

**APPENDIX C7**  
**MEETING NOTES**



**PIXLEY PARK CLUSTER  
THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 4 SOLAR  
PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES (TOTAL  
CAPACITY OF 500MW)**

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**MEETING NOTES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2022 AT 17H00  
VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS, VIRTUAL MEETING**

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### MEETING ATTENDEES

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| Andrew Pearson           | Mulilo Renewable Project Developments | Environmental Manager                                 |
| Lloyd Barnes             | Mulilo Renewable Project Developments | Environmental and Land permitting officer             |
| Karen Low                | juwi Renewable Energy                 | Sustainability Manager                                |
| Ansoné Esterhuizen       | Savannah Environmental                | Environmental Assessment Practitioner                 |
| Nondumiso Bulunga        | Savannah Environmental                | Lead Consultant: Social, Stakeholder Engagement & GIS |

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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The agenda was provided, and purpose of the meeting was presented by **Nondumiso Bulunga**.

### APOLOGIES

None tendered.

### BACKGROUND & TECHNICAL ASPECTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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**DISCUSSION SESSION**

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| Karen Low | This meeting is not representative of the public as it only has the Mulilo team. The public participation has been poor.   | <p>Nondumiso Bulunga responded that the public have been informed about the meeting using various means such as advertisement in the newspaper, direct correspondence with registered parties, to mention a few. The meeting is also catering for those working during the day and has been set at 17:00pm to allow those who are working and may not have the opportunity to attend during the day. This is one of many other planned meetings for the project planned in the next two weeks.</p> <p>Andrew Pearson added that having a representation from the Mulilo team should not be seen in a negative light, in fact it should be seen that the team is willing to engage.</p> |
|           | How will needs of the locals be addressed as the presentation gives information mostly on the environmental matters. In De Aar there has been a lot of concerns around employment and the impact it has on the community because apart from electricity what other benefits can be empowered?  | Ansoné Esterhuizen responded that social impact will be investigated in the social impact assessment and as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) this information will be included.   |
|           | When will there be a public meeting for the grid connection?   | Ansoné Esterhuizen indicated that the meeting for the grid connection will likely take place in July/August 2022 once the investigations for this have been completed, but exact details will be provided in due course.   |
|           | <p><b>Pasted to the MS Teams Chat Function</b></p> <p>It is mentioned that the grid connection infrastructure will be connected to either Vetlaagte MTS or Wag 'n Bietjie MTS and two separate EAs are currently under way for either MTS.</p> <p><b>Pasted to the MSN Chat Function</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why was there a need for 2 MTSs?</li> </ol> | While it was noted that the MTS is not part of the application for EA to which this PPP process is for, Andrew Pearson provided a high-level response to the queries regarding the grid connection. Andrew Pearson mentioned that some of these questions require absent members of the Mulilo Team to respond, so Mulilo  |

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|           | <p><b>Pasted to the MSN Chat Function</b></p> <p>2. Are these MTS's Hydra B and Hydra C according to the Eskom TDP (Transmission Development Plan)</p>  | <p>will send a formal response to the questions.</p>   |
|           | <p><b>Pasted to the MSN Chat Function</b></p> <p>3. Will access to either MTS (which will be handed over to Eskom) be provided by Mulilo as they will have rights over the property that either MTS will be located on?</p> | <p>Feedback from Mulilo Technical Grid Team: Based on the latest Eskom reports (GCCA 2024 &amp;TDP 2022) and the current feedback from Eskom at Hydra specifically, the Hydra MTS has capacity at 400kV but does not have capacity at the 132kV level and cannot be further expanded to accommodate the additional transformation required to facilitate further IPP connections beyond those already awarded. In order to connect further generation at the 400kV level, in a separate EA application, Mulilo as the IPP will develop two MTSs and hand them back to Eskom as part of a standard Self Build Contract with Eskom.</p>  |
|           | <p><b>Pasted to the MSN Chat Function</b></p> <p>4. If Mulilo does not grant access to the MTS, will Eskom be able to over-ride their decision?</p>   | <p>Again, not part of this EA application, but neither of the two MTS's form part of the Eskom Transmission Development Plan at this stage as they are not part of Eskoms internal Transmission expansion plan and have not been allocated funding as part of Eskoms tariff applications or Regulatory Clearing Account applications with NERSA, nor have they been taken through the Self Build design and concept design approval process. These processes can only occur during the Budget Quote stage, post preferred bidder award following positive EA. The application for the two MTS's is to reduce the risk of a potential fatal flaw on one of the sites, there is an alternative option available to connect the IPP Projects. There is ongoing consultation with Eskom with</p> |

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|           | <p><b>Pasted to the MSN Chat Function</b></p> <p>5. Will servitude access be provided by Mulilo to other projects to reach either Vetlaagte MTS or Wag 'n Bietjie MTS or any of the mentioned Switching Stations?</p>                        | <p>regards to the design requirements of the MTS.</p> <p>Andrew Pearson responded that at this stage it is assumed that 3<sup>rd</sup> party access to the MTS once constructed and handed over to Eskom for operations, would be for Eskom to approve or refuse. This decision would be confirmed following the 3<sup>rd</sup> party's submission of the Eskom Standardized Cost Estimate Application in order for Eskom to determine the optimum connection to the national grid.</p>   |
|           | <p><b>Pasted to the MSN Chat Function</b></p> <p>6. Design flaw as it does not take into consideration other projects' grid connection. Has an open servitude been incorporated into the design to allow other projects to access Hydra?</p> | <p>Ansoné Esterhuizen noted the concern and indicated that this would be considered by the Mulilo team.</p> <p>Mulilo Response:<br/>This query is not related to the current EA application. The proposed MTS's are separate EA applications whose design is not flawed and is fit for purpose. In responding to the concerns, firstly access to Hydra MTS is not impacted as the proposed MTS has been specifically located away from the Hydra infrastructure to allow a number of new powerline corridors to be constructed between the proposed MTS's and Hydra. Secondly the proposed MTS will use existing 400kV powerlines already connected to Hydra MTS so no new feeder bays or feeders at Hydra would be required. Thirdly, the proposed MTS has been specifically developed due to the congestion and expansion limitations already present Hydra and thus is a technical solution to the capacity constraints the Northern Cape Grid is currently experiencing. Lastly the design has incorporated an expansion area for Eskom to extend the busbars and install further</p> |

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|           |   | incoming feeder bays and transformers should it be required offering additional connections in future, servitudes would be registered in favor of Eskom following concept design approval, post preferred bidder award.   |
|           | Cumulative impacts need to be considered and all transmission lines should be included in the maps. | Ansoné Esterhuizen responded that the inclusion of the cumulative impacts will be part of the EIA phase. The maps to be included in the EIA Report will be updated to show all transmission lines, including existing Eskom lines and proposed new lines associated with other already authorized projects where information on these is available. |

## WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

**Nondumiso Bulunga** asked whether there were any other environmental-related concerns or comments. It was noted by all attendees that no further comments needed to be raised at this time. Nondumiso Bulunga noted that any further comments can be directed to the project team during the remainder of the public review period.

The meeting was closed at 17h40pm.

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

|      |  |
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| DFFE | Department of Fisheries Forestry and the Environment |
| EA   | Environmental Authorisation                          |
| PV   | Photovoltaic   |
| EIA  | Environmental Impact Assessment                      |
| MTS  | Main Transmission System                             |
| TDP  | Transmission Development Plan                        |
| IPP  | Independent Power Producer                           |

## Nicolene Venter

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**From:** Nondumiso Bulunga  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 04 May 2022 08:45  
**To:** Low, Karen  
**Subject:** SE3272-Pixley Park - Public Participation Process (13Apr22-17h00) Rev 2.0  
**Attachments:** SE3272-Pixley Park - Public Participation Process (13Apr22-17h00) Rev 2.0.pdf

Dear Karen,

Please find attached the meeting notes for the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Kindly provide your review on or before the end of the commenting period (Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022).

Thank you,

Kind regards,



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NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENTAL  
AFFAIRS, RURAL DEVELOPMENT & LAND REFORM MEETING  
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| Jessie Yuill             | Mulilo Renewable Project Developments   | Environmental Intern                                  |
| Elsabè Swart             | Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform               | Environmental Research and Development Unit Manager   |
| Natalie Uys              | Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform | Production Scientist: Botanist                        |
| Ansoné Esterhuizen       | Savannah Environmental  | Environmental Assessment Practitioner                 |
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### APOLOGIES

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Jacolene Manns from Chief Forester: NFA Regulations - Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment

### BACKGROUND & TECHNICAL ASPECTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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**DISCUSSION SESSION**

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| Elsabè Swart | The images on the presentation show sensitivity for the specific sites, but are the larger sensitivity representing the CBA areas shown in the reports? The area of extent would need to be monitored.  | Ansoné Esterhuizen responded that there are maps in the report that show the larger CBA and ESA areas in the Scoping Report.  |
|              | Will there be a climatic study undertaken for example a heat island study as there has been concerns around the amount of Solar PV built around the De Aar having potential impacts to the climate.   | Andrew Pearson responded that it is the developer's intention to propose these four developments, however it should be clear that not all projects will be constructed at the same or prepared for a REIPPP BID Round. Should a climatic study be required following the specialist investigation then as a company they would need to ensure this is considered. In addition, the company has other operational projects where such studies have not been required, however it would be appreciated if the department could send further research and other studies showing the need for such a study as part of this environmental investigation. Furthermore background leading to the need for this study by other officials and validity thereof should be considered. |
| Natalie Uys  | If all projects, go ahead it is the local climatic change that needs to be considered. Will things such as powerline on the maps be included in the sensitivity mapping because De Aar has important bird area that need to consider as part of the cumulative impacts. | Andrew Pearson responded that if there are other operations or other studies done then it would be appreciated if the Department could forward these. It is interesting to understand what negative impacts a 500MW of Solar PV would have as   |

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|           |   | <p>compared to a coal-fired power station.</p> <p><b>Post Meeting Notes</b></p> <p>The department provided the following studies on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exhibit-2-Heat-Island-Executuve-Summary_with-appendices</li> <li>2. sustainability-12-03403-v3</li> </ol>   |
|           | <p>Will things such as powerlines on the maps be included in the sensitivity mapping because De Aar has important bird areas that need to consider as part of the cumulative impacts.</p> | <p>Andrew Pearson responded that at this stage the details of grid connection is not available. Separate Basic Assessments will be undertaken for the grid connections. When these processes for the power lines go ahead details will be provided.</p> <p>The study area does not fall within a REDZ, so a full Scoping &amp; Environmental Impact Assessment is required for the PV facilities. During these studies, areas of environmental importance and important bird areas will be looked at in much greater detail. A fully detailed independent bird study will be included in both the EIA for the PV facilities and the BA processes for the power lines.</p> |
|           | <p>Has this project considered alternative sites?</p>   | <p>Andrew Pearson responded that no alternatives have been considered in the EIA process. This is because as part of the initial investigations the developer looked at other options south of the proposed portions and undertook their own internal mapping and environmental considerations. Some areas were then excluded due to environmental constraints and engineering considerations of where the PV would be positioned. The only alternatives that will be considered in</p>   |

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|           |                    | the EIA process are design alternatives within the identified development area and, the no-go option and technological alternatives. This is detailed in the Scoping Reports. |

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The meeting was closed at 10h40am.

### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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| CBA  | Critical Biodiversity Area                           |
| ESA  | Ecologically Sensitive Areas                         |
| PV   | Photovoltaic   |
| REDZ | Renewable Energy Development Zones                   |
| DFFE | Department of Fisheries Forestry and the Environment |
| EIA  | Environmental Impact Assessment                      |
| MW   | Megawatts  |

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## DISCUSSION SESSION

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No questions were asked during this session. Mr Conrad Jaffa responded in the MSN Meeting Chat that he had no comments at this time.

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The meeting was closed at 14h34pm.

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|      |  |
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| DFFE | Department of Fisheries Forestry and the Environment |
| MSN  | Microsoft Network                                    |
| EIA  | Environmental Impact Assessment                      |

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| Warren Morse             | Mulilo Renewable Project Developments                 | Director of Solar and Energy Storage                  |
| Aulicia Maifo            | Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment | Biodiversity Mainstreaming EIA Intern                 |
| Portia Makitla           | Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment | CBO: Biodiversity Mainstreaming & EIA                 |
| Lizell Stroh             | SACAA   | Obstacle Inspector                                    |
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| Portia Makitla | Is the Main Transmission Substation (MTS) application underway for an Environmental Authorisation (EA)? | Ansoné Esterhuizen confirmed that it is correct that there is another 2 separate EA processes underway for the 2 MTS's proposed by Mulilo.  |
|                | Are there two applications underway for the substation?   | Ansoné Esterhuizen confirmed that there are two separate applications underway.   |
|                | What if the approval of the substation is not feasible, or one that is not suitable?                    | Andrew Pearson responded that the two separate processes for the substation have progressed and are well underway and that connection will take place at either one of them. The developer has already undertaken its own internal screening, and external screening by the project EAP and specialists, and at this stage of the process no major issues have been found in the specialist studies. The developer is taking a risk; however, this risk has been calculated and measured a while before the EA application for the PV facilities commenced. |
|                | Why is this EA application underway when the substation is not approved?                                |   |
|                |   | <p>This particular EA application/s (i.e. for the Pixley Park Solar Cluster is required to begin, as it is a longer process than the EA process for the proposed MTS, with longer lead specialist studies such as bird monitoring.</p> <p>Warren Morse added that these two separate applications (i.e. the</p>   |

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|           |  | <p>MTS applications) have been underway for some time. Each application has 2 alternatives in order to the reduce risk of neither being approved. This means that a total of four alternatives have been considered. Should this option not be approved then the option of considering connection to the Hydra Substation or the newly built Hydra B (about 50km away) would need to be considered. This may require the Pixley Park EAs needing to obtain amendments, or to obtain new EAs for new grid routes, and that is a risk that Mulilo has calculated and is willing to take.</p> |
|           | <p>What did the screening tool in the DFFE refer to regarding the ecological sensitivity? The specialist would need to ensure the correct regulation/protocol is followed for the mitigation measures?</p> | <p>Ansoné Esterhuizen responded that the biodiversity theme in the screening tool report was indicated as very high sensitivity. It can be confirmed that the specialist will use and follow the correct regulation/protocol.</p> <p>Andrew Pearson added that part of the high sensitivity in the area is contributed by the site being in an important bird area, that is why a bird specialist study is underway as well as other specialist studies that will form part in the EIA phase.</p>  |

## WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

**Nondumiso Bulunga** asked whether there were any other environmental-related concerns or comments. It was noted by all attendees that no further comments needed to be raised at this time.

**Nondumiso Bulunga** noted that any further comments can be directed to the project team during the remainder of the public review period.

The meeting was closed at 10h35am.

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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| EA   | Environmental Authorisation                          |
| EIA  | Environmental Impact Assessment                      |
| DFFE | Department of Fisheries Forestry and the Environment |
| PV   | Photovoltaic   |
| MTS  | Main Transmission Substation                         |

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find the meeting notes for the meeting held 21<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Kindly provide your input on or before the end of the commenting period (Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022).

Kind regards,



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