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## Andrea Gibb

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**From:** sivest\_PPP  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 December 2018 14:59  
**To:** 'EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za'  
**Cc:** Andrea Gibb; Hlengiwe Ntuli  
**Subject:** Request for Pre-Application Meeting with DEA - Umsobomvu PV Project (DEA Ref No. to be announced)

**Importance:** High

**Categories:** EDF

### For Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Please find attached for your attention the request for a Pre-Application Meeting with your Department.

Please could you kindly forward any subsequent response to the following email address: [andreag@sivest.co.za](mailto:andreag@sivest.co.za)

We trust that you will find everything in order.



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Kind Regards,

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**Subject:** Pre-application Meeting Ref No: 2018-12-0003 - Umsobomvu Solar PV Facilities  
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**Cc:** Andrea Gibb; 'Sheldon Vandrey'  
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Good Afternoon Muhammad,

Thank you very much for confirming this. We will proceed accordingly.

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Sent: Monday, 29 July 2019 2:24 PM  
To: Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>  
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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134

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## Stephan Jacobs

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**From:** Stephan Jacobs  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 August 2019 8:43 AM  
**To:** 'EIAAdmin'  
**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni  
**Subject:** RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134, 1135 & 1136

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Letters received. Thank you very much.

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**To:** Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>  
**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni <TSangweni@environment.gov.za>; EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>  
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**From:** Stephan Jacobs  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 September 2019 9:16 AM  
**To:** 'Salome Mambane'  
**Cc:** EIAAdmin; Thabile Sangweni  
**Subject:** RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134

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**From:** Salome Mambane [mailto:SMambane@environment.gov.za]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 September 2019 12:40 PM  
**To:** Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>  
**Cc:** EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>; Thabile Sangweni <TSangweni@environment.gov.za>  
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**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni; Liandra Scott-Shaw; Sheldon Vandrey  
**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

**Importance:** High

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Good Afternoon Muhammad,

The emails below refer.

I can confirm that both the EAP and Applicant will be available for the site inspection on Wednesday the 27h of November 2019.

I will compile a draft agenda and will forward this to you and Thabile for checking in due course.

In addition, I can confirm that a 4x4 would be the safest option for the site inspection. I have used a SUV with high clearance (such as Toyota RAV4) in the past, however, a 4X4 would be safer so that you don't get stuck or get any flat tyres.

Just a reminder to confirm whether we need to invite the Provincial Environmental Departments to the site inspection. As discussed, your Department will make the necessary arrangements with the DEA's Biodiversity Conservation Department.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 12:08 PM  
**To:** Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>  
**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni <TSangweni@environment.gov.za>

**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

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Please can you provide us with a draft agenda, as well as indicate the type of vehicle needed, we will make our travel arrangements.

We would take about 2 hours per site to be safe.

Regards

*Muhammad Essop*

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**From:** Stephan Jacobs [<mailto:StephanJ@sivest.co.za>]

**Sent:** 22 October 2019 12:56 PM

**To:** Thabile Sangweni

**Cc:** Liandra Scott-Shaw; Hlengiwe Ntuli

**Subject:** Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon Ms / Mrs Sangweni,

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The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes being undertaken for the Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134), Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities near Noupoot and Middelburg in the Northern and Eastern Cape Provinces refer.

You are the Case Officer for all three (3) of the above-mentioned proposed developments.

The DEA provided comments on the Final Scoping Reports (FSRs) for the above-mentioned projects and stated that we need to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAR.

SIVEST are planning on submitting the Draft EIAR the week of 11-15 November 2019 and would like to undertake the site visits with your Department during the week of 25 – 29 November 2019 (exact dates to be confirmed).

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I believe that we can do the site visits for all three (3) projects on the same day as the application sites are all adjacent to each other. Please confirm whether you are happy with this approach?

Also, please advise whether we need to invite any of the Provincial Environmental Authorities or Representatives from the DEA's Biodiversity Conservation Department?

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**Importance:** High

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Good Afternoon Muhammad,

Thank you for your call earlier and for the email below.

Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 will not be a problem from the EAP's side, however, we just need confirmation from the Applicant. I have forwarded your email to the Applicant to confirm their availability for the date proposed.

As soon as I have heard back from the Applicant I will respond to your email with the information requested.

Please can you confirm whether we need to invite the Provincial Environmental Departments to the site inspection too? As discussed earlier, you stated that you will make the necessary arrangements with the DEA's Biodiversity Conservation Department and thus we will not be sending them an invitation. We trust that your Department will make the necessary arrangements with them?

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**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits  
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**To:** Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>

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Dear Stephan.

Your email below is noted.

I will revert back to you once I finalize arrangements with the other EAP to combine our site visits.

Furthermore, you did not indicate the type of vehicle needed for the site visit.

Regards

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**From:** Stephan Jacobs <[StephanJ@sivest.co.za](mailto:StephanJ@sivest.co.za)>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 11:44

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**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni <[TSangweni@environment.gov.za](mailto:TSangweni@environment.gov.za)>; Liandra Scott-Shaw <[LiandraS@sivest.co.za](mailto:LiandraS@sivest.co.za)>

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**Sent:** Monday, 28 October 2019 9:31 AM

**To:** 'Muhammad Essop' <[MEssop@environment.gov.za](mailto:MEssop@environment.gov.za)>

**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni <[TSangweni@environment.gov.za](mailto:TSangweni@environment.gov.za)>; Liandra Scott-Shaw <[LiandraS@sivest.co.za](mailto:LiandraS@sivest.co.za)>

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**Sent:** 22 October 2019 12:56 PM  
**To:** Thabile Sangweni  
**Cc:** Liandra Scott-Shaw; Hlengiwe Ntuli  
**Subject:** Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits  
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## Stephan Jacobs

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 06 November 2019 2:48 PM  
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**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni; Liandra Scott-Shaw; Sheldon Vandrey  
**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

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Hi Muhammad,

noted, thanks for confirming. Much appreciated.

Will see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Looking forward to it.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Stephan.

Everything is perfect.

I'll see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

Regards

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Good Afternoon Muhammad,

No problem.

Noted, thank you very much for confirming.

Are you happy with the times and meeting venues etc. proposed in the draft agenda which SiVEST sent you?

Kind Regards,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 November 2019 11:37 AM  
**To:** 'Simangaliso Jiyane'  
**Cc:** EIAAdmin; Thabile Sangweni; Liandra Scott-Shaw  
**Subject:** RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134

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Good day,

Acknowledgement letter received. Thank you very much for this.

Kind Regards,

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**From:** Simangaliso Jiyane [mailto:sjiyane@environment.gov.za]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 November 2019 11:29 AM  
**To:** Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>  
**Cc:** EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>; Thabile Sangweni <TSangweni@environment.gov.za>  
**Subject:** 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134

Good day.

Please find herein the attached for the above mentioned.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,  
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**From:** EIAAdmin [mailto:EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za]  
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**To:** Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>; Sheldon Vandrey <Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za>

**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni <TSangweni@environment.gov.za>; EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>  
**Subject:** 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134, 1135 & 1136

Good day.

Please find herein the attached letters for the above mentioned.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 11:06 AM  
**To:** Muhammad Essop  
**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni; Liandra Scott-Shaw; Sheldon Vandrey  
**Subject:** Re: RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

Good Morning Muhammad,

I trust you are well.

The emails below refer.

SiVEST arranged for a site visit for the Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134), Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV Energy Facilities to take place with your Department on the 27th of November 2019, however, you phoned us on the 22nd of November 2019 and informed us that the site visit had to be cancelled as you and your colleagues had other meetings to attend during that time. The site visit therefore never took place.

In light of this, please can you advise whether your Department still requires a site visit for the above-mentioned proposed Solar PV projects.

Your earliest possible response will be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Stephan Jacobs

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**From:** "Muhammad Essop" <MEssop@environment.gov.za>  
**Date:** 06/11/2019 at 14:46:33



**To:** "Stephan Jacobs" <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>  
**Cc:** "Thabile Sangweni" <TSangweni@environment.gov.za>,"Liandra Scott-Shaw" <LiandraS@sivest.co.za>,"Sheldon Vandrey" <Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

Dear Stephan.

Everything is perfect.

I'll see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

Regards

*Muhammad Essop*

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**From:** Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 6, 2019 12:07  
**To:** Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>  
**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni <TSangweni@environment.gov.za>; Liandra Scott-Shaw <LiandraS@sivest.co.za>; Sheldon Vandrey <Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

Good Afternoon Muhammad,

No problem.

Noted, thank you very much for confirming.

Are you happy with the times and meeting venues etc. proposed in the draft agenda which SiVEST sent you?

Kind Regards,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 06 November 2019 9:30 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

Dear Stephan

Thanks for this.

I hereby confirm the site visit and am making the necessary travel arrangements.

Regards

*Muhammad Essop*

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**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2019 09:31  
**To:** Muhammad Essop <[MEssop@environment.gov.za](mailto:MEssop@environment.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni <[TSangweni@environment.gov.za](mailto:TSangweni@environment.gov.za)>; Liandra Scott-Shaw <[LiandraS@sivest.co.za](mailto:LiandraS@sivest.co.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning Muhammad and Thabile,

I trust you are both well.

The email below refers.

As requested, please find attached a draft agenda for the site visit to be undertaken for the Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134), Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) solar PV energy facilities on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

I have made the meeting point where the N10 meets the dirt road which provides access to the application sites (when travelling towards Hanover). I thought this would be the easiest option. I have attached a KML with coordinates for this point which you can use. You can also search “Transkaroo Adventures” on your phone GPS and this will take you to this point. This is one (1) of the affected landowner’s accommodation facilities within one (1) of the application sites. Basically you travel on the N9 south past Noupoort towards Middelburg, then turn onto the N10 towards Hanover. The access point is along the N10 traveling towards Hanover. Please let me know if this is acceptable or whether you would rather want to meet in the town of Noupoort and follow us to this point.

I have based the times on our telephonic discussion last week.

Just a reminder to confirm whether we need to invite the Provincial Environmental Departments to the site inspection. We will not invite them unless the DEA requests that we do. As discussed, your Department will make the necessary arrangements with the DEA’s Biodiversity Conservation Department.

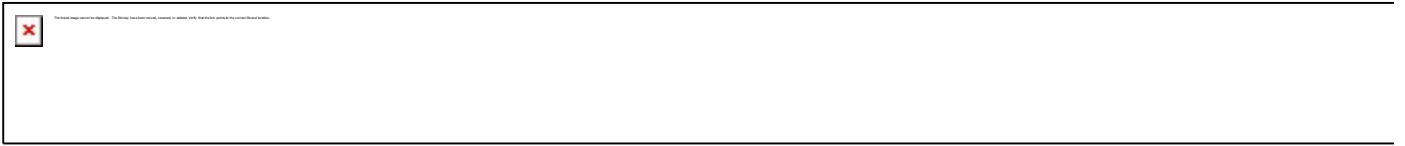
Looking forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards,

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**From:** Muhammad Essop [<mailto:MEssop@environment.gov.za>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 12:08 PM  
**To:** Stephan Jacobs <[StephanJ@sivest.co.za](mailto:StephanJ@sivest.co.za)>  
**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni <[TSangweni@environment.gov.za](mailto:TSangweni@environment.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

Dear Stephan.

As per our discussion earlier, kindly could we confirm the site visit for Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

Please can you provide us with a draft agenda, as well as indicate the type of vehicle needed, we will make our travel arrangements.

We would take about 2 hours per site to be safe.

Regards

*Muhammad Essop*

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**From:** Stephan Jacobs [<mailto:StephanJ@sivest.co.za>]

**Sent:** 22 October 2019 12:56 PM

**To:** Thabile Sangweni

**Cc:** Liandra Scott-Shaw; Hlengiwe Ntuli

**Subject:** Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon Ms / Mrs Sangweni,

I trust you are well.

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes being undertaken for the Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134), Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities near Noupoort and Middelburg in the Northern and Eastern Cape Provinces refer.

You are the Case Officer for all three (3) of the above-mentioned proposed developments.

The DEA provided comments on the Final Scoping Reports (FSRs) for the above-mentioned projects and stated that we need to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAr.

SiVEST are planning on submitting the Draft EIAr the week of 11-15 November 2019 and would like to undertake the site visits with your Department during the week of 25 – 29 November 2019 (exact dates to be confirmed).

In light of the above, could you please confirm whether you would be available to attend the site visits for the respective projects during the week proposed above (week of 25 – 29 November 2019)? Exact dates during this week will be confirmed at a later stage, once you have confirmed your availability.

I believe that we can do the site visits for all three (3) projects on the same day as the application sites are all adjacent to each other. Please confirm whether you are happy with this approach?

Also, please advise whether we need to invite any of the Provincial Environmental Authorities or Representatives from the DEA's Biodiversity Conservation Department?

Your earliest possible response will be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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## Stephan Jacobs

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**From:** Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 June 2019 8:10 AM  
**To:** Andrea Gibb; Stephan Jacobs; Sheldon Vandrey; Coenrad Agenbach; Thabile Sangweni; Mmamohale Kabasa  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-application Meeting Ref No: 2018-12-0003 - Umsobomvu Solar PV Facilities  
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Dear Andrea.

Apologies for the delay.

The minutes are fine and we can proceed with the project.

Regards

*Muhammad Essop*

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**From:** Andrea Gibb <AndreaG@sivest.co.za>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2019 11:05  
**To:** Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>; Stephan Jacobs <StephanJ@sivest.co.za>; Sheldon Vandrey <Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za>; Coenrad Agenbach <Cagenbach@environment.gov.za>; Thabile Sangweni <TSangweni@environment.gov.za>; Mmamohale Kabasa <MKabasa@environment.gov.za>  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-application Meeting Ref No: 2018-12-0003 - Umsobomvu Solar PV Facilities

Hi Muhammad

Thank you for the feedback.

Attached is the word version as requested.

Noted, we will accept comments until the end of next week (14 June 2019).

Kind Regards

**Andrea Gibb**

Divisional Manager

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**From:** Muhammad Essop [<mailto:MEssop@environment.gov.za>]

**Sent:** Friday, 07 June 2019 09:56

**To:** Andrea Gibb <[AndreaG@sivest.co.za](mailto:AndreaG@sivest.co.za)>; Stephan Jacobs <[StephanJ@sivest.co.za](mailto:StephanJ@sivest.co.za)>; Sheldon Vandrey <[Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za](mailto:Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za)>; Coenrad Agenbach <[Cagenbach@environment.gov.za](mailto:Cagenbach@environment.gov.za)>; Thabile Sangweni <[TSangweni@environment.gov.za](mailto:TSangweni@environment.gov.za)>; Mmamohale Kabasa <[MKabasa@environment.gov.za](mailto:MKabasa@environment.gov.za)>

**Subject:** RE: Pre-application Meeting Ref No: 2018-12-0003 - Umsobomvu Solar PV Facilities

Dear Andrea.

Please could you send through the minutes in a word format so that we can make any changes if necessary in track.

Further note that due to the delay in time from the meeting till the minutes were presented for review and comment, we will provide comments by the end of next week.

Regards

*Muhammad Essop*

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**From:** Andrea Gibb <[AndreaG@sivest.co.za](mailto:AndreaG@sivest.co.za)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019 14:25

**To:** Stephan Jacobs <[StephanJ@sivest.co.za](mailto:StephanJ@sivest.co.za)>; Sheldon Vandrey <[Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za](mailto:Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za)>; Muhammad Essop <[MEssop@environment.gov.za](mailto:MEssop@environment.gov.za)>; Coenrad Agenbach <[Cagenbach@environment.gov.za](mailto:Cagenbach@environment.gov.za)>; Thabile Sangweni <[TSangweni@environment.gov.za](mailto:TSangweni@environment.gov.za)>; Mmamohale Kabasa <[MKabasa@environment.gov.za](mailto:MKabasa@environment.gov.za)>; Pfanu Nengudza <[pnengudza@environment.gov.za](mailto:pnengudza@environment.gov.za)>

**Subject:** RE: Pre-application Meeting Ref No: 2018-12-0003 - Umsobomvu Solar PV Facilities

Good day All

As per the email below, please kindly submit your comments on the draft minutes to us by Friday 7 June 2019.

Kind Regards

**Andrea Gibb**

Divisional Manager

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**From:** Andrea Gibb

**Sent:** Monday, 27 May 2019 14:35

**To:** Stephan Jacobs <[StephanJ@sivest.co.za](mailto:StephanJ@sivest.co.za)>; 'Sheldon Vandrey' <[Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za](mailto:Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za)>; 'MEssop@environment.gov.za' <[MEssop@environment.gov.za](mailto:MEssop@environment.gov.za)>; [cagenbach@environment.gov.za](mailto:cagenbach@environment.gov.za); 'TSangweni@environment.gov.za' <[TSangweni@environment.gov.za](mailto:TSangweni@environment.gov.za)>; 'Mmamohale Kabasa' <[MKabasa@environment.gov.za](mailto:MKabasa@environment.gov.za)>; 'pnengudza@environment.gov.za' <[pnengudza@environment.gov.za](mailto:pnengudza@environment.gov.za)>

**Subject:** Pre-application Meeting Ref No: 2018-12-0003 - Umsobomvu Solar PV Facilities

Good day All

Please find attached the Draft Minutes of the pre-application meeting that took place on 19 February 2019 for the proposed Development of the Umsobomvu Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facilities and Associated Grid Infrastructure near Noupoort and Middelburg in the Eastern and Northern Cape Provinces.

The minutes also outline the proposed way forward in terms of applying for environmental authorisation (EA), as indicated in item 35.

We kindly request that you submit your comments on the Draft minutes to us ([andreag@sivest.co.za](mailto:andreag@sivest.co.za)) by 7 June 2019. The minutes will be finalised and distributed thereafter.

Kind Regards

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### PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOOI PLAATS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 26 July 2019. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

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 by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

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### **PER MAIL / E-MAIL**

Dear Mr Jacobs

### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOOI PLAATS SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated July 2019 and received by the Department on 26 July 2019, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final Scoping Report:

#### **(a) Listed Activities**

- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.

#### **(b) Layout & Sensitivity Maps**

- Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
- The proposed Paarde Valley PV, Mooi Plaats PV and Wonderheuvel PV with associated infrastructure for each development;
- The proposed grid infrastructure for each of the above PV facilities, overlain by the sensitivity map;
- All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed);
- The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;
- Buffer areas; and
- All "no-go" areas.
- The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure.

- Google maps will not be accepted.

**(c) Public Participation Process**

- Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the Final SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. 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.
- A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. 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 Annexure 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.
- The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development; particularly the SKA, the Northern Cape Environmental Department, the District and Local Municipalities.

**(d) Specialist Assessments**

- Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbine positions, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
- The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.
- Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.

**(e) Cumulative Assessment**

- Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
  - A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

## **General**

The EAP is requested to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAR. The officials who will comment from the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs must also be invited to the site inspection.

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

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 timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

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**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOOI PLAATS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the Final Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 09 September 2019. We further confirm that you have submitted these documents to comply with the the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 dated 04 December 2014, as amended ('the EIA Regulations, 2014').

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

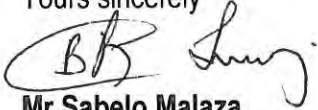
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Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Jacobs

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MOOI PLAATS SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT WITHIN THE UMSOBOMVU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated September 2019 and received by the Department on 09 September 2019, refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated September 2019 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIAR:

#### **(a) Listed Activities**

- (i) The EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.
- (ii) The listed activities represented in the EIAR and the application form must be the same and correct.
- (iii) The EIAR must assess the correct sub listed activity for each listed activity applied for.

#### **(b) Public Participation**

- (i) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAR. This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature

Conservation, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), the provincial Department of Agriculture, SANRAL, the Umsobomvu Local Municipality, the Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, and the Department of Environmental Affairs: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.

- (ii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR and draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAr. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- (iii) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAr. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. 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.
- (iv) Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.
- (v) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.
- (vi) The EAP is requested to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAr.

### **(c) Alternatives**

- (i) Please provide a description of each of the preferred alternative type and provide detailed motivation on why it is preferred.
- (ii) The applicant must determine the need for decommissioning of lines. This information must inform whether there is a need to update the application form and/or to amend the terms of reference for the specialist studies.

### **(d) Layout & Sensitivity Maps**

- (i) The EIAr must provide the four corner coordinate points for the proposed development site (note that if the site has numerous bend points, at each bend point coordinates must be provided) as well as the start, middle and end point of all linear activities.
- (ii) The EIAr must provide the following:
  - Clear indication of the envisioned area for the proposed solar energy facility; i.e. placing of solar panels and all associated infrastructure should be mapped at an appropriate scale.
  - Clear description of all associated infrastructure. This description must include, but is not limited to the following:
    - Powerlines;
    - Internal roads infrastructure; and;
    - All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area, guard house and control room etc.
    - All necessary details regarding all possible locations and sizes of the proposed satellite substation and the main substation.
- (iii) A copy of the final preferred route layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
  - Permanent laydown area footprint;

- Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible);
  - Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used;
  - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
  - Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
  - Location of access and service roads;
  - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
  - All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads;
  - Buffer areas;
  - Buildings, including accommodation; and
  - All "no-go" areas.
- (iv) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.
- (v) A map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.

#### **(e) Specialist assessments**

- (i) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:
- A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
  - Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
  - Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
  - Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.
  - **All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.**
  - Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
  - Regarding cumulative impacts:
    - Clearly defined cumulative impacts and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
    - A detailed process flow 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.
    - Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process.
    - The significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
    - A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.
- (ii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.

(iii) The following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIAR:

Specialist Study	Company
Agriculture and Soils Impact Assessment	Johann Lanz
Avifauna Impact Assessment	Chris Van Rooyen Consulting
Geotechnical Study	JG Afrika
Heritage Impact Assessment	PGS Heritage
Palaeontology Impact Assessment	PGS Heritage
Social Impact Assessment	Dr Neville Bews & Associates
Surface Water Impact Assessment	Sivest SA
Ecological Impact Assessment	David Hoare Consulting
Transportation Impact Assessment	Sivest SA
Visual Impact Assessment	Sivest SA

**(f) General**

- (i) The EIAR must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions. A sample for the minimum information required is listed under Annexure 2 below.
- (ii) Details of the future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning in 20-30 years and the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies must be indicated.
- (iii) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.
- (iv) The EAP must provide landowner consent for all farm portions affected by the proposed project, whether the project component is linear or not, i.e. all farm portions where the access road, solar panels and associated infrastructure is to be located.
- (v) A construction and operational phase EMP that includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the final EIAR.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

You are requested to submit one (1) full colour hard copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) to the Department and at least one electronic copy (USB) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

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**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
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**Signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach**  
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**Annexure 1**

Format for Comments and Response Trail Report:

<b>Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&amp;AP</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist</b>
27/01/2016 Email Department of Environmental Affairs: Strategic Infrastructure Development (John Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format  Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority	EAP: (Noted) The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K  EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form

**Annexure 2: Sample of technical details for the proposed facility**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Description / dimensions</b>
Height of PV panels	
Area of PV Array	
Number of inverters required	
Area occupied by inverter / transformer stations / substations	
Capacity of on-site substation	
Area occupied by both permanent and construction laydown areas	
Area occupied by buildings	
Length of internal roads	
Width of internal roads	
Proximity to grid connection	
Height of fencing	
Type of fencing	



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Dear Stephan.

Your email below is noted.

I will revert back to you once I finalize arrangements with the other EAP to combine our site visits.

Furthermore, you did not indicate the type of vehicle needed for the site visit.

Regards

*Muhammad Essop*

**Assistant Director - Strategic Infrastructure Developments**

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 11:44  
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Kind Regards,

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**Sent:** 22 October 2019 12:56 PM

**To:** Thabile Sangweni

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**Subject:** Mooi Plaats (14/12/16/3/3/2/1134); Wonderheuvel (14/12/16/3/3/2/1135) and Paarde Valley (14/12/16/3/3/2/1136) Solar PV EIAs - Request for DEA Site Visits

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Dear Stephan.

Everything is perfect.

I'll see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

Regards

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Good Afternoon Muhammad,

No problem.

Noted, thank you very much for confirming.

Are you happy with the times and meeting venues etc. proposed in the draft agenda which SiVEST sent you?

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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOOI PLAATS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 22 November 2019. We further confirm that you have submitted these documents to comply with the the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 dated 04 December 2014, as amended ('the EIA Regulations, 2014').

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

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**Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.**

Yours sincerely



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Letter signed by: Mr Rhulani Kubayi**

**Designation: Control Environmental Officer Grade B: IEM Systems & Tools Coordination.**

**Date: 25 November 2019**

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**To:** Stephan Jacobs  
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**Attachments:** 1134.pdf

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Good day.

Please find herein the attached for the above mentioned.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

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### **PER E-MAIL / MAIL**

Dear Mr Jacobs

### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOOI PLAATS SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The draft Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIAr) dated November 2019 and received by this Department on 22 November 2019 refers.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

#### **(a) Listed Activities**

- i. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- ii. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAr, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- iii. The EAP must specify and list the relevant sub regulations for each listed activity.

#### **(b) Public Participation Process**

- i. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft EIAr from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final EIAr. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. 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 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014.
- ii. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. 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.

**(c) Environmental Management Programme**

- i. The EMPr must include a provision to make the following reports available to the Department and applicable competent authority on request: alien/invasive plant management report; plant rescue and protection report; and re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation report, etc.
- ii. In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

**(d) Cumulative Impact**

- i. Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
  - A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

**(e) Specialist Declaration of Interest**

- i. Specialist Declaration of Interest forms must be attached to the final EIAr. You are therefore requested to submit original signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms for each specialist study conducted. The forms are available on Department's website (please use the Department template).

**(f) Undertaking of an Oath**

- i. The Department has noted that the submitted application form has an undertaking under oath or affirmation by EAP. However, the aforementioned oath was not included in the draft EIAr, but rather an appendix of the application form attached to the EIAr. Please note that the final EIAr must also have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP.
- ii. Based on the above, you are therefore required to include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP (administered by a Commissioner of Oaths) as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that the EIAr must include:

*"an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:*

- (i) the correctness of the information provided in the reports;*
- (ii) the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs;*
- (iii) the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant; and*
- (iv) any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties".*

**(g) Details and Expertise of the EAP**

- (i) You are required to include the details and expertise of the EAP in the EIAr, including a curriculum vitae, in order to comply with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

**(h) General**

- i. The preferred Layout Plan with the preferred service routes, existing roads and new roads, and construction camp must be indicated in the final EIAr. A map combining the final Layout Plan superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map must also be included in the final EIAr.
- ii. Please ensure that all hardcopy and softcopy maps are clear and legible. Hardcopy maps must be at least A3 size.
- iii. Please note that the final EIAr must comply with all conditions of the acceptance of the scoping report signed on 08 October 2019, and must address all comments contained in the FSR and this letter.
- iv. The EIAr must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format as well as their description and/or dimensions.

You are further reminded that the final EIAr to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of the EIAr in accordance with Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014.

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that:

*"The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority— (a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, and an EMPr, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority."*

Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAr or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are therefore required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states:

*"The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority— (b) a notification in writing that the reports, and an EMPr, will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the environmental impact assessment report or EMPr, which changes or information was not contained in the reports consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a) and that the revised environmental impact assessment report or, EMPr will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days".*

Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, 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.

You are requested to submit one (1) full colour hard copy of the EIAr to the Department and at least one electronic copy (USB) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents. Kindly could the final reports not be submitted in lever arch files, but rather bound (ring or glued).

Yours sincerely



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**Department of Environmental Affairs**  
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**Date: 04/12/2019**

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## Stephan Jacobs

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Good day.

Please find herein the attached letters for the above mentioned.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

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