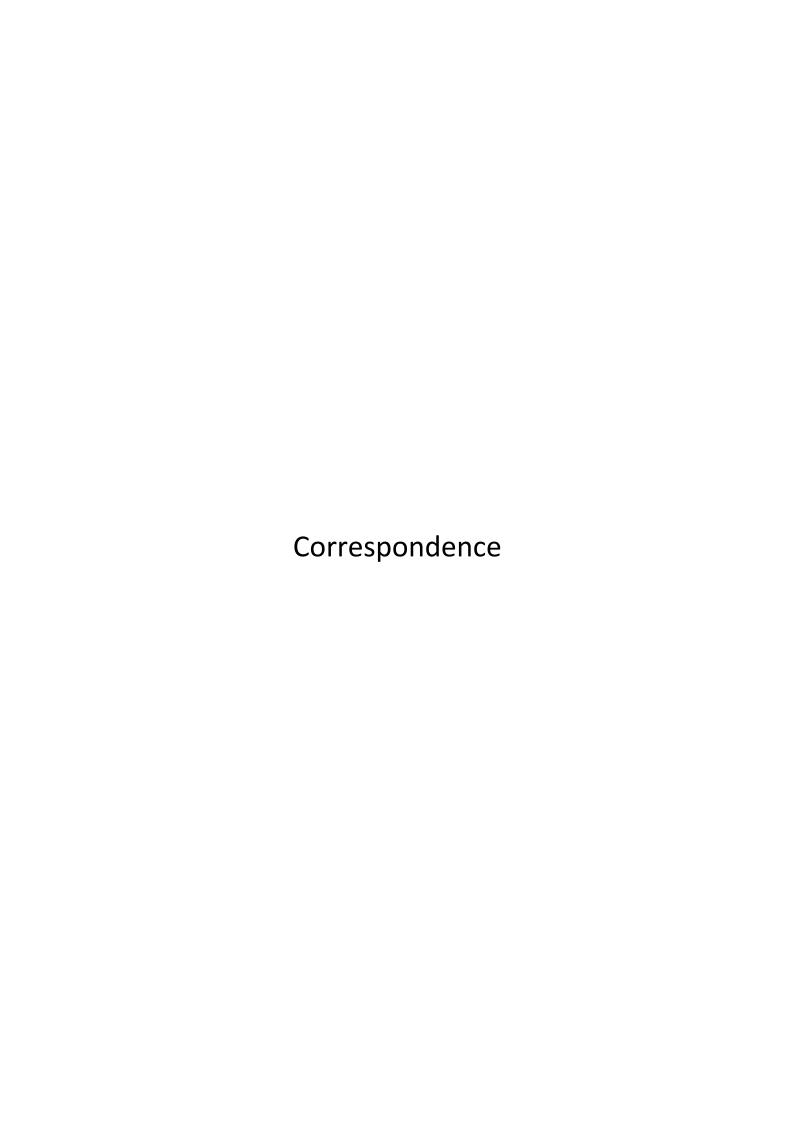
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**Cc:** Nondumiso Bulunga; Tumelo Mathulwe

**Subject:** RE: SE3125-The Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities - Savannah

Environmental - Public Participation Registration

Morning Nicolene,

Thanks very much registering me and for the project status update.

Have a good week.

Kind regards

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Participation Registration

Dear Peter,

Please receive herewith acknowledgement that you are registered on the Angora WEF and Merino WEF projects' database that forms part of the Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities.

The projects are currently in the scoping phase and it is envisaged that the scoping reports will be available on our website next week Friday, 12 November 2021.

As a registered Interested and Affected Party, you will receive the notification of the availability of the Reports and the review and comment periods.

Kind regards,



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Participation Registration

Morning,

Please can you register me as an I&AP on the following projects as part of the Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities:

Angora WEF's and Merino WEF's

Can you please confirm as to what stage of the environmental process are the Mernio & Angora WEF's currently in?

Kind regards

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Registration

Hi Peter Smith

Thank you for your registration.

Use the following code to access the documentation for The Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities - Angora Wind Farm:

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Regards Savannah Environmental