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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUFFELSPOORT SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MOOINOOI, NORTH-WEST PROVINCE (NWP/EIA/31/2022)

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Buffelspoort Solar Project (Pty) Ltd is proposing to develop, construct and operate a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility and associated infrastructure on a site located approximately 6km west of Mooinooi, within the jurisdiction of the Rustenburg Local Municipality and the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality in the North-West Province on the following affected properties:

Solar PV Energy Facility:

- »Portion 75 of Farm Buffelspoort 343JQ
- »Portion 134 of Farm Buffelspoort 343JQ

Grid Connection Corridor:

- »Portion 75 of Farm Buffelspoort 343JQ
- »Portion 88 of Farm Buffelspoort 343JQ
- »Portion 89 of Farm Buffelspoort 343JQ
- »Portion 101 of Farm Buffelspoort 343JQ
- »Portion 119 of Farm Buffelspoort 343JQ
- »Portion 120 of Farm Buffelspoort 343JQ
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- »Portion 148 of Farm Kafferskraal 342JQ
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- »Portion 374 of Farm Kafferskraal 342JQ
- »Portion 376 of Farm Kafferskraal 342JQ

A technically feasible Project Site, with an extent of ~223ha has been identified by Buffelspoort Solar Project (Pty) Ltd as a technically suitable area for the development of the proposed Project. A Development Area of ~77ha has been identified within the Project Site by the Project Developer for the Development. Within this identified Development Area, a Development Footprint or facility layout is defined for assessment as part of the EIA Phase.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for the Buffelspoort Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility and associated infrastructure are available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Friday, 04 November 2022 to Monday, 05 December 2022**. The final day to submit comments is **Monday, 05 December 2022**.

Project details are included in the attached letter and the letter also serves to notify you of the availability of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for review and comment.

The EIA Report can be downloaded from Savannah Environmentals' website [Click here](#)

Kind Regards

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SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MOOINOOI,
NORTH-WEST PROVINCE
(NWP/EIA/31/2022)**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR REVIEW AND
COMMENT**

Buffelspoort Solar Project (Pty) Ltd is proposing to develop, construct and operate a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility and associated infrastructure on a site located approximately 6km west of Mooinooi, within the jurisdiction of the Rustenburg Local Municipality and the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality in the North-West Province on the following affected properties:

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The Project will have a contracted capacity of up to 40MWp and will be known as the Buffelspoort Solar PV Energy Facility. The purpose of the Project will be to supply power to a private offtaker via a newly proposed 88kV single circuit overhead power line. The overhead powerline will be approximately 2.5km in length and will be routed across several privately-owned properties from the onsite facility substation to the point of interconnection, north of the N4 Bakwena Highway.

The development of the Solar PV Energy Facility is aimed at diversifying the energy mix for the private offtaker and to reduce their reliance on Eskom supplied power. It is also a conscious effort for the offtaker to contribute to their sustainability targets and reduce their carbon footprint.

A grid connection corridor, which varies in width from 200m to 300m, and is up to 2.5km in length has been identified for assessment. The proposed grid connection infrastructure will be positioned within the confines of the assessed corridor. This corridor will allow for the consideration and avoidance of sensitive environmental features. A technically feasible Project Site, with an extent of ~223ha has been identified by Buffelspoort Solar Project (Pty) Ltd as a technically suitable area for the development of the proposed Project. A Development Area of ~77ha has been identified within the Project Site by the Project Developer for the Development. Within this identified Development Area, a Development Footprint or facility layout is defined for assessment as part of the EIA Phase.

Details of the nature and extent of the Solar PV Energy Facility and the associated infrastructure has been provided in the Background Information Document (BID) that was distributed on **Thursday, 09 June 2021**. If you had not received a copy or is a newly registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), please contact our offices at the contact details below requesting a copy of the BID.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for the Buffelspoort Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facility and associated infrastructure are available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Friday, 04 November 2022** to **Monday, 05 December 2022**. The final day to submit comments is **Monday, 05 December 2022**.

The Report is available for download from the Savannah Environmental website: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/buffelspoort-pv-energy-facility/> You can also request that an electronic copy of this Report be sent to you via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox.

Please note Regulation 3(1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, i.e.:

Subject to sub-regulations (2) and (3), when a period of days must in terms of these Regulations be reckoned from or after a particular day, that period must be reckoned as from the start of the day following that particular day to the end of the last day of the period, but if the last day of the period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, that period must be extended to the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

Please submit your written comments on the EIA Report via one of the following means to Bregardia Rabbie by any means below:

- Telephone: 011 656 3237
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- Fax: 086 684 0547
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All comments received during the 30-day review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final EIA Report for submission to the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (NW DEDECT) in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326).

We are looking forward to your participation in the public participation process as your valuable contribution to the proposed projects will ensure an inclusive approach and allow the NW DEDECT to make an informed decision.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards



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