

13 April 2023

Attention: Specialist

**AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF THE EA FOR THE BOESMANLAND SOLAR FARM,
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

Term of Reference

As the EA validity will be extended beyond 10 years, the DFFE requires additional information to confirm that the environment has not changed. The following is required:

- » A site visit if necessary to confirm the status of the environment compared to that at the time of the original assessment. This is required in order to make a statement as to whether the environment has changed since the original assessment supported by a site verification report
- » An indication as to whether 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 as to whether 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, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land. Please can you provide me with proposals for the above in terms of avifaunal impacts, Terrestrial ecology (including Fauna and Flora), Soils & Agricultural potential, Aquatic Impact Assessment.

The EAs expires in 26 June 2023 therefore your inputs in this regard would be required during the course of May (early June).

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