

# SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

## Public Participation Process Report

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### TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS

**Motivation Report as part of Environmental Authorisation.** In accordance with Section 29 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, this environmental authorisation (EA) amendment process aimed at aligning the proposed project activities with the EA as required within the amendment. An EA may be amended where this will result in a change in the project scope of the existing EA where such change may result increased level or change in nature of impact as not previously included in the standing EA. This amendment further does not trigger any listed activities with no exceeded thresholds for activities already authorises but requires an official amendment to be lodged with the competent authority (CA).

**Interested and Affected Parties** Means an interested and affected party (I&AP) contemplated in Section 24(4)(d) of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 (Act 107 of 1998), and which in terms of that section includes:

- any person, group of persons or organizations interested in or affected by an activity; and
- any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity.

**Public Participation Process** Means a process in which the broader public, including interested and affected parties, are given an opportunity to be informed of a proposed application, invite them to comment on, or raise issues relevant to specific matters applicable to an application.

**Stakeholders** A sub-group of the public whose interests may be positively or negatively affected by a proposal or activity and/or who are concerned with a proposal or activity and its consequences within the project study area. "Key stakeholders" are a smaller sub-group of I&APs. They are people who stand to be directly affected, representatives acting as spokespersons for their sectors, people whose local knowledge is important, people who



may want to derail the process for personal gain, and all those who think they are key stakeholders.

***Definitions taken from NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and Other Guideline Information Documents***

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

CA	Competent Authority
C&RR	Comments and Response Report
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
PPPR	Public Participation Process Report (PPPR)
OoS	Organs of State





## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION


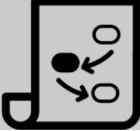
Khoi-Sun Development (Pty) Ltd has requested an amendment to an existing Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the authorised Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility and associated infrastructure (DFFE Reference: 12/12/20/2600, EA issued on the 26 June 2013). The project is located on a Portion of the Farm 426 Skuitdrif, located directly south of the Orange River and west of the Augrabies National Park within the KailGarib Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province. The amendment being applied for relates to an extension of the validity of the EA by an additional 10 years as well as other administrative amendments.

An application for amendment has been submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). Additional information has been requested (in terms of Regulation 30(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended) for the Department to be able to process the application for amendment. Savannah Environmental, as independent consultant, has prepared this Site Verification and Motivation Report in support of the application for the proposed amendment on behalf of Khoi-Sun Development (Pty) Ltd.

This report provides a synopsis of the PPP undertaken with the support of the following appendices as part of the proof of evidence for the project:

**Table 1-1 included appendices as part of this proof of consultation.**

Appendix	Relevance
<p>1 – I&amp;AP Database</p> 	<p>Regulation 42 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, where a database of the project-affected parties is developed including directly affected and greater surrounding area for I&amp;APs. The database included in this report is developed through the EIA process for the project.</p>
<p>2-Advertisements and Site Notices</p> 	<p>As required in terms of the EA for this project, the amendment process will be communicated, and I&amp;AP will be notified of the process. Site notices and a newspaper advert have already been placed in the process of notifying the I&amp;AP.</p>
<p>3 – Consultation with I&amp;AP Correspondence</p> 	<p>As required in terms of the EA for this project, the Motivation Report was made available to registered parties for review and comment. This appendix includes all correspondence between Savannah Environmental and any stakeholder including any IA&amp;P who may have commented on the project.</p>
<p>4 – Consultation with OoS</p> 	<p>As required in terms of the EA for this project, the Motivation Report was made available to registered parties for review and comment. This appendix includes all correspondence between Savannah Environmental and any OoS who may have commented on the project.</p>
<p>5 – Comments Received</p>	<p>This appendix includes the comments received from OoS and/or I&amp;APs on the Motivation Report will be made available for a 30-day review and comment period.</p>

Appendix	Relevance
	
6 – Comments and Responses Report 	All comments received will be recorded and responded to in a Comments and Responses Report, which will be submitted to the CA to inform the decision on the Motivation Report.

## CHAPTER 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS OBJECTIVES

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Public participation is an essential and regulatory requirement for an environmental authorisation process and is guided by Regulation 37(2) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

The following objectives for the public participation undertaken for the Motivation Report included:

- » notify registered I&APs of the availability of the Motivation Report for review and comment;
- » the review and comment period of the Motivation Report;
- » how and where the Motivation Report is made available for download or how to request an electronic copy;
- » how and where to submit written comments; and
- » capturing of the comments received into a Comments and Responses Report.

## CHAPTER 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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During the PPP, the following core PP activities were undertaken:

- » The existing Stakeholders and I&APs were verified and where applicable updated. The database was maintained throughout the 30-day review and comment period of the Motivation Report;
- » A notification letter was distributed to all registered I&APs on **Friday, 07 July 2023** notifying them of the availability of the Motivation Report and associated documentation for a review and comment period of 30 days;
- » The Motivation Report was made available for review and comment from **Friday, 07 July 2023** until **Monday, 07 August 2023**. The Motivation Report and associated documents will be made available on the Savannah Environmental website and also available via Dropbox or WeTransfer, upon request.
- » A reminder notification will be sent to all registered I&APs to remind them before the review and comment period comes to an end.
- » Suggestions, comments, and concerns received from I&APs will be collated and recorded in the Comments and Response Report (C&RR),
- » Updates to the Motivation report will be made before the Final submission date where needed.

## CHAPTER 4 DECISION-MAKING PHASE

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The Motivation Report will be submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), as the Competent Authority, for review and approval in accordance with the requirements of the EA issued for the project.

**APPENDIX 1**  
**INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES**  
**DATABASE**



**SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PC ENERGY FACILITY, SKUITDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600)**

DEPARTMENT / COMPANY / ORGANISATION	NAME	SURNAME	POSITION
	David	Cotton	
	Hannes	Van der Merwe	
Agri Northern Cape	Nicol	Jansen	President
AgriSA	Janse	Rabie	Head
Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)	Simphiwe	Masilela	Obstacle Evaluator
Barrocal-Energy	Pedro	Cardoso	
Basil Read Energy (Pty) Ltd	Ian	Curry	
Botes & Kennedy Manyano Civil Engineers & Contractors	Herman	van der Merwe	
Botes & Kennedy Mayano	Herman	Hoving	
Cell C	Brian	Joubert	
Cell C	Gibson	Maila	
Cell C	Harish	Kasseepursad	
Cell C	Marius	Otto	Manager
Cell C	Roger	Everett	
Cell C	Willem	Rheeder	
David Kruiper Local Municipality	Ellias	Ntoba	Municipal Manager
Department of Communications	Donald	Liphoko	Acting Director General
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Ephron	Maradwa	Case Officer
Department of Environmental Affairs	Stanley	Tshitwamolomoni	Acting Director
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Mashudu	Marubini	Delegate to the Minister
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Mishelle	Govender	Chief Directorate: Hazardous Waste Management & Licensing(Ash Working Group)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Mmatlala	Rabothata	
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Seoka	Lekota	Deputy Director
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Thivhulawi	Nethononda	Control Biodiversity Officer
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Thoko	Buthelezi	Administration Clerk: National Office
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	Tsholofelo	Sekonko	
Department of Health	Dannie	Stander	
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Pheladi	Masipa	Acting Project Manager: Renewable Energy Initiatives
Department of Mineral Resources and Energy	Sunday	Mabaso	Regional Manager
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	Debbie	Khan	
Department of Water and Sanitation	JC	Van Rooyen	
ESKOM	Kevin	Leask	
Eskom Distribution: W/C (Land Development)	Marshall	Felaar	
Eskom Holdings Limited: Eskom Distribution Western Operating Unit	Justine	Wyngaardt	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Andrea	van Gensen	Environmental Manager
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Are	van Zyl	
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Barbara	Van Geems	Land Development Manager: Western Region
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Bennie	Kordon	Manager Planning & Development
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Erasmus	Nengome	Waste Manager
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Ethel	Vas	Ward Councilor: Ward 10
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Graham	Maasdorp	Assistant - Electro Technical
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Jan	Minnies	Roads Manager
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	JJ	Olyn	Mayor
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Johny	MacKay	Director: Planning and Development
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Mario	Links	Director
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Meyer	Clarke	Manager: Electrical Services
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Pieter	Matthys	Office Manager
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Sampie	Beukes	

Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Suzanna	Coetzee	Assistant Librarian
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Vivian	Mc Pherson	Town Planner
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Wilhelmina	Moeng	
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Willie	Swart	
Kai !Garib Local Municipality	Yolandy	De Jager	Town Planning
MTN (Northern Cape)	Adrian	Rohland	Manager: Transmission Planning & Optimisation
Namaqua Chamber of Commerce	Wendy	Scheffer	Administrator
National Department of Environmental Affairs:	Herman	Alberts	
National Department of Transport & Public Works	Brian	Stander	
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)	Simphiwe	Khumalo	
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Ali	Diteme	
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Anga	Yaphi	Environmental Officer
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Bryan	Fisher	Director
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Lorato	Sehularo	Communication Officer
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Natalie	Uys	Candidate Scientist: Botanist
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Samantha	De la Fontaine	Production Scientist Grade A: District Ecologist
NC Dept of Agriculture, Env Affairs, Rural Dev & Land Reform	Wonders Dimakatso Viljoen	Mothibi	Head of Department: Agriculture
NC Dept of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Provincial)	Jacoline	Mans	Chief Forester: NFA Regulation
NC Dept of Public Works & Roads	Ruth	Palm	Chief Director: Roads
NC Dept of Roads & Public Works	Kholikile	Nogwili	Head of Department
NC Dept of Water & Sanitation	Kobus	Streuders	Acting: Provincial Head
NC Dept of Water & Sanitation	Lindiwe	Franks	Personal Assistant: Head of Department
NC Economic Development Agency	Babalwa	Mbobo	Deputy Director: Renewable Energy
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (N Cape Prov Heritage Resource Authority)	Timothy	Ratha	Heritage Officer
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (NCPHRA)	Andrew	Timothy	Heritage Officer
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development	Nico	Toerien	
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Jaco	Roelofse	
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Tabbie	Roberts	Namakwa District Manager: Roads
Northern Cape: Department of Water Affairs	Danita	Hohne	
openServe (on behalf of Telkom SA Ltd)	Vivian	Groenewald	
Provincial Department of Agriculture	Cynthia	Fortune	
Provincial Roads	Niel	Joubert	
SAHRA	Mariagrazia	Galimberti	
SANparks: Augrabies Falls National Park	Frans	van Rooyen	Manager
SANParks: Lower Orange Conservation Area	Elizabeth	Mhlango	
SANParks: National	Paul	Daphne	Director: Parks
SANParks: National	Peter	Novellie	Senior General Manager
SANRAL	Colene	Runkel	Statutory Control: Western Region
SANRAL	Victoria	Bota	Environmentalist
Schuitdrift East Game Park / Tutwa Lodge		Schuitdrift East Game Park	
Scuitdrift Solar Project Pty Ltd	Matteo	Brambilla	Director
Sentech Ltd	Johan	Koegelenberg	Coverage Planner: RF Networks
Sentech Ltd	Marlon	Finnis	
Sentech Ltd	Serame	Mothake	Manager
Sentech Ltd	Zane	Mannel	Head
South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Marie	Pretorius	Obstacle Specialist
South African Heritage Resources Agency	Natasha	Higgitt	Heritage Officer - Northern Cape
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Kathryn	Smuts	
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Phillip	Hine	Heritage Officer: Northern Cape & North West Province
South African National Defense Force	Cnl. Zukile	Mali	

South African National Defense Force	Francois	Strydom	
South African National Defense Force	JR	Kenny	Chief of Logistics: Renewable Energy Applications
South African National Defense Force	Lt. Col. Kebasenos	Zondi	SO1 Military Integrated Environment Management (MIEM) Governance
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Adrian	Tiplady	South African SKA Site Bid Manager
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Busang	Sithole	Analyst
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Selaelo	Matlhane	Spectrum and Telecoms Manager
South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Tshegofatso	Monama	
South African Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) Northern Cape (Western Region)	Rene	de Kock	Environmental Coordinator: Western Region
South African Weather Services (SAWS)	Christopher	Isherwood	Aviation Survey Inspector: Air Navigation Services
South African Weather Services (SAWS)	Rydall	Jardine	
Southern Farms	Louis	Hanekom	Manager
Telkom SOC Limited	Amanda	Bester	
Telkom SOC Limited	Leonard	Shaw	Wireless Planning Development & Support
Telkom SOC Limited	Roy	Macaskill	
Tinkie Nel Familie Trust	P.J	De Bruyn de Villiers	Landowner
Vodacom	Hennie	Barnard	Property Manager
Vodacom	Johan	Theron	Transmission Manager: Eastern
Vodacom	Junior	Adraanse	Property Manager
Wilderness Foundation Africa (WFA)	D'Reull	De Beer	Facilitator: Northern Cape Land Projects
Wilderness Foundation Africa (WFA)	Kerry	Purnell	
Wilderness Foundation Africa (WFA)	Matthew	Norval	
Wildlife & Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	Tania	Anderson	Conservation Officer
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	Morgan	Griffiths	Environmental Governance Programme Manager
ZF Mgcawu District Municipality	Frikkie	Ruppig	
ZF MgCawu District Municipality/ Siyanda District Municipality	Paulus	Mgcera	Executive Mayor



**APPENDIX 2**  
**ADVERTISEMENTS AND SITE**  
**NOTICES**



## SITE NOTICES

# NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

## PROPOSED SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY, SKUITDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600)

**Applicant:** Khoi-Sun Development (Pty) Ltd

**Proposed Activity:** Khoi-Sun Development (Pty) Ltd received Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the construction of the proposed Skuitdrift 2 Solar Development on 26 June 2013. The applicant is requesting the validity of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) to be extended by an additional 10 years such that the EA would be valid for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of issue of the authorisation.

**Project Location:** Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility is located on a Portion of the Farm 426 Skuitdrif, located directly south of the Orange River and west of the Augrabies National Park within the Kai!Garib Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

**Amendment Process:** In terms of Condition 5 of the EA (DFFE Ref: 12/12/20/2600) dated 26 June 2013 and Regulation 29 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for an amendment of the environmental authorisation if the amendment will not change the scope of a valid environmental authorisation nor increase the level or nature of the impact. An application in this regard has been submitted to the DFFE who have confirmed that the application falls within the ambit of a Part 1 amendment process. A public participation process is required to be undertaken in support of this application in accordance with the requirements of the DFFE.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below:

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**June 2023**

This notice is **not** for **job applications** but rather an opportunity to **register/comment** on the project.

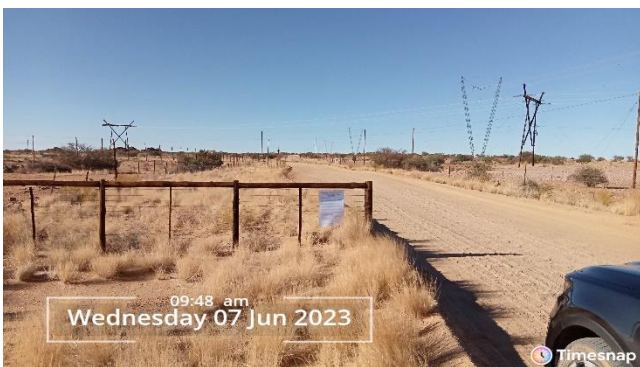
Should you know of any **vulnerable person** that needs to be informed of and be part of this proposed project, please contact us.

**PROOF OF SITE NOTICES** (Date placed: 07 June 2023)



Coordinates: 28°36'47.6"S 19°46'23.7"E

Note: On the dirt road on the way to the proposed site.



Coordinates: 28°36'34.7"S 19°45'58.4"E

Note: Posted at the site.



Coordinates: 28°36'40.6"S 19°48'44.7"E

Note: On the dirt road on the way to the proposed site.

# NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

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**Motivation Report available for public review and comment:** Savannah Environmental has compiled a Motivation Report in support of the Amendment Applications (Part 1 amendment). The Motivation Reports and supporting documentation will be available for public review and comment from **Friday, 7 July 2023 to Monday 7 August 2023**. The Motivation Reports can be downloaded from Savannah Environmental's website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/>. The due date for written comment will be **Monday, 7 August 2023**.

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## NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

### LETSOAI PV1 AND LETSOAI PV2 PROJECTS NEAR AGGENEYS, NORTHERN CAPE

**Project Names:** Proposed Letsoai PV1 Project near Aggeneys, Northern Cape  
Proposed Letsoai PV2 Project near Aggeneys, Northern Cape

**Applicant:** BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd

**Proposed Activity:** The Letsoai PV1 and Letsoai PV2 projects are proposed to have a contracted capacity of up to 240MWAC each, (480MWAC combined). Each facility will contain the following infrastructure:

- Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures (Fixed vs Tracking and Bifacial to be considered as alternatives).
- Inverters and transformers.
- Low voltage cabling between the PV modules to the inverters.
- Fence around the project development areas.
- Camera surveillance and internet connection
- Up to 33kV cabling between the project components and the facility substation.
- 2.25ha, 132kV onsite facility substation (to be located on Letsoai PV1).
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) of up to 153MW and associated infrastructure
- Lightning masts with maximum of 24m.
- Administration, control, workshops and warehouse buildings.
- Temporary and permanent laydown areas.
- Internal access roads (4 and 6 m in width).

**Project Location:** The respective development areas for the PV facilities are adjacent to one another and are located on the remaining extent of the Farm Hartebeest Vlei 86. The project sites are accessible via an existing gravel road off the N14 to the north of the project site, near the town of Aggeneys.

**Basic Assessment Process:** As the projects have the potential to impact on the environment, Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326) is required for each of the projects. Environmental Impact Assessment processes are required to be completed in support of the applications for Environmental Authorisation. As the projects fall within the Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) 8 (the Springbok REDZ), Basic Assessment (BA) processes are applicable as per GNR114 of February 2018. Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for undertaking the required BAs and Public Participation Processes for the projects.

**Basic Assessment (BA) Reports Available for Review:** The BA Reports are available for a 30-day review and comment from Friday, 07 July 2023 until **Monday, 07 August 2023**. The reports can be viewed at <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/letsoai-pv1-and-letsoai-pv2/>. The due date for written comment is **Monday, 07 August 2023**.

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## PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOESMANLAND SOLAR FARM, AGGENEYS, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DFFE REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/222)

**Applicant:** Boesmanland Solar Farm (Pty) Ltd

**Proposed Activity:** Boesmanland Solar Farm (Pty) Ltd received Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the construction of the Boesmanland Solar Farm on 16 July 2013. The applicant is requesting the validity of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) and subsequent Amendments to be extended by an additional 5 years such that the EA would be valid for a period of fifteen (15) years from the date of issue of the authorisation.

**Project Location:** Boesmanland Solar Farm is located on Portion 6 (A Portion of Portion 2) of the Farm Zuurwater near Aggeneys within the Khai-Ma Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

**Amendment Process:** In terms of Conditions 6 of the EA (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/222) dated 16 July 2013 and Regulation 29 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for an amendment of the environmental authorisation if the amendment will not change the scope of a valid environmental authorisation nor increase the level or nature of the impact. An application in this regard has been submitted to the DFFE who have confirmed that the application falls within the ambit of a Part 1 amendment process. A public participation process is required to be undertaken in support of this application in accordance with the requirements of the DFFE.

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## SWARTWATER-PRODUKSIE LAAT DIE VERHALE VAN DIE INHEEMSE VOLK VOORTLEEF

**P. Coetzee RICHTERSVELD** – Die Nama-mense se verhele kan net deur hul eie vertel word. Die nuwe generasie begin die vergete verhele en geheime ontbloot. Geralt Cloete, direkteur van *Nama Khoi Productions*, deel dié stories deur sy nuwe produksie, *Swartwater*.

Die *Swartwater*-span het reeds verlede naweek by die *Makhanda National Arts Festival* hul produksie op die planke gebring. Volgens Geralt, probeer hy 'n kreatiewe spasie vir die Nama-mense skep om hul talente te ontwikkel en teen te stel. Die naam, *Swartwater*, verwys na die plek in die Richtersveld waar Nama's, veral in die 1900's, gewoon het. Dit is ook simbolies vir water wat vuil is, wat na die pyn en geheime van die Nama-mense verwys.

Die verhaal word uit vier vroue, wat deur plaaslike kunstenaars vertolk word, se oogpunt vertel. Serapha Joseph vertolk die rol van Tiele, Diansca Obies vertolk die rol van Sosanas, Liza-Marie De Waal speel die rol van Sarah en die rol van Mammies word deur Annaline Joseph vertolk.

Geralt deel met *Die Plattelander* dat die terugvoering in Grahamstad baie goed was. Feesgangers was mal oor die verhele en die taalgebruik, spesifiek. Geralt noem ook dat hy akteurs vanuit *Sanddrift*

gebring het om aan die produksie deel te neem. Hy het self die opleiding behartig, alhoewel die akteurs reeds oor goeie ervaring in konsert en teater beskik het.

*Swartwater* is voorheen ook by die *Kimberley Teater*, as deel van hul fondsinsamelingsprojek vir die fees in Grahamstad, opgevoer. Volgens Geralt, kan die publiek met die karakters identifiseer omdat elkeen sy eie verhaal het om te vertel en almal goed saam vleg. Die ma is, byvoorbeeld, baie besorg oor haar dogters en wil haar kinders van die wêreld en die waarheid beskerm.

Geralt wil graag die volgende persone vir hul ondersteuning bedank: Lee-Ann van Rooi, 'n dramaturg wat in Kaapstad vir 'n week lank haar hulp aan die groep gebied het, die LUR van Noord-Kaap se *Departement van Sport Kuns en Kultuur*, die *Direktoraat van Kuns, Kultuur en Taaldienste*, *CCIFSA* wat akteurs beskerm, asook *Lower Orange River Diamonds*.

Geralt is self 'n boorling van die Richtersveld. Hy het drama studeer en sy meestersgraad aan die *Universiteit van die Witwatersrand* verwerf. Hy verduidelik dat dit *Nama Khoi Productions* se visie is om kultuur te bevorder en te bewaar. Om op hoogte te bly van hul werke, kan lesers hul *Facebook*- en *Instagram* platforms dophou.

## COGHSTA NOORD-KAAP LOODS SLEPWA-VELDTOG VIR RAMP BESTUUR

**C. Ovies Noord-Kaap** - Die *Departement van Samewerkende Regering, Menslike Nedersettings en Tradisionele Sake (CoGHSTA)* onder leiding van LUR, mnr. Bentley Vass, het op **27 Junie 2023** sy watertensleepwa-veldtog geloods.

Volgens die woordvoerder by die departement, me. Babalwa Mzambo, is die inisiatief deel van die administrasie se werksaamhede om rampverligting na die provinsie te bring. Sy sê dit sal munisipale administrasie in die provinsie in staat stel om spoedig op kritiese noodsituasies te reageer. Die Noord-Kaap is kwesbaar vir veldbrande, veral in die droë dele van die provinsie waar boere reeds soveel skade gely het.

Sy sê die tenke is reeds vir munisipaliteit beskikbaar om te gebruik. Die veldtog is op 27 Junie 2023 in die Frances Baard-, ZF Mgcawu- en John Taolo Gaetsewe-distrikte van stapel gestuur. Volgens Mzambo, sal Namakwa en Pixley Ka Seme hul tenke binne die volgende twee weke ontvang.

In haar provinsiale rede het die LUR vir die *Departement van Landbou, Grandhervorming en Landelike*

*Ontwikkeling*, me. Mase Manopole, die provinsie se ramp-kwesbaarheid bespreek. Me. Manopole het die ramp-toestand as 'n struikelblok tot ontwikkeling in die landbousektor beskryf.

Sy het in besonder die droogtoestande in die noordelike dele van die Namakwa-distrik en spesifiek die Richtersveld bespreek. Daarbenewens het haar departement R2.284 miljoen as ondersteuning vir die Namakwa-distrik beskikbaar gestel.

Vir Mzambo is dit 'n belegging. Sy sê met die winter seisoen op hande, ervaar baie informele huishoudings brande wat dikwels deur, byvoorbeeld kerse, asook ander vlambare bronne veroorsaak word. Daarom het *CoGHSTA* waterenk-sleepwaens, om in die plaaslike gebiede met brandbestryding te help, vir al ses-en-twintig plaaslike munisipaliteit aangeskaf. Volgens Mzambo is dit maar een van die maniere waarop haar departement die rampgebiede wil bystaan. Sy sê haar departement is vasbeslote om in samewerking met die nasionale regering, beter veiligheid te verseker.



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# Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

### PROPOSED SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY, SKUITDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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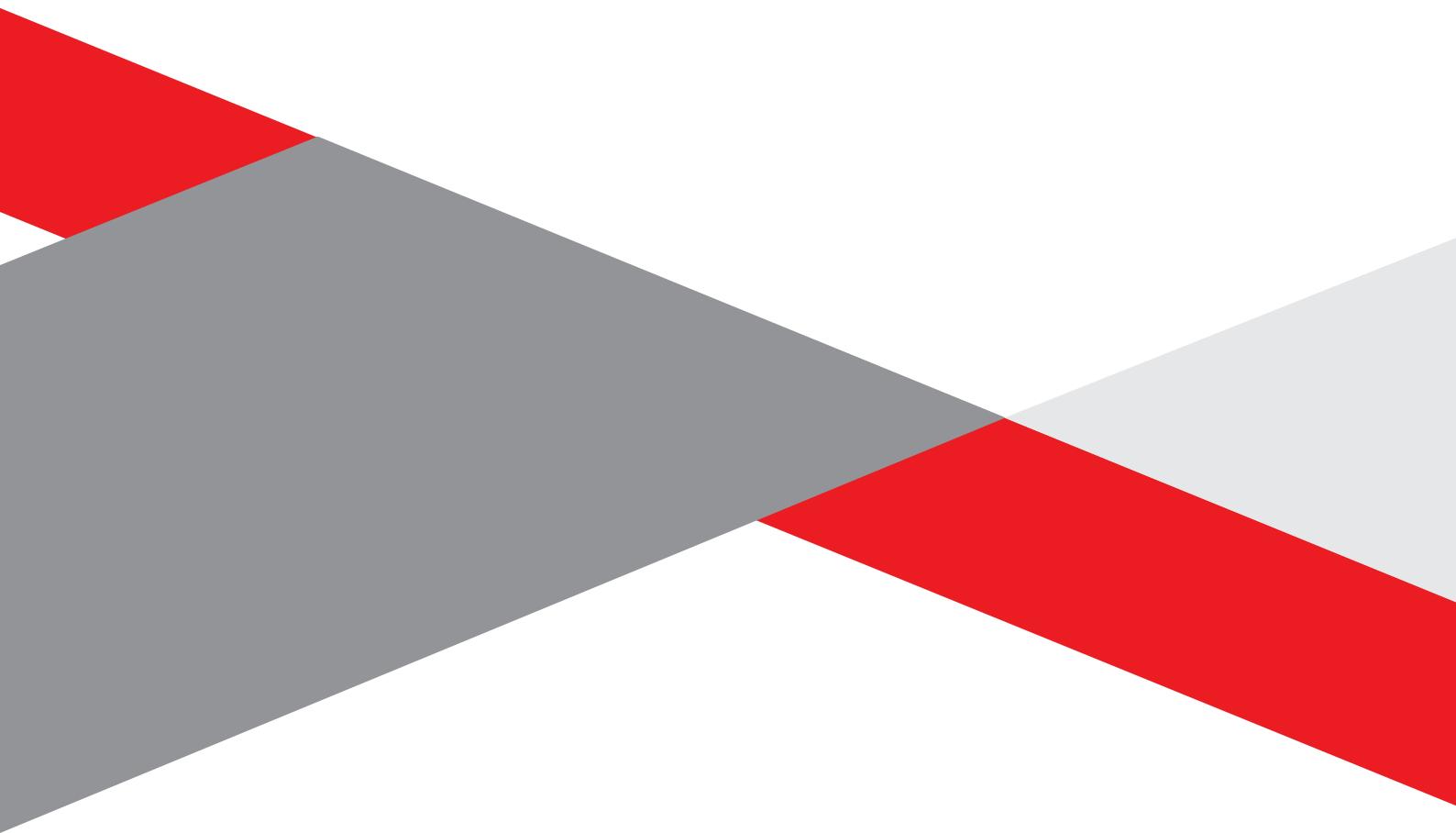
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**To:** Kathryn Smuts  
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(DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600)**

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With reference to our letter dated **07 July 2023**, this email serves to remind you that the review period for the Motivation Report, in support of the Amendment Application (Part 1 amendment), ends on **Monday, 07 August 2023**. The Motivation Report is still available from our website ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Please submit your written comments on the Motivation Report by Monday, 07 August 2023.

All comments can be addressed to Cornelius Holtzhausen at Savannah Environmental.

Kind regards

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South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)	Monama	Tshegofatso	
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Vodacom	Tobi	Joseph	
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## CORRESPONDENCE

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**From:** Candy Mahlangu  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 July 2023 17:08  
**To:** JMPELANE@dffe.gov.za  
**Cc:** Jo-Anne Thomas; Cornelius Holtzhausen  
**Subject:** RE: 12/12/20/2600/AM4 \_ SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY

Hi Jay-Jay,

Trust you are well.

This is a reminder that we have not received your comments on the Motivational Report with reference number 12/12/20/2600/AM4.

Please note that the commenting period will be ending on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.

Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regard

**Candy Mahlangu**

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**From:** Jo-Anne Thomas <joanne@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023 8:37 AM  
**To:** Candy Mahlangu <candy@savannahsa.com>  
**Subject:** FW: 12/12/20/2600/AM4

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023 1:01 AM  
**To:** Jo-Anne Thomas <joanne@savannahsa.com>; Bregardia Rabbie <bregardia@savannahsa.com>  
**Cc:** Lerato Mokoena <LMOKOENA@dffe.gov.za>; Wayne Hector <WHECTOR@dffe.gov.za>; Ephron Maradwa <EMaradwa@dffe.gov.za>  
**Subject:** RE: 12/12/20/2600/AM4

Dear Bregardia and Jo-Anne Thomas.

**APPLICATION FOR PART 1 AMENDMENT FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 26 JUNE 2013 FOR THE SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY ON A PORTION OF THE FARM SKUITDRIF 426, WITHIN THE SIYANDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**



The Department Acknowledged the receipt of the abovementioned project on 05/06/2023. The applicant "**Khoi–Sun Development (Pty) Ltd**" applied for an extension of the commencement period of the Environmental Authorisation dated 26 June 2013. "**Khoi–Sun Development (Pty) Ltd**" intend to apply for an extension beyond 10 years.

Please note that you are requested to submit the **following additional information** in terms of Regulation 30(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended for the Department to be able to process your application for amendment:

- A detailed motivation as to why the Department should extend the commencement period of the authorised development, including the advantages and disadvantages associated with the approval or refusal to the request for extension;
- The status (baseline) of the environment (social and biophysical) that was assessed during the initial assessment (by the relative specialist, if applicable);
- The current status of the assessed environment (social and biophysical) (by the relative specialist, if applicable);
- A **review of all specialist studies** undertaken, and a detailed assessment, including a site verification report providing an indication of the status of the receiving environment (by the relative specialist, if applicable);
- The terms of reference for the specialist reports and declaration of interest of each specialist must be provided;
- The report mentioned above, must indicate if the impact rating as provided in the initial assessment remains valid; if the mitigation measures provided in the initial assessment are still applicable; or if there are any new mitigation measures which need to be included into the EA, should the request to extend the commencement period be granted by the Department;
- An indication if there are any new assessments/guidelines which are now relevant to the authorised development which were not undertaken as part of the initial assessment, must be taken into consideration and addressed in the report;
- A description and an assessment of any changes to the environment (social and biophysical) that has occurred since the initial EA was issued;
- A description and an assessment of the surrounding environment, in relation to new developments or changes in land use which might impact on the authorised project, the assessment must consider the following:
  - o similar developments within a 30km radius;
  - o Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
  - o Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
  - o The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
  - o A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.
- Consent from all affected landowners (where applicable);
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
- A comments and response report.

The outstanding information must be submitted within **90 days from the date of this letter**. The requested information must be sent via email to [eiaapplications@environment.gov.za](mailto:eiaapplications@environment.gov.za).

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of these Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

Jay.  
012 399 9404.

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**From:** EIA Applications <[EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za](mailto:EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za)>  
**Sent:** 06 June 2023 09:15 AM  
**To:** Jay-Jay Mpelane <[JMPELANE@dffe.gov.za](mailto:JMPELANE@dffe.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** Lerato Mokoena <[LMOKOENA@dffe.gov.za](mailto:LMOKOENA@dffe.gov.za)>; Wayne Hector <[WHECTOR@dffe.gov.za](mailto:WHECTOR@dffe.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** 12/12/20/2600/AM4

Dear Jay-Jay.

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

**Type of Application:** Amendment to an EA which is a part 1 according to the EAP;  
**Reference Number:** 12/12/20/2600/AM4;  
**Date Received:** 05/06/2023;  
**Action Required:** 1) Acknowledge receipt of application form, and the ASD needs to sign off, upload acknowledgment letter on EDMS.

The file as well as the supporting documentation can be found on the EDMS folder:

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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

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**From:** Bregardia Rabbie <[bregardia@savannahsa.com](mailto:bregardia@savannahsa.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2023 8:06 PM  
**To:** EIA Applications <[EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za](mailto:EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** Candy Mahlangu <[candy@savannahsa.com](mailto:candy@savannahsa.com)>; Jo-Anne Thomas <[joanne@savannahsa.com](mailto:joanne@savannahsa.com)>; Savannah Public Process <[publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com)>  
**Subject:** Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV - Application for Amendment (SE3622) Khoi–Sun Development (Pty) Ltd DFFE Ref.: 12/12/20/2600

Dear EIA Applications,

Please see attached the document control form and proof of the Application for Amendment for Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility on a Portion of the Farm Skuitdrif 426, within the Siyanda District Municipality in Northern Cape Province.- [Ref.No](#) 12/12/20/2600



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Should you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact Jo-Anne Thomas who is cc'd in this email.

Thank you and kind regards,



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**From:** Chris Schutte (CE) <SchutCE5@telkom.co.za>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 July 2023 13:39  
**To:** Savannah Public Process  
**Cc:** Vivian Groenewald (VR)  
**Subject:** CBAG0467-23 Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility  
**Attachments:** CBAG0467-23 COVER LETTER TO AUTH.pdf; CBAG0467-23 UPDATED SKETCH.pdf

Good day

With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved in terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.

No infrastructure of our Client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal. **We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account. Please make use of pilot holes in order not too damage our infrastructure.** Therefore any damages occurred during construction of work will be repaired at the customer's account.

**Although we are not affected by this proposal, Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738 from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work.**

Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval.

Kind regards

Chris Schutte  
Mvelaphande Trading  
[SchutCE5@telkom.co.za](mailto:SchutCE5@telkom.co.za)  
078 741 5862

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**From:** Candy Mahlangu  
**Sent:** Thursday, 13 July 2023 16:01  
**To:** MMatlala Rabothata; Kamogelo Mathetja  
**Cc:** Cornelius Holtzhausen  
**Subject:** RE: SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report  
**Attachments:** Skuitdrift 2.kmz

Good day,

As per your email below.

Herewith layout for the project.

Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:50 PM  
**To:** Candy Mahlangu <candy@savannahsa.com>  
**Subject:** FW: SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report

Hi Candy

Could you please assist with the below request for the development footprints/application site?

Kind regards,

**Cornelius Holtzhausen**

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**From:** Kamogelo Mathetja <[KMathetja@dffe.gov.za](mailto:KMathetja@dffe.gov.za)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:43 PM  
**To:** Cornelius Holtzhausen <[Cornelius@savannahsa.com](mailto:Cornelius@savannahsa.com)>  
**Cc:** MMatlala Rabothata <[MRABOTHATA@dffe.gov.za](mailto:MRABOTHATA@dffe.gov.za)>; Kamogelo Mathetja <[KMathetja@dffe.gov.za](mailto:KMathetja@dffe.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report

Dear Sir/Madam

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs M Rabothata and Mr K Mathetja (Both copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: [BCAdmin@environment.gov.za](mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za) for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota

Regards,  
Kamogelo

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**From:** Cornelius Holtzhausen <[Cornelius@savannahsa.com](mailto:Cornelius@savannahsa.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2023 8:55 AM  
**To:** BC Admin <[bcadmin@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:bcadmin@dfpe.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** Seoka Lekota <[SLEKOTA@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:SLEKOTA@dfpe.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
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(DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600)**

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Attach to this e-mail is the .kmz file for ease of reference.

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

Kind regards,



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**Sent:** Monday, 10 July 2023 08:39  
**To:** Savannah Public Process  
**Subject:** RE: SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Good day,

Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: <http://sahra.org.za/sahris/>. We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions.

Please create **an application on SAHRIS for each EA application** and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. If a case already exists on SAHRIS regarding the development, please upload the documents to that case.

Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case applications, please ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

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**From:** Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 3:15 PM  
**To:** Natasha Higgitt <nhiggitt@sahra.org.za>  
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**To:** dfacmiem@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report  
**Attachments:** Skuitdrift 2.kmz; SE3622\_Skuitdrift\_P1\_Amendment\_Notification\_letter\_-\_FINAL.pdf

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**From:** Cornelius Holtzhausen  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 July 2023 09:06  
**To:** migovender@dffe.gov.za  
**Subject:** SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report  
**Attachments:** SE3622\_Skuitdrift\_P1\_Amendment\_Notification\_letter\_-\_FINAL.pdf; Skuitdrift 2.kmz

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**Subject:** SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report  
**Attachments:** Skuitdrift 2.kmz; SE3622\_Skuitdrift\_P1\_Amendment\_Notification\_letter\_-\_FINAL.pdf

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**Subject:** SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report  
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**Subject:** RE: SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report

**Attachments:** Skuitdrift 2.kmz

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**[Revised Schedule of Fees for Applications made to the South African Heritage Resources Agency \(SAHRA\).](#)**

## Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility

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### ProposalDescription:

The Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility received Environmental Authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2010, on 26 June 2013 (DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/2600). The EMPr of the project was approved as part of the Environmental Authorisation. The project has received preferred bidder status under the Small Projects IPP Procurement Programme's second round in 2017, from the Department of Energy. Construction of the facility is expected to commence shortly after financial close.

**ApplicationDate:** Friday, February 15, 2019 - 15:34

**CaseID:** 13468

**Applicants:** [Khoi-Sun Development \(Pty\) Ltd](#)

**Consultants/Experts:** [Lisa Opperman](#)

### OtherReferences:

CaseReference	Department
12/12/20/2600	<a href="#">Department of Environmental Affairs</a>

**Heritage Reports:** [Skuitdrift 2 PV - Heritage Walk-through - Oct'17](#)

### ReferenceList:

### AdditionalDocuments

1. [Skuitdrift PV 2 EMPr Rev 1 - 18.01.19.pdf](#)
2. [Skuitdrift 2 EMPr Rev 1 Apr'19.pdf](#)
3. [EMPr EA approval \(10-05-2019\)](#)
4. [0.Skuitrif Solar PV - Draft Motivation Report.pdf](#)
5. [Appendix A - Ecological Specialists Letter.pdf](#)
6. [Appendix B - Avifauna Specialist Letter.pdf](#)
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**CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED &**  
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## REMINDER NOTIFICATION

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**Sent:** Monday, 31 July 2023 16:00  
**To:** Kathryn Smuts  
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**Subject:** SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm – Reminder Notification of Availability of Amendment Motivation Report

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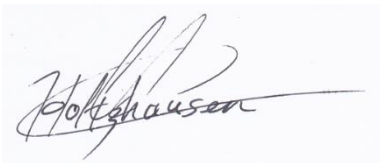
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All comments received during the 30-day public review and comment period will be recorded and included in the Final Motivation Report in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326), for submission to the DFFE for review and decision-making.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Holtzhausen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**From:** Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>  
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**To:** Kathryn Smuts  
**Cc:** Cornelius Holtzhausen  
**Subject:** SE3622: Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Farm - Notification of availability of Amendment Motivation Report  
**Attachments:** SE3622\_Skuitdrift\_P1\_Amendment\_Notification\_letter\_-\_FINAL.pdf

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY NEAR SKUITDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600)**

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Khoi-Sun Development (Pty) Ltd has requested an amendment to an existing Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the authorised Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility and associated infrastructure (DFFE Reference: 12/12/20/2600, EA issued on the 26 June 2013). The project is located on a Portion of the Farm 426 Skuitdrif, located directly south of the Orange River and west of the Augrabies National Park within the Kai! Garib Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province. The amendment being applied for relates to an extension of the validity of the EA by an additional 10 years as well as other administrative amendments.

In terms of Condition 5 of the EA (DFFE Ref: 12/12/20/2600) dated 26 June 2013 and Regulation 29 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for an amendment of the environmental authorisation if the amendment will not change the scope of a valid environmental authorisation nor increase the level or nature of the impact. An application in this regard has been submitted to the DFFE who have confirmed that the application falls within the ambit of a Part 1 amendment process. A public participation process is required to be undertaken in support of this application in accordance with the requirements of the DFFE.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF MOTIVATION REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

Savannah Environmental has compiled a Motivation Report in support of the Amendment Application (Part 1 amendment). The Motivation Report and supporting documentation will be available for public review and comment from Friday, 07 July 2023 to Monday, 07 August 2023. The Motivation Report can be downloaded from Savannah Environmental's website ([CLICK HERE](#))

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

Kind regards,

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AgriSA	Rabie	Janse	
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Barrocal-Energy	Cardoso	Pedro	
Basil Read Energy (Pty) Ltd	Curry	Ian	
Botes & Kennedy Manyano Civil Engineers & Contractors	van der Merwe	Herman	
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Cell C	Everett	Roger	
Cell C	Joubert	Brian	
Cell C	Kasseepursad	Harish	
Cell C	Otto	Marius	
Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality	Ntoba	Ellias	
Department of Communications	Liphoko	Donald	
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Department of Environmental Affairs	Tshitwamulomoni	Stanley	
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National Department of Transport & Public Works	Stander	Brian	
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South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Smuts	Kathryn	
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**Cc:** Savannah Public Process  
**Subject:** RE: REGISTER ON THE PROJECT DATABASE

Good Day

I hope you are well.

We hereby confirm that you have been included in the project database.

The review and comment period for the project was initiated on **07 July 2023**, and ended on **Monday, 07 August 2023**. The Motivation Report is still available and can be accessed from our website ([CLICK HERE](#)).

All comments can be addressed to Cornelius Holtzhausen at Savannah Environmental.

Thank you for your interest.

Kind regards,



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*Good day,*

*Trust this mail finds you well...*

*We hereby to express interest in registering our company on the project database at Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV energy.*

*Our Company Details are as follows:*

**Company Name: Landile Security cc**

**Contact Person: Kennedy Khubashe (Director)**

**Contact Number: 054-332 1417 / 083 354 1005**

*We are looking forward to hear from you.*

*Kind Regards,*

*LANDILE SECURITY CC*

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**Cc:** Kerry Purnell; Matthew Norval; Ben-Jon Dreyer; Candy Mahlangu  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Amendment of the Skuitdrift 2 SEF Environmental Authorisation, Skuitdrift, NC Province, DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600

Dear Mr de Beer

Thank you very much for your detailed comments and response. We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence.

Please give us some time to consider your comments and we will respond soon.

Kind regards,



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**Subject:** RE: Proposed Amendment of the Skuitdrift 2 SEF Environmental Authorisation, Skuitdrift, NC Province, DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600

Dear Mr Holtzhausen,

**RE: COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, SKUITDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600).**

Please find attached Wilderness Foundation Africa's formal comments on the application referenced above.

Please provide written acknowledgement of receipt as well a formal response to any issues and requests raised.

Kind Regards

## D'Reull de Beer

Facilitator: Northern Cape Land Project



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**Subject:** RE: Proposed Amendment of the Skuitdrift 2 SEF Environmental Authorisation, Skuitdrift, NC Province, DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600

Dear Mr De Beer.

Thank you for your interest in the Proposed Amendment of the Skuitdrift 2 SEF Environmental Authorisation. We hereby acknowledge your request and confirm that you have been added to the project database.

Please find attached the requested Amendment Notification letter. You can also find the report and other details on our website <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/skuitdrift-2-solar-pv/>.

Please let me know whether this addresses your request.

Kind regards,



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**Subject:** Proposed Amendment of the Skuitdrift 2 SEF Environmental Authorisation, Skuitdrift, NC Province, DFFE REF: 12/12/20/2600

Dear Mr Holtzhausen,

Wilderness Foundation Africa (WFA), hereby requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Part (I & AP) in the application by Khoi-Sun Development (Pty) Ltd for the proposed amendment of Environmental Authorisation for the Skuitdrift 2 Solar Energy Facility.

Kindly notify in writing WFA's registration as I & AP in the aforementioned application. Please also supply WFA with all the Basic Assessment Report and any other relevant public documentation pertaining to the environmental authorisation of the project.

Thank you in advance.

Kind Regards,

**D'Reull de Beer**

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Heritage Cases *Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility* has been updated.

## Heritage Cases

### Special Notice

Following comments received on the proposed Revised Schedule of Fees for applications made to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), made in terms of Section 25(2)(l) of the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA) and published in the Government Gazette of 22 July 2022, SAHRA hereby publishes the final Revised Schedule of Fees for Applications made to SAHRA. Applications for provision of services submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA), in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA) must be accompanied by a payment of the appropriate fee, taking effect from 1 January 2023

**[Revised Schedule of Fees for Applications made to the South African Heritage Resources Agency \(SAHRA\)](#)**

## Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility

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### ProposalDescription:

The Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility received Environmental Authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2010, on 26 June 2013 (DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/2600). The EMPr of the project was approved as part of the Environmental Authorisation. The project has received preferred bidder status under the Small Projects IPP Procurement Programme's second round in 2017, from the Department of Energy. Construction of the facility is expected to commence shortly after financial close.

**ApplicationDate:** Friday, February 15, 2019 - 15:34

**CaseID:** 13468

**Applicants:** [Khoi-Sun Development \(Pty\) Ltd](#)

**Consultants/Experts:** [Lisa Opperman](#)

### OtherReferences:

CaseReference	Department
12/12/20/2600	<a href="#">Department of Environmental Affairs</a>

**Heritage Reports:** [Skuitdrift 2 PV - Heritage Walk-through - Oct'17](#)

### ReferenceList:

### AdditionalDocuments

1. [Skuitdrift PV 2 EMPr Rev 1 - 18.01.19.pdf](#)
2. [Skuitdrift 2 EMPr Rev 1 Apr'19.pdf](#)
3. [EMPr EA approval \(10-05-2019\)](#)
4. [0.Skuitrif Solar PV - Draft Motivation Report.pdf](#)
5. [Appendix A - Ecological Specialist Letter.pdf](#)
6. [Appendix B - Avifauna Specialist Letter.pdf](#)
7. [Appendix C - Aquatic Specialist Letter.pdf](#)
8. [Appendix D - Soil Specialist Letter.pdf](#)
9. [Appendix E - Heritage Impact Assessment.pdf](#)
10. [Appendix F - Visual Specialist Letter.pdf](#)
11. [Appendix G - Socio-Economic Specialist Letter.pdf](#)
12. [Appendix H - Public Participation Report.pdf](#)
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## PER MAIL / EMAIL

Dear Ms Thomas

### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MOTIVATION REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 26 JUNE 2013 FOR THE SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY ON A PORTION OF THE FARM SKUITDRIF 426, WITHIN THE SIYANDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the above-mentioned project dated 26 June 2013, the application for amendment of the EA received on the 05 June 2023, the acknowledgement letter dated 07 June 2023 and the draft motivation report received by the Department on 10 July 2023, refer.

The Department has the following comments on the abovementioned amendment application:

1. **Public participation**
  - a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final report.
  - b) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final report. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this application in chronological order. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.
  - c) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft report from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final report. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final report. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.
  - d) Please provide proof of the newspaper advert and site notice and communication with I&APs. *wk*

- e) The final report must also indicate that this draft report has been subjected to a public participation process.

**2. Specialist Letters:**

- a) Please note, the gazetted protocols do not apply to applications for amendments to environmental authorisation. Please see the gazetted protocols which states that *“for protocols for the assessment and minimum report content requirements of environmental impacts for environmental themes **for activities requiring environmental authorisation**, as contained in the Schedule hereto.”*
- b) The EAP must provide a reasoned opinion or conclusion, which considers the specialists’ recommendations and outcomes of their assessments and provide sufficient motivation in support of approving the amendment application.
- c) The EAP must include a table of comparison showing the impact table findings of the initial studies versus the current information provided in the specialist letters to demonstrate the changes (if any) to the identified impacts and provide a reasoned conclusive opinion in support or dispute of the findings.

**3. General**

- a) Ensure that there is minimal repetition and there is a logical flow to the final amendment report. Reference to the project name must be consistent throughout the report. If the project name has changed through the amendment processes since the EA was issued, then use the most current name as per the most recent environmental authorisation.
- b) Ensure that the requirements of the acknowledgment letter dated 07 June 2023 are fully addressed and referenced in the final report. Also note that the due date for final report

**Should you fail to meet the timeframe stipulated in the acknowledgment letter dated 07 June 2023 for the submission of the final motivation report, your application will lapse.**

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment**

**Signed by: Mr Wayne Hector**

**Designation: Deputy Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects**

**Date: 02/08/2023**

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## Appendix 1:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment Received</b>	<b>EAP response</b>
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26 July 2023

**Savannah Environmentals**  
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**FOR ATTENTION:** Cornelius Holtzhausen

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY NEAR SKUITDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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Yours sincerely



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CHRIS SCHUTTE

COMMENTS FROM: INTERESTED & AFFECTED  
PARTIES

Mr C. Holtzhausen  
Public Participation Consultant  
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PO Box 148  
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Date: 18 July 2023

Dear Mr Holtzhausen,

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WFA as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) hereby formally comments on the proposed amendment of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility.

The above request is informed and supported by the following key pieces of legislation:

- Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996).
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- The Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (as amended).
- Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000)
- Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 Of 2000)

Wilderness Foundation Africa hereby wishes, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (IAP), to submit the following comments and concerns on the amendment of Environmental Authorisation (EA) application for the Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure (DFFE Reference: 12/12/20/2600):



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**The proposed development is situated within the Augrabies Falls National Park Protected Area Expansion Footprint and a Northern Cape Protected Area Expansion Strategy - Primary Focus Area.**

The proposed development footprint of the Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility falls within the SANParks, Augrabies Falls National Park Protected Area Expansion Footprint as well as a Primary Focus Area of the Northern Cape Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NCPAES), which feeds into the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (PAES). The area within which the proposed development is located is thus a national priority for protected area expansion based on numerous biodiversity and ecological features identified through systematic biodiversity planning.

Little to no mention of the above is made in the motivation for amendment or accompanying specialist reports, seeking to address concerns around the potential impacts of the proposed development on the Augrabies Falls National Park (AFNP) Expansion Footprint and NCPAES Primary Focus area. This should be an important consideration in the application for amendment of Environmental Authorization as it will impact on the objectives and mandates of SANParks in terms of the expansion of AFNP. Both the AFNP Expansion Footprint and NCPAES were specifically developed with the aim of improved ecosystem representation and ecological sustainability through effective and strategic protected area expansion. Large scale developments have the potential to directly influence and obstruct the protected area expansion targets adopted and implemented by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) and South African National Parks.

Furthermore, impacts should not be considered in isolation but within context of greater ecosystem functioning, biodiversity patterns and processes, visual influences, as well as the mandates and objectives of affected parties and other relevant stakeholders. While the proposed development may have a relatively small geographic footprint, it may impact on ecosystem connectivity especially if the cumulative impact of similar developments in the area are considered, even if they are not yet in a development stage.

**Relevant SANParks staff and units not consulted.**

WFA notes that various SANParks contacts have been included in the Interested and Affected Party Database for the proposed development as contained in the Public Participation Process Report. It is however a concern for WFA that the appropriate SANParks staff and divisions were not included on the I&AP database and in correspondence pertaining to the proposed development. The two SANParks contacts included were a Senior General Manager and Director who are not responsible for commenting on development applications, and neither are they based in the landscape. While these contacts are not necessarily incorrect and may have been included as I&AP during the original application back in 2013, it is important that the most appropriate SANParks staff and divisions are included in the I&AP database to ensure adequate public participation and I&AP input. This would include staff members from AFNP Park Management, SANParks Scientific Services and the Park Planning and Development Unit. The aforementioned would be best placed to adequately comment and deliver inputs on development applications which may impact on the AFNP and its Expansion Footprint.



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## CONCLUSION

In view of the concerns and conclusions provided above, WFA is of the opinion that there are certain aspects that need to be addressed in the application for the renewal of Environmental Authorization of the Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility, especially for the relatively long-term validity period which is being requested.

WFA requests that following recommendations are considered in the above application:

- Adequately assess both the direct and cumulative impacts (including approved developments not yet in construction) on the Augrabies Falls National Park Expansion Footprint and Northern Cape Protected Area Expansion Strategy. Impacts on overall ecosystem connectivity should also be considered.
- Include the appropriate SANParks staff members and units in the Interested and Affected Party Database of the application to ensure that the requisite consultation occurs, and adequate inputs are gathered.
- Consult and collaborate with SANParks and other relevant conservation organisations to discuss potential strategies and mechanisms which may allow for the development of the Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility in a way that could compliment conservation efforts and protected area expansion efforts in the region.

WFA duly request concise and detailed responses to the concerns, comments, and recommendations we have raised.

WFA is willing to engage in open discussions with both the Consultant and Applicant to have our concerns, comments, and recommendations adequately understood.

Sincerely,



Kerry Purnell  
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**APPENDIX 6**  
**COMMENTS & RESPONSE REPORT**



## SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

(DFFE Ref. No.:12/12/20/2600)

### COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

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The Public Participation process for the EA amendment application for Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility was initiated on Friday, 07 July 2023. The Notification Letter invited Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and submit any comments/queries regarding the proposed amendment. The Motivation Report has been made available for a 30-day review and comment period from **07 July 2023** to **07 August 2023**. All written comments received have been included in this Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) and included in **Appendix 6** of the Motivation Report.

**NOTE:**

All comments captured in the C&RR are verbatim and have not been summarised.



**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS**

		NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
BAR	Basic Assessment Report	NBA	National Biodiversity Area
BID	Background Information Document	NC	Northern Cape
CBA	Critical Biodiversity Area	NNP	Namaqua National Park
C&RR	Comments and Responses Report	PV	Photovoltaic
DAERL	Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform	REDZ	Renewable Energy Development Zone
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment	SANParks	South African National Parks
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner	SCC	Species of Conservation Concern
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment		
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme	SG	Surveyor General
FGM	Focus Group Meeting	WEF	Wind Energy Facility
I&AP	Interested and Affected Parties	WWF	World Wildlife Fund
MW	Mega Watt		

## 1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

### 1.1. Organs of State

NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
1.	<p><b>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MOTIVATION REPORT FOR PROPOSED PART 1 AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY NEAR SKUITDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</b></p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the report.</p> <p>Based on the information provided in the report, species of conservation concern were encountered in very low densities within the Project Area of Interest (PAOI) during the reassessment site visit. These included the protected <i>Hoodia gordonii</i>, <i>Aloidendron dichotomum</i> and <i>Vachellia erioloba</i>. <i>Boscia foetida</i> was found near the PAOI but not within. A single potential SCC, the Verreaux's Eagle (<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>) was confirmed during the site visit an incidental observation outside of the PAOI.</p> <p>Given the above, the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation support the development provided that the following recommendation measures are adhered to together with the other prescribed measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Species of conservation concern must be identified and be avoided as far as possible within the PAOI. In cases where avoidance is not possible, relevant permits must be obtained from the respective authorities for their disturbance.</li> <li>Since the Verreaux's Eagle (<i>Aquila verreauxii</i>) was spotted in proximity to the PAOI, monitoring must be undertaken in accordance with the Birdlife South Africa best practice guidelines for solar energy facilities. If monitoring results</li> </ul>	<p>Kamogelo Mathetja Biodiversity &amp; Conservation Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment Environment House</p> <p>By E-Mail- 07 August 2023</p>	<p>The comment has been noted and will be adhered to. No further action is required.</p> <p>Species of conservation concern will be identified and avoided where possible. The relevant permits will be applied for before construction in instances where these species cannot be avoided.</p> <p>Monitoring will be undertaken as per Birdlife South Africa best practice guidelines for solar energy facilities.</p>

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	<p>indicate that excessive bird fatalities are occurring, then adaptive mitigations discussed with avifaunal specialists and ECO must be implemented.</p> <p>All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: <a href="mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za">BCAdmin@environment.gov.za</a> for attention of <b>Mr Seoka Lekota</b>.</p>		<p>It is confirmed that all public participation documentation is directed to the official as indicated.</p>
2.	<p><b>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MOTIVATION REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 26 JUNE 2013 FOR THE SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY ON A PORTION OF THE FARM SKUITDRIF 426, WITHIN THE SIYANDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.</b></p> <p>The Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the above-mentioned project dated 26 June 2013, the application for amendment of the EA received on the 05 June 2023, the acknowledgement letter dated 07 June 2023 and the draft motivation report received by the Department on 10 July 2023, refer.</p> <p><u>The Department has the following comments on the abovementioned amendment application:</u></p> <p><b>1. Public participation</b></p> <p>a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final report.</p> <p>b) A Comments and Response trail report (C&amp;R) must be submitted with the final report. The C&amp;R report must incorporate all comments for this application in chronological order. The C&amp;R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&amp;APs. All comments</p>	<p>Mr Jay-Jay Mpelane Integrated Environmental Authorisations: Priority Infrastructure Developments. DFFE</p> <p>By email- 4 Aug 2023</p>	<p>Specific comments are responded to in the sections below.</p> <p>a) All comments from relevant stakeholders are included in Appendix 6 of the Final motivational Report.</p> <p>b) All comments received during the 30 day commenting period have been included in this Comment and Response Report. The C&amp;R report is a separate document from the main report and is provided in table format. Comments have not been summarised. All comments from I&amp;APs are copied verbatim and responded to clearly. No responses are provided as "noted".</p>

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	<p>from I&amp;APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&amp;AP's comments.</p> <p>c) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft report from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final report. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final report. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.</p> <p>d) Please provide proof of the newspaper advert and site notice and communication with I&amp;APs.</p> <p>e) The final report must also indicate that this draft report has been subjected to a public participation process.</p>		<p>c) All received comments have been addressed where relevant within the Final Motivation Report. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders, including attempts to obtain comments, is included in the final report. The Public Participation Process has been conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.</p> <p>d) Proof of newspaper advert and site notice, as well as correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in the final Motivation report under <b>Appendix H</b>.</p> <p>e) The public participation undertaken included subjecting the motivation report to a public review process.</p> <p>The following key public participation tasks have been undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» The database/register of I&amp;APs has been updated and maintained.</li> <li>» Placement of site notices at the site during <b>June 2023</b> (refer to <b>Appendix H</b>).</li> <li>» Written notifications to registered I&amp;APs as well as Organs of State regarding the availability of the Motivation Report were distributed on <b>07 July 2023</b> (refer to Appendix H).</li> <li>» Placement of an advertisement in the Die Plattelander newspaper on <b>Friday 07 July 2023</b> announcing the availability of the Motivation Report for a 30-day review and comment period.</li> </ul>

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			<p>» The Motivation Report has been made available for the 30-day review and comment period from <b>07 July 2023 to Monday 07 August 2023</b>. The report is available for download on the Savannah Environmental website: <a href="https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/">https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/</a>.</p>
	<p><b>2. Specialist Letters:</b></p> <p>a) Please note, the gazetted protocols do not apply to applications for amendments to environmental authorisation. Please see the gazetted protocols which states that “for protocols for the assessment and minimum report content requirements of environmental impacts for environmental themes <b>for activities requiring environmental authorisation</b>, as contained in the Schedule hereto.”</p> <p>b) The EAP must provide a reasoned opinion or conclusion, which considers the specialists' recommendations and outcomes of their assessments and provide sufficient motivation in support of approving the amendment application.</p> <p>c) The EAP must include a table of comparison showing the impact table findings of the initial studies versus the current information provided in the specialist letters to demonstrate the changes (if any) to the identified impacts and provide a reasoned conclusive opinion in support or dispute of the findings.</p>		<p>a) It is noted that the protocols do not apply to applications for amendment. The purpose of the specialist inputs was to confirm that there has been no change in the environment and that the requested amendment would not result in a change in the anticipated impacts, as per the requirements of the DFFE.</p> <p>b) Section 6 of the motivation report provides a conclusion and recommendations by the EAP regarding the amendment based on the outcomes of the specialist assessments.</p> <p>As detailed in the motivation report, the specialist studies concluded that the proposed amendment is not expected to alter the anticipated impacts on the environment. Therefore, no comparative tables were provided by the specialists.</p>
	<p><b>3. General</b></p> <p>a) Ensure that there is minimal repetition and there is a logical flow to the final amendment report. Reference to the project name must be consistent throughout the report. If the project name has changed through the amendment processes since the EA was issued, then use the most current name as per the most recent environmental authorisation.</p>		<p>The comment has been noted. It has been ensured that there is a logical flow to the final Motivation Report, and that there is consistency in the project name throughout the report. The requirements of the acknowledgement letter dated 07 June 2023 have been fully addressed and referenced in the final report</p>

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	<p>b) Ensure that the requirements of the acknowledgement letter dated 07 June 2023 are fully addressed and referenced in the final report. Also note that the due date for final report</p> <p><b>Should you fail to meet the timeframe stipulated in the acknowledgement letter dated 07 June 2023 for the submission of the final motivation report, your application will lapse.</b></p> <p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.</p>		<p>The comment has been noted. The Final motivation report will be submitted with the stipulated timeframe.</p>
3.	<p>Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link: <a href="http://sahra.org.za/sahris/">http://sahra.org.za/sahris/</a>. We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions.</p> <p>Please create an application on SAHRIS for each EA application and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. If a case already exists on SAHRIS regarding the development, please upload the documents to that case.</p> <p>Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case applications, please ensure that the status of the case is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.</p> <p><b>**PLEASE NOTE**</b></p> <p>An application fee is now required for all section 38 applications. Please ensure that the SAHRIS application contains a proof of</p>	<p>By E-Mail: 07 July 2023 Natasha Higgitt Manager: Development Applications Unit SAHRA</p> <p>By E-Mail: 07 July 2023</p>	<p>The comment has been noted. No further action is required</p> <p>The applicant is aware of the regulatory requirements and has made efforts to adhere to them.</p> <p>The relevant documents regarding the amendment application for the development have been uploaded/updated on 19 July 2023.</p> <p>The comment has been noted and will be adhered to. The application was updated as required.</p> <p>The case already exists on SAHRIS and therefore no application fee is applicable. The relevant documents regarding the amendment</p>

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	<p>payment as per the notice at the following link: <a href="https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/what-are-sahra-processing-fees-and-banking-details">https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/what-are-sahra-processing-fees-and-banking-details</a>. A payment of R 2 000.00 for each application is required. Please make separate payments with the specific reference numbers. Applications that do not include a proof of payment will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until proof of payment is provided.</p> <p>Please note: Due to high meeting and task load, I may not be able to respond to your email immediately. If you do not receive a response within 5 working days, please resend your query.</p>		<p>application for the development have been uploaded/updated on 19 July 2023.</p>

**1.2. Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties**

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1.	<p><b>PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKUITDRIFT 2 SOLAR PV ENERGY FACILITY NEAR SKUITDRIFT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</b></p> <p>With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved in terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.</p>	<p>Chris Schutte                      Mvelaphande Trading                      (Telkom)</p> <p>By E-Mail- 26 July 2023</p>	<p>The comment has been noted. The applicant is aware of the specific requirements as detailed in these comments.</p>
	<p><b>a) No infrastructure of our Client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal. We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us</b></p>		<p>a) The comment has been noted. No further action is required</p>

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	<p>c) Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval.</p>		<p>c) The comment has been noted. No further action is required</p>
	<p>d) Any changes/deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.</p>		<p>d) The comment has been noted. No further action is required</p>
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	<p>Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval. Any changes / deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.</p>		<p>g) The comment has been noted. Should construction not commence within the specified period, the file will be resubmitted for approval. Any changes / deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction will immediately be communicated as required.</p>



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	<p>g) Please notify this office and forward an as built plan, within 30 days of completion of construction.</p> <p>h) <b>Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts-</b></p>		<p>h) The comment has been noted. Contact will be made as required prior to construction commencing.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996).</li> <li>» National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (as amended).</li> <li>» NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended)</li> <li>» The Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002) (as amended).</li> <li>» Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000)</li> <li>» Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No. 2 Of 2000)</li> </ul> <p>Wilderness Foundation Africa hereby wishes, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (IAP), to submit the following comments and concerns on the amendment of Environmental Authorisation (EA) application for the Boesmanland Solar Farm and Associated Infrastructure (DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/222):</p>		
	<p>b) <b><u>The proposed development is situated within the Augrabies Falls National Park Protected Expansion Footprint and a Northern Cape Protected Area Expansion Strategy – Primary Focus Area.</u></b></p> <p>The proposed development footprint of the Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility falls within the SANParks, Augrabies Falls National Park Protected Area Expansion Footprint as well as a Primary Focus Area of the Northern Cape Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NCPAES), which feeds into the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (PAES). The area within which the proposed development is located is thus a national priority for protected area expansion based on numerous biodiversity and ecological features identified through systematic biodiversity planning.</p> <p>Little to no mention of the above is made in the motivation for amendment or accompanying specialist reports, seeking to</p>		<p>b) The proposed development was authorised in 2013. The amendment application relates to a request to extend the validity of this authorisation to enable implementation of the project.</p> <p>Furthermore, cumulative impacts are assessed section 5, as are impacts in general including fragmentation.</p> <p><b><u>Response from Specialist</u></b></p> <p>The ecological reports (Simon Todd, 2013) referred to the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy 2008 (NPAES), which has since been updated (2018). The NPAES (updated, 2016) dataset includes new biodiversity data and newly declared protected areas as well as updated provincial conservation plans and provincial protected area expansion strategies (PAES). The project area is not located in a protected area, but is located in a designated priority focus area. These updates have not been</p>

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	<p>address concerns around the potential impacts of the proposed development on the Augrabies Falls National Park (AFNP) Expansion Footprint and NCPAES Primary Focus area. This should be an important consideration in the application for amendment of Environmental Authorization as it will impact on the objectives and mandates of SANParks in terms of the expansion of AFNP. Both the AFNP Expansion Footprint and NCPAES were specifically developed with the aim of improved ecosystem representation and ecological sustainability through effective and strategic protected area expansion. Large scale developments have the potential to directly influence and obstruct the protected area expansion targets adopted and implemented by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) and South African National Parks.</p> <p>Furthermore, impacts should not be considered in isolation but within context of greater ecosystem functioning, biodiversity patterns and processes, visual influences, as well as the mandates and objectives of affected parties and other relevant stakeholders. While the proposed development may have a relatively small geographic footprint, it may impact on ecosystem connectivity especially if the cumulative impact of similar developments in the area are considered, even if they are not yet in a development stage.</p>		<p>included for the proposed amendment which pertains to the validity of the project, for which the ecological report (dated 2013) has been approved.</p>
	<p>c) Relevant SANParks staff and units not consulted. WFA notes that various SANParks contacts have been included in the Interested and Affected Party Database for the proposed development as contained in the Public Participation Process Report. It is however a concern for WFA that the appropriate SANParks staff and divisions were not included on the I&amp;AP database and in correspondence pertaining to the proposed development. The two SANParks contacts included were a</p>		<p>c) Contact was made with SANParks regarding the appropriate contact persons for inclusion in the Interested and Affected Party (I&amp;AP) database for proposed developments. SANParks suggested adding the overall coordinator for parks, and advised that they will then direct any specific comments to the relevant scientific services unit, and personnel.</p>

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	<p>Senior General Manager and Director who are not responsible for commenting on development applications, and neither are they based in the landscape. While these contacts are not necessarily incorrect and may have been included as I&amp;AP during the original application back in 2013, it is important that the most appropriate SANParks staff and divisions are included in the I&amp;AP database to ensure adequate public participation and I&amp;AP input. This would include staff members from AFNP Park Management, SANParks Scientific Services and the Park Planning and Development Unit. The aforementioned would be best placed to adequately comment and deliver inputs on development applications which may impact on the AFNP and its Expansion Footprint.</p>		
	<p>d) CONCLUSION</p> <p>In view of the concerns and conclusions provided above, WFA is of the opinion that there are certain aspects that need to be addressed in the application for the renewal of Environmental Authorization of the Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility, especially for the relatively long-term validity period which is being requested.</p> <p>WFA requests that following recommendations are considered in the above application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Adequately assess both the direct and cumulative impacts (including approved developments not yet in construction) on the Augrabies Falls National Park Expansion Footprint and Northern Cape Protected Area Expansion Strategy. Impacts on overall ecosystem connectivity should also be considered.</li> <li>» Include the appropriate SANParks staff members and units in the Interested and Affected Party Database of the application to ensure that the requisite consultation occurs, and adequate inputs are gathered.</li> </ul>		<p>d) Responses regarding WFA's recommendations are provided in the sections above. The Final Motivation Report has been updated to address these comments where relevant.</p>

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	<p>» Consult and collaborate with SANParks and other relevant conservation organisations to discuss potential strategies and mechanisms which may allow for the development of the Skuitdrift 2 Solar PV Energy Facility in a way that could compliment conservation efforts and protected area expansion efforts in the region.</p>		
	<p>e) The WFA duly request concise and detailed responses to the concerns, comments, and recommendations we have raised.</p> <p>WFA is willing to engage in open discussions with both the Consultant and Applicant to have our concerns, comments, and recommendations adequately understood.</p>		<p>e) The responses as provided in this C&amp;RR has been attached as Appendix A to the acknowledgement letter dated 18 August 2023.</p>