

Fw: PP Plan Approval: Additional development area for the authorised 90MW Engie Graspan PV Facility

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 2 attachments (200 KB)

PP Plan for the Engie Graspan Additional Footprint.pdf; RE: 2021-11-0022;

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

Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:31 AM

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Subject: PP Plan Approval: Additional development area for the authorised 90MW Engie Graspan PV Facility

Subject: Approval of Public Participation (PP) Plan for the application for environmental authorisation for the additional development area for the Authorised 90MW Engie Graspan PV Facility (DFFE Reference No.: 14/12/16/3/3/276), Siyancuma Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province (Pre-application reference: 2021-11-0022)

Dear Ms Thomas,

The attached Public Participation (PP) Plan for the additional development area for the **Authorised 90MW Engie Graspan PV Facility** within the Siyancuma Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province, received by this Department on 19 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.

Please note that this approval relates to the PP Plan only, for the Scoping / EIR process to be undertaken. You are advised to consider the guidance provided in the email dated 02 December 2021 (attached), regarding the way forward and listed activities to be applied for the additional development area.

Regards,

Fiona Grimett

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Subject: RE: 2021-11-0022

Dear Fiona,

I have had a response from our client regarding the need for the additional footprint. It is largely due to the technological advancements in Solar PV Panels since the initial authorization (See below).

The additional land area required for the construction of the solar PV facility is due to the advancements in technology and spatial needs for the optimized operation of the facility. In particular, the specified PV technology for the sites is bifacial PV modules, which enables energy generation from both sides of the PV modules thus requiring additional space between PV module rows, compared to traditional monofacial PV modules, for reflected solar irradiation (solar energy) to reach the underside of the bifacial modules.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Warm regards,

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Subject: RE: 2021-11-0022

Dear Tamryn,

Your pre-application meeting form refers. Please could you provide a little more information. Why is an additional 50ha required to implement the PV facility? What will be constructed on the 50ha site?

Thank you.

Regards,

Fiona Grimett
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Dear Mathlodi.

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

Type of Application: Pre-Application Meeting Request;
Reference Number: 2021-11-0022;
Date Received: 18/11/2021;
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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Subject: FW: Additional footprint for the Engie Graspan Solar Project - Request for Pre-Application Meeting

Good day,

Please find attached pre-application meeting request for the proposed additional footprint for the Engie Graspan Solar Project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the project

or the application.

Please note and as stated in the application form, we do not require a meeting but do need approval of the PP Plan. Please advise if you require a meeting and a suitable date.

Thank you and kind regards,



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