

BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESS

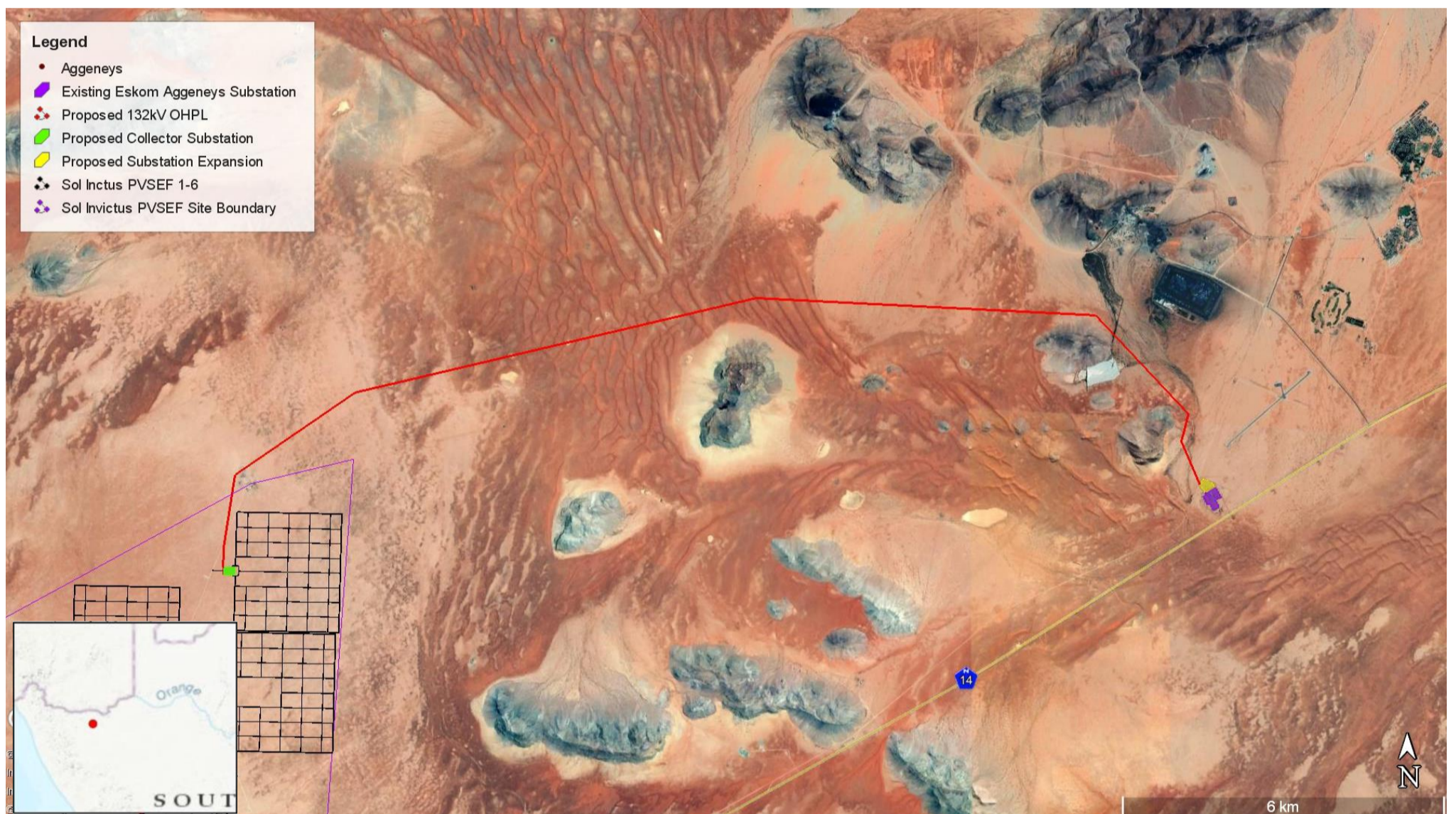
NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOL INVICTUS 132 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE NEAR AGGENEYS, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41(2) of GNR 326 (07 April 2017) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for an application process for environmental authorisation (EA) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 327 and GNR 324 of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (as amended) (EIA Regulations)

BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

The proponent, Sol Invictus (Pty) Ltd (Sol Invictus), proposes to construct a 132kV overhead powerline (OHPL), approximately 23km in length, near Aggeneys in the Nama Khoi Local Municipality and Namakwa District Municipality of the Northern Cape Province, South Africa. The proposed OHPL is required to connect the proposed Sol Invictus 1-6 Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility (PVSEF) to the national grid via the existing Eskom substation near Aggeneys. The project includes expansion of the existing Eskom substation and construction of a new Eskom collector substation on the Sol Invictus PVSEF site. The table and figure below outline the location of the proposed project:

PROJECT	AFFECTED PROPERTIES			STRATEGIC TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS
Sol Invictus 132kV Overhead Powerline	– Portion 5 of Farm 66 – Portion 6 of Farm 66 – Portion 14 of Farm 66	– Portion 5 of Farm 62 – Portion 6 of Farm 62 – Portion 2 of Farm 62	– Portion 1 of Farm 56 – Portion 2 of Farm 56	Northern Strategic Transmission Corridor (promulgated in GN 113 of 2018)



ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION

Because the proposed OHPL is greater than 33kV, as well as the fact that it traverses areas classified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) according to the Northern Cape Critical Biodiversity Areas (2016), several listed activities in GNR 327 and GNR 324 are triggered, as indicated in the table below. Should you wish to obtain a complete copy of these listed activities, please contact the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), as per the details provided below.

PROJECT NAME	LISTING NOTICE	ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR IN TERMS OF THE EIA REGULATIONS			PROCESS
Sol Invictus 132kV Overhead Powerline	GNR 327	11	12 (ii)	19	Basic Assessment
	GNR 324	12 (g)	14 (g)(ii)		Basic Assessment

A Basic Assessment (BA) process will therefore be followed as outlined in Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is the Competent Authority in respect of this application for Environmental Authorisation.

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified EAP to manage and undertake the BA process. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties (IAPs) in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the proposed project, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the project.

Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered IAPs will be forwarded all future project related correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process.

Please register as an interested and affected party with the EAP (details below) to receive more information.

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