

## Mmakoena Mmola

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**From:** Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 06 October 2021 09:09  
**To:** Mmakoena Mmola  
**Subject:** Re: NEMA EIA Application form  
**Attachments:** DARDLEA - Amend EA Application [4 Oct 2019].doc; DARDLEA - Application for EA [4 Oct 2019].doc

Good day,

Herewith our latest forms, with inline responses in red below.

Kind Regards

Robyn

>>> Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena@savannahsa.com> 2021/10/05 3:18 PM >>>

Hi Robyn,

I trust you are well?

I recently started working on a project where your department is the Competent Authority, and I quickly wanted to find out if your department accepts hard copy or electronic submissions? If it is the former, how many copies do you require? **We require hard copies of all documents (ie. application form, screening report, all draft reports and all final reports). Single copy only (but please submit a copy of the application form that excludes maps, screening report etc. but includes proof of payment and declarations). Please ensure that your application form and all subsequent reports are submitted directly to the relevant district office as indicated in the application form.**

I also checked your website for EA application forms and a template for a BA Report but did not find anything. Please will you provide me with copies of said templates or advise where I can obtain these? **Please refer to Point 15 of the application form - we do not make use of BAR templates. Please do not use a template from another province, we want to avoid tick-box reporting.**

Does your department require that we compile and submit a public participation plan for your approval prior to commencing with the public participation process? **No, this was a provision for Levels 4 and 5.**

Your assistance in this regard would be highly appreciated.

Best regards,



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**From:** Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Friday, 08 October 2021 11:10  
**To:** Mmakoena Mmola  
**Cc:** Mbuyane  
**Subject:** Re: Application for Environmental Authorisation for Becrux Solar PV One  
**Attachments:** DARDLEA - Application for EA [4 Oct 2019].doc

Good day,

The proposed project will fall within Gert Sibande, so the application must be administered in our Ermelo office. I have copied Ms Sindisiwe Mbuyane in this response - please liaise directly with her (she is the manager at that office).

Kind Regards  
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>>> Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena@savannahsa.com> 2021/10/08 11:00 AM >>>

Dear Robyn,

Savannah Environmental has been appointed by the SOLA Group to undertake a Basic Assessment (BA) process for the construction of a solar PV plant near Secunda, the purpose of which will be to generate electricity for exclusive use by Sasol's Secunda CTL Plant.

Since the applicant does not plan to submit and or bid the proposed project in any of the upcoming Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) rounds, it is our understanding that the provincial environmental department (i.e., the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs) is the competent authority for this project. This conclusion is also based on discussions we have had with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on a similar project wherein the DFFE advised that the provincial environmental authority would be the applicable competent authority.

We would like to set up a meeting with a representative from your Department sometime this month to discuss this project and gain a better understanding of your requirements in terms of how this BA process should be carried out.

Could you kindly advise on who I can communicate with from your Department regarding this matter?

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Regards,

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**From:** Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 11 October 2021 12:37  
**To:** Mmakoena Mmola  
**Subject:** RE: Application for Environmental Authorisation for Becrux Solar PV One

Good day Mmakoena,

Thank you for the email. May you create the meeting via Microsoft Teams, we do not have resources to access Zoom. Wednesday 11:00 - 12:00 is fine.

Thank you,  
Sindisiwe Mbuyane

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>>> Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena@savannahsa.com> 2021/10/11 11:14 AM >>>  
Good day Sindisiwe,

The client has indicated that they are available for a pre-application meeting on either Wednesday 11:00 - 12:00, and Thursday 11:00 - 12:00 this week via Zoom.

Best regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Application for Environmental Authorisation for Becrux Solar PV One

Good day,

You may set up the meeting with me and propose two dates, venue and time for the meeting. I will then respond with suitable date.

Kind regards,

**Sindisiwe Mbuyane**

**Environmental Officer**

**Gert Sibande District (13 De Jager Street)**

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>>> Mmakoena Mmola <[Mmakoena@savannahsa.com](mailto:Mmakoena@savannahsa.com)> 2021/10/08 11:19 AM >>>

Dear Robyn,

Noted, and thank you for your prompt response.

[@Mbuyane](#) could you kindly advise who I can communicate with from your Department regarding my email below?

Best regards,

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**From:** Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 October 2021 16:13  
**To:** Mmakoena Mmola  
**Subject:** Re: SE3238| Becrux PV Notes for the Record and Presentation

Thank you Mmakoena

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>>> Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena@savannahsa.com> 2021/10/26 11:57 AM >>>

Dear All,

Please find herewith attached the notes for the record for the pre-application meeting held on 13 October 2021 for your verification.

Best regards,



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**From:** Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 09:10  
**To:** Mmakoena Mmola  
**Subject:** RE: SE3238| Becrux PV Issue of Competent Authority  
**Attachments:** DARDLEA - Application for EA [4 Oct 2019].doc

Hi Mmakoea,

Attached is the application form, on section 10 of the application form are declarations. The EAP declaration is 10.1.

Kind regards,

**Sindisiwe Mbuyane**

**Environmental Officer**

**Gert Sibande District (13 De Jager Street)**

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>>> Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena@savannahsa.com> 2021/11/29 4:42 PM >>>

Hi Sindisiwe,

I wanted to check if your Department has an EAP declaration of interest form which has to be filled, signed and commissioned. If so, please will you send me a copy?

Thank you and kind regards,

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**Sent:** Friday, 26 November 2021 13:55  
**To:** sindisiwe mbuyane <mbuyanesb@gmail.com>; Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>  
**Subject:** SE3238 | Becrux PV Issue of Competent Authority

Dear Sindisiwe,

As discussed, please see attached communication from the Department.

Best regards,



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**From:** Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 January 2022 08:47  
**To:** Mmakoena Mmola  
**Subject:** RE: SE3238| Becrux PV - Submission of Basic Assessment Report

Hi Mmakoena,

Unfortunately the declaration forms on the application are the ones that we use. Kindly use them in all your reports that requires them.

Thank you,  
Sindi

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>>> Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena@savannahsa.com> 2022/01/19 8:16 AM >>>  
Hi Sindiwiwe,

Noted, thank you.

I wanted to ask if your Department has any specialist declaration templates and an EAP declaration and affirmation template that has to be attached to the BA Report, not the one that goes with the application form.

If so, could you kindly share these with me?

Best regards,

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**From:** Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2022 15:12  
**To:** Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena@savannahsa.com>  
**Subject:** Re: SE3238 | Becrux PV - Submission of Basic Assessment Report

Hi Mmakoena,

I am very well thank you.

Commenting period for the Department will commence on the date of receipt of the report and application. Meaning that, if the report is received after 21 January 2022 commenting period will start after that date.

Hope you find it in order.

Kind regards

**Sindisiwe Mbuyane**  
**Environmental Officer Production Grade A**  
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>>> Mmakoena Mmola <[Mmakoena@savannahsa.com](mailto:Mmakoena@savannahsa.com)> 2022/01/18 8:25 AM >>>

Dear Sindisiwe,

I trust you are well?

As per our telephonic discussion last week, we intend to submit the application for Environmental Authorisation, accompanied by the Basic Assessment Report, for the Becrux Solar PV Facility later this week.

Our submission will be done via courier and as such, there is a possibility that the documents will only arrive at your offices after the review period has commenced, i.e., after the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2022. I wanted to find out if it would be an issue if the reports only arrived at your offices the following Monday or Tuesday, depending on how quick the courier service is.

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