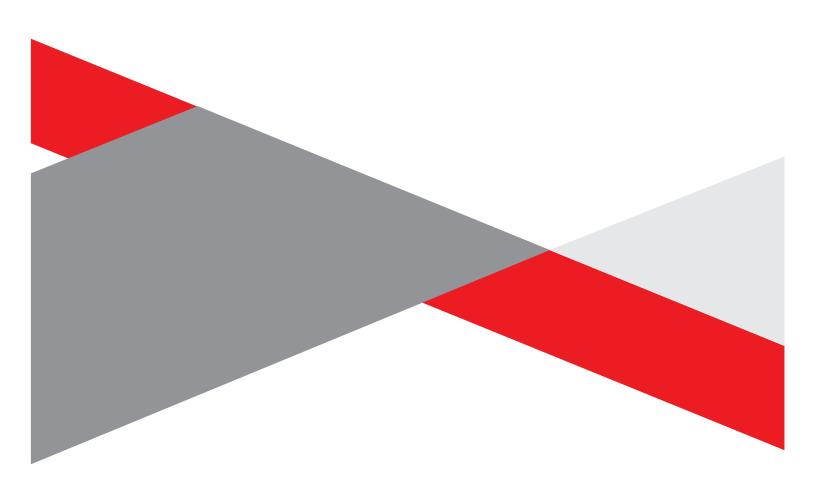
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- Notification of BA Process and Availability of Basic Assessment Reports for review and

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Attachments: SE3330-Highveld PV&Grid BA&BAR Notification-FINAL.pdf; SE3330-Highveld BID-

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(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued per application)

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Please find attached for your perusal the following documents:

- Background Information Document; and
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NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

HIGHVELD SOLAR PV FACILITY, STILFONTEIN, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Applicant: WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd

Activity: The development of a solar photovoltaic (PV) facility with a generating capacity of up to 240MW and associated infrastructure, including:

- Solar PV arrays, modules and mounting structures
- Inverters and transformers
- A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- On-site facility substation
- Cabling between the project components
- Site and internal access roads up to 6m in width, where required
- Temporary and permanent laydown areas and O&M buildings and fencing around the development area.

The Highveld PV Grid Connection will be assessed as two alternative grid routes in a separate Basic Assessment Report.

Project Location: ~15km north east of the town of Stilfontein within the JB Marks Local Municipality, and within the greater Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, North West Province. The PV facility is located within the Klerksdorp REDZ and the Central Corridor of the Strategic Transmission Corridors, on Portions 10, 11, and 56 of Farm Rietfontein 388 as well as the Remainder of Farm Rietfontein 3.

Basic Assessment Process: 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, the Basic Assessment are to be undertaken for the Solar PV Facility. The application is to be lodged with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), as the competent authority.

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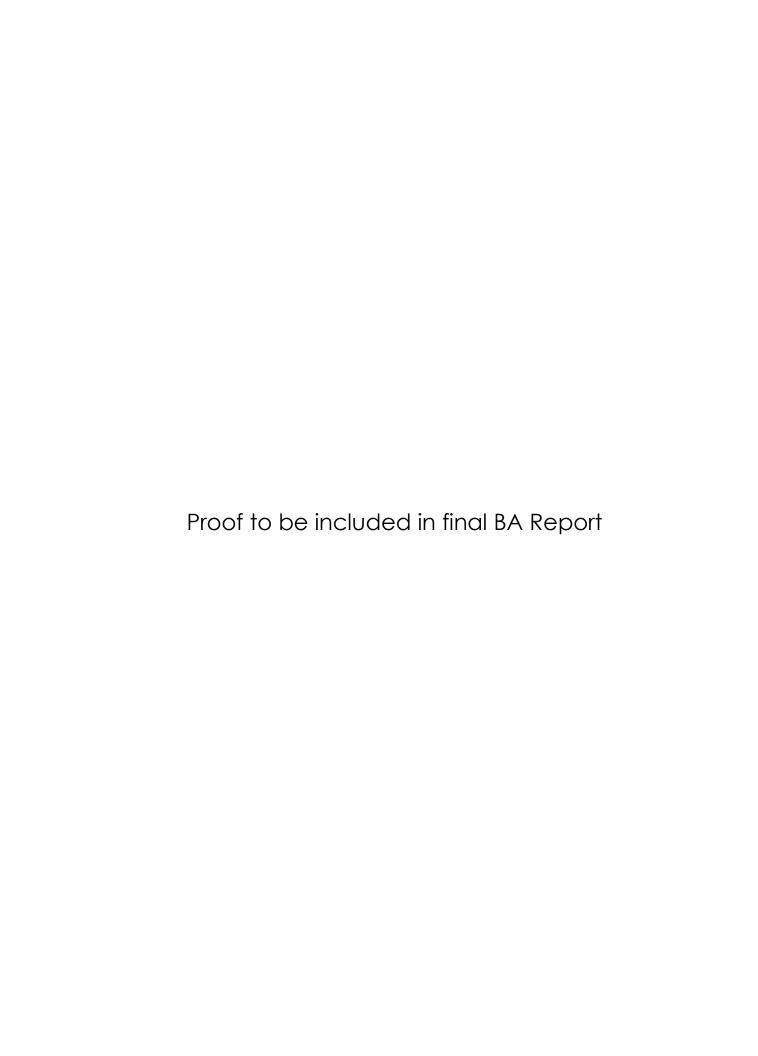
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BASIC ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HIGHVELD SOLAR PV FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION SOLUTION, STILFONTEIN, NORTH WEST PROVINCE (DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued per application)

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

The development of a solar photovoltaic (PV) facility with a generating capacity of up to 240MW and associated grid connection infrastructure is proposed by WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd on a site located approximately ~15km north east of Stilfontein in the North West Province. The solar PV development will be known as the Highveld Solar PV Facility. The grid connection solution will be known as Highveld PV Grid Connection, is required to connect the project/s to the Eskom grid (within a 300m wide corridor approximately 20km in length) and will form part of a separate application for Environmental Authorisation. The projects are situated within the JB Marks Local Municipality and within the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality.

A Basic Assessment process for the development of the Highveld Solar PV Facility and the Highveld PV Grid Connection is being undertaken by Savannah Environmental in order to obtain Environmental Authorisations (EAs).

Please find attached for your perusal the following documents:

- Background Information Document; and
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Basic Assessment Reports can be downloading from 11 November 202 from our website:

- * Highveld Solar PV Facility: click here
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Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information and/or clarification regarding these projects.

Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout the Basic Assessment process.

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The Basic Assessment Report will be available during the course of today and I will notify you once uploaded onto our website: https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/highveld-pv/. The release code to download the report is zNrcHC9p

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Regards

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(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued per application)

Dear Sibusiso,

Thank you for your phone call this morning in response to the advertisement published in the Klerksdorp Record today.

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