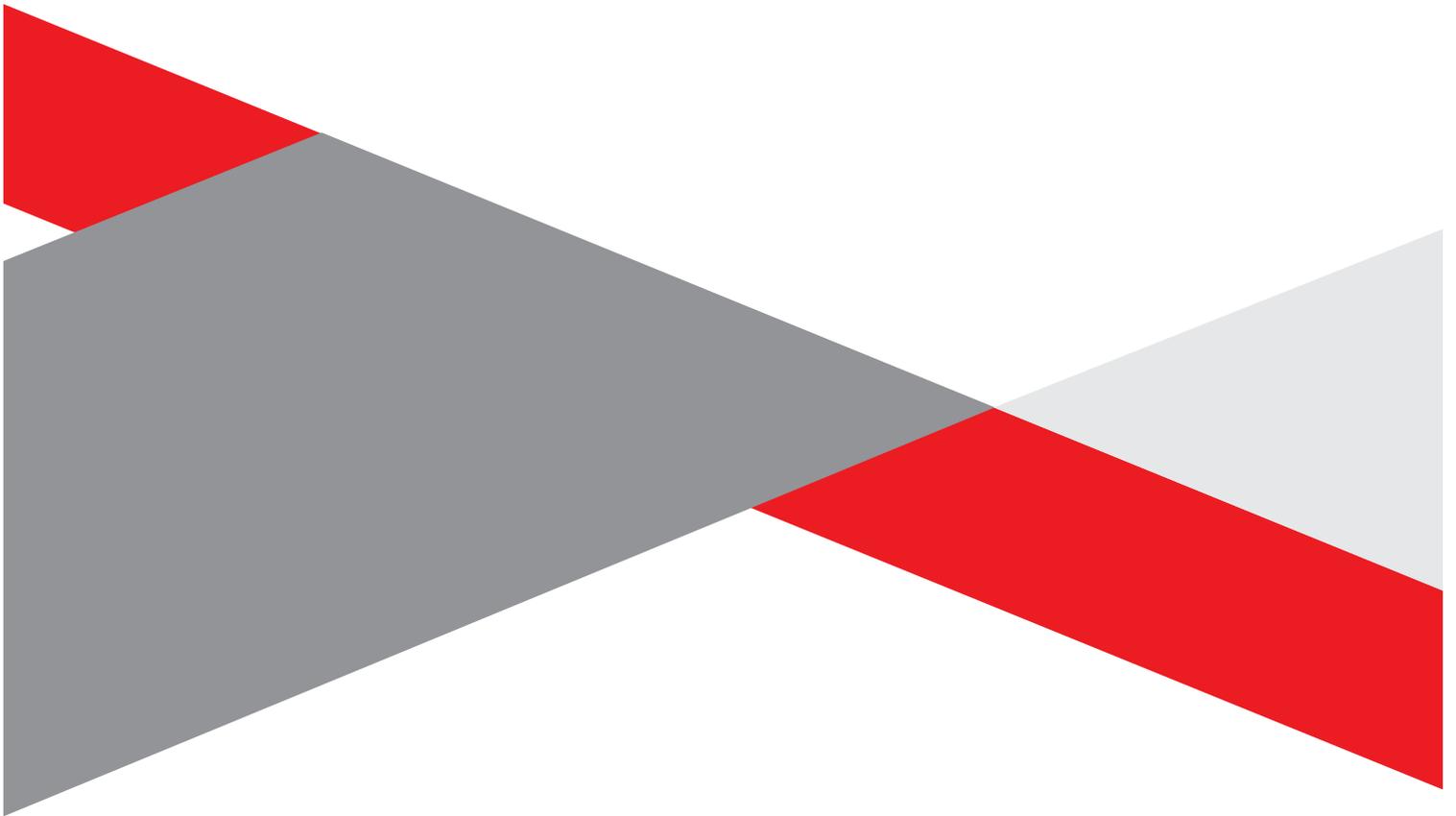


APPENDIX C8
COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT



KLEINZEE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

(DFFE Ref. No.: To be issued)

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

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The Kleinzee (PV) Facility Public Participation process was initiated on Tuesday, 19 January 2023. The Background Information Document (BID) Letter served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments / queries regarding the proposed project. All written comments received from the initiation of the Basic Assessment (BA) Process have been included in this Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) and included in **Appendix C8** of the Basic Assessment (BA) Report.

The BA Report will be made available for a 30-day review and comment period from **03 May 2023** to **02 June 2023**. The C&RR will be updated with all comments received and attached as a separate document to the BA Report as **Appendix C8**.

NOTE:

All comments captured in the C&RR are verbatim and have not been summarised.

NOTE:

In terms of Regulation 44(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, please note that the comments raised, and responses provided at the various Meetings held during the initiation of the BA process have been attached as **Appendix C6** of the BA Report. Meeting Notes of meetings to be held during the 30-day BA Report review and comment period will be included in **Appendix C6** of the final BA Report.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

BA	Basic Assessment	FGM	Focus Group Meeting
BID	Background Information Document	I&AP	Interested and Affected Parties
C&RR	Comments and Responses Report	PV	Photovoltaic
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	WWF	World Wildlife Fund
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner		

1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE INITIATION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

1.1. Organs of State

NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
1.	Acknowledged receipt of the BID and indicated that the Department will submit comments on the proposed development.	Elsabe Swart Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform Email: 20 January 2023	The Department was requested to submit written comment regarding the proposed development (refer to Appendix C4 of the BA Report). A FGM will be held with the Department once the Basic Assessment report is available for review.

1.2. Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties

NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
1.	I would like to register WWF South Africa as an Interested and Affected Party for the Gromis, Daisy and Kleinsee renewable energy developments in the Northern Cape. WWF works very closely with SANParks and the Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental, Land Reform and Rural Affairs on expanding Protected Areas in the Northern Cape to help achieve our national targets for biodiversity. We would welcome discussions about how we can ensure that any proposed developments falling within the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Zones and Park Buffer areas do not compromise our ability to meet biodiversity targets.	Katherine Forsythe LHST Succulent Karoo Project Coordinator: Land Programme, WWF South Africa E-mail: 30 January 2023	The stakeholder has, as requested, been added to project database. All registered stakeholders on the project database will be notified of the availability of the BAR for review. The Gromis Project does not form part of this PV cluster, which comprises only the Daisy Solar PV and Kleinsee Solar PV. A FGM was held on 19 January 2023 with SANParks where biodiversity targets, the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy area and Namaqua National Park were discussed.

	We would appreciate understanding the timeframes, processes and next steps for the Gromis, Daisy and Kleinsee developments.		
2.	Do you have any further information on the with the re-instatement of the Gromis development. Am I correct that Savannah is also handling this? Will that be a separate process to the Daisy and Kleinsee developments?	Katherine Forsythe LHSTK Succulent Karoo Project Coordinator: Land Programme, WWF South Africa E-mail: 01 February 2023	The Gromis Project does not form part of this PV cluster, which comprises only the Daisy Solar PV and Kleinzee Solar PV. Savannah Environmental is not the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the Gromis Wind project. The project is not currently in process.
3.	Application not administrated by NER Region. Please direct it to the emails below. Eastern Region - wayleaves2@telkom.co.za Southern Region -wayleavessr@telkom.co.za Western Region - wayleaveswr@telkom.co.za	Chris Schutte Mvelaphande Trading Email: 02 February 2023	The email has been forwarded to the Eastern, Southern and Western Wayleave Regions for comment and contact details of the relevant Official/s were requested.
4.	NO COPPER OR OPTIC FIBRE SERVICES AFFECTED Wayleave application: Solar PV plant and, mounting structures, inverters, transformers, cabling, substation, battery energy storage system, Kleinzee solar PV, 20km west of Kommagas and 24km southeast of Kleinzee. With reference to your letter received 16 March 2023 Please notify this office immediately if you locate any Openserve plant that was not indicated. Please contact our representative Marius Makier / 021 981 3399 / 081 348 2317 / Mariusm1@openserve.co.za 48 hours prior to commencement of construction work. I hereby inform you that Openserve approves the proposed work indicated on your drawing in principle. This approval is valid for 06	Stefan Geldenhuis Operations Manager PP Wayleave Management: Western Region Openserve (Eskom service provider) Letter: 03 April 2023	The Wayleave information and application process have been submitted to the Applicant for attention should it be required.

<p>MONTHS ONLY, after which reapplication must be made if the work has not been completed.</p> <p>Any changes or deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.</p> <p>As per supplied sketches it would appear as if Openserve infrastructure would not be affected.</p> <p>Sketch attached to letter.</p>		
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