

**APPENDIX C5**  
**ORGANS OF STATE CORRESPONDENCE**

NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF  
BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
PROCESS

17 November 2020

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**DEVELOPMENT OF A CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES BETWEEN SOMERSET EAST AND  
MAKHANDA, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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**NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES**

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A cluster of renewable energy facilities is proposed to be developed on various project sites located between Somerset East and Makhanda within the Cookhouse Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ), as well as the Eastern Strategic Transmission Corridor. The cluster consists of nine (9) projects which includes six (6) wind farms, two (2) solar energy facilities and one (1) Main Transmission Substation (MTS). A suitable project site for each development has been identified by the project development companies and the entire extent of the projects is located within the Sarah Baartman District Municipality. The western section is located within the Blue Crane Route Local Municipality and the eastern section within the Makana Local Municipality.

The cluster of projects is divided into two areas, known as the western section and the eastern section, with the western section located near Somerset East and the Eastern Section near Makhanda. The western section contains seven (7) of the nine projects and the eastern section the remaining two (2) projects.

A table which provides the project specific details for each of the six wind farm, the two solar and grid connection projects contained within the cluster is included in the Background Information Document (BID) distributed with this notification in which the commencement of the Basic Assessment (BA) and public participation processes are announced.

**Associated infrastructure required for each wind farm includes:**

- » A 132kV switching station, a 132/33kV on-site collector substation and a 132kV overhead single-or double circuit loop-in loop -out power line
- » Concrete turbine foundations and turbine hardstands;
- » Temporary laydown areas which will accommodate storage and assembly areas;
- » Cabling between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical;
- » A temporary concrete batching plant;

- » Staff accommodation; and
- » Operation and Maintenance buildings including a gate house, security building, control centre, offices, warehouses, a workshop and visitors centre.

**Associated infrastructure required for each solar energy facility includes:**

- » A 132/33kV on-site collector substation and a 132kV overhead single-or double circuit loop-in loop -out power line;
- » Centralised inverter stations or string inverters;
- » Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical;
- » A temporary laydown area;
- » Staff accommodation; and
- » Operation and Maintenance buildings including a gate house and security building, control centre, offices, warehouses, a workshop and visitors centre.

**BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

As per the EIA Regulations published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998), the applicants will require authorisation from the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) (in consultation with Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT)) for the undertaking of the projects. Due to the location of the project sites within a REDZ and a Strategic Transmission Corridor, Basic Assessment (BA) processes are required to be undertaken for all the proposed projects in accordance with GN113 and GN114, as formally gazetted on 16 February 2018. Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted to the DEFF for each project (i.e. nine applications in total). Each application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

A Basic Assessment is an effective planning and decision-making tool. It allows the environmental consequences resulting from a technical facility during its construction and operation to be identified and appropriately managed. It provides the opportunity for the developer to be fore-warned of potential environmental issues, and allows for the resolution of the issue(s) reported on in the BA report as well as dialogue with affected parties.

Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant, to undertake separate Basic Assessments for the projects to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the various projects and recommend appropriate mitigation measures in the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPRs). As part of these environmental studies, I&APs will be actively involved through the public involvement process being undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS**

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed project is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs

- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed project; and
- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the EIA process.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on how public consultation can be conducted as part of a BA process. The consultation process for these projects has been designed considering these limitations, and the implementation is in line with our public participation plan (PP Plan), as approved by the DEFF. Our PP Plan is in compliance with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) Directions issued on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. One of our approved consultation methods is for you to visit our online stakeholder engagement platform, register your interest in the project/s, and view project documentation: visit our website: <https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/eastern-cape-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities/>.

Alternative means of undertaking consultation have been designed to ensure that I&APs are afforded sufficient opportunity to raise comments on the projects, predominately through an interactive web-based platform readily available and accessible to any person with interest in the project, enabling the public participation process to be undertaken in line with Regulations 41 to 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, provision has been made to include these I&APs in the consultation process by consulting with the Ward Councillor, the ward committee members, community representatives and local community forum members.

Should you have an interest in the project, please register yourself as an I&AP on our online stakeholder engagement platform (<https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/eastern-cape-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities/>) or by completing and returning the attached stakeholder registration/comment form. By registering on the project database, you will be kept informed of the BA processes being undertaken for the projects and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input.

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

Kind regards,



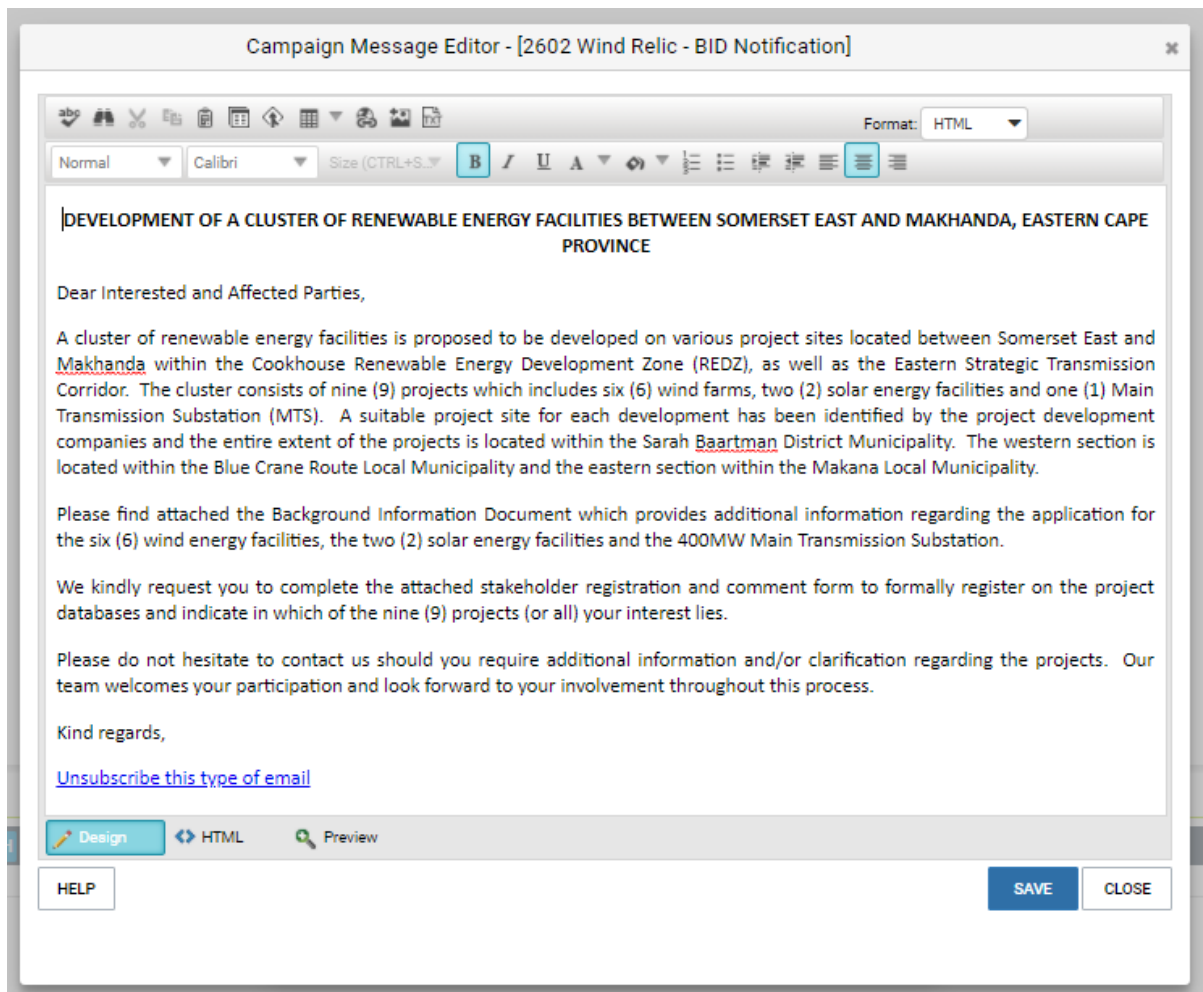
**Nicolene Venter**

Public Participation and Social Consultant

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**Documents attached:** Background Information Document  
Registration and Comment Form

**Proof of email - DEVELOPMENT OF A CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES:  
Notification of commencement of Basic Assessment and Public Participation Processes**



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# Proof of email - DEVELOPMENT OF A CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES: Notification of commencement of Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process

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Commadagga Plaas Trust	.		
David Lennox Brown	Pohl	David	
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Lekota	Seoka	
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Draai van Visrivier Trust	Botha	Andries	
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Duna Library	Kalashe	Phumeza	
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Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority	Maxongo	Africa	
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Kareekrans Trust	Truter	John	
Kotulo Tsatsi Energy	Botha	Attie	
Kwandwe Private Game Reserve	Folscher	Ina	
Kwandwe Private Game Reserve	Sholto-Douglas	Angus	
Kwandwe Private Game Reserve	Summers	Richard	
Langenhoven Public Library (Somerset East)	Scheepers	Sandra	
Lanka Safaris	Botha	Lee-Anne	
LEAP Environmental	Theron	Gwen	
Loodt Buchner Tootabi Bellevue Forest Res	Buchner	Loodt	
Lukhanyo Game Reserve	Pike	Chris	
Makana Local Municipality	Barkhuizen	Natasja	
Makana Local Municipality	Meiring	Riana	
Makana Local Municipality	Mene	Moppo	
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Makana Public Library	Nikaelo	Zodwa	
Michael Webster Family Trust	.		
Middleton Workers Trust	.		
Monterey Trust	.		
Moolman Prospect Trust	Moolman	John	
National Government of the Republic of South Africa	Republic of Ciskei	Republic of Ciskei	
National Khoisan Council	Le Fleur	Cecil	
National Khoisan Council	Petersen	William	
Nel Broers Trust	Nel	Jakkie	
Nick Fox Sibuya Game Reserve	Sibuya	Nick	
Nuopoort Christian Care Centre	Green	Pia	
Owen Poltney Lanka Safaris	Poltney	Owen	
Penhurst Familie Trust	Van Kerken	John	
PJ Thompson (Pty) Ltd	Thompson	Peter	
Red Cap	Els	Jessica	
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RHDHV	Botha	Ryan	
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Rob Gradwell Lalibela Game Reserve	Gradwell	Rob	
Rockcliff Trust	Froehlich	Lucia	
Rockdale Game Ranches	Thompson	Shaun	
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SANRAL	Makoa	Mpati	
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Schoonbee Boerdery CC	.		
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South African National Roads Agency Limited - Western Region	Botha	Victoria	
Table Hill Trust	White	Simon	
Talis Holdings	Mogashoa	Tebogo	
The Marr Family Trust	Marr	Joseph	

Tipamanata Trust	Tipamanata Trust	Tipamanata Trust	
Towa Power	Da Silva	Venance	
Transnet SOC Ltd	.		
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Verdun Farm Trust	.		
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## Eastern Cape Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities

### THE SOLARIS FIELDS AND SUN GARDEN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITIES, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

**Project Names:** Solaris Fields Solar Photovoltaic and Sun Gardens Solar Photovoltaic, Eastern Cape Province

**Applicant:** Solaris Fields (Pty) Ltd and Sun Gardens (Pty) Ltd

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**Proposed Activities:** The development of two (2) separate Solar Photovoltaic (PV) facilities and associated infrastructure are being proposed for power generation purposes. The connection points into the national grid will be the existing Poseidon-Grassridge No.2 400kV power line and the existing Poseidon-Dedisa No.1 400kV power line. Associated infrastructure for each of the solar PV includes an on-site switching station, collector substation, a 132kV power line (twin turn dual circuit), access roads (gravel in nature), concrete foundations and hardstands, laydown area, cabling to be laid underground where practical, temporary concrete batching plant, temporary staff accommodation, and operation and maintenance buildings. Details of each solar PV are provided below.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>No. of Panels</b>	<b>Dimensions and Technology</b>
Solaris Fields Solar PV	400MW	Up to 750 000	Height: ~2m from ground level (installed) Bifacial tracking PV technology
Sun Gardens Solar PV	400MW	Up to 750 000	Height: ~2m from ground level (installed) Bifacial tracking PV technology

**Location:** Located between Somerset East and Makhanda, ~36km south of Cookhouse, within the Blue Crane Route Local Municipality, Sarah Baartman District Municipality in the Eastern Cape Province, and within the Cookhouse Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ). The affected properties include:

**Solaris Fields Solar PV**

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Portion 9 of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East

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Portion 8 (a Portion of Portion 7) of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East

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Portion 7 of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East

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Portion 1 of farm Bothas Hoop 358, Division of Somerset East

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**Sun Gardens Solar PV**

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Portion 9 of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East

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Portion 8 (a Portion of Portion 7) of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East

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Portion 7 of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East

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Portion 1 of farm Bothas Hoop 358, Division of Somerset East

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**Basic Assessment Process:** In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notice R324 – R327, as amended, Environmental Authorisation is required for the projects. As the project sites are located within a REDZ and the Eastern Strategic Transmission Corridor, Basic Assessment (BA) processes are required to be undertaken in accordance with GN R.113 and GN R.114 (February 2018). Savannah Environmental is undertaking the required environmental assessments and a combined public participation process.

**Basic Assessment Reports available for review:** The Basic Assessment (BA) Reports for Solaris Fields Solar PV and Sun Gardens Solar PV are available for review and comment from **Friday, 12 November 2021** until **Monday, 13 December 2021**., and the due date for written comments on these reports is **Monday, 13 December 2021**. Please see contact details below for submission of written comments.

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Documents for public review are available for download.

If you have already registered your interest click on "View Downloads".

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If you have not registered your interest click on "Register Interest", fill in and submit the form.

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NOTIFICATION OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS  
AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Including invitation to online Public Participation Process  
Meetings

## Nicolene Venter

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**From:** Savannah Environmental Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 November 2021 17:57  
**To:** Monique Botha  
**Cc:** Nicolene Venter  
**Subject:** SOLARIS FIELDS & SUN GARDEN SOLAR PVs: Notification of availability of Basic Assessment Reports for review and comments  
**Attachments:** SE2602-Solars\_BAR\_Notification\_Letter-FINAL.pdf

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOLARIS FIELDS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) AND SUN GARDEN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE BETWEEN SOMERSET EAST AND MAKHANDA, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE  
(DFFE Ref. Nos.: To be Issued)**

Dear Interested and Affected Parties,

The development of two (2) separate Solar Photovoltaic (PV) facilities and associated infrastructure are being proposed for power generation purposes and these project sites are located within the Blue Crane Route Local Municipality, Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Eastern Cape Province.

Notification of the commencement of the Basic Assessment (BA) processes was distributed in November 2020. The notification letter was accompanied by the Background Information Document (BID) which provided information regarding the larger renewable energy cluster of which these two proposed solar PVs form part, and the BA and public participation processes to be followed. The BID is available on our online stakeholder engagement platform at the links provided below where the public documents for these two (2) solar PV projects are available.

The attached notification letter serves to inform you of the availability of the Basic Assessment (BA) Reports for your review and comment and invite you to attend any one of the two (2) online Public Participation Process Meetings. Details regarding these Public Participation Process Meetings are included in the attached notification letter.

We kindly request that you share this information with family members, colleagues or any other party whom you believe would have an interest in these applications.

In terms of the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, 2013 (Act No.4 of 2013), we request that no contact details be provided to Savannah Environmental but rather that those interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) contact our Public Participation Office directly.

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

Kind regards,

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12 November 2021

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOLARIS FIELDS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) AND SUN GARDEN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE BETWEEN SOMERSET EAST AND MAKHANDA, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE  
(DFFE Ref. Nos.: To be Issued)**

**NOTICE FOR AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

The development of two (2) separate Solar Photovoltaic (PV) facilities and associated infrastructure are being proposed for power generation purposes. The properties affected by these projects are:

Solaris Fields Solar PV	Sun Gardens Solar PV
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Portion 8 (a Portion of Portion 7) of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East	Portion 8 (a Portion of Portion 7) of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East
Portion 7 of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East	Portion 7 of the farm Britzkraal No 253, Division of Somerset East
Portion 1 of farm Bothas Hoop 358, Division of Somerset East	Portion 1 of farm Bothas Hoop 358, Division of Somerset East

Details of each solar PV are provided below:

Project	Capacity	No. of Panels	Dimensions and Technology
Solaris Fields Solar PV	400MW	Up to 750 000	Height: ~2m from ground level (installed) Bifacial tracking PV technology
Sun Gardens Solar PV	400MW	Up to 750 000	Height: ~2m from ground level (installed) Bifacial tracking PV technology

The development footprint for each project will contain the following infrastructure:

- » Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- » Inverters and transformers.
- » Cabling between the project components, lain underground where practical.
- » A 132/33kV on-site collector substation to be connected to a proposed 400kV Main Transmission Substation (MTS) located to the south of the site via a new 132kV overhead power line (twin turn dual circuit line). The development of the proposed 400kV Main Transmission Substation will be assessed as part of the separate BA process in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation.

- » Site offices and maintenance buildings, including workshop areas for maintenance and storage.
- » Temporary laydown areas.
- » Access roads to the site and between project components with a width of approximately 4,5m. The main access points will be 8m wide.
- » A temporary concrete batching plant.
- » Staff accommodation (temporary).
- » Operation and Maintenance buildings including a gate house, security building, control centre, offices, warehouses, a workshop and visitor's centre.

The new 132kV overhead power line to connect the wind farm to the proposed 400kV Main Transmission Substation will follow a route north-east of the project site to complete the connection. The power line will therefore cross properties located to the north-east of the project site. The majority of these properties form part of the project sites of the adjacent proposed wind farms which forms part of the cluster of renewable energy facilities proposed. The power line is being assessed within a 300m grid connection corridor which will provide for the avoidance of sensitive environment areas and features and allow for the micro-siting of the power line within the corridor.

Notification of the commencement of the Basic Assessment (BA) processes was distributed in November 2020. The notification letter was accompanied by the Background Information Document (BID) which provided information regarding the larger renewable energy cluster of which these two proposed solar PVs form part, and the BA and public participation processes to be followed. The BID is available on our online stakeholder engagement platform at the links provided below where the public documents for these two (2) solar PV projects are available.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

As a registered Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the BA Reports are available for your review and comment for a 30-day period from **Friday, 12 November 2021** until **Monday, 13 December 2021**.

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

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

Although the BA Reports for the Solaris Fields and Sun Gardens solar PVs will be available during the course of the day on Friday, 12 November 2021, Saturday, 13 November 2021 would be the first day of your 30-day review and comment period. The due date for written comments is **Monday, 13 December 2021**.

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement and gathering of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus has placed some limitations on making hard copies of the BA Reports available at public places such as libraries and municipal offices. All the reports are available on the Savannah

Environmental online stakeholder engagement platform at: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/eastern-cape-cluster-of-renewable-energy-facilities-4/>

As per our approved public participation plan submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DFFE), you can also request that an electronic copy of the BA Reports be sent to you via file transfer services such as WeTransfer or Dropbox.

Please submit your written comments on the BA Reports via one of the following means:

- Telephone: 011 656 3237
- Mobile: 060 978 8396 (including *please call me*)
- Fax: 086 684 0547
- Post: PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157
- E-mail: [publicprocess@savannahsa.com](mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com)

All comments should be addressed to Nicolene Venter or Tumelo Mathulwe at Savannah Environmental.

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

#### **INVITATION TO AND NOTIFICATION OF ONLINE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS MEETINGS**

You are invited to attend any one of the two (or both) online public participation process meetings which will take place on:

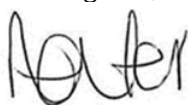
Date	Time
Thursday, 28 November 2021	09h00
	18h00

The meetings are being hosted via MS Teams, in compliance with COVID-19 protocols, as well as to ensure that attendance is unrestricted. You are kindly requested to register your attendance for the online public participation process meeting that you want to attend with Nicolene Venter (details above) to receive the virtual link for attendance.

We are looking forward to your participation in the public participation processes for these projects as your valuable contribution to the proposed projects will ensure an inclusive approach and allow the DFFE to make an informed decision.

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

Kind regards,

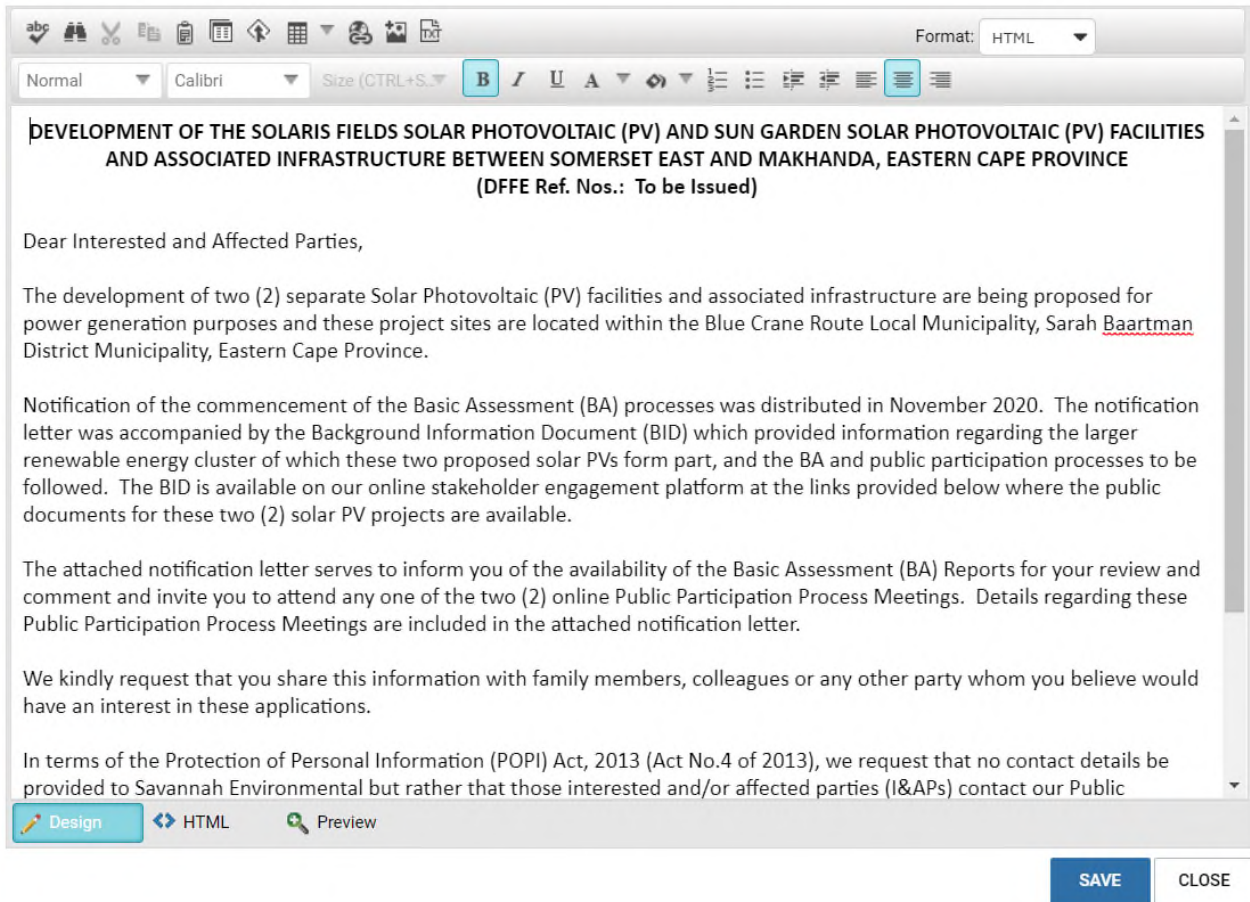


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**DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOLARIS FIELDS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) AND SUN GARDEN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE BETWEEN SOMERSET EAST AND MAKHANDA, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE (DFFE Ref. Nos.: To be Issued)**

Dear Interested and Affected Parties,

The development of two (2) separate Solar Photovoltaic (PV) facilities and associated infrastructure are being proposed for power generation purposes and these project sites are located within the Blue Crane Route Local Municipality, Sarah [Bartman](#) District Municipality, Eastern Cape Province.

Notification of the commencement of the Basic Assessment (BA) processes was distributed in November 2020. The notification letter was accompanied by the Background Information Document (BID) which provided information regarding the larger renewable energy cluster of which these two proposed solar PVs form part, and the BA and public participation processes to be followed. The BID is available on our online stakeholder engagement platform at the links provided below where the public documents for these two (2) solar PV projects are available.

The attached notification letter serves to inform you of the availability of the Basic Assessment (BA) Reports for your review and comment and invite you to attend any one of the two (2) online Public Participation Process Meetings. Details regarding these Public Participation Process Meetings are included in the attached notification letter.

We kindly request that you share this information with family members, colleagues or any other party whom you believe would have an interest in these applications.

In terms of the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, 2013 (Act No.4 of 2013), we request that no contact details be provided to Savannah Environmental but rather that those interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) contact our Public

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	Els	Gerrie	
	Els	Jessica	
	Gowar	Craig	
	Gowar	Mervin	
	Greeff	Bertus	
	Heyneke	Gerhard	
	Hill	Sandri	
	Hoole	Trevor	
	Jackson	Bronwyn	
	Jepsen	Emma	
	John	Francis	
	Johnston	Les	
	Kapp	Gerhard	
	Kruger	Ryan	
	le Roux	Piet	
	Mayinje	Siseko	
	Momberg	Candice	
	Myburgh	Andre	
	Ndyawe	Doc	
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	Ntombodidi	Didi	
	Palmer	Michael	
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	Richard	Gaybba	
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