APPENDIX C: Public Participation

APPENDIX C1: Approved Public Participation Plan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

RED SANDS PV1 FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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RED SANDS PV2 FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

&
RED SANDS PV3 FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Applications be submitted

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and continuation of the public consultation as part of the Basic Assessment (BA) processes. Considering these limitations, the following consultation process has been designed and will be implemented, on approval by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), to cater for the conducting of the public participation process which includes Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), the competent authority, directly impacted landowners/occupiers, adjacent landowners/occupiers, relevant Organs of State (OoS) departments, Municipalities, ward councillors and other key stakeholders.

PROJECT DETAILS

Three (3) PV facilities are proposed to be developed on sites located approximately 26km northeast of the town of Groblershoop, Northern Cape. The project sites are accessible via an existing gravel farm road from an existing main gravel road off the N8 which is located southeast of the project sites. The infrastructure associated with each 75MWac PV facility is detailed below.

Applicant	AGV Projects (Pty) Ltd		
Project	Red Sands PV1		
	Red Sands PV2		
	Red Sands PV3		
Proposed Infrastructures	» Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.		
	» Inverters and transformers		
	» Low voltage cabling between the PV modules to the inverters		
	» Fence around the project development area		
	» Camera surveillance		
	» Internet connection		
	» 33kV cabling between the project components and the facility		
	substation		
	» 33/132kV onsite facility substation¹		
	» Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)		
	» Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop are		
	for maintenance and storage		
	» Laydown areas		
	» Access roads (up to 6m) and internal distribution roads (up to 4m)		
Affected Properties	Red Sands PV1 & Red Sands PV2		

¹ A 132kV powerline will be assessed through a separate Basic Assessment Process

» Portion 2 of the Farm Tities Poort 386
Red Sands PV3 » Portion 19 of the Farm Rooisand 387

The respective PV facilities are located within the Upington REDZ. BA processes will therefore be undertaken for the proposed three (3) Solar Energy Facilities

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the 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 BA process.

The traditional means and opportunities available for the undertaking of public participation are still covered and implemented as part of this plan considering the current limitations in terms of the Regulations to limit risks associated with COVID-19. Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed and will be implemented by Savannah Environmental to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project through an interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person illustrating interest in the project and enables the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

The use of online tools enables stakeholders and I&APs to explore the project-specific content in their own time and allows them to participate in a meaningful way in the consultation process. The online platform allows for project information to be shared and made available. The online platform allows the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to visually present details regarding the project and our consultation documentation, including project maps and plans, presentations and reports available for review.

Access to the project documentation via the Savannah Environmental website will be unrestricted to all I&APs. I&APs wanting to access the project information via this portal will be required to register and will receive a unique code (via an automated system) to access the report of interest. This step and the online portal support the EAP in maintaining a complete and accurate record and database of all parties who have interest in the project (and who choose to access the report via the online portal), in line with the requirements of the Regulations.

The online platform considers the limitations applied by the Disaster Management Act Regulations prohibiting the gathering of people, as well as limitations which certain I&APs may have in terms of access to computers and internet as well as access to public spaces not open for operation or which have restricted access.

The benefits of the online platform include:

- Ability to create a dedicated project-specific online platform to enable easy access to project-related 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.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities (i.e. access to internet, mobile phones, or computers), provision has been made to include these I&APs in the consultation process by consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members. Hard copy documentation, can be made available but will only be provided where appropriate sanitary conditions can be maintained.

The schematic illustration overleaf provides an overview of the tools that are available to I&APs and stakeholders to access project information and interact with the public participation team to obtain project information and resolve any queries that may arise, and to meet the requirements for public participation.

 i. Stakeholder identification and register of I&APs

- •Register as an I&AP on the online platfrom (i.e. website), via completion of a form and provison of contact information, by responding to an advert, or sending a 'please call me' which will be responded to.
- •State interest in the project.
- •Receive all project related information via email or other appropriate means.

ii. Advertisments and notifications

- •Newspaper advertisements and/or radio live reads, site notices, written notifications provide information and details on where to access project information.
- Notifications regarding the BA processes and availability of project reports for public review to be sent via email, post or SMS notifications.

iii. Public Involvement and consultation

- Availability of project information via the online platform or other appropriate means.
- An opportunity for I&APs and stakeholders to request virtual meetings with the project team.

iv. Comment on the BA reports

- Availability of the project reports via the online platform for a minimum 30-day comment period.
- •Submission of comments via email or post to the PP team.
- Comments recorded and responded to, as part of the process.

v. Identification and recording of comments

•Comments and Responses Report, including all comments received throughout the process to be included in the reporting.

The PP plan, as set out in the table below, has been drafted for the above-mentioned projects to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations and that reasonable opportunity is provided to I&APs and that all administrative actions are reasonable. Proof of all notifications will be included in the public participation appendix included in the BA reports.

The PP plan is submitted to the DFFE for discussion and agreement before the PP process is undertaken for the proposed project.

Public Participation Plan: Discussion of approach and methodology to meet the requirements of the Regulations, applicable to all abovementioned applications for environmental authorisation (combined where possible).

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
Regulation 40(1), Regulation 40(3) & Regulation 43 – provide all potential or registered interested and affected parties, including the competent authority, access to project related information, access to the BA reports which will be made available for a period of at least 30 days to submit comments on draft reports prior to submission of final reports for decision-making.	Notification of BA processes to be distributed using the following means: E-mail Dedicated project page on the online platform (i.e. Savannah Environmental website). Post / fax (where email or other electronic means are not possible) Site notices placed on site. Advertisement in the media.
	 Newspaper adverts, including details of the review period, where the report can be accessed and details of the Savannah Environmental website. Notification letter (to be sent via email, fax or post) to identified and registered I&APs. Notifications to communities via one of the following, where available: Ward Councillor, ward committee members, identified and confirmed community representatives, and local community forum members. SMS and/ or WhatsApp notifications where no other multimedia means are available.
	 Availability of reports for review: Reports available on the Savannah Environmental website for download. Electronic copies can be made available to parties via a secure Dropbox link (or other means) that will be emailed upon request for the documentation. CDs or USBs to be posted, if requested. Hard copy project documentation and reports to be available only where appropriate sanitary conditions can be maintained. Report will be submitted to the DFFE using the DFFE online portal. Report will be submitted to OoS and commenting authorities via an agreed electronic platform (such as on CD, or via a secure Dropbox link or WeTransfer, etc.).
	 Submission of comments to PP team: Written comments can be submitted via email, post or fax. Any comments provided telephonically, which has been confirmed via e-mail, or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments and included in the Comments and Responses Report and the applicable appendix to the Report.

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements	
	Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to 1&APs: Post and/or fax (where email or other means are not possible) Placement of site notice on all affected properties. Advertisement in printed media (local newspaper). Consultation and communication through one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. It has been assumed that these forums would be suitable for notifications to occupiers where access to these parties is not available through other means (such as direct consultation). However, landowners will also be contacted regarding the best way to notify and consult occupiers, where required. SMS or WhatsApp notification (including please call me) – Savannah Environmental has a dedicated mobile phone CDs / USBs to be posted, if requested (and where a computer is available). Hard copy report at public places, only where sanitary conditions can be maintained. Provision of project information and consultation via various means including: Telephonic consultation. Email correspondence. Correspondence sent via post / fax (where email or other electronic means are not possible) SMS and/or WhatsApp. The Savannah Environmental online platform will include the following: A means to register on the project database and provide details of their interest in the project Project maps (as applicable) Virtual focus group meetings using an appropriate platform agreeable to all parties (such as Zoom, Skype or MSTeams). The meetings will be recorded, and the attendees' details captured in an attendance register. Confirmation of their attendance will also be requested by e-mail and the correspondence will be included in the report. Communities will be consulted via one of the following, where available: the relevant Ward Councillor, ward committee members, community representative or local community forum members, as determined and confirmed during the consultat	

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements	
	 Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs: Telephonic consultation. Post (where email or other means are not possible) SMS and/or WhatsApp. Consultation and communication through one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. 	
Regulation 41 (2) (a) – Site notice	 Site notices will be placed at affected properties by the EAP, landowner or specialist, depending on specific travel restrictions applicable at the time. Size and content will be in accordance with Regulation 41(3) & 41(4). 	
Regulation 41(2)(b) – Written notification to affected and neighbouring landowners and occupiers; municipality; ward councillors; Organs of State & other parties required by the CA	 Notification letter to be sent via email, fax or post. Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs: Post (where email or other means are not possible) 	
Regulation 41 (2) (c) – (e) – Advertisements	 SMS or WhatsApp notification. Adverts will be placed in a local newspaper and/or live reads on local radio stations (where available) announcing the BA process and availability of the various reports. 	
Regulation 42 – Project database	 I&APs to be identified through a process of networking and referral, obtaining information from the Savannah Environmental existing stakeholder database, liaison with potentially affected parties in the greater surrounding area and a registration process involving the completion of a reply form or response to adverts. OoS, key stakeholders and affected and surrounding landowners will be identified and registered on the project database. Other stakeholders will be required to formally register their interest in the project through either directly contacting the Savannah Environmental Public Participation team via email or fax or use of the Savannah Environmental website. To access the Savannah Environmental online platform for a specific project, I&APs will be required to provide their details such that they are automatically registered on the project database. The register of I&APs will contain the names of: all persons who requested to be registered on the database through the use of the Savannah Environmental website, or in writing and disclosed their interest in the project; all OoS which hold jurisdiction in respect of the activity to which the application relates; and all persons who submitted written comments or attended virtual meeting/s and viewed virtual presentations on the Savannah Environmental website during the public participation process. 	

Regulation	Approach & Methodology to meet requirements
	The information captured on the project database will contain the names, organisation and contact details, as required. It must be noted that personal details will not be shared in public documentation in accordance with the requirements of the POPI Act.
Regulation 44 – Comments to be recorded	 Written comments can be submitted via email, post or fax. Any comments provided telephonically or via instant message will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. All comments received throughout the BA processes will be acknowledged and captured in the comments and responses report (C&RR) with a relevant response. The C&RR and all comments received will be included in the final report submitted to the CA.
	 Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs: I&APs without the applicable electronic facilities to access the Savannah Environmental website will be provided with the opportunity to submit their comments and communicate with the public participation team via SMS, WhatsApp or by sending a Please-call-me notification. These comments will be transcribed and recorded as formal comments. Written comments via post or fax (where email or other means are not possible). Comment submission telephonically and instant messaging (SMS and/or WhatsApp). Sending a Please-call-me notification to the Public Participation team so that contact can be made.
Regulation 4(2) – Notification of decision on application	 Notification of Environmental Authorisation (EA) using the following means: Notification letter with details as outlined in EA issued will be sent via email, fax or post. Notifications that the EA has been issued and where to download and/or obtain a copy to communities via one of the following, where available: Ward Councillor and his/her ward committee members and identified and confirmed community representatives. SMS or WhatsApp notification.
	 Opportunity and means of consultation where applicable facilities are not available to I&APs: Post (where email or other means are not possible) Communication via one of the following, where available: the ward councillor, ward committee members and confirmed community representatives and local community forum members. SMS and/or WhatsApp.

Jana de Jager

From: Fiona Grimett <FGRIMETT@dffe.gov.za>

Sent: 09 November 2021 15:28

To: Jo-Anne Thomas

Cc: Jana de Jager; Thulisile Nyalunga

Subject: PP Plan Approval: Red Sands PV1, PV2 and PV3 Facilities, Northern Cape Province

Attachments: PP Plan- Red Sands x3 PV.pdf

<u>Subject</u>: Approval of Public Participation (PP) Plan for the proposed application for environmental authorisation for the Red Sands PV1, PV2 and PV3 Facilities, Northern Cape Province (Pre-application reference: 2021-11-0003)

Dear Ms Thomas

The attached Public Participation (PP) Plan for the proposed Red Sands PV1, PV2 and PV3 Facilities, Northern Cape Province, received by this Department on 03 November 2021, refers.

Based on the information provided, this Department decided to **approve** the PP Plan for the project. You may proceed with the PP process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PP Plan, the amended PP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

A copy of the PP Plan and this approval must be submitted as part of the application form when the application is lodged.

Also note that submission of a PP Plan and approval thereof do not negate your responsibility to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Regards,

Fiona Grimett

Designation: Assistant Director: National Infrastructure Projects Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

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Subject: RE: 2021-11-0003

Hi Thulisile

Thank for your feedback, much appreciated.

Kind regards



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To: Jana de Jager < <u>Jana@savannahsa.com</u>> **Cc:** Fiona Grimett < <u>FGRIMETT@dffe.gov.za</u>>

Subject: RE: 2021-11-0003

Dear Jana

You have indicated that a pre-application meeting is not specifically required. The Department will approve your public participation plan soon.

Regards Thulisile

From: Jana de Jager [mailto:Jana@savannahsa.com]

Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:52 PM

To: Thulisile Nyalunga < TNYALUNGA@dffe.gov.za >

Cc: Fiona Grimett <FGRIMETT@dffe.gov.za>; Sindiswa Dlomo <SDLOMO@dffe.gov.za>

Subject: RE: 2021-11-0003

Dear Thulisile

Could you kindly provide feedback on this pre-application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Kind regards



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<<u>Jana@savannahsa.com</u>> **Subject:** 2021-11-0003

Dear Thulisile.

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

Type of Application: Pre-Application Meeting Request;

Reference Number: 2021-11-0003; **Date Received:** 03/11/2021;

Action Required: Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set.

*EAP/Applicant: please use this reference number when submitting the application for EA/amendment application (page 1 of the application form), as well as attach the approved PP Plan if the application requires a PP process.

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To: EIA Applications < EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>

Subject: Pre-Application Request & PP Plan for Approval - Red Sands PV1, Red Sands PV2, and Red Sands PV3

facilities.

Good day

Kindly find attached the pre-application request form including the Public Participation Plan for the proposed Red Sands PV1, Red Sands PV2, and Red Sands PV3 facilities.

As indicated in the pre-application request a pre-application meeting is not specifically required and the purpose of the application is for the Department to consider the details of the project and the Public Participation Plan.

Please confirm receipt of the request.

Kindly advise should you require any further information. Thank you.

Kind regards



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APPENDIX C2: I&APs Database



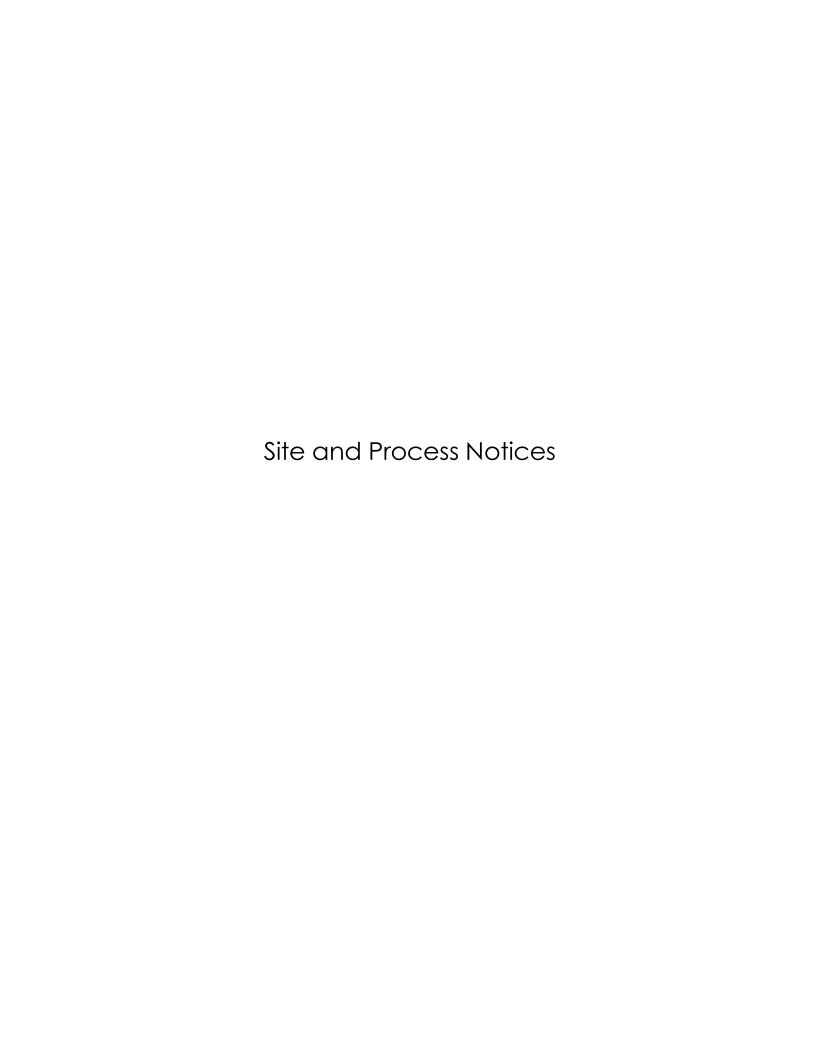
ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR RED SANDS PV CLUSTER

APPENDIX C2: INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY DATABASE

Company	First Name	Last Name	Position	Department
Company ZF MgCawu District Municipality	R	Christie	Municipal Manager	Department
ZF MgCawu District Municipality	Paulus	Mgcera	Executive Mayor	
Willow Slopes Game Farm	Lauren	-	Owner/Admin	Recreation
WESSA: National WESSA Northern Cape Region	Morgan Suzanne	Griffiths Erasmus	Chairperson	
WESSA	Suzanne	Erasmus	Chairperson	
WESSA	Lemson	Petha	N. a. B. i	N. d. D. i
WESSA Ward 6 admin email	John	Wesson Marais 1	Northern Region Mayor	Northern Region
Ward 4	Christie	RVM	Mayor	
Tsantsabane Local Municipality	Helena	English	Mayor/ Ward Cllr - Ward 6	Tsantsabane
Tsantsabane Local Municipality Tsantsabane Local Municipality	Gladys G.H	Witbooi Mathobela	Personal Assistant: Municipal Manager Municipal Manager	
Tsantsabane Local Municipality	Clive	Marais	Personal Assistant: Office of the Mayor	
Trust	Driaan	Maritz		
South African Weather Services South African Weather Services	Zamikhaya Webster	Magogotya Ngoepe		Radar Specialist
South African Weather Services	Rydall	Jardine		
South African Weather Services	Puseletso	Mofokeng		
South African Weather Services	Bernard	Petlane		
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Selaelo	Matlhane	Spectrum and Telecoms Manager	
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South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Busang	Sithole	Analyst	Site Categorisation
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Adrian	Tiplady	South African SKA Site Bid Manager	Site Categorisation
South African National Roads Agency Limited	Victoria	Botha		
South African Local Government Association (SALGA)	Yolile	Coorgo	Chief Executive Officer	
South African Local Government Association (SALGA) South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Ragna	George Redelstorff	Heritage Officer	
			Heritage Officer: Northern Cape & North	
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Phillip	Hine	West Province	
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) Head Office Cape Town	Dumisani	Sibayi	Executive Officer Heritage Branch	
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Lizelle	Stroh	Obstacle Specialist	Aviation Obstacle and GIS
South African Civil Aviation Authority South African Astronomical Observatory	Evelyn Ted	Shogole-Molepo	Director	
South African Astronomical Observatory South African Astronomical Observatory	Ramotholo	Williams Sefako	Director Director	
South African Astronomical Observatory	Petri	Vaisanen	Astronomer	
South African Astronomical Observatory	Patricia	Whitelock	Director	
South Africa Heritage Resources Agency	Ragna	Redelstorff		N. F. TO F. T.
Sentech Ltd Sentech Ltd	Zane Serame	Mannel Motlhake	Head Manager	National Operations and Planning Radio Frequency Network Planning
Sentech Ltd	Marlon	Finnis	Ivianagei	Tradio Frequency Network Framming
Sentech Ltd	Johan	Koegelenberg	Coverage Planner: RF Networks	Renewable Projects
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SANRAL	NXODIIE	Mabaso	Regional Environmental Manager Environmental Coordinator: Western	
SANRAL	Nicole	Abrahams	Region	
SAHRA	Natasha	Higgitt	Heritage Officer - Northern Cape	Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit
SAEON Arid Lands Node Roois and Trust	Joh Willem	Henschel Strauss		
Reitz	Jan Daniel	Kernspek	Landowner	
Prynnsberg Boerdery CC	Derick	de Witt		
Northern Cape Economic Development Agency	Riaan	Warie		
Northern Cape Economic Development Agency Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural	Babalwa	Mbobo	Deputy Director: Renewable Energy	
Dev & Land Reform	Elsabe	Swart	Scientific Manager: Grade B	Research & Development
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural				
Dev & Land Reform Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural	Dineo	Moleko	Assistant Director Impact Management	
Dev & Land Reform	Dewald	Badenhorst	Manager: Protected Areas - West	
Northern Cape Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural				
Dev & Land Reform	Bryan	Fisher	Director	Environmental Quality Management
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	Viljoen	Mothibi	Head of Department: Agriculture	
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& Rural Development	Viljoen	Mothibi	Head of Department: Agriculture	
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Ruth	Palm	Chief Director: Roads	
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Conservation	Onwabile	Ndzumo	Case Officer	Impact Management
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature	Notalis	Llvo	Condidate Scientists Batariat	
Conservation Northern Cape Department of Roads & Public Works	Natalie Menelisi	Uys Sithole	Candidate Scientist: Botanist	
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature				
Conservation	Luzane	Tools-Bernado		
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Kholikile	Nogwili	Head of Department	
Northern Cape Department of Roads & Public Works	Jaco	Roelofse	Director: Roads	
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature	D			Hard of David
Conservation Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform	Denver	van Heerden	Head of Department	Head of Department
& Rural Development	Ali	Diteme		
Northern Cape Chamber of Commerce & Industry				
(NOCCI)	Sharon	Steyn		Northern Cana Provincial Havitana Bassara
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (N Cape Prov Heritage Resource Authority)	Timothy	Ratha	Heritage Officer	Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (NCPHRA)	Andrew	Timothy	Heritage Officer	,
Neo Bio Energy		*		
NC Dept of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Provincial)	Jacoline	Mane	Chief Forester: NFA Regulation	Forestry Management
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land	Jaconile	Mans	Onlei Forester. INFA Regulation	i oresity ivianagement
Reform	Viljoen	Mothibi		
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land	Com H	D- Io F	Production Scientist Grade A: District	December and Development Community
Reform NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land	Samantha	De la Fontaine	Ecologist	Research and Development Support Unit
Reform	Peter	Cloete	Research Development Officer	Namakwa District Municipality
National Khoisan Council	William	Petersen	Secretary	. ,
National Khoisan Council National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Cecil	Le Fleur	Chairman	Congration Licensing
Inational Energy Regulator of South Affica (NERSA)	Tamai	Hore	Senior Engineer: Generation Licensing	Generation Licensing

Company	First Name	Last Name	Position	Donartment
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National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Siphiwe	Khumalo	Senior Engineer: Distribution Licensing	Regulation
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APPENDIX C3: Site Notices and Newspaper Advertisement



NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE RED SANDS PV CLUSTER CONSISTING OF RED SANDS PV1, RED SANDS PV2, AND RED SANDS PV3 FACILITIES, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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The infrastructure associated with each 75MWac PV facility includes:

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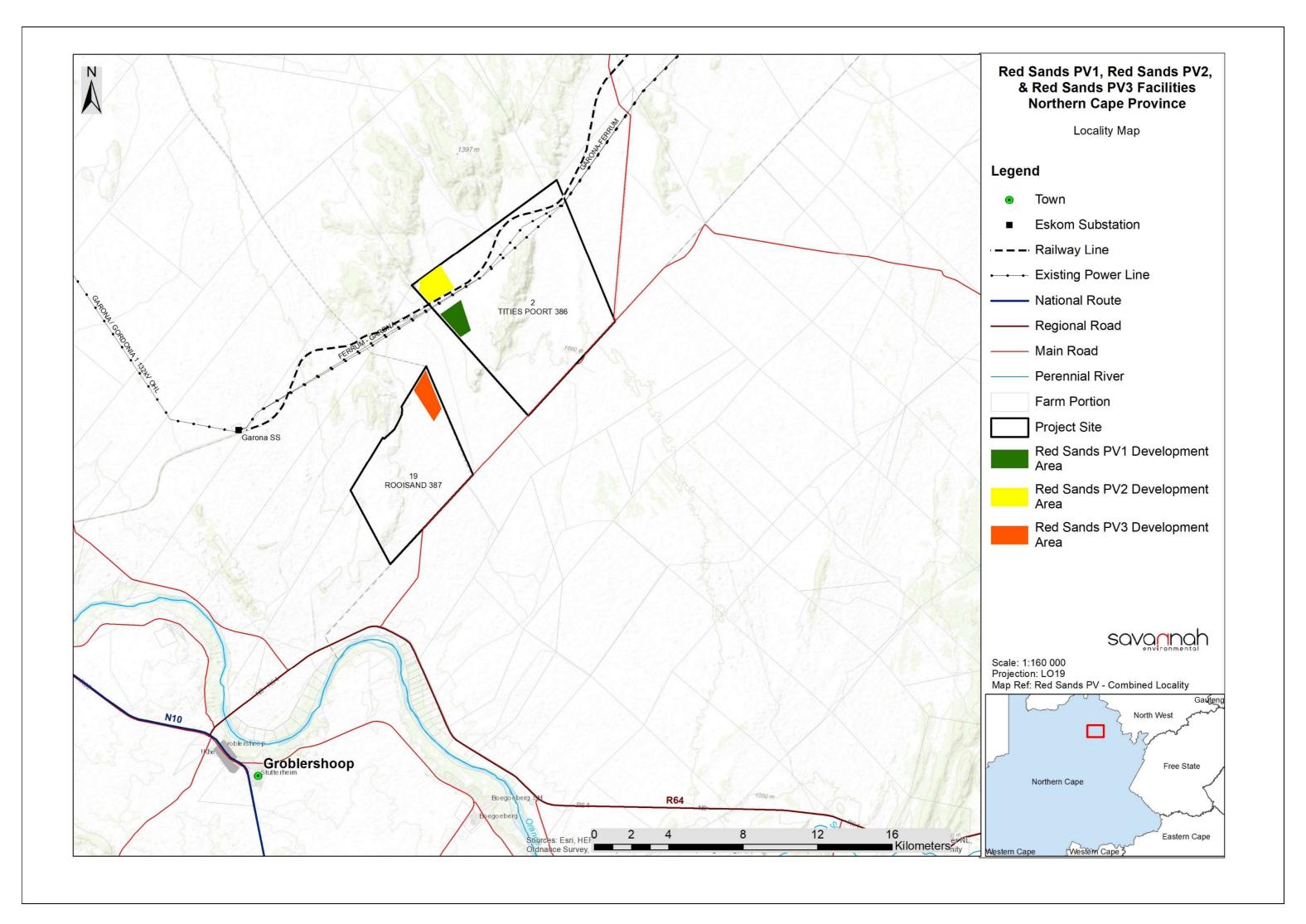
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Site Notice 1





Site Notice 2





Site Notice 3





Site Notice 4

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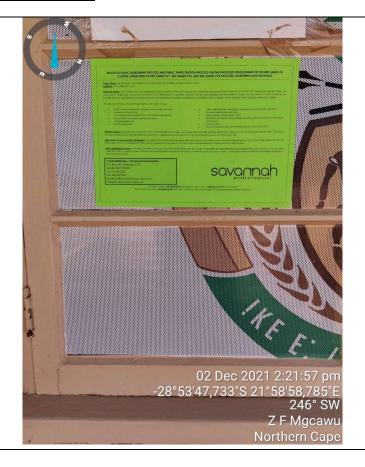
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Process Notice 1





Process Notice 2



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Borehole equipped with 2 Windmills and 1 with solar pump, 3 Cement Dams & 1 Ground Dam, 1 Tank, 8 Camps, 9 x Watering

2 Large Warehouses, Old Farm house

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Registered Size: 3391,6098 HA Title Deed: T7657/2012CTN

2 Bathroom House, 2 Warehouses, Milk Stall.

Milk Stail, 2 Farm Worker Houses, 2 Small outbuildings, 6 Boreholes equipped with 1 Solar pump,

1 submersible pump and 3 Windmills, 1 Tank, 5 Cement Dams & 1 Ground Dam, 9 Camps, 12 Watering Troughs

5. Portion 2 of farm Witfontein Ideal for Sheep Farming Registered Size: 4128.3709 HA

Title Deed: T63116/2005CTN Bedroom 2 Bathroom House, 2 Large

Warehouses 4 Outbuildings, 5 Boreholes equipped with 1 submersible pump (Eskom Single

Fase) and 4 Windmills, 5 Cement Dams, 3 Tanks, 8 Watering Troughs, 7 Camps, 2 Farm Worker Houses

MOVEABLE ASSETS

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- Camera surveillance
- Internet connection.
- 33kV cabling between the project components and the facility substation.
- 33/1/32kV onsite facility substation.

 Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

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APPENDIX C4: Background Information Document



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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The nature and extent of the three solar PV facilities within the Red Sands PV Cluster are explored in more detail in this Background Information Document (BID). A Basic Assessment process is being undertaken in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the development of the respective PV facilities. The public participation processes for the projects will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to comment on all projects simultaneously. Each solar PV facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project.

AIM OF THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

This document aims to provide you, as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP), with:

- » An overview of the proposed solar PV facilities and associated infrastructure.
- » An overview of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes and specialist studies being undertaken to assess each of the projects.
- » Details of how you can become involved in the EIA processes, receive information, or raise comments that may concern and/or interest you.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECTS

In response to the electricity demand and need for supply within South Africa, the need to promote renewable energy and sustainability in the Northern Cape Province, as well as the country's targets for renewable energy, the development of three 75MWac solar PV facilities is proposed. The development of the solar PV facilities will add additional capacity to the national electricity grid network.

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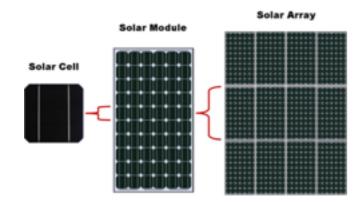
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MORE ABOUT SOLAR PV TECHNOLOGY

Solar energy facilities use energy from the sun to generate electricity through a process known as the Photovoltaic Effect. This effect refers to photons of light colliding with electrons, and therefore placing the electrons into a higher state of energy to create electricity. The solar fields of the PV facilities will comprise the following components:

Photovoltaic Cells:

A photovoltaic (PV) cell is made of silicone that acts as a semiconductor used to produce the photovoltaic effect. PV cells are arranged in multiples/arrays and placed behind a protective glass sheet to form a PV panel. Each PV cell is positively charged on one side and negatively charged on the opposite side, with electrical conductors attached to either side to form a circuit. This circuit captures the released electrons in the form of an electric current (i.e. Direct Current (DC)).



Overview of a PV cell, module, and array/panel (Source: pveducation.com)

A solar PV module is made up of individual solar PV cells connected together, whereas a solar PV array is a system made up of a group of individual solar PV modules electrically wired together to form a much larger PV installation. The PV panels will be fixed to support structures to maximise exposure to the sun.

The operation of PV systems therefore differs from other solar technologies, such as concentrated solar power (CSP) or solar thermal.

PV panels are designed to operate continuously for more than 20 years, mostly unattended and with low maintenance.

¹Grid connection for the each of the proposed projects will consist of a switching station and 132kV powerline which will connect to the Garona Substation (depending on the outcome of the Eskom GAU assessment). A separate BA will be undertaken for the respective grid connection solutions.

Inverters:

Inverters are used to convert electricity produced by the PV cells from Direct Current (DC) into Alternating Current (AC) to enable the facility to be connected to the national electricity grid. Numerous inverters will be arranged in several arrays to collect and convert power produced by the facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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 applicant requires Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) in consultation with the Northern Cape Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform.

The proposed projects are located entirely within the Upington Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ 7), one of the eleven REDZs formally gazetted in South Africa for the purpose of developing solar and wind energy generation facilities. In line with the gazetted process for projects located within a REDZ, the proposed projects are subject to a Basic Assessment (BA) process instead of a full Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and a reduced decision-making period of 57 days. A BA Process in terms of Appendix 1 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) is therefore being undertaken for each of the proposed projects. Each application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental specialist studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

A Basic Assessment process is an effective planning and decision-making tool. It allows for potential environmental consequences resulting from a proposed activity to be identified and appropriately managed during the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of development. It also provides an opportunity for the project applicant to be forewarned of potential environmental issues, allows for the resolution of issue(s) identified and reported on as part of the BA processes, and provides opportunity for dialogue with key stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).



Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for managing the applications for EA and undertaking the supporting EIA process required to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the projects, as well as propose appropriate mitigation and management measures to be contained within the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs). I&APs will be actively involved in the EIA processes through the public participation process.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECTS?

The study area for each project will be assessed by independent environmental specialists to identify the potential for environmental impacts. Specialist studies that are proposed as part of the EIA processes include the following:

- » Biodiversity includes ecology & freshwater, fauna and flora and assess the potential impact and the associated disturbance of vegetation on the biodiversity (including critical biodiversity areas and broad-scale processes).
- » Avifauna includes an assessment of impacts on avifaunal habitats and sensitive features.
- » Soils, Land Use, and Agricultural Potential includes land types and assesses the significance of loss of agricultural land and soil degradation and/or erosion.
- » Heritage (Archaeology and Palaeontology) which includes archaeology and palaeontology and assesses the potential of disturbance to or destruction of heritage sites and fossils during the construction phase through excavation activities.
- » Visual which includes the visual quality of the area and assesses the impact of the solar PV facilities and the grid connection solution on the aesthetics within the area.
- » Social which includes the positive and negative social impacts.

The independent specialist studies will identify, assess and ground-truth the potential impacts associated with each project. Environmental sensitivities will be identified and will inform the facility layouts. Where impacts cannot be avoided, practical and achievable mitigation measures will be recommended in order to minimise the significance of the potential impacts identified. These recommendations will be included within an EMPr compiled for each of the projects.

Specialist studies will be informed by existing information, previous experience in the area, field observations and input from the public participation process. As an I&AP, your input is considered as an important part of the process, and we urge you to become involved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The sharing of information forms the basis of the public participation process and offers I&APs the opportunity to become actively involved in the BA processes. Comments and inputs from I&APs are encouraged to ensure that potential impacts are considered throughout the BA processes. The public participation process aims to ensure that:

- » Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the applications are made available to I&APs for review.
- » I&AP participation is facilitated in such a manner that they are provided with reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed projects.
- » Adequate review periods are provided for I&APs to comment on the findings of the BA Reports.



An integrated public participation process will be conducted for all three BA processes being undertaken. To ensure effective participation, the public participation processes include the following:

- » Identifying I&APs, including affected and adjacent landowners and occupiers of land, and relevant Organs of State, and recording details within a database.
- » Notifying registered I&APs of the commencement of the EIA processes and distributing the Background Information Document (BID).
- » Providing access to registered parties to Savannah Environmental's website, which centralises project information and stakeholder input in a single digital platform.
- » Providing an opportunity for I&APs to engage with the EIA project team.
- » Placing site notices at the affected property/ies.
- » Placing an advertisement in a local newspaper.
- » Notifying I&APs of the release of the Reports for a 30-day review and comment period.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and undertaking of the public consultation as part of an EIA process. Alternative means of undertaking consultation has been designed and will be implemented by Savannah Environmental to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the project through an interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person illustrating interest in the project and enables the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. Where access to this online platform is not possible by an I&AP, alternative arrangements for participation will be made.

Participation in the EIA process is encouraged from I&APs during the EIA process in order to ensure that potential impacts are considered within the environmental studies. Persons with special needs can contact the relevant contact person below.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN I&AP

In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Public Participation Guidelines, 2014 your attention is drawn to your responsibilities as an I&AP:

- » To participate in the EIA processes, you must register yourself on the I&AP database.
- » You must ensure that any comments regarding the proposed projects are submitted within the stipulated timeframes.
- » You are required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that you may have in the approval or refusal of the applications.

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

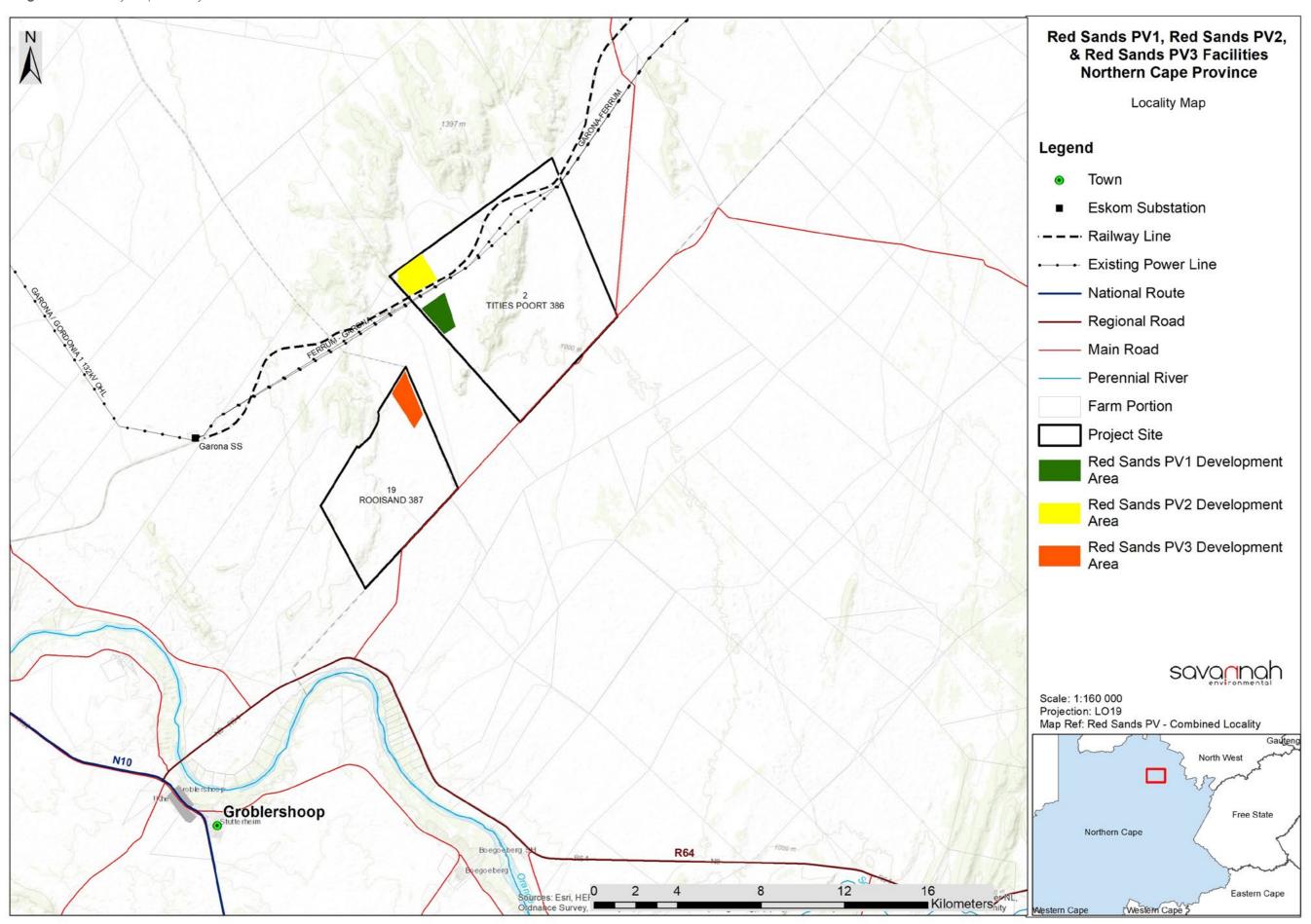
- 1. By responding by phone, fax, or e-mail, to the invitation for your involvement.
- 2. By returning the reply form to the relevant contact person.
- 3. By contacting the environmental consultant with queries or comments.
- 4. By reviewing and commenting on the Reports within the stipulated 30-day review and comment periods. Registered I&APs will automatically be notified of the release of the BA Reports for comment, and the closing dates by which comments must be received.

If you consider yourself an I&AP for the proposed projects, we urge you to make use of the opportunities created by the public participation process to provide comment, raise issues and concerns which affect and / or interest you, or request further information. Your input forms a key element of the BA processes.

By completing and submitting the accompanying reply form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for the proposed projects, and are ensured that your comments, concerns, or queries raised regarding the projects will be noted. Please note that all comments received will be included in the project documentation. This may include personal information.



Figure 1: Locality Map and Layout





COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Direct all comments, queries or responses to:

Savannah Environmental Lehlogonolo Masego P.O. Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Tel: 011 656 3237 Mobile: 060 978 8396 Fax: 086 684 0547

E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com

To visit the online stakeholder engagement platform and view project documentation, visit www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/



APPENDIX C5: Organs of State Correspondence

No correspondence from Organs of State has been received to date and will be incorporated into the final Report.

APPENDIX C6: Stakeholder Correspondence

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From: Sent: To: Subject:	Cecilia Kotze <> Friday, 01 April 2022 10:35 Savannah Public Process Re: Mr F S Kotze
Red Sands PV3 please	
On Fri, 01 Apr 2022 at 08:05, Cec Yes please, thank you. Isent it th	
Virus-free. www.avast.	<u>com</u>
On Fri, Apr 1, 2022 at 7:20 AM S	avannah Public Process < <u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u> > wrote:
Dear Cecilia / Mr FS Kotze,	
Please inform us for which proj	ect would you like to received information on.
Kind regards,	
savannal	Nicolene Venter Public Participation and Social Consultant
t: +27 (0)11 656 3237 f: +27 (0) 86 684 0547	e: publicprocess@savannahsa.com c: +27 (0)60 978 8396
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From: Cecilia Kotze < ritaribho@gmail.com Sent: Thursday, 31 March 2022 21:41

To: Savannah Public Process < <u>publicprocess@savannahsa.com</u>>

Subject: Mr F S Kotze

Hallo can you sent me more information regarding the projects please my cellno is thanx

APPENDIX C7: Comments Received

No comments have been received to date and will further be incorporated accordingly into the final Report.

APPENDIX C8: Meeting Minutes

No meetings have been held to date and as such, all meeting outcomes will be incorporated into the final Report.	

APPENDIX C9: Comments and Response Report

No comments have been received to date and as such no report is included. Any comments received will further be incorporated accordingly into the final Report.