

APPENDIX C7
MEETING NOTES



TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL EIA

SCOPING PHASE

Meeting Notes with Adjacent Land Owners

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES
FOR THE
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 75-100MW LIMESTONE PV1
AND PV 2 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND
ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR DANIELSKUIL, NORTHERN
CAPE PROVINCE**

**INTRODUCTION MEETING WITH ADJACENT LANDOWNERS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 09 NOVEMBER 2022
VENUE: ADJACENT AND AFFECTED FARM OWNERS**

Notes for the Record prepared by:

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Further project information will be relayed accordingly.

Molatela Ledwaba thanked Mrs Kokie C York for making time available to attend the project introduction meeting and their input into the process.

**INTRODUCTION MEETING WITH ADJACENT AND AFFECTED LANDOWNERS
HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2022
VENUE: TELEPHONICALLY**

Date & Time	Stakeholder Group	Summary of Matters Raised
Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 08h:00	Mr Arie Fourie (farm 301)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Requested to be included in the whole EIA process » No matters pertaining to social and environmental issues were raised. » No objection to the project
Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 08h:10	Mr Janneman Jordaan (Farm 300 Ptn 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Requested to be included in the whole EIA process » No matters pertaining to social and environmental issues were raised. » No objection to the project
Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 08h:40	Mr Hendre Engela (Rooipan Farm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Requested to be included in the whole EIA process » No matters pertaining to social and environmental issues were raised. » No objection to the project
Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 09h:20	Mr Arno Opperman (farm 299)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Requested to be included in the whole EIA process » No matters pertaining to social and environmental issues were raised. » No objection to the project
Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 09h:20	Mr Wilfred Goliath (Silver Stream)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Requested to be included in the whole EIA process » No matters pertaining to social and environmental issues were raised. » No objection to the project

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES
FOR THE
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 150MW LIMESTONE PV1 AND
LIMESTONE PV 2 FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
NEAR DANIELSKUIL, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

**FOCUS GROUP MEETING WITH LANDOWNERS
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2023 AT 11:10am
VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS, VIRTUAL MEETING**

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MEETING ATTENDEES

Name	Company	Designation
Nicolene Venter (NV)	Savannah Environmental	Public Participation and Social Consultant
Molatela Ledwaba (ML)	Savannah Environmental	Public Participation and Social Consultant
Nkhensani Masondo (NM)	Savannah Environmental	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
Matthew Ellero (ME)	Savannah Environmental	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
Matthew Muldoon (MM)	AGV Project (Pty) Ltd	Environmental Project Manager
FC Knoetze (FK)	AGV Project (Pty) Ltd	Project Development Lead
Paul Dos Santos (PDS)	Landowner	Engeland Farm
Johan du Plessis (JDP)	Landowner	Grootpan Farm
Janneman Jordan (JJ)	Landowner	Engeland Farm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

NV welcomed the attendees at the Focus Group Meeting (FGM) for the Limestone PV1 and PV2 Facilities and Associated Infrastructure.

The Agenda was provided and presented by **NV**

APOLOGIES

No apologies were rendered.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

NV indicated the purpose of the meeting as follows:

- » Provide stakeholders and I&APs with an overview of the project.
- » Summary of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and public Participation being undertaken
- » Provide stakeholders the opportunity to seek clarity regarding the environmental studies.
- » Opportunity to provide valuable input into/ to inform the EIA process
- » Obtain and records comments for inclusion in the Final Scoping Report to be submitted to the DFFE.

BACKGROUND & TECHNICAL ASPECTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT

ME provided an overview of the proposed Limestone PV1 and Limestone PV2 facilities and associated infrastructure located on portion 4 of Farm Engeland 300 within the Northern Cape

Province, as well as a summary of the findings of the Scoping process undertaken. **ME** presented the following key information:

- » A Project overview for Limestone PV1 and Limestone PV2 Facilities and associated infrastructure.
- » The approach taken for the Scoping Process for the Environmental Impact Assessment Process
- » The specialist studies that formed part of the scoping environmental assessment.
- » An overview of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process.
- » A summary of the potential environmental impacts identified/ sensitivities identified.
- » The Plan of study for the Scoping and EIA phase.

A copy of the virtual participants' attendance is attached as **Appendix A** and the presentation is attached as **Appendix B** to the meeting notes.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Question/ Comment	Response
<p>JDP enquired on whether the scope of the EIA will only consider the project area, or will it extend to the gravel road leading to the project site? JDP asked how will the dust be monitored</p> <p>and will the maintenance of the gravel road be handled?</p> <p>JDP enquired on how the security impacts of the project on the surrounding area be assessed during the construction phase, and whether the EIA and EMPr cover all these aspects during construction?</p>	<p>NM These aspects form part of a social impact assessment (SIA) This study will consider the project area and surrounding area. As a result, issues such as road access, dust, noise, and security for the project site will be thoroughly evaluated in the social impact assessment. We will clearly identify the impact, as well as any mitigation measures associated with all of the impacts. I hope this helps to answer your question.</p> <p>NM As part of this, various impacts will be identified, and associated mitigation measures will be implemented.</p> <p>FC A Traffic Impact Assessment will be conducted to identify any issues related to access road.</p>

WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

ML reminded all the attendees that the review period for the Scoping Report will end on the 06 February 2023 and once the reports have been updated with written comments received during the 30-day review and comment period, the final scoping reports will be submitted to the DFFE for acceptance. Thereafter, the EIA phase will commence. Further project information will be relayed accordingly.

NV 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.

She thanked all the attendees for making time available to attend the focus group meeting and their input into the process.

The Meeting was closed at 11:45am

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AGV	African Green Venture	EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
PV	Photovoltaic	SIA	Social Impact Assessment

APPENDIX A

1. Summary

Meeting title	Invitation to Focus Group Meeting for Limestone PV1 and PV2 Solar PV Facilities, in Northern Cape with Landowners
Attended	9
Start time	1/26/23, 10:54:05 AM
End time	1/26/23, 11:40:40 AM
Meeting duration	46m 35s
Average attendance time	39m 39s

2. Participants

Name	First join	Last leave	In-meeting duration	Email	Participant ID (UPN)	Role
Nicolene Venter	1/26/23, 10:54:18 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:36 AM	46m 18s	nicolene@savannahsa.com	nicolene@savannahsa.com	Presenter
Molatela Ledwaba	1/26/23, 10:57:38 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:32 AM	42m 54s	molatela@savannahsa.com	molatela@savannahsa.com	Organizer
Matthew Ellero	1/26/23, 10:57:53 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:33 AM	42m 40s	matthew@savannahsa.com	matthew@savannahsa.com	Presenter
Nkhensani Masondo	1/26/23, 10:59:26 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:29 AM	41m 3s	nkhensani@savannahsa.com	nkhensani@savannahsa.com	Presenter
Matthew Muldoon	1/26/23, 11:00:13 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:22 AM	40m 9s	matthew@agv-za.co.za	matthew@agv-za.co.za	Attendee
FC Knoetze	1/26/23, 11:00:15 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:40 AM	40m 24s	fc@agv-za.co.za	fc@agv-za.co.za	Attendee
Paul Dos Santos	1/26/23, 11:01:06 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:23 AM	39m 16s	p.dossantos@leadepec.com	p.dossantos@leadepec.com	Attendee
Johan	1/26/23, 11:02:39 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:22 AM	37m 43s			Attendee
Janneman Jordaan	1/26/23, 11:14:03 AM	1/26/23, 11:40:23 AM	26m 20s			Attendee

3. In-Meeting Activities

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APPENDIX B

LIMESTONE PV1 AND LIMESTONE PV2 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Public Participation Meetings

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MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome and introduction
- Meeting Conduct
- Purpose of the Meeting
- Project Overview
- EIA Process & Findings of the Specialist Studies
- Way forward
- Discussion session

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CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

- Recording of the meeting
- Please stay on mute during the presentation
- Register attendance on Chat function (name, surname & affiliation)
- Questions and comments can be submitted on the chat function during the presentation – team will respond after presentation
- No additional questions to be submitted on the chat function after the presentation
- Please hold all verbal questions until after the presentation
- Please raise your hand (virtual function) and state your name when to asking a question or raising a comment and state your name.

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PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Provide stakeholders and I&APs with an overview of the project
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PROJECT OVERVIEW (Matthew Ellero)

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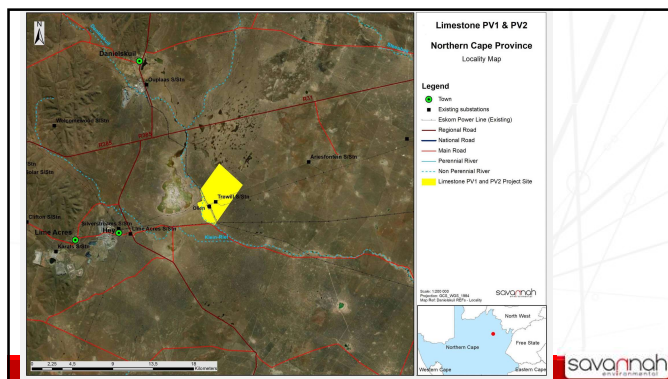
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **Applicant:** AGV Projects (Pty) Ltd
- **Affected Property:** Portion 4 of Farm Engeland 300
- Limestone PV1 and Limestone PV2 Facilities - contracted capacity of up to 150MWp each:
 - Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
 - Inverters and transformers.
 - Cabling between the project components.
- On-site facility substation and power line/s to facilitate the connection between the Solar PV Facility, the 400kV collector substation and the Eskom electricity grid at Aries Substation.
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- Laydown areas and temporary man camp area.
- Access roads, internal distribution roads and fencing around the development area.

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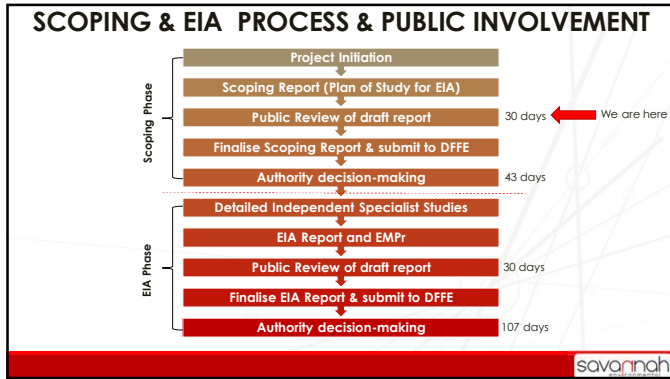
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APPROACH TO SCOPING

- Identification of issues – social and biophysical environment
- Prepare a Plan of Study for the EIA phase
- Potential sensitive areas identified through specialist desktop studies
- Design of appropriate facility layout to be informed by sensitive areas identified through the EIA process
- A facility layout to be presented and considered in EIA Phase
- Application of the mitigation hierarchy (i.e. avoid, minimise and mitigate)
- Any further micro-siting required to facility layout will be addressed in EIA phase

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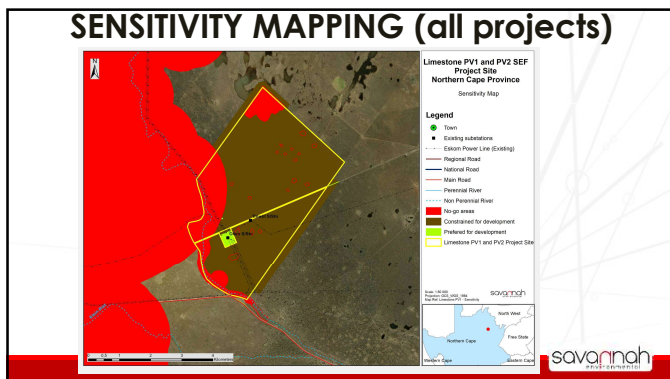
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SPECIALIST STUDIES

Specialist	Area of Expertise
Andrew Husted of The Biodiversity Company	Ecology (flora and fauna); freshwater; avifauna; soils and agricultural potential
Jenna Lavin of Cedar Tower Solutions (CTS)	Heritage (incl. Archaeology and Palaeontology)
Laurens du Plessis of LOGIS	Visual
Molatela Ledwaba of Savannah Environmental	Social

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS/SENSITIVITIES IDENTIFIED

	Scoping of issues
Ecological Impacts (fauna, flora and freshwater);	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction, fragmentation and degradation of habitats and ecosystems • Spread and/or establishment of alien and/or invasive species • Direct mortality of fauna • Reduced dispersal/migration of fauna • Environmental pollution due to water runoff, spills from vehicles and erosion • Disruption/alteration of ecological life cycles (breeding, migration, feeding) due to noise, dust, heat radiation and light pollution. • Staff and others interacting directly with fauna (potentially dangerous) or poaching of animals <p>(High - Very High Sensitivity)</p>
Impacts on avifauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction, fragmentation and degradation of habitats and ecosystems • Spread and/or establishment of alien and/or invasive species • Direct mortality of avifauna • Reduced dispersal/migration of fauna • Environmental pollution due to water runoff, spills from vehicles and erosion • Disruption/alteration of ecological life cycles (breeding, migration, feeding) due to noise, dust, heat radiation and light pollution. • Staff and others interacting directly with fauna (potentially dangerous) or poaching of animals <p>(High - Very High Sensitivity)</p>
Impacts on Soil & Agricultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited to no impacts identified <p>(Very Low - Low Sensitivity)</p>

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS/SENSITIVITIES IDENTIFIED

	Scoping of issues
Impacts on Heritage (archaeology and palaeontology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destruction of significant heritage resources (Sensitivity to be determined through site visit)
Visual Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The viewing of the PV facility infrastructure and activities (Moderate - High Sensitivity)
Social Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of local employment and business opportunities, skill development and training associated with construction phase Enhance the security of SA's energy supply and decrease coal dependence The potential risks to safety of local communities associated with the presence of construction workers on site The potential risks to livestock and farming infrastructure and the presence of workers on site Potential, traffic, noise, dust and safety impacts associated with construction related activities Impact on rural sense of place Impact of loss of employment and income (Moderate - High Sensitivity)

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PLAN OF STUDY FOR THE EIA PHASE

- The Plan of Study for EIA is intended to provide a summary of the key findings of the Scoping Phase and to describe the activities to be undertaken in the EIA Phase of the EIA process.
- Based on the findings of the Scoping assessment, the following further investigations within the EIA Phase are required:
 - Ecological Impact Assessment (including flora and fauna)
 - Avifauna Impact Assessment
 - Visual Impact Assessment
 - Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
 - Heritage Impact Assessment (including archaeology, palaeontology and cultural heritage)

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WAY FORWARD (Molatela Ledwaba)

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WAY FORWARD

- Meeting notes and presentation will be distributed
- Scoping Report review period: **06 January 2023 to 06 February 2023**
(can be downloaded from the Savannah Environmental website)
- Submission of Final Scoping Reports to DFFE - February 2023
- EIA & EMPPr for review – Q2 of 2023
- Our Public Participation team is available to answer any questions on the development and register I&APs to receive important project information as it becomes available.

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