

APPENDIX C2
SITE NOTICES AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS



SITE NOTICES

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

30MW HARMONY ONE PLANT SOLAR PV FACILITY, WELKOM, FREE STATE PROVINCE

Applicant: Free Gold Harmony (Pty) Ltd

Activity: Development of the Harmony One Plant Solar PV Facility, grid connection and other associated infrastructure, with a contracted capacity of up to 30MW. The on-site infrastructure includes:

- » PV modules and mounting structures
- » Inverters and transformers a SCADA room, and maintenance room
- » Cabling between the project components, to be laid underground where practical
- » Access roads, internal roads and fencing around the development area.
- » Temporary and permanent laydown areas and O&M buildings.
- » Overhead Power Lines (OHPL)
- » Grid connection solution including an on-site 44kV facility substation, 44kV switching station, to be connected to the Brand Gold (6.6/132kV) Substation via a 44kV overhead power line (located ~2km North of the site).

Project Location: Located South West of the Witpan dam, South of the Harmony One Gold Plant operations, approximately ~14km north west of the town of Virginia within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality and within the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province. The PV facility is located on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Marmageli 20 and Remainder Extent of the Farm Welkom 80, over 75ha in extent.

Environmental Assessment Process: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326) are required to be submitted for the project. This application is being supported by a separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process for the project. An application will be lodged with the Department of Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental (DESTEA), as the competent authority.

Public Participation Process: Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the environmental consultant responsible for undertaking the Scoping Assessment and Public Participation process in support of the application for EA. To obtain further information on the project and to register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to:

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This notice is **not** for **job applications** but rather an opportunity to **register/comment** on the project.
Should you know of any **vulnerable person** that needs to be informed of and be part of this proposed project, please contact us.

PROOF OF SITE NOTICES (Date placed: 18 August 2022)



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HARMONY GOLD PHASE 2 RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES PROJECTS, FREE STATE PROVINCE

Proposed Activity:

Harmony Gold Mining Company (Ltd) is looking to supplement its energy supply by implementing PV generation, aiding their transition to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly energy mix through the construction and operation of 3 solar PV facilities located on 3 different Harmony Gold Mine sites within the Free State Province. The project entails the development of three (3) separate solar PV facilities, each including grid connection and other associated infrastructure.

Details Of Projects in the Free State Province:

- » Freegold Harmony (Pty) Ltd (a subsidiary of Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd) aims to develop the Harmony One Plant Solar PV Facility which is located on the Remaining Extent of the Farm Marmageli 20 and Remaining Extent of the Farm Welkom 80, near Welkom, within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality and Lejweleputswa District Municipality. The PV facility will have a generation capacity of up to 30MW and will tie into the Brand Gold Substation via a 2km power line.
- » Freegold Harmony (Pty) Ltd (a subsidiary of Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd) aims to develop the Harmony Joel Solar PV Facility located on portion 0 of the Farm Leeuwbult 580, near Theunissen, within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, and the Lejweleputswa District Municipality. The PV facility will have a generation capacity of up to 18MW and will Tie-in to Shafts 1 & 2 HJ Joel Mining Substation, via a 1.2km power line.
- » Avgold (Pty) Ltd (a subsidiary of Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd) aims to develop the Harmony Target Solar PV Facility, located on portion 0 of Farm Kromdraai 386, near Allanridge, within the Matjhabeng Local Municipality, and the Lejweleputswa District Municipality. The PV facility will have a generation capacity of up to 30MW and will Tie-in to the Avgold Substation via a 2km power line.

The onsite infrastructure for all sites includes:

- » PV modules and mounting structures.
- » Inverters and transformers a SCADA room, and maintenance room.
- » Cabling between the project components, to be laid underground where practical.
- » Access roads, internal roads and fencing around the development area.
- » Temporary and permanent laydown areas and O&M buildings.
- » Grid connection solution which will facility substation, switching station and an overhead power line.

Each renewable energy facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project and therefore a separate Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process is being undertaken for each facility. The public participation process for the projects is being run concurrently.

Environmental Impact Assessment Processes: In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 – R327, as amended, an EIA process is required for each renewable energy facility. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required EIA, and public participation processes for these projects. A Background Information Document (BID) providing further information on the projects is available on the Savannah Environmental website at <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation>.

Scoping Reports available for review & comment: The Scoping Report for each project is available for download, review & comment from the Savannah Environmental website. The 30-day review & comment period for the Scoping Reports is from **24 August 2022** to **23 September 2022**. The final day for written comment to be submitted is **23 September 2022**.

To obtain further information and register on the project database and submit comments or queries, please refer to the contact information:

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