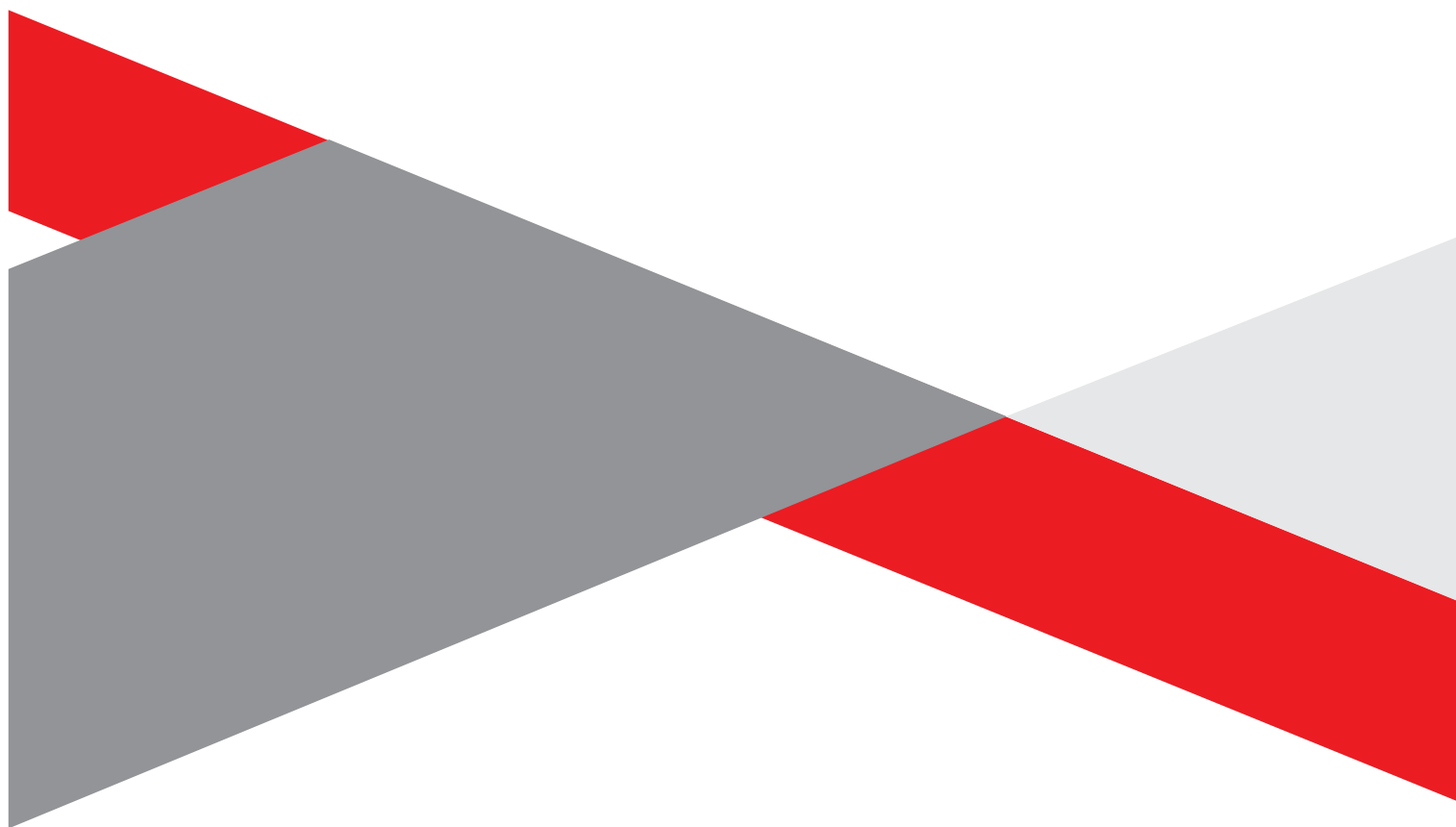


APPENDIX C6

MEETING NOTES



BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE KLEINZEE SOLAR PV FACILITY AND DAISY SOLAR PV FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

**MEETING NOTES OF THE SANParks FOCUS GROUP MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY 2023 AT 11H30
VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS, VIRTUAL MEETING**

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*Please note that these notes are not verbatim, but a summary of the comments submitted at the meeting.
Please address any comments to Savannah Environmental at the above address*

MEETING ATTENDEES

Name	Position	Organisation
Kristal Maze	Park Planning and Development	SANParks
Maretha Alant	Parks Division	SANParks
Thomas Condesse	Director, Project Developer	EnergyTeam
Johans Van Wyk	GIS Planning & Project Management	EnergyTeam
Millard Kotze	Project Manager	EnergyTeam
Karen Jodas	Environmental Assessment Practitioner	Savannah Environmental
Nkhensani Masondo	Environmental Assessment Practitioner	Savannah Environmental
Debbie Janse van Rensburg	Environmental Assessment Practitioner	Savannah Environmental
Bregardia Rabbie	Public Participation Administrator	Savannah Environmental

APOLOGIES

No apologies were given.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Karen Jodas welcomed the attendees at the SANParks Focus Group Meeting for the Daisy Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and Kleinzee Solar PV Facilities and requested the attendees to introduce themselves.

A copy of the virtual participants' attendance is attached as **Appendix A** to the meeting notes.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECTS

Karen Jodas presented an overview of the two projects to SANParks as an opportunity for their understanding and input with regards to any findings from their side that need to be considered in the projects going forward.

- Daisy Solar PV and Kleinzee Solar PV facilities and associated grid connection infrastructure
- Summary of the Basic Assessment & Public Participation Process
- Summary of the key environmental findings
- The way forward and availability of additional project information

A copy of the presentation is attached as **Appendix B** to the meeting notes.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Question / Comment	Response
Kristal Maze requested confirmation on whether SANParks are on the project database and if SANParks has been provided with the Background Information Document.	Karen Jodas confirmed that SANParks are on the database and the Background Information Document (BID) will be shared after the meeting. Karen Jodas also indicated that this is the first meeting of the public participation process.

Kristal Maze enquired about the status of the Komas and Gromis Wind Energy Facilities.	<p>Millard Kotze indicated that the Komas Wind Energy Facility had been withdrawn. He requested to have a separate conversation after the meeting with SANParks regarding the Gromis Wind Energy Facility.</p> <p>Post-meeting note: These wind projects do not form part of the Kleinzee and Daisy Solar PV cluster, although the Applicant is the same group.</p>
Kristal Maze enquired whether the Energy Team has taken over the Komas and Gromis Wind Farm projects and whether Genesis and Enertrag are no longer part of the projects.	<p>Millard Kotze confirmed that Energy Team has taken over the Komas and Gromis projects and that Genesis and Enertrag are no longer part of the projects.</p> <p>Thomas Condesse indicated that the Energy Team is active with several projects in the area and would like to be able to find a way to accommodate/balance both the power generation expectation in this REDZ area, and SANParks.</p>
Kristal Maze thanked the team for clarity and further enquired about other projects in the area that have been taken over by the Energy Team.	Thomas Condesse confirmed that the Energy Team is also involved in the Namas and Zonnequa Wind Farms with Atlantic Energy Partners and reiterated that Genesis is no longer part of the projects being applied for in the area.
Kristal Maze questioned the Kleinzee Solar PV site located inside the Namaqua National Park expansion footprint.	<p>Karen Jodas advised that the area indicated on the shared map is the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy (NPAES) area which was identified by using the National dataset. This is important to the Ecologist, who determines and reports on the risks of a project being in the national priority areas.</p> <p>The NPAES areas are not always considered to be exclusion areas to development. The management plan for the Namaqua National Park was taken into consideration to determine the future of the park and whether the other projects will be in conflict with the plan so that the team can adequately cover it in the ongoing process.</p>
<p>Kristal Maze suggested that the dataset for the Namaqua National Park expansion footprint layer be added onto the sensitivity map.</p> <p>She also indicated that although the dataset layer of the NPEAS area overlaps into the REDZ area, it is important to note that it forms part of the Park's intended expansion area. Kristal Maze further advised that SANParks comments on previous projects should be reviewed before finalising the Basic Assessment Reports for the projects.</p>	Karen Jodas indicated that Simon Todd, the ecologist, has undertaken several studies in the area and has also engaged with SANParks regarding other Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessments in this area.
Millard Kotze requested clarity regarding the buffers for the Namaqua National Parks expansion area.	Kristal Maze responded that the dataset used is from the NPEAS and have recommended that the approved Namaqua National Park expansion footprint be added as a dataset layer.

Thomas Condesse wanted to know what the processes are to approve an expansion of National Parks and what it implies for the other projects on site.	Kristal Maze indicated that the Minister of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment approves the Park Management Plan for each park in the country and the plans are updated every 10 years. This process also includes an 18-month Public Participation process.
Karen Jodas indicated that the current Management Plan is for the period ending 2023 and asked whether the expansion area is expected to change or if it is likely to stay the same, and if the purchased land parcels which are identified as part of the expansion included as contractual inclusion or are being purchased.	<p>Kristal Maze responded they are in the process of updating them but for the purpose of the projects, Energy Team will have to use the approved one.</p> <p>The expansion is dependent on resources and land parcels are actively being purchased.</p> <p>Newly approved projects are taken into consideration in the new expansion layer.</p>
Karen Jodas enquired on how the Namas Wind Farm project will be taken into consideration in the expansion layer seeing that it is in a similar area as the Kleinsee Solar PV project.	Kristal Maze indicated that SANParks will need to use existing information which is currently in place. SANParks can review the Ecology report and provide feedback. Kristal Maze requested that the park expansion footprint layer be included in the Ecological report.
<p>Kristal Maze enquired if EnergyTeam is allowed to comment on the expansion plan.</p> <p>Millard Kotze requested the EnergyTeam to be added onto SANPark's database for the expansion footprint plan.</p>	Kristal Maze responded that the EnergyTeam are allowed to comment.
Millard Kotze asked what happens if a landowner does not want to sell their property or be included in the Park's expansion footprint plan.	Kristal Maze indicated that the planning for the park expansion does not include landowner willingness, but it is based on the environmental value of the land. Even if the plan is to expand to an area, the landowner may not approve. However, SANParks interests should be taken into account in new projects/ventures. SANParks have identified the NPEAS as high value property intended to be included in a broader sustainability goal in order to achieve a biodiversity target for the Park. This can either be achieved through direct ownership of the property, or through an arrangement with the landowner, should the landowner be willing.
Millard Kotze enquired if the EnergyTeam can proceed with their PV Projects.	Kristal Maze indicated that SANParks is not responsible for authorising projects and will be commenting on the projects as a Commenting Authority. She indicated that SANParks will be an I&AP acting on behalf of the Interest of the National Park.

WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

Karen Jodas asked whether there were any other questions or comments.

Kristal Maze stated that the presentation was helpful, and the meeting has helped to clarify SANParks questions. She requested that the Namaqua Park Manager be added onto the database for the projects.

The timeframes for release of the Basic Assessment Reports were discussed, and it was indicated that the Basic Assessment Reports are currently being drafted and specialists are currently finalising the assessments.

Karen Jodas thanked everyone for their contributions. Any additional comments can be sent to be included in the Comments and Response Reports.

The meeting closed at 12h30.

Table of Abbreviations / Acronyms

BID	Background Information Document	PV	Photovoltaic
I&AP	Interested and Affected Parties	SANParks	South African National Parks
NPAES	National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy		

APPENDIX A: Attendance Record		
Meeting title	Basic Assessment for Daisy & Kleinzee Solar PV Facilities - Focus Group Meeting held with SANParks	
Attended participants	9	
Start time	23/01/19, 11:24:51	
End time	23/01/19, 12:33:54	

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DAISY SOLAR PV AND KLEINZEE SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Focus Group Meeting

January 2023

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PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

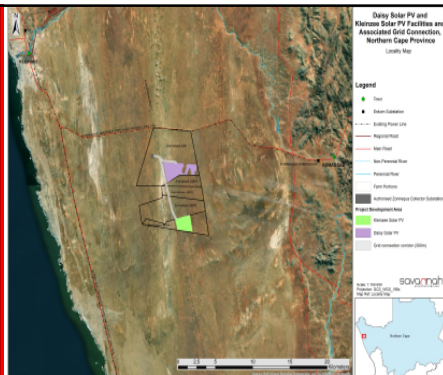
- Provide an overview of the **Daisy Solar PV and Kleinzee Solar PV facilities and associated grid connection infrastructure**
- Summary of the **Basic Assessment & Public Participation Process**
- Present summary of the key environmental findings
- Provide the opportunity to seek clarity regarding the projects and their respective environmental studies
- Provide an opportunity to provide further input and comment
- Obtain and record comments for inclusion in the Reports to be submitted to the DFFE

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Daisy Solar PV facility up to 360MW
Kleinzee Solar PV Facility up to 200MW
Located ~20km west of Komaggas and ~24km southeast of Kleinzee, Northern Cape Province
Located within the Springbok Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) and Northern Corridor of Strategic Transmission Corridors = BA process



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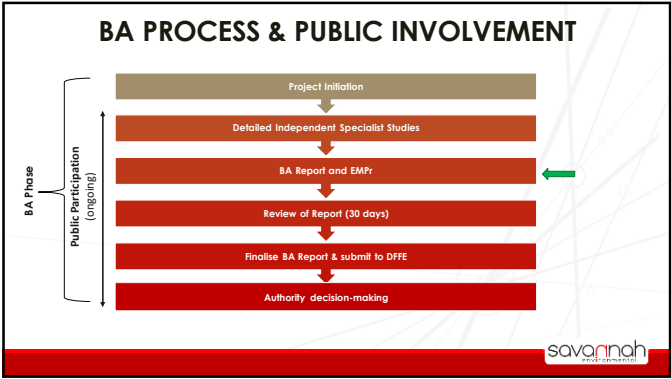
Infrastructure/components relevant to each project:

- o Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures
- o Inverters and transformers
- o Low voltage cabling between the PV modules to the inverters
- o 33kV cabling between the project components and the facility substation
- o 132kV onsite facility substation
- o 132kV power line to connect to the grid at Zonnequa Collector Substation within a 300m wide corridor
- o Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- o Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage
- o Laydown areas
- o Site access and internal roads

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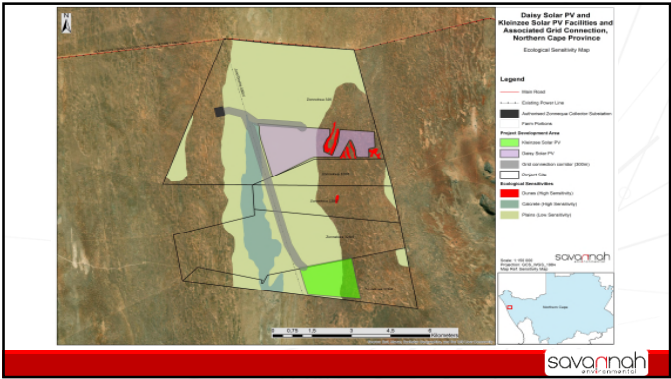
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SPECIALIST STUDIES

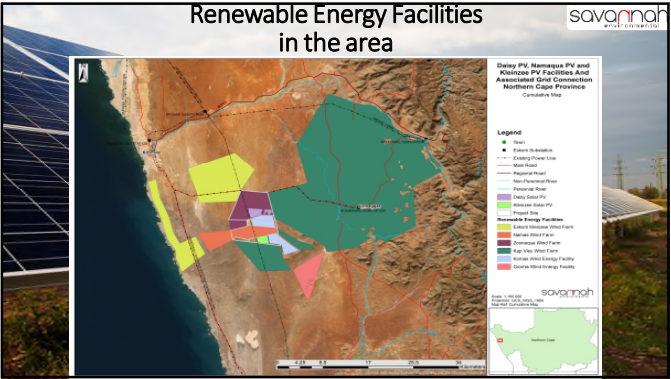
Specialist	Field of study
Simon Todd of 3Foxes Biodiversity Solutions	Ecological Impact Assessment
Rob Simmons and Marlei Martins of Birds and Bats Unlimited	Avifauna (including monitoring)
Marinè Pienaar of Terra Africa Environmental Consultants	Soil, Land Use, Land Capability and Agricultural Potential
Jenna Lavin of CTS Heritage	Heritage (including archaeology, palaeontology and cultural landscape)
Laurens du Plessis of LOGIS	Visual
Brogan Geldenhuys of Eco-Thunder Consulting	Social

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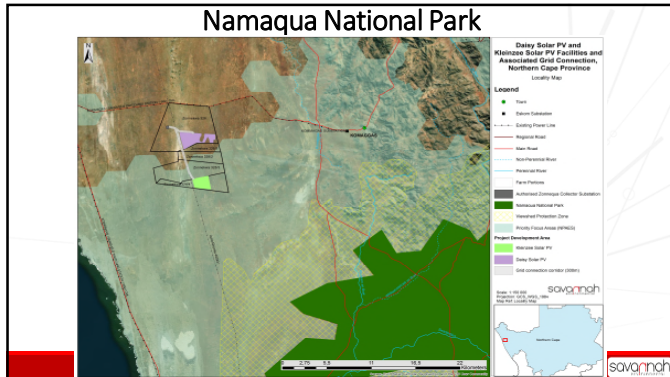
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WAY FORWARD

- BARs for each Facility - Reports are currently being drafted
- Optimised layouts avoid ecological sensitivities - location of PV infrastructure is considered acceptable
- Current layout does not result in unacceptable environmental impacts
- Appropriate mitigation measures to minimise impacts - included in project EMPs
- Our Public Participation team is available to answer any questions on the development and register any additional I&APs to receive important project information as it becomes available

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Notes of meetings held during the 30-day BA
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