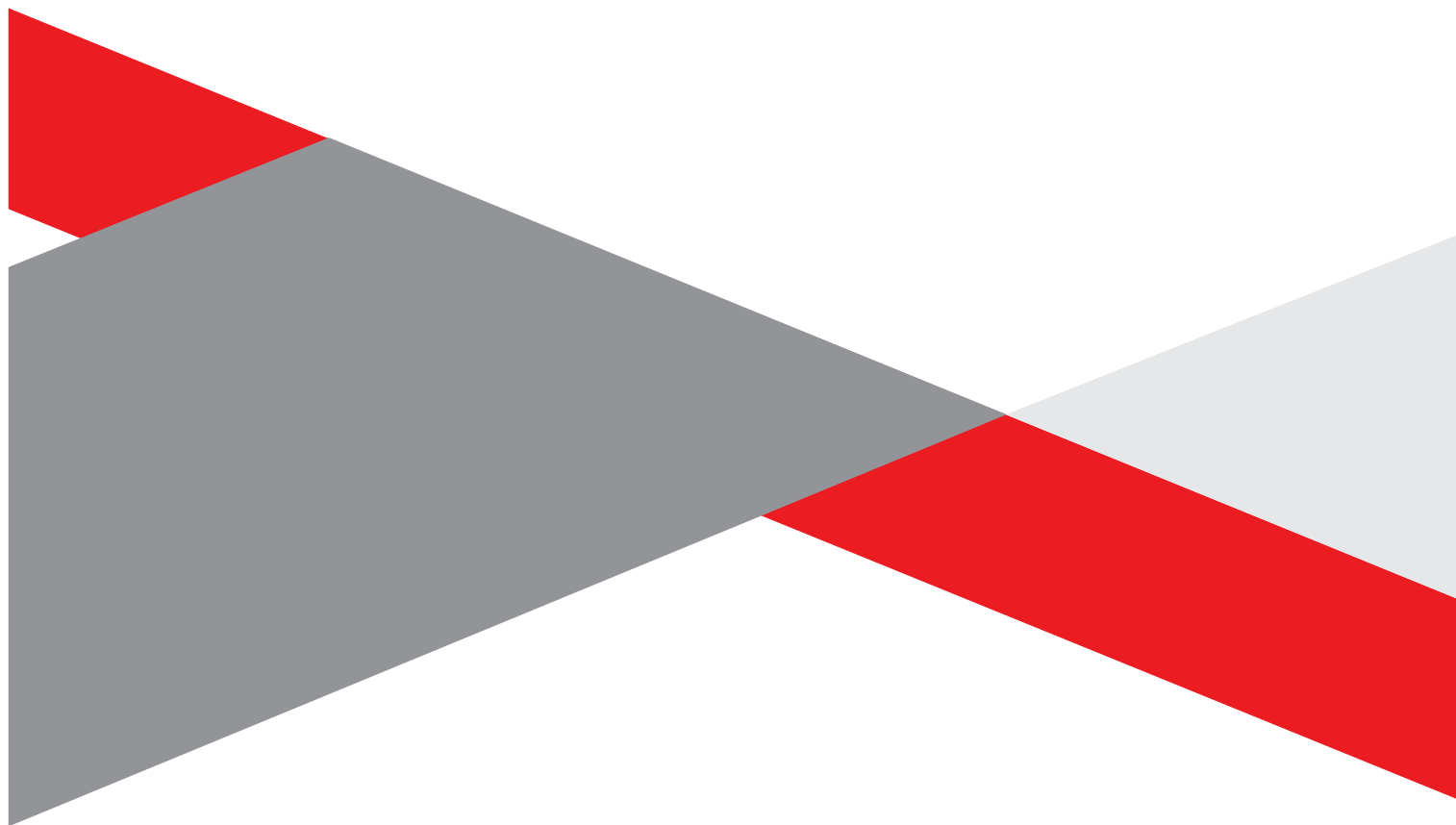


APPENDIX C9
COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT



Proof to be included in final EIA Report

SCOPING PHASE

FOUNTAIN SOLAR PV1, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

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The Scoping phase of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for the Fountain Solar PV1 was announced together with the Pixley Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities located near De Aar, Northern Cape Province on Friday, 25 March 2022. The Background Information Document was distributed together with a notification letter which served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments / queries that they might have on any one of the proposed developments or all. All written comments received during the Scoping Phase of the EIA process to date have been included in the table below and in **Appendix C7** of the Scoping Report.

The Scoping Report is available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Monday, 11 April 2022** until **Monday, 16 May 2022**. The Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) will be updated with comments received during the review and comment period and included in **Appendix C7** of the final Scoping Report.

The C&RR is included as a separate document to the Scoping Report as **Appendix C8**.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation	WUL	Water Use License
OoS	Organs of State		

1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SCOPING PHASE OF THE EIA PROCESS

1.1. Organs of State

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	Please apply for water use authorization where necessary through the DWS Regional Office.	Pieter Ackerman Chief Landscape Architect Sub Directorate Instream Water Use DWS E-mail: 18 March 2022	It can be confirmed that the applicant had been notified of the WUL requirements for the four (4) applications and that the applications would be submitted to the DWS' Regional Office. The DWS Regional Office is a registered OoS on the project's database.
2.	<p>PIXLEY PARK CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved in terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.</p> <p>No infrastructure of our Client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal. We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account. Please make use of pilot holes in order not too damage our infrastructure. Therefore any damages occurred during construction of work will be repaired at the customer's account.</p>	Chris Schutte Mvelaphande Trading (OpenServe Service Provider) Letter: 30 March 2022	It is noted that no Openserve infrastructure will be impacted by the Carolus Solar PV1 facility. Should any possible Openserve infrastructure be exposed, the applicant will inform Openserve. The requested process to be followed by the applicant is acknowledged and will be attended should the applicant be a preferred bidder.

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
	<p>Although we are not affected by this proposal, Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738 from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work.</p>		
	<p>Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval.</p>		<p>Mvelaphande Trading was informed that as a result of the REIPPP process, the six (6) month validation period for the construction of the proposed grid connection would not be feasible.</p>
	<p>Any changes/deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.</p>		<p>The requested process to be followed by the applicant is acknowledged and will be attended should the applicant be a preferred bidder.</p>
	<p>On completion of this project, please certify that all requirements as stipulated in this letter have been met. Please note that should any of our Client (Openserve) infrastructure has to be relocated or altered as a result of your activities the cos for such alteration or relocation will be for your account in terms of section 25 of the Electronic Communication Act.</p>		
	<p>Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738 from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.</p>		
	<p>Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval. Any changes/deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office</p>		
	<p>Please notify this office and forward an as built plan, within 30 days of completion of construction.</p>		
	<p>Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738 from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.</p>		

1.2. Key Stakeholders and Interested & Affected Parties

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	No comments received to date.		