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Sent: Friday, 22 April 2022 09:32
To: Gasewabone Ellis Thebe; Mmakoena Mmola
Cc: Jo-Anne Thomas
Subject: Re: Request for Pre-Application Meeting - Application for Environmental Authorisation for the Buffelspoort Solar Project

Goodmorning Mmakoena,

Your request for meeting refers.

The Department would like to propose that a meeting be held on 4 May 2022 @ 10h00.

Kind Regards,
Motshabi

>>> Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena@savannahsa.com> 2022-04-20 11:20 AM >>>

Dear Motshabi,

Savannah Environmental has been appointed to undertake a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the construction of a solar PV plant near Mooinooi, the purpose of which will be to supply power to the Tharisa mining operations.

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 North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (NW DEDECT)) is the competent authority for this project. This conclusion is also based on discussions that the client had with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) regarding who the relevant competent authority is for this application, wherein the DFFE advised that the provincial environmental authority would be the applicable competent authority (see attached email).

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

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

Should you be the correct party to liaise with, please will you propose a date and time when you would be able to hold a pre-application meeting with ourselves and the client?

Your assistance in this regard would be highly appreciated.

Kind regards,



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From: Mmakoena Mmola
Sent: Wednesday, 04 May 2022 11:41
To: Motshabi Mohlalisi
Subject: RE: Magaliesberg Biosphere Coordinator

Dear Motshabi,

Received, thank you.

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Goodday Mmakoena

As requested please see the contacts as follows:

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Kind Regards,
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Dear Sir/ Madam

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE BUFFELSPOORT SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY NEAR MOOINOOI, ACTIVITY NUMBERS 11 (i), 12 (ii) (a) (c), 14, 19 (ii) AND 28 (ii) IN GN. NO. R327, ACTIVITY NUMBERS 1, 15 AND 4 (h) (iii) (iv) IN GN. NO. R.324 AND ACTIVITY NUMBER 10 (h) (i) (iv) (vi) IN GN. NO. R.324 OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS 2014, RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

The Department have received the above mentioned Application (Application Form and Draft Scoping Report) for Environmental Authorisation on 24 June 2022, and the Application Forms has been **accepted**.

Please note that the application has been assigned to **Mr. Thato Loeto**, Rustenburg Office, reachable at (014) 597 3597/ 071 879 8029 or thatoloeto@nwpg.gov.za and /or

**80 Kerkstraat
Rustenburg
0299**

Kindly quote this **reference number** and the **name of the officer** it has been assigned to and submit all any future correspondence in respect of the application including notification to be used for public participation to the assigned officer. Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to the decision being issued by the Department.

Yours Faithfully

Ms. Ellis Thebe
Environmental Officer Control Grade B: Development Impact Management

Date: 01/07/2022.

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Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 40MWP BUFFELSPOORT SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MOOINOOI, NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

We confirm having received the above mentioned **Final Scoping Report** on **22 August 2022**

Please note the application has been assigned to **Mr Thato Loeto**, reachable at **071 879 8029**, Rustenburg Office. The file reference number is **NWP/EIA/31/2022**. Kindly quote the reference number and the name of the officer it has been assigned to in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

If you need any clarification about this acknowledgment letter please contact **Ms. Rose Molemane** at **072 701 9350**

Yours Faithfully,

Ms. Motshabi Mohlalisi

Control Environmental Officer Grade B: Development Impact Management
Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation & Tourism

Date:- 24/08/2022



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Dear Sir

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT THE BUFFELSPOORT SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE FARM BUFFELSPOORT 343 JQ AND VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE FARM KAFFERSKRAAL 342 JQ – RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

The Final Scoping Report (SR) and plan of study for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA); which was submitted in terms of Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended and received by the Department on 22 August 2022; has reference.

This Scoping Report and plan of study for EIA has been reviewed by this Department and it is **hereby accepted** in terms of Regulation 22 (a) of the EIA Regulations of 2014, as amended.

You may accordingly proceed with undertaking the Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 23 of Government Notice No. R. 326 of EIA Regulations of 04 December 2014 as amended, and in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment.

It is an offense in terms of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, to commence with a listed activity prior to obtaining an Environmental Authorisation.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms. Portia Krisjan
Director: Environmental Quality Management
North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism

Date: 21/09/2022

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