

APPENDIX C6
STAKEHOLDER CORRESPONDENCE

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Sent: Friday, 13 May 2022 14:52
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Subject: SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of EIAs & BA Report for review & comment and Invitation to Information Session
Attachments: SE3125-Great_Karoo_EIAs&BAR_Notification-FINAL.pdf; SE3125-Great_Karoo_InfoSession_RegForm-FINAL.pdf

GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

(DFFE Reference Nos.:

- Merino WEF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2114
- Kwana PV: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2118
- Moiri PV: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2116
- Nku PV: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2115
- Grid Connection Infrastructure (To be issued)

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of a cluster of renewable energy facilities and associated infrastructure, ~35km South-West of the town of Richmond along the N1 and 80km South-East of Victoria West along the R63 in the Northern Cape Province. The cluster consists of three (3) 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facilities, and two (2) 140MW wind farms.

Please find attached for your perusal the notification letter informing you of the availability of the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIAs) and the Basic Assessment (BA) Report for your review and comments. The EIAs are available for downloading from our website [click here](#) and the BA Report is available on our website [click here](#).

INVITATION TO THE INFORMATION SESSION:

The attached letter also serves to invite you to attend the Information Session to be held on Thursday, 26 May 2022 at 17h00 at the Richmond Town Hall. Please complete the attached Registration Form to confirm your attendance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information and/or clarification regarding these projects.

Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout the EIA and BA Processes.

Kind regards,

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Dear Stakeholder and Interested and Affected Party,

**GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE
NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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**NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND BASIC ASSESSMENT
REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

The development of the three (3) 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facilities, the 140MW Merino Wind Energy Facility, 140MW Angora Wind Energy Facility and the Grid Connection Infrastructure for which separate Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes and a combined Public Participation Process are being conducted, namely:

Solar PV Facilities	Wind Energy Facilities
Nku Solar PV Facility	Angora Wind Energy Facility
Moiri Solar PV Facility	Merino Wind Energy Facility
Kwana Solar PV Facility	
Grid Connection Infrastructure	
Central collector 132kV substation and a double circuit 132kV power line to the existing Eskom Gamma Substation	

The detailed project information that was provided in the Background Information Document (BID) distributed on 21 October 2021, has reference.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIARs) for each of the renewable energy facilities listed above are available for review and comment from **Friday, 13 May 2022** until **Monday, 13 June 2022**. The reports are available for download from the Savannah Environmental website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/the-great-karoo-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities/>.

The Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for the Grid Connection Infrastructure is available for review and comment from **Friday, 20 May 2022** until **Monday, 20 June 2022**. The reports are available for download from the Savannah Environmental website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/grid-infrastructure/the-great-karoo-cluster-grid-connection-infrastructure/>.

Angora WEF: Please note that the availability of the Angora WEF EIA Report for a 30-day review and comment period will be communicated in due course.

Please note Regulation 3(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, i.e.:

Subject to subregulations (2) and (3), when a period of days must in terms of these Regulations be reckoned from or after a particular day, that 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.

Although the EIAs for the renewable energy facilities will be available during the course of the day on Friday, 13 May 2022, Saturday, 14 May 2022 would be the first day of your 30-day review and comment period. The due date for written comments is Monday, 13 June 2022. Similarly for Grid Connection Infrastructure BAR that will be available during the course of the day on Friday, 20 May 2022, Saturday, 21 May 2022 would be the first day of your 30-day review and comment period. The due date for written comments is Monday, 20 June 2022.

As per our approved public participation plan submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), you can also request that an electronic copy of the Scoping Reports be sent to you via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox.

Please submit your written comments on the EIAs and BAR via one of the following means:

- Telephone: 011 656 3237
- Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including *please call me*)
- Fax: 086 684 0547
- E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

All comments should be addressed to Nicolene Venter at Savannah Environmental.

All comments received during the 30-day review and comment periods will be recorded and included in the Final EIAs and Final BAR for submission to the DFFE in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326).

INVITATION TO INFORMATION SESSION

You are invited to attend the Information Session which will take place at the Richmond Town Hall on **Thursday, 26 May 2022** starting with a poster display at **17h00**, after which those that are interested in attending the presentation can attend the presentation which will start at **17h30**. The Information Session will take place in compliance with the current COVID-19 protocols, and I&APs are therefore required to register their attendance before or on **Monday, 23 May 2022**. Please complete the attached registration form and return to Nicolene Venter or send a WhatsApp / SMS or e-mail to Nicolene (details above) to register your attendance.

We are looking forward to your participation in the public participation processes for these projects as your valuable contribution to the proposed projects will ensure an inclusive approach and allow the DFFE to make an informed decision.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicolene Venter', written in a cursive style.

Nicolene Venter

Public Participation and Social Consultant

Email: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

Document included: Information Session Registration Form

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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**Information Session Registration Form
Thursday, 26 May 2022**

Return completed registration form to: **Nicolene Venter** of **Savannah Environmental**

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

E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com **Postal Address:** PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Your registration for the Information Sessions will be applicable for these projects only and your contact details provided are protected by the POPI Act of 2013

Please provide your complete contact details:

Name	&		
Surname:			
Organisation:			
Designation:			
Postal Address:			
Telephone:		Fax:	
Mobile:			
E-mail:			

I would you like to register my attendance at the Information Session taking place on Thursday, 26 May 2022 as follows: (please tick the relevant box)

SESSION	TIME	YES	NO
Poster Session	17h00 until 17h30		
Presentation	17h30		

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

Name & Surname:	
Postal Address:	
Telephone:	
Mobile:	
E-mail:	

Thank you for your registration

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SE3125: GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of Availability of EIAs & BA Report for review & comment and Invitation to Information Session (POE)

Date: Friday,
13 May 2022
Time: 14:50

Company	Last Name	First Name	
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	Cafoor	Justin	
	Chambers	Joshua	
	Cilliers	Piet	
	Cronje	Jaco	
	De Vos	GA	
	De Vries	Andre	
	Els	Harry	
	Fakier	Faisal	
	Frans	Rhano	
	Haupt	Paul	
	Hugo	Danny	
	Martin	Paul	
	McKey	Kevin	
	Nomajama	Dyasi	
	Olivier	Leon	
	Pieterse	Johannes	
	Reynolds	Kobus	
	Rimbault	Linsey	
	Seymour	Alistair	
	Smith	Desmond	
	Springbok	Sammy-Lee	
	Van den Heever	JW	
	Van Heerden	Denver	
	Victor	Jan	
	Winter	Sarah	
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ABO Wind renewable energies (Pty) Ltd	Malherbe	Du Toit	
AEP	Smith	Peter	
AEP Mogbe Soklar	Peinke	David	
African Clean Energy Development (ACED)	Kot	Stephnie	
African Farmers Association of South Africa	Mahlati	Vuyo	
Agri Northern Cape	Anthonissen	Eben	
Agri Northern Cape	De Wet	Hannes	
Agri Northern Cape	Jansen	Nicol	
Agri Northern Cape	Symington	Willem	
Agri Northern Cape	Van Rensburg	Wiaan	
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Atlantic Energy Partners	Peinke	David	
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Beaufort West Local Municipality	Haarhoss	Kosie	

Beaufort West Local Municipality	Nkungwana	M.G	
Beaufort West Local Municipality	Smit	Louw	
Beaufort West Local Municipality	Van Staden	R	
Beaufort West Local Municipality	Visser	Amanda	
Bellatrix Solar PV Project (Pty) Ltd	.	Kate	
BirdLife South Africa	Ralston-Paton	Samantha	
Blue Sky Solar (Pty) Ltd	.	Genevieve	
Blue Sky Solar (Pty) Ltd	.	James	
Brakpoort 75MW PV Solar Farm	McGillivrai	John	
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Cell C	Kasseepursad	Harish	
Cell C	Otto	Marius	
Central Karoo District Municipality	Brown	Barbara	
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Central Karoo District Municipality	Jonkers	J	
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Central Karoo District Municipality	Koopman	Andre	
Central Karoo District Municipality	Nakani	Phumezo	
Central Karoo District Municipality	Nortje	Nicola	
Central Karoo District Municipality	Rust	Hein	
Central Karoo District Municipality	Theron	Kobus	
Central Karoo District Municipality	Twani	Thobeka	
Central Karoo District Municipality	van Tonder		
Central Karoo District Municipality	van Zyl	Gerrit	
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Co-Operative Governance & Traditional Leaders	Diphofa	Mashwahle	
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Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Mabaso	Sunday	
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Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Mutheiwana	Kevin	
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Department of Water and Sanitation	Cloete	Shaun	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Dweni	Ncmile	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Franks	Lindiwe	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Hlengani	Alexia	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Mahunonyane	Moses	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Mokhoantle	Lerato	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Shibambu	Steven	
Department of Water and Sanitation	Streuders	Kobus	
DNV-GL	Fyvie	Richard	
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Earthlife Africa	Lekalakala (Secretary)	Makoma	
EDF Renewables (South Africa)	Dewavrin	Louis	

Endangered Wildlife Trust	Hoogstad	Constant	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Geeringh	John	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Khanye	Nondwe	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	van Gensen	Andrea	
Farm Grootaar	Erasmus (Jnr)	Casper	
Farm Grootaar	Van den Heever	Stephanus	
Federation for Sustainable Environment	Liefferink	Mariette	
Houdenbeck 222	van der Merwe	Pieter	
JFC General Service Provider	Christoffels	Johnny	
Mainstream Renewable South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Dean	David	
Mainstream WF&PV Victoria West	Thomas	Rebecca	
MTN	Grey	Ms S (Sherly)	
MTN	Nel	Renier	
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Gxasheka	Andile	
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Khumalo	Siphiwe	
NC - SA San Council	Louw	Collin	
NC Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs	Botha	G	
NC Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs	Botha	Gladys	
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Cloete	Peter	
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	De la Fontaine	Samantha	
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Mothibi	Viljoen	
NC Dept of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Provincial)	Mans	Jacoline	
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (N Cape Prov Heritage Resource Authority)	Ratha	Timothy	
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Northern Cape Department of Agriculture	Modise	Lerato	
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture	Mogorosi	Zanele	
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	Diteme	Ali	
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	Mothibi	Wonders Dimakatso Viljoen	
Northern Cape Department of Co-operative Governance	Phete	A	
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Ndzumo	Onwabile	
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Uys	Natalie	
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	van Heerden	Denver	
Northern Cape Department of Roads & Public Works	Roelofse	Jaco	
Northern Cape Department of Roads & Public Works	Sithole	Menelisi	
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Nogwili	Kholikile	
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Palm	Ruth	
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Badenhorst	Dewald	
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Fisher	Bryan	
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Moleko	Dineo	
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Swart	Elsabe	
Northern Cape Economic Development Agency	Mbobo	Babalwa	
Northern Cape Tourism	McKuchane	Peter	
openServe (on behalf of Telkom SA Ltd)	Groenewald	Vivian	
Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality	Bosch	Beatrice	
Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality	Jaggers	Rachel	
Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality	Moloi	Napo	
Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality	Pieterse	Rodney	
Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality	Present	Passie	
Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality	Sibeko	Asanda	
Ratelfontein Private Nature Reserve	Pickard	Jan	
Red Cap Energy	Jones	Kirsten	
Richmond Chamber of Commerce	Rundle	Len	
SAHRA	Higgitt	Natasha	
SANRAL	Abrahams	Nicole	
Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd	Bulunga	Nondumiso	
Sentech Ltd	Motlhake	Serame	

Sirius Power (Pty) Ltd	David	Nunez	
SOLA Group	Maroga	Reuben	
South African Astronomical Observatory	Williams	Ted	
South African Bat Assessment Advisory Panel (SABAAP)	MacEwan	Kate	
South African Bat Assessment Association	Lotter	Caroline	
South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Mukoki	Alan	
South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Wadi	Albert	
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Stroh	Lizelle	
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Vilakazi	Zwelithini	
South African Civilian Aviation Authority	Jakavula	Zukisani	
South African Department of Defence	Zondi	Lt. Col. Kebasenos	
South African Local Government Association (SALGA)	George	Xolile	
South African National Parks	Novellie	Peter	
South African National Parks (SANP)	Daphne	Paul	
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Matlhane	Selaelo	
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Monama	Tshegofatso	
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Nape	Thato	
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Sithole	Busang	
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Tiplady	Adrian	
South African Weather Services	Jardine	Rydall	
South African Weather Services	Magogotya	Zamikhaya	
South African Weather Services	Mofokeng	Puseletso	
South African Weather Services	Ngoepe	Webster	
South African Weather Services	Petlane	Bernard	
South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA)	van den Berg	Johan	
Subsolar Energy (Pty) Ltd	Fasasie	Stephanie	
Telkom SA SOC Ltd	Bester	Amanda	
Telkom SA SOC Ltd	Shaw	Leonard	
The Green Connection	Allie	Sakeena	
The Green Connection	Arkert	Jan	
The Green Connection	Arkert	Linda	
The Green Connection	Hamilton	Gillian	
The Green Connection	Modise	Ketshepaone	
The Green Connection	Van Rooy	Neville	
Transnet Freight Rail	Maharaj	Verishnee	
Transnet SOC Ltd	Kilian	Geraldine	
Transnet SOC Ltd	Mathebula	Futhi	
Transnet SOC Ltd	Njonga	Andiswa	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Arends	K.J.	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Fillis	Martin	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Jacobs	Hendri	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Jacobs	Romano	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Jantjies	Paula	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Jasson	Bongani	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Kivedo	M	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Lefleur	Elizabeth	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Maphosa	Debere	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Moses	Rashilda	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Nkontwana	Miriam	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Piquer	Jill	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Robertson	Collin	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Scholtz	H.E.	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Tolken	Johan	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Tsoarelo	Israel	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	van Standen	Bonita	
Ubuntu Local Municipality	Vorster	Erica	
Ubuntu Youth Forum Foundation	Jantjies	D	
Ubuntu Youth Forum Foundation	Kweleta	Eric	

Vodacom	Adraanse	Junior	
Vodacom	Barnard	Hennie	
Vodacom	Fourie	Nico	
WESSA Northern Cape Region	Erasmus	Suzanne	
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	Wesson	John	
Windlab Developments South Africa	Harding	Joseph	
Windlab Developments South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Jackson	Francis	
WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd	Abrahams	Zakiya	

Totals:

Proof of upload of BAR onto Savannah Environmental's
Website will be included in the final BAR

Notification of initiation of EIA & Public Participation
Process

21 October 2021

Dear Stakeholder and Interested and Affected Party,

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND
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(DEFF Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of a cluster of renewable energy facilities and associated infrastructure, including Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI), ~35km South-West of the town of Richmond along the N1 and 80km South-East of Victoria West along the R63 in the Northern Cape Province. The cluster consists of three (3) 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facilities, and two (2) 140MW wind farms. The grid connection infrastructure for all projects will include one central collector 132kV substation and a double circuit 132kV power line to the existing Eskom Gamma Substation, located within the Western Cape Province.

Each renewable energy facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project and therefore, separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes will be undertaken for each of the renewable energy facilities. Similarly, the grid connection solution will be subjected to a separate Basic Assessment (BA) process which will consider feasible alternatives for the power line corridors. A combined six (6) applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) are currently being pursued as follows:

- » Two (2) wind farm EAs:
 - o Angora Wind Energy Facility
 - o Merino Wind Energy Facility
- » Three (3) solar PV facility EAs:
 - o Nku Solar PV Facility
 - o Moiriro Solar PV Facility
 - o Kwana Solar PV Facility
- » One (1) Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI)
 - o A central collector 132kV substation and double circuit 132kV power line EA.

Additional technical information regarding these renewable energy facilities is available in the Background Information Document attached to this notification letter.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (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 (DFFE) in consultation with the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (DAEARD&LR) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) 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 327, GNR 325, and GNR 324), the five (5) applications for EA for the renewable energy facilities are subject to the completion of Scoping/EIA processes, and that for the EGI is subject to the completion of a BA process. 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 consultant to undertake the EIA processes for the projects to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the projects and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs).

Due to the proximity of the renewable energy facilities and their associated grid connection solution to one another, the public participation processes for the projects will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and provide comment on all the projects. The Public Participation Plan submitted to the DFFE and this approach was approved by the DFFE on 15 September 2021. 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, wind energy facilities, the EGI and associated infrastructure are explored in more detail in the BID which is attached to this letter and is also available for download from the Savannah Environmental website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/the-great-karoo-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities/>.

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 an 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, as approved by the DFFE. 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. Please visit our website: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/the-great-karoo-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities/>.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, alternative means for consultation and to facilitate comment on the projects will be made, including consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

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



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Attached: Background Information Document
Registration and Comment Form

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DEFF Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of a cluster of renewable energy facilities and associated infrastructure, including Electrical Grid Infrastructure (EGI), ~35km South-West of the town of Richmond along the N1 and 80km South-East of Victoria West along the R63 in the Northern Cape Province. The cluster consists of three (3) 100MW solar photovoltaic (PV) energy facilities, and two (2) 140MW wind farms. The grid connection infrastructure for all projects will include one central collector 132kV substation and a double circuit 132kV power line to the existing Eskom Gamma Substation, located within the Western Cape Province.

Each renewable energy facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project and therefore, separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes will be undertaken for each of the renewable energy facilities. Similarly, the grid connection solution will be subjected to a separate Basic Assessment (BA) process which will consider feasible alternatives for the power line corridors. A combined six (6) applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) are currently being pursued as follows:

Two (2) wind farm EAs:

- o Angora Wind Energy Facility
- o Merino Wind Energy Facility

Three (3) solar PV facility EAs:

- o Nku Solar PV Facility
- o Moiriro Solar PV Facility

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