



**Appendix 7**  
**Public Participation**





**Appendix 7A**  
**Proof of Site Notices**



**OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGS (OIE's) VIR DIE BEOOGDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE DRIE (3) FOTOVOLTAÏESE (FV) SONKRAGANLEGTE EN BASIESE EVALUERINGS (BE's) VIR DIE GEPAARDGAANDE ROOSTERKONNEKSIE-INFRASTRUKTUUR NABY NOUPOORT EN MIDDELBURG IN DIE NOORD- EN OOS-KAAPPROVINSIE (DO-VERWYSINGSNOMMERS MOET NOG AANGEKONDIG WORD)**

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**PROJEKBESKRYWING**

EDF beoog die ontwikkeling van drie (3) aangrensende fotovoltaïese (FV) sonkragaanlegte en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur naby Noupoot en Middelburg in die Noord- en Oos- aapprovinsie. Die beoogde FV-sonkragaanlegte sal die Mooi Plaats FV, Wonderheuvel FV- en Paarde Valley FV-sonkragaanleg heet. Voorts beoog EDF ook die oprigting van drie (3) 132 kV oorhoofse kraglyne en gepaardgaande rooster-infrastruktuur (hierna die "roosterkonneksies" genoem) ten einde die krag wat by elk van die FV-sonkragaanlegte opgewek word, by die nasionale kragnet in te voer.

Ten einde aan die Departement van Energie (DE) se mededingende bodproses vir die verkryging van hernubare krag van Onafhanklike Kragprodusente (IPP's) in Suid-Afrika te voldoen, sal elk van die FV-sonkragaanlegte 'n aparte Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) moet bekom. Elke roosterkonneksie sal ook 'n aparte OM moet bekom.

Met inagneming van die bogenoemde, sal drie (3) OIE's (een (1) vir elke beoogde FV-sonkragaanleg en drie (3) BE's (een (1) vir elke gepaardgaande roosterkonneksie) onderneem word. Hoewel elke FV-sonkragaanleg en die gepaardgaande roosterkonneksie apart geëvalueer sal word, sal 'n enkele openbare deelnameproses vir al ses (6) die beoogde aansoeke onderneem word. Die potensiële omgewingsimpakte wat met al ses (6) beoogde ontwikkelings verband hou, sal tydens die OIE's en BE's as deel van 'n kumulatiewe impakevaluering geëvalueer word.

Die opwekkingsvermoë van elk van die FV-sonkragaanlegte en die uitleg van die FV-reeks sal afhang van die uitkoms van die spesialisstudies wat tydens die OIE-proses onderneem word.

**PROJEKLIIGING**

Die drie (3) beoogde FV-sonkragaanleg- en roosterinfrastruktuurprojekte is sowat 18 km suidwes van Noupoot en sowat 21 km noordwes van Middelburg in onderskeidelik die Noord- en Oos- aapprovinsie geleë. Hoewel beide die Mooi Plaats en Wonderheuvel FV-sonkragaanlegte in die Umsobomvu Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Pixley ka Seme Distriksmunisipaliteit van die Noord- aapprovinsie geleë is, is die Paarde Valley FV-sonkragaanleg in die Inxuba Yethemba Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Chris Hani Distriksmunisipaliteit van die Oos- aapprovinsie geleë.

**Om as 'n Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) te registreer en/of om meer inligting te bekom**, moet u asseblief u naam, kontakbesonderhede en die belang wat u by die aansoeke het by SiVEST by die onderstaande kontakbesonderhede indien:

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND BASIC ASSESSMENTS (BAs) FOR THE ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES (DEA REFERENCE NUMBERS TO BE ANNOUNCED)**

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In order to accommodate the Department of Energy's (DoE) competitive bidding process for procuring renewable energy from Independent Power Producers (IPPs) in South Africa, each solar PV energy facility will require a separate Environmental Authorisation (EA). Additionally, each grid connection will also require a separate EA.

In light of the above, three (3) EIAs (one (1) for each proposed solar PV energy facility) and three (3) BAs (one (1) for each associated grid connection) will be undertaken. Although each solar PV energy facility and the associated grid connection will be assessed separately, a single public participation process is being undertaken for all six (6) proposed applications. The potential environmental impacts associated with all six (6) proposed developments will be assessed during the EIAs and BAs as part of a cumulative impact assessment.

The generation capacity of each solar PV facility and the layout of the PV arrays will be dependent on the outcome of the specialist studies conducted during the EIA process.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The three (3) proposed solar PV energy facilities and grid infrastructure projects are located approximately 18km south-west of Noupoot and approximately 21km north-west of Middelburg, in the Northern and Eastern Cape Provinces respectively. While both the Mooi Plaats and Wonderheuvel Solar PV Energy Facilities are located in the Umsobomvu Local Municipality, in the Pixley ka Seme District Municipality of the Northern Cape Province, the Paarde Valley Solar PV Energy Facility is located in the Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality, in the Chris Hani District Municipality of the Eastern Cape Province.

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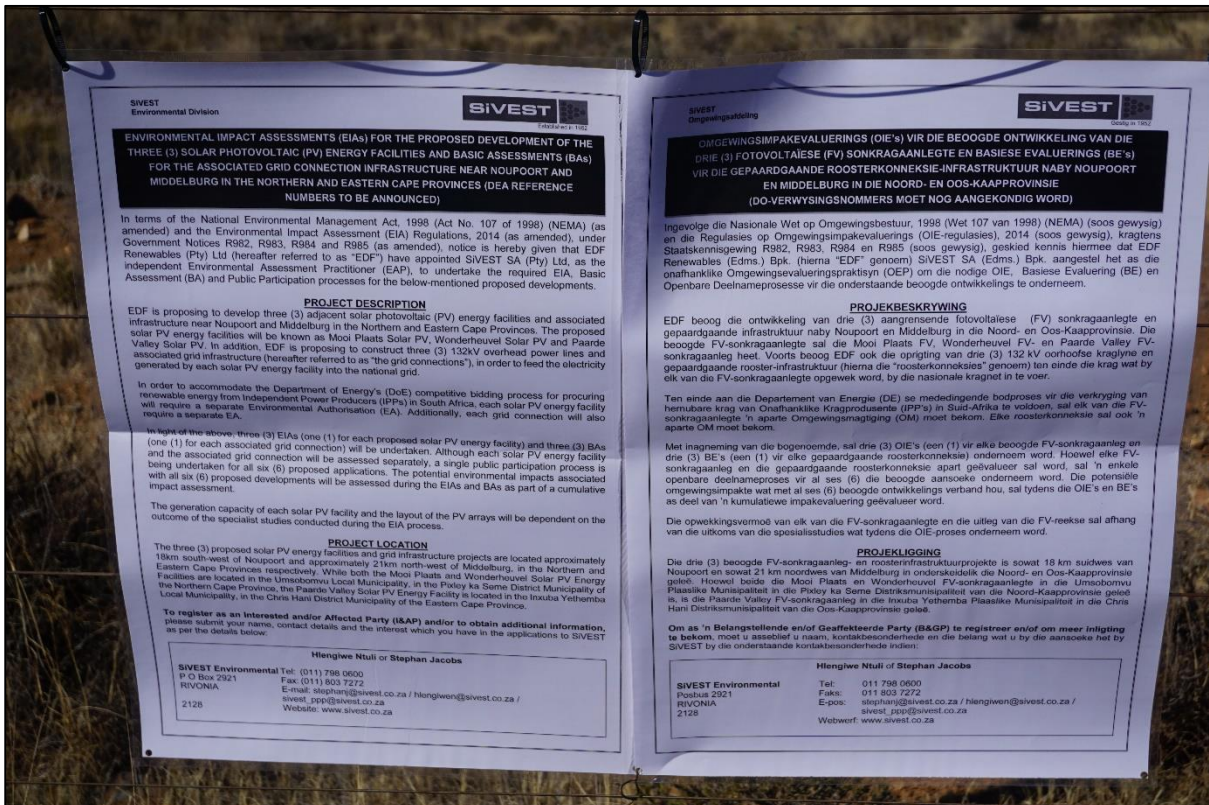
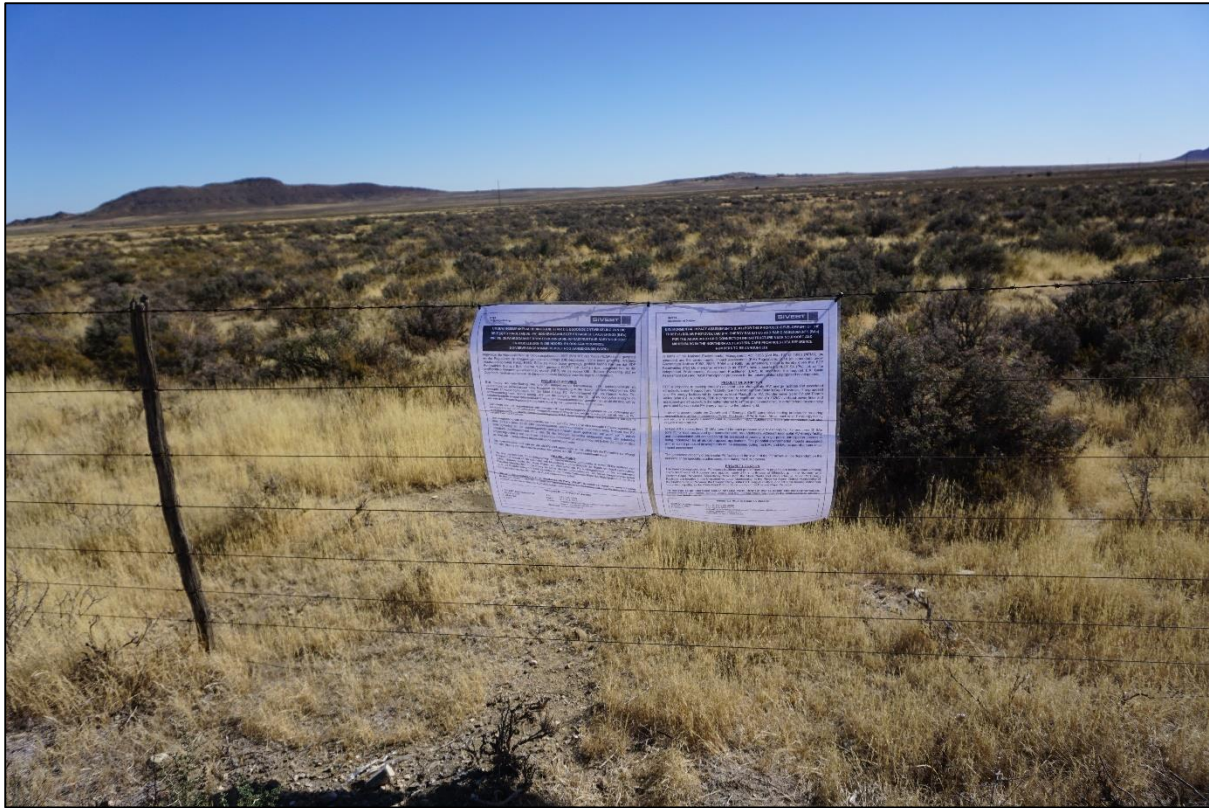
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**SITE NOTICES (ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS) ERECTED ON BOUNDARY OF APPLICATION SITE – BOUNARY OF REMAINDER OF THE FARM MOOI PLAATS NO. 121 AND PORTION 3 OF THE FARM WONDER HEUVEL NO. 140 (COORDINATES: S31°19'56.27"S; E24°41'45.51")**



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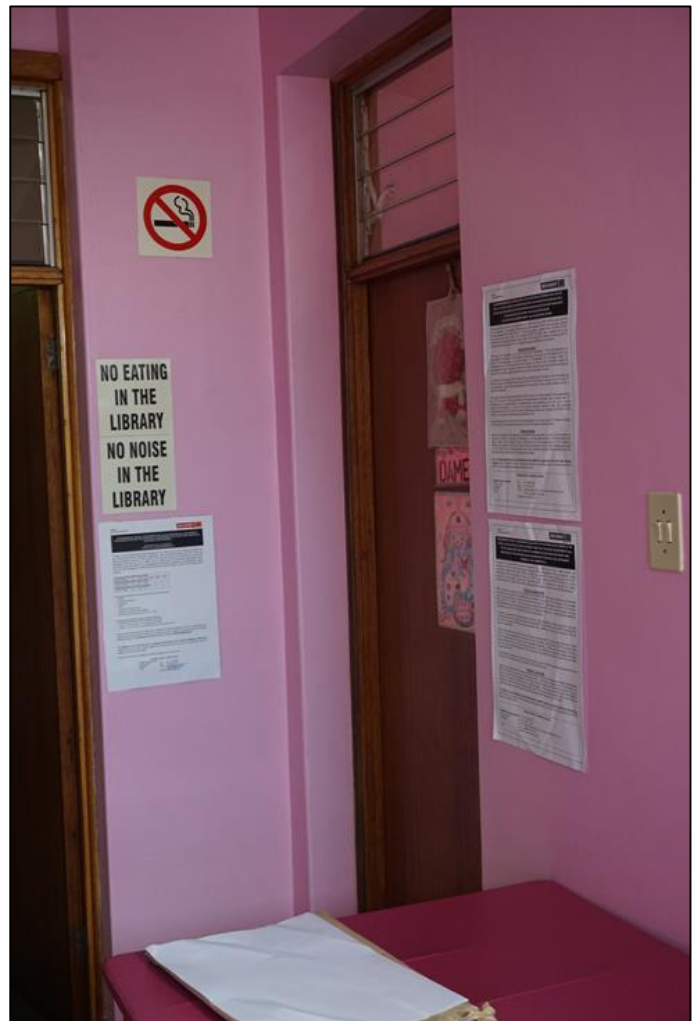
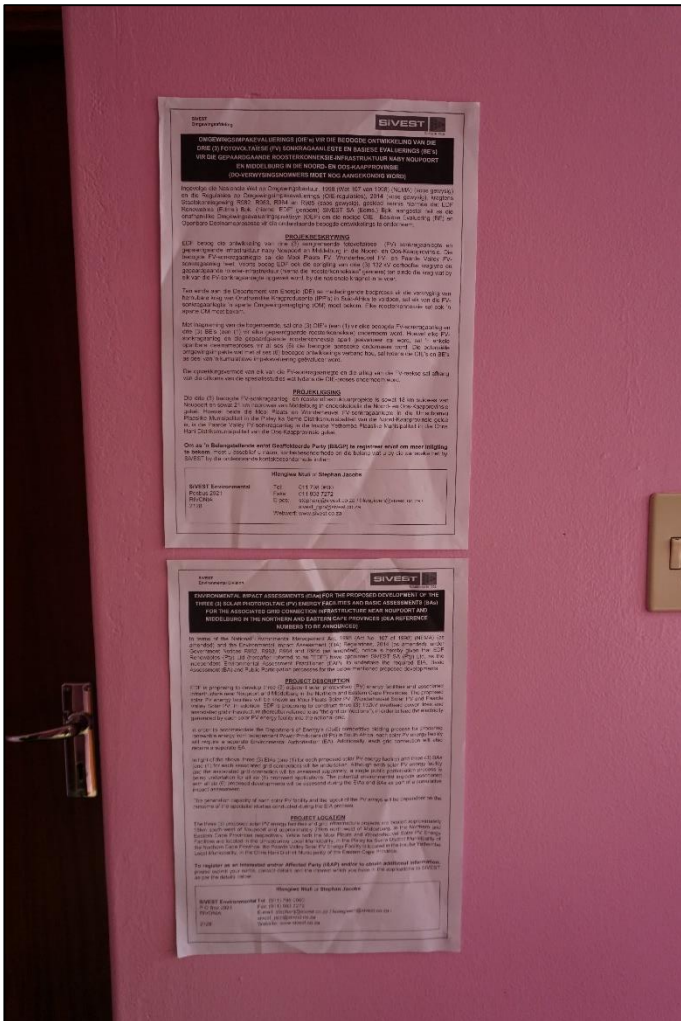
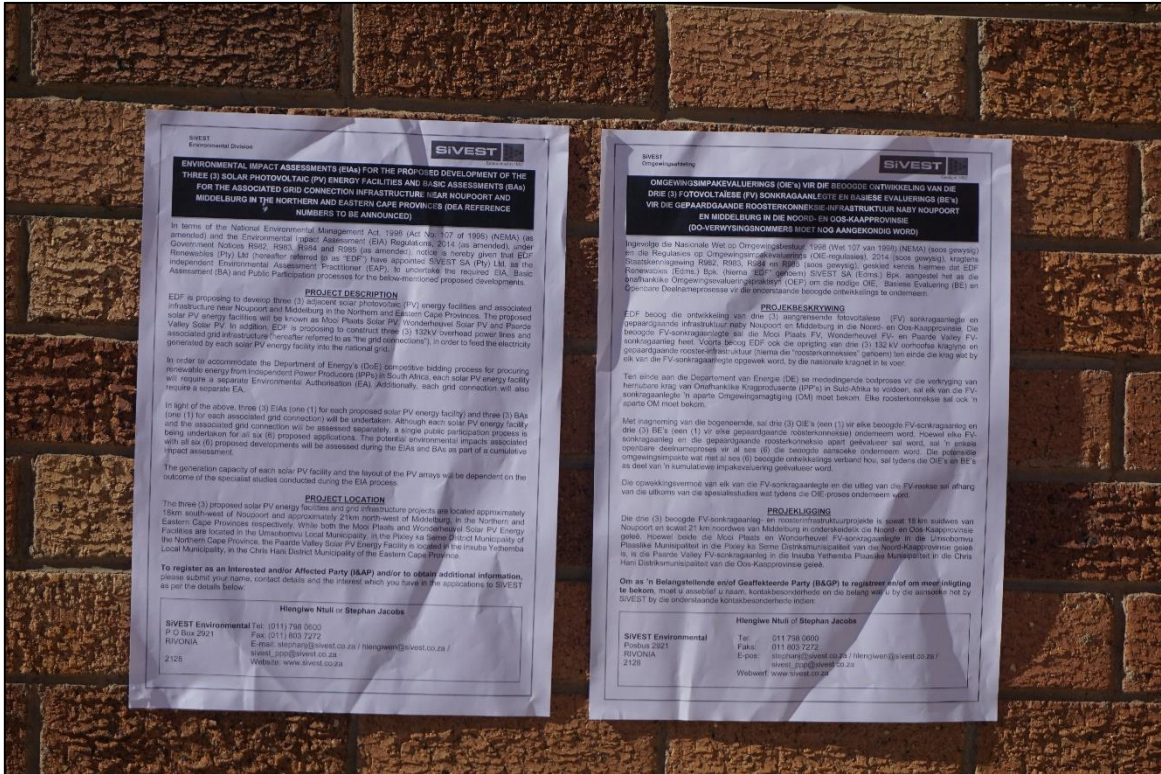
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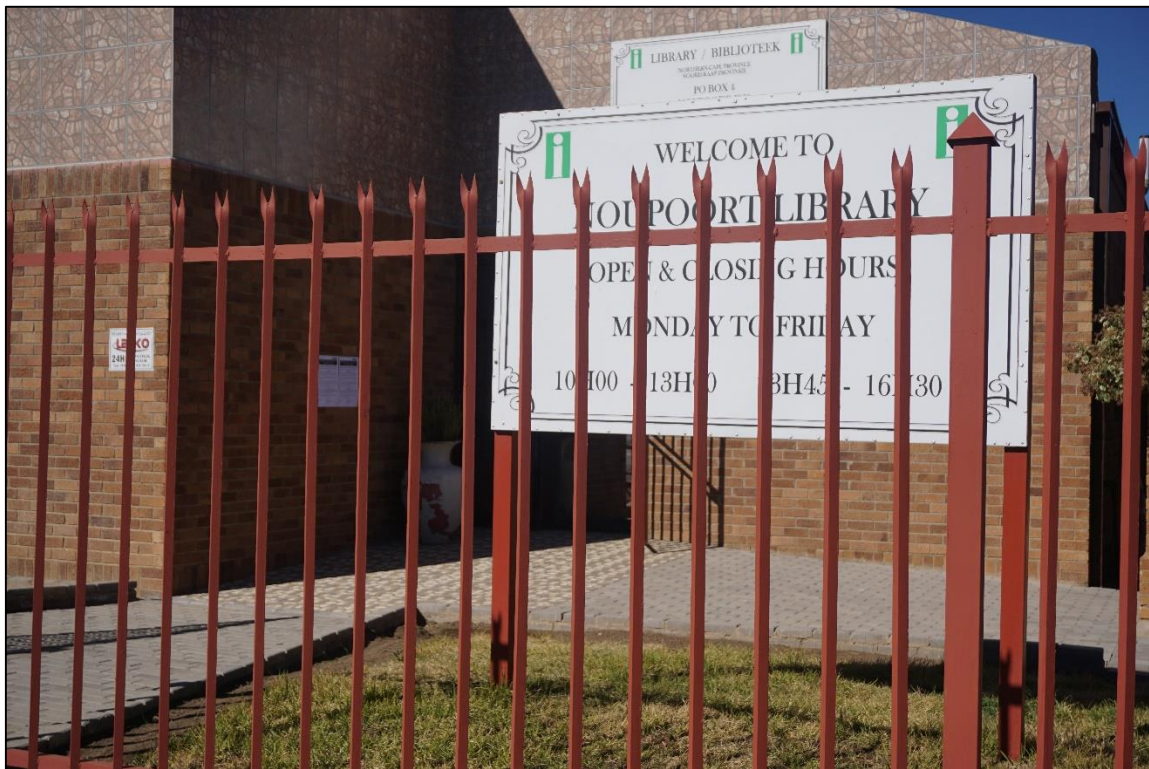
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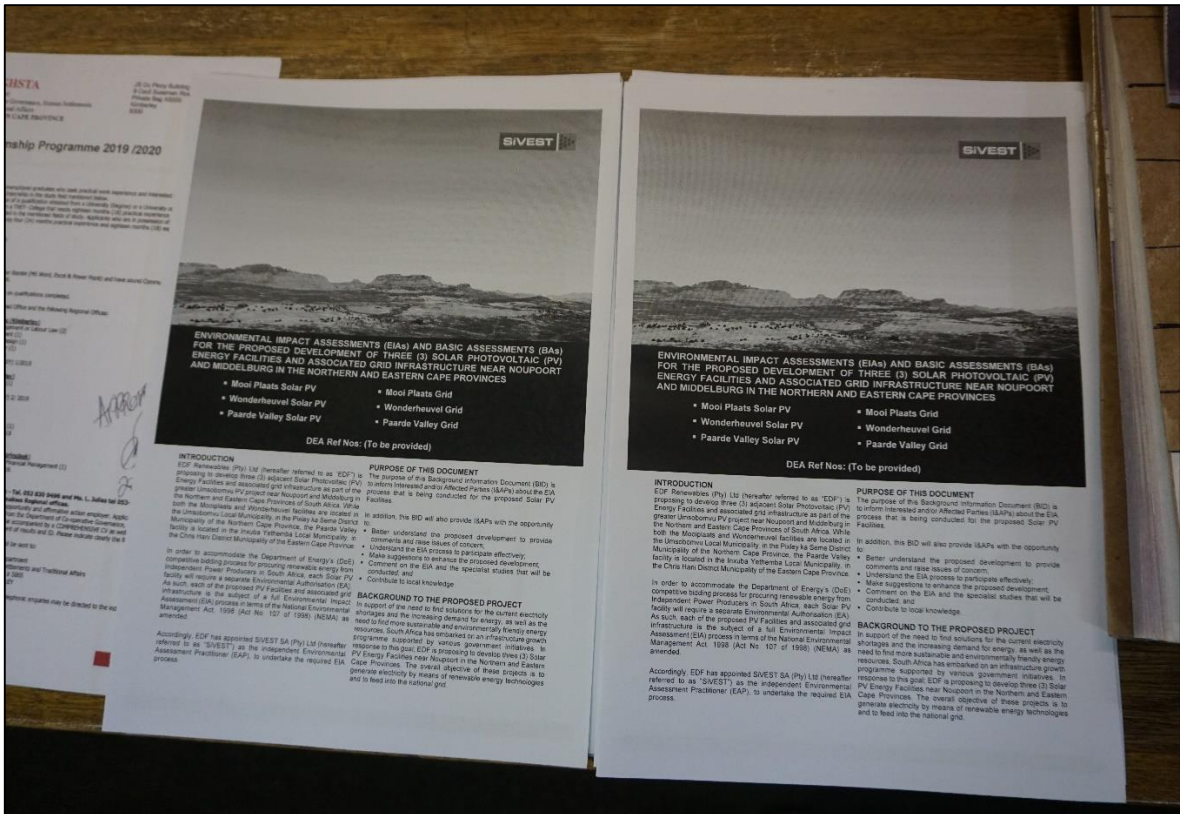
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## Stephan Jacobs

**From:** sivest\_PPP  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2019 3:35 PM  
**Cc:** Andrea Gibb; Stephan Jacobs  
**Subject:** 15324 Three (3) Solar PV Energy Facilities near Noupoort and Middelburg: DSR Comment Period Starting

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS (EIA) AND BASIC ASSESSMENTS (BAS) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED GRID INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES

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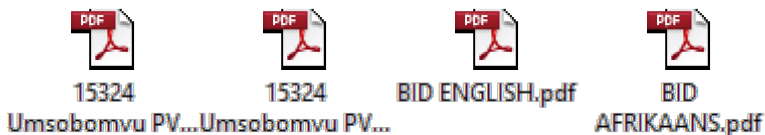
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We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that, in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended), the Draft Scoping Reports (DSRs) for the above mentioned projects will be available for public comment and review as from **Friday 26 July 2019 to Monday 26 August 2019** (end of business day). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DSRs (on CD) please forward your request in writing to us. Hard copies of the DSRs can be reviewed at the following public places:

VENUE	REPORT/S	STREET ADDRESS	HOURS	CONTACT NO
Noupoort Library	Mooi Plaats PV DSR Wonderheuvel PV DSR	Shaw St, Noupoort, 5950	Mondays - Fridays 10:00 - 13:00 13:45 - 16:30	049 843 1056
Middelburg Library	Paarde Valley PV DSR	47 Van Reenen Street, Middelburg, 5900	Mondays - Fridays 09:00 - 16:30	049 802 1300

The reports as well as the accompanying appendices are also available on SiVEST's website: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, click on Downloads, then browse to the folder '15324 Umsobomvu PV and Grid'.

**Attached is an English and Afrikaans letter notifying you of the review period as well as the background information document (BID).**



Kind Regards,

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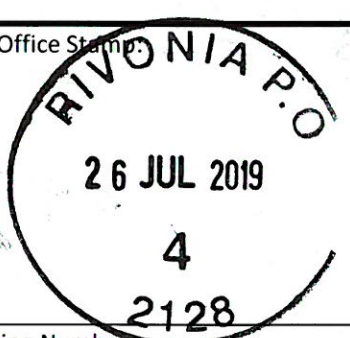
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**From:** sivest\_PPP  
**Sent:** 06 September 2019 03:25 PM  
**Cc:** Stephan Jacobs; Liandra Scott-Shaw; Hlengiwe Ntuli  
**Subject:** 15324 Three (3) Solar PV Energy Facilities near Noupoort and Middelburg: FSR Submitted to DEA

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES**

- MOOI PLAATS SOLAR PV – (DEA Ref No.: [14/12/16/3/3/2/1134](#))
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- PAARDE VALLEY SOLAR PV – (DEA Ref No.: [14/12/16/3/3/2/1136](#))

▪ **SUBMISSION OF FINAL SCOPING REPORTS (FSRs) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (DEA)**

Following the public comment and review period of the Draft Scoping Reports (DSRs) for the above-mentioned proposed projects from Friday 26 July 2019 to Monday 26 August 2019 (end of business day), the DSRs were updated, taking into consideration the issues and concerns raised by Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs), Organs of State (OoS) / Authorities, Landowners and Stakeholders, and the Final Scoping Reports (FSRs) were submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on Friday the 06<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.

The reports as well as the accompanying appendices are also available on SiVEST's website: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, click on 'Downloads', then browse to the folder '15324 Umsobomvu PV and Grid'. Please do not hesitate to contact SiVEST should you have any issues downloading the reports.

We would like to thank you in anticipation of your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA and Public Participation processes.

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Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party / Belanghebbende,

**OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGS (OIE'S) VIR DIE BEOOGDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DRIE (3) FOTOVOLTAÏESE (FV) SONKRAGANLEGTE EN VERWANTE INFRASTRUKTUUR NABY NOUPOORT EN MIDDELBURG IN DIE NOORD- EN OOS-KAAPROVINSIE**

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▪ **INDIENING VAN DIE FINALE BESTEKOPNAMEVERSLAE (FBV'S) BY DIE DEPARTEMENT VAN OMGEWINGSAKE (DOS)**

Na aanleiding van die kommentaar deur die openbare oorsigtydperk van die Konsep Bestekopnameverslae (KBV's) vir die bogenoemde projekte van Vrydag 26 Julie 2019 tot Maandag 26 Augustus 2019 (teen sluitingstyd), was die KBV's bygewerk en gefinaliseer, met inagneming van die kwessies en kommentaar wat deur Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party, owerhede, grondeienaars en belanghebbendes opgewek was, en die FBV's was op Vrydag 06 September 2019 aan die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS) ingedien vir oorweging.

Die verslae, sowel as die meegaande aanhangsels, is ook beskikbaar op SiVEST se webwerf: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, klik op 'Downloads' en soek dan vir die legger '15324 Umsobomvu PV and Grid'. Moet asseblief nie huiwer om SiVEST te kontak as u probleme ondervind om die verslae af te laai nie.

Ons dank u byvoorbaat vir u aktiewe en betekenisvolle bydrae tot die OIE en Openbare Deelnameprosesse.

Kind Regards,  
**Stephan Jacobs (B.Sc. (Hons) Environmental Management and Analysis)**  
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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES**

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- **ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL SCOPING REPORTS (FSRs) BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (DEA)**

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has accepted the Final Scoping Reports (FSRs) and approved the Plans of Study (PoS) for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Phases of the above-mentioned projects.

Attached is the English and Afrikaans EIA Newsletter for your information.



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We would like to thank you in anticipation of your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA and Public Participation processes.

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Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party / Belanghebbende,

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- **AANVAARDING VAN FINALE BESTEKOPNAMEVERSLAE (FBV'S) DEUR DIE DEPARTEMENT VAN OMGEWINGSAKE (DOS)**

Ons wil graag hierdie geleentheid gebruik om u in kennis te stel dat die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS) die Finale Bestekopnameverslae (FBV's) aanvaar het en die Studieplanne vir die Omgewingsimpakevaluerings (OIE's) van die bogenoemde projekte goedgekeur het.

Vind asseblief aangeheg die Engelse en Afrikaanse OIE-nuusbrief vir jou inligting.



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Ons dank u byvoorbaat vir u aktiewe en betekenisvolle bydrae tot die OIE en Openbare Deelnameprosesse.

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DATE	TIME	PLACE
Tuesday 26 November 2019	<b>Start time:</b> 14H00	Noupoort Combined School Hall - Pretorius Street Noupoort Northern Cape

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**Sent:** Friday, 22 November 2019 5:26 PM  
**Cc:** Stephan Jacobs; Liandra Scott-Shaw; 'Sheldon.vandrey@edf-re.co.za'  
**Subject:** 15324 Three (3) Solar PV Energy Facilities near Noupoot and Middelburg: DEIAr Comment Periods Starting

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES

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- PAARDE VALLEY SOLAR PV – (DEA Ref No.: [14/12/16/3/3/2/1136](#))

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIArs) for the above-mentioned proposed developments have been compiled, taking into consideration the issues and concerns raised by Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs), Organs of State (OoS) / Authorities, Landowners and Stakeholders, and the DEIArs were submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on Friday 22 November 2019.

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the DEIArs for the above-mentioned proposed developments will be available for public comment and review for a 30-day period (excluding public holidays and the DEA's closure period) as from **Friday 22 November 2019 to Monday 13 January 2020** (end of business day). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DEIArs (on CD), please forward your request in writing to us. Comments can be submitted as follows:

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Hard copies of the DEIArs can be reviewed at the following public places:

VENUE	REPORT/S	STREET ADDRESS	HOURS	CONTACT NO
Noupoot Library	Mooi Plaats PV DEIAr Wonderheuvel PV DEIAr	Shaw Street, Noupoot, 5950	Mondays - Fridays 10:00 - 13:00 13:45 - 16:30	049 843 1056
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The reports as well as the accompanying appendices are also available on SIVEST's website: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, click on 'Downloads', then browse to the folder '15324 Umsobomvu PV and Grid'.

We would like to thank you in anticipation of your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA and public participation process.

Kind Regards,

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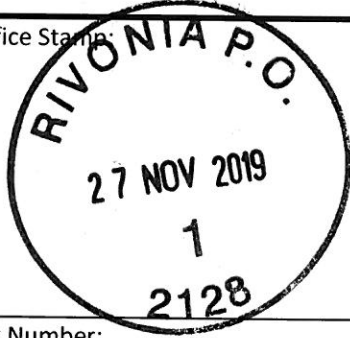
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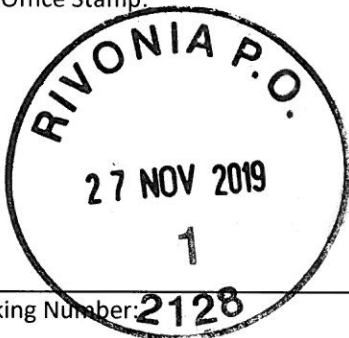
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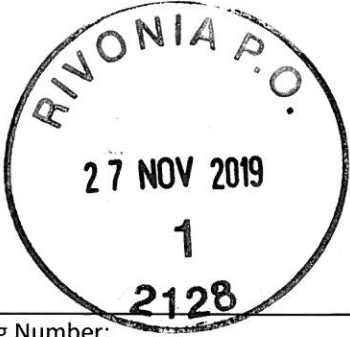
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Dear Stakeholder,

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE WONDERHEUVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY NEAR NOUPOORT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1135)**

SiVEST is in the process of undertaking the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed development of the above mentioned Solar PV Energy Facility near Noupoort in the Northern Cape Province.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that, in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAr) will be made available for public comment and review for a 30-day period (excluding public holidays and the DEA's closure period) as from **Friday 22 November 2019 to Monday 13 January 2020** (end of business day).

The DEIAr as well as the accompanying appendices are available on SiVEST's website: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, click on 'Downloads', then browse to the folder '15324 Umsobomvu PV and Grid' and an electronic copy (on CD) has been posted to you. We kindly request that you submit your comments to the Public Participation Office at the below details, on or before **Monday 13 January 2020** (before end of business day).

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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Please note that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIARs) for the above-mentioned projects were made available for public review and comment from **Friday 22 November 2019** to **Monday 13 January 2020** (end of business day). The review and comment periods for the above-mentioned projects therefore end today, **Monday 13 January 2020** (end of business day).

SiVEST therefore wish to remind you to submit comments for the above-mentioned projects (where required). If possible, please submit all comments before or by **13:00 on Tuesday 14 January 2020**.

Should you have any comments, please feel free to contact the public participation office at the details below:

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SiVEST wil u dus herinner om kommentaar vir die bogenoemde projekte te lewer (waar nodig). Indien moontlik, lewer asseblief alle kommentaar voor of teen **13:00 op Dinsdag 14 Januarie 2020**.



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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES**

- MOOI PLAATS SOLAR PV – (DEA Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134)
- WONDERHEUVEL SOLAR PV – (DEA Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1135)
- PAARDE VALLEY SOLAR PV – (DEA Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1136)

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIARs) for the above-mentioned proposed developments have been compiled, taking into consideration the issues and concerns raised by Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs), Organs of State (OoS) / Authorities, Landowners and Stakeholders, and the DEIARs were submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on Friday 22 November 2019.

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the DEIARs for the above-mentioned proposed developments will be available for public comment and review for a 30-day period (excluding public holidays and the DEA's closure period) as from **Friday 22 November 2019 to Monday 13 January 2020** (end of business day). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DEIARs (on CD), please forward your request in writing to us. Comments can be submitted as follows:

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VENUE	REPORT/S	STREET ADDRESS	HOURS	CONTACT NO
Noupoort Library	Mooi Plaats PV DEIAR Wonderheuvel PV DEIAR	Shaw Street, Noupoort, 5950	Mondays - Fridays 10:00 - 13:00 13:45 - 16:30	049 843 1056
Middelburg Library	Paarde Valley PV DEIAR	47 Van Reenen Street, Middelburg, 5900	Mondays - Fridays 09:00 - 16:30	049 802 1300

The reports as well as the accompanying appendices are also available on SiVEST's website: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, click on 'Downloads', then browse to the folder '15324 Umsobomvu PV and Grid'.

We would like to thank you in anticipation of your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA and public participation process.

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## OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGS (OIE's) EN BASIESE EVALUERINGS (BE's) VIR DIE BEOOGDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DRIE (3) FOTOVOLTAÏESE (FV) SONKRAGANLEGTE EN GEPAARDGAANDE ROOSTERINFRASTRUKTUUR NABY NOUPOORT EN MIDDELBURG IN DIE NOORD- EN OOS-KAAPPROVINSIE

- Mooi Plaats FV sonkraganleg
- Wonderheuvel FV sonkraganleg
- Paarde Valley FV sonkraganleg
- Mooi Plaats Rooster
- Wonderheuvel Rooster
- Paarde Valley Rooster

**DO-verw Nos: (Moet nog aangekondig word)**

### INLEIDING

Mooi Plaats, Wonderheuvel and Paarde Valley Solar Power (Edms.) Bpk. (hierna "die applikant" genoem) beoog die ontwikkeling van drie (3) aangrensende fotovoltaïese (FV) sonkragaanlegte en gepaardgaande roosterinfrastruktuur as deel van die groter Umsobomvu FV-projek naby Noupoot en Middelburg in Suid-Afrika se Noord- en Oos- aapprovinsie. Hoewel beide die Mooi Plaats- en Wonderheuvelaanlegte in die Umsobomvu Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Pixley ka Seme Distriksmunisipaliteit van die Noord- aapprovinsie geleë is, is die Paarde Valley-aanleg in die Inxuba Yethemba Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Chris Hani Distriksmunisipaliteit van die Oos- aapprovinsie geleë.

Ten einde aan die Departement van Energie (DE) se mededingende bodproses vir die verkryging van hernubare krag van Onafhanklike Ragprodusente (IPP's) in Suid-Afrika te voldoen, sal elk van die FV-sonkragaanlegte 'n aparte Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) moet bekom. Gevolglik sal elk van die beoogde FV-aanlegte 'n volledige Omgewingsimpakevaluering (OIE) verg. Voorts sal die gepaardgaande roosterinfrastruktuur verg dat 'n aparte Basiese Evaluering (BE) onderneem moet word. Derhalwe sal drie (3) OIE's een (1) vir elke beoogde FV-aanleg en drie (3) BE's een (1) vir elke gepaardgaande roosterinfrastruktuur onderneem word. Die OIE's en BE's sal ingevolge die OIE-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig), onderneem word wat kragtens Artikel 5 van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig), afgekondig is. Hoewel elke FV-aanleg en die gepaardgaande roosterinfrastruktuur apart gevalueer sal word, word 'n enkele openbare deelnameproses vir al ses (6) beoogde projekte onderneem. Die potensiele omgewingsimpakte wat met al ses (6) projekte verband hou, sal tydens die OIE's en BE's as deel van 'n kumulatiewe impakevaluering gevalueer word.

Die applikant het SiVEST SA (Edms.) Bpk. (hierna "SiVEST" genoem) derhalwe aangestel as die onafhanklike Omgewingsevalueringsspraktisyn (OEP) om die nodige OIE- en BE-prosesse te onderneem.

### DOEL VAN HIERDIE DOKUMENT

Die doel van hierdie Agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID) is om belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde Partye (B&GP's) in te lig oor die OIE- en BE-prosesse wat vir elk van die beoogde FV-aanlegte en gepaardgaande roosterinfrastruktuur onderneem word.

Voorts sal hierdie AID aan B&GP's die geleentheid bied om:

- die beoogde ontwikkeling beter te verstaan ten einde kommentaar te lewer en knelpunte te opper;
- die OIE- en BE-prosesse te verstaan ten einde doeltreffend daaraan te kan deelneem;
- voorstelle te maak om die beoogde ontwikkeling te verbeter;
- kommentaar te lewer op die spesialisstudies wat onderneem gaan word; en
- plaaslike kennis by te dra.

### AGTERGROND MET BETREKKING TOT DIE BEOOGDE PROJEK

Ter ondersteuning van die behoefte om oplossings vir die huidige elektrisiteitstekorte en die groeiende vraag na energie te kry, asook die behoefte om meer volhoubare en omgewingsvriendelike kragbronne te kry, het Suid-Afrika 'n infrastruktuurgroei-program van stapel gestuur wat deur verskeie regeringsinisiatiewe gesteun word. In antwoord op hierdie doelwit, beoog die applikant die ontwikkeling van drie (3) FV-sonkragaanlegte en gepaardgaande roosterinfrastruktuur naby Noupoot en Middelburg in die Noord- en Oos- aapprovinsie. Die uiteindelige doel van hierdie projekte is om

elektrisiteit aan die hand van hernubare kragtegnologie op te wek en dit by die nasionale kragnet in te voer.

## FV-SONKRAGKOMPONENTE

Die drie (3) FV-sonkragaanlegte sal die volgende komponente insluit:

- FV-velde (reekse) wat uit etlike FV-panele bestaan. Die aantal panele, die opwekkingsvermoë van elke aanleg en die uitleg van die reekse sal afhang van die uitkoms van die spesialisstudies wat tydens die OIE-proses onderneem word.
- FV-panele sal hetsy vaste kantelmontering of enkelas naspooormontering wees en die modules hetsy kristallynsilikon of dun filmtegnologie. Elke paneel sal sowat 2 m breed en tussen 1 m en 4 m hoog wees, afhangend van die soort montering.
- Interne paaie, tussen 4 m en 10 m breed, sal toegang tot die FV-reekse bied. Waar moontlik, sal bestaande terreinpaaië gebruik word, hoewel nuwe terreinpaaië gebou sal word, waar nodig.
- Elke FV-aanleg sal hoogstens twee (2) tydelike konstruksiestapelwerwe/monteringsgebiede van sowat 10 ha elk insluit.
- Bedryfs- en instandhoudingsgeboue sal vir elke FV-veld voorsien word, wat 'n oppervlak van sowat 2 500 m<sup>2</sup> (50 m x 50 m) sal beslaan.
- Mediumspanningskabels sal die FV-aanleg met die roosterkonneksie-infrastruktuur verbind. Waar dit tegnies uitvoerbaar is, sal hierdie kabels ondergronds gelê word.

## ROOSTERKONNEKSIE-INFRASTRUKTUUR

Die beoogde roosterkonneksie-infrastruktuur vir elke FV-aanleg word as deel van 'n aparte BE-proses gevalueer. Die roosterinfrastruktuur sal die volgende komponente insluit:

- Nuwe interne en kollektorsubstasies om elke FV-aanleg te bedien, wat elk 'n oppervlak van hoogstens 4 ha sal beslaan.
- 'n Nuwe 132 kV oorhoofse kraglyn wat die interne of kollektorsubstasies met hetsy die Hydra D Hooftransmissiesubstasie (HTS) of die beoogde Coleskop Windkragaanleg (WEF) se substasie sal verbind, vanwaar die elektrisiteit by die nasionale kragnet ingevoer sal word.

## PROJEKTLIGGING

Die drie (3) FV-aanlegte en gepaardgaande roosterinfrastruktuur is sowat 18 km suidwes van Noupoot en sowat 21 km noordwes van Middelburg in die Umsobomvu en Inxuba Yethemba Plaaslike

Munisipaliteite van onderskeidelik die Noord- en Oos- aapprovinsie geleë, soos aangedui op die kaart op die keersy.

## OIE-/BE-PROSES

### Wat is 'n OIE?

'n OIE is 'n proses van inwinning, organisering, ontleding, vertolking en kommunikasie van inligting wat betrekking het op 'n beoogde ontwikkeling ten einde potensiële omgewingsimpakte te identifiseer. Hierdie inligting bied die Bevoegde Owerheid (naamlik die DO) 'n konkrete grondslag vir hul besluitneming met betrekking tot Omgewingsmagtiging (OM).

### Wat is 'n BE?

'n BE is 'n proses soortgelyk aan 'n OIE, maar word onderneem waar die impakte minder waarskynlik beduidende impakte op die ontvangsomgewing sal hê. Soos in die geval van IOE's, identifiseer BE's ook potensiële omgewingsimpakte en bied die Bevoegde Owerheid 'n konkrete grondslag vir hul besluitneming.

### Wetlike vereistes

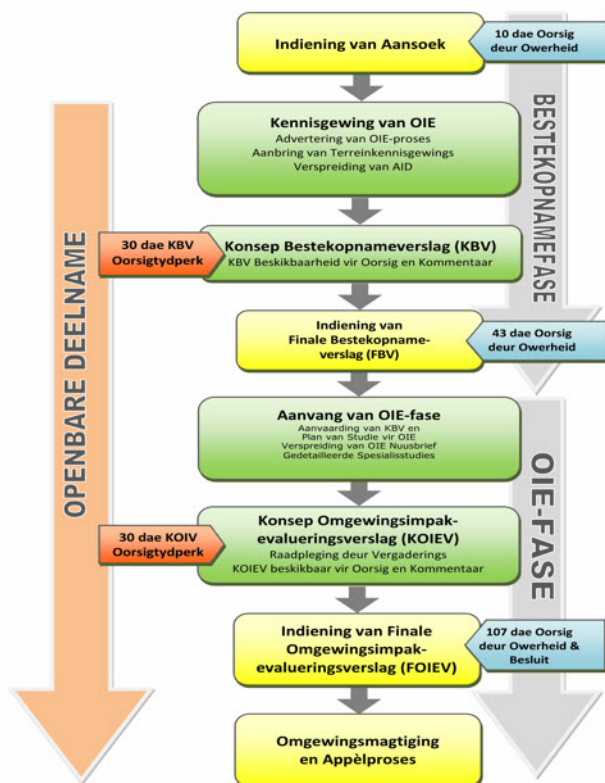
Ingevolge NEMA (soos gewysig), moet 'n OIE-proses vir die beoogde FV-sonkragaanlegte onderneem word, aangesien verskeie gelyste ennisgewing 2-aktiwiteite (Staatskennisgewing R984, soos gewysig) deur elk van die beoogde projekte geaktiveer word. 'n BE-proses moet vir die gepaardgaande roosterinfrastruktuur onderneem word, aangesien verskeie gelyste ennisgewing 1-aktiwiteite (Staatskennisgewing R983, soos gewysig) deur elk van die beoogde projekte geaktiveer word.

Die OIE- en BE-prosesse wat gevolg sal word, word in die diagramme hieronder geïllustreer.

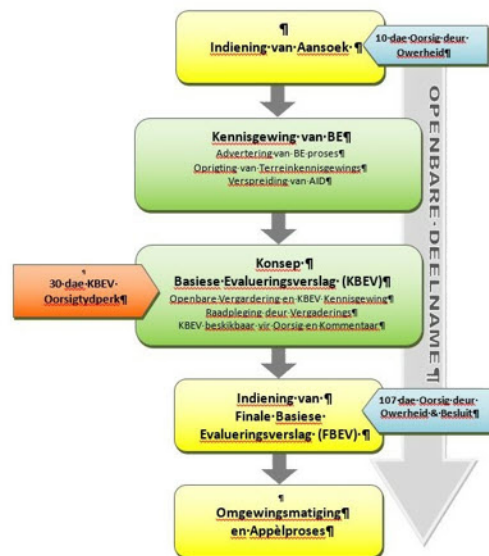
Die primêre doel van die OIE-/BE-prosesse is om omgewingskwessies en impakte te evalueer wat verband hou met die beoogde aktiwiteit en om die omvang van hierdie impakte te evalueer. Die volgende spesialisstudies sal hierdie proses toelig:

- Landbou en Grondsoorte
- Avifauna
- Ekology (Fauna en Flora)
- Geotegnies
- Erfenis en Paleontologie
- Sosio-eonomies
- Oppervlakwater
- Verkeer
- Visueel

## OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGSPROSES



## BASIESE EVALUERINGSPROSES



## HOE OM BETROKKE TE RAAK

Openbare deelname is die hoeksteen van enige OIE/BE, met die primêre doelwit om toe te sien dat alle belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde partye (insluitend Staatsinstansies/Owerhede) die geleentheid kry om deel te neem aan die OIE-proses en om toegang tot alle tersaaklike inligting en dokumente te hê wat verband hou met die beoogde ontwikkeling.

Openbare kennisgewing van die OIE-/BE-prosesse sal die volgende insluit:

- Advertensies sal in 'n plaaslike koerant geplaas word.
- 'n Agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID) sal versprei word.
- 'n kennisgewing in die vorm van e-posse, briewe, fakse en SMS'e, waar van toepassing.
- Terreinkennisgewings sal by die ontwikkelingsterrein opgerig word.
- Alle tersaaklike dokumentasie sal aanlyn en in openbare biblioteke beskikbaar gestel word.

Daarbenewens sal die tersaaklike verslae beskikbaar gemaak word vir openbare insae en kommentaar en openbare/fokusgroepvergaderings sal gehou word.

As u as 'n B&GP wil registreer, kan u dit doen deur:

- te reageer (telefonies, per faks, pos of e-pos) op die uitnodiging wat in die pers geadverteer is;
- die vergaderings by te woon wat tydens die verloop van die projek gehou sal word. Sou u as 'n B&GP registreer, sal u outomaties 'n uitnodiging na hierdie vergaderings toe ontvang;
- ons te kontak (telefonies, per faks, pos of e-pos) met enige navrae, kommentaar of versoeke vir verdere projekinligting; en
- kommentaar in te dien op die konsepverslae ( BV's/ BEV's/ OIEV's) en wel in die gestipuleerde insaetydperke.

As u uself as 'n B&GP vir hierdie beoogde projekte ag, moedig ons u aan om gebruik te maak van die geleentheid wat deur die openbare deelnameproses geskep word om aktief by die proses betrokke te raak en kommentaar te lewer of knelpunte te opper wat u raak en/of waarin u belangstel en waarvoor u meer inligting verlang. U inset in hierdie proses vorm 'n belangrike deel van die omgewingstudies en ons hoor graag van u om u siening oor die beoogde projekte te kry.

*Neem asseblief kennis dat alle tersaaklike publieke dokumente van SiVEST se webwerf afgelaai kan word.*




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## PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THREE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES NEAR NOUPOORT, NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES REGIONAL CONTEXT

- Legend**
- Provincial Boundary
  - Local Municipal Boundaries
  - National Routes
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  - Proposed Coleskop WEF Substation

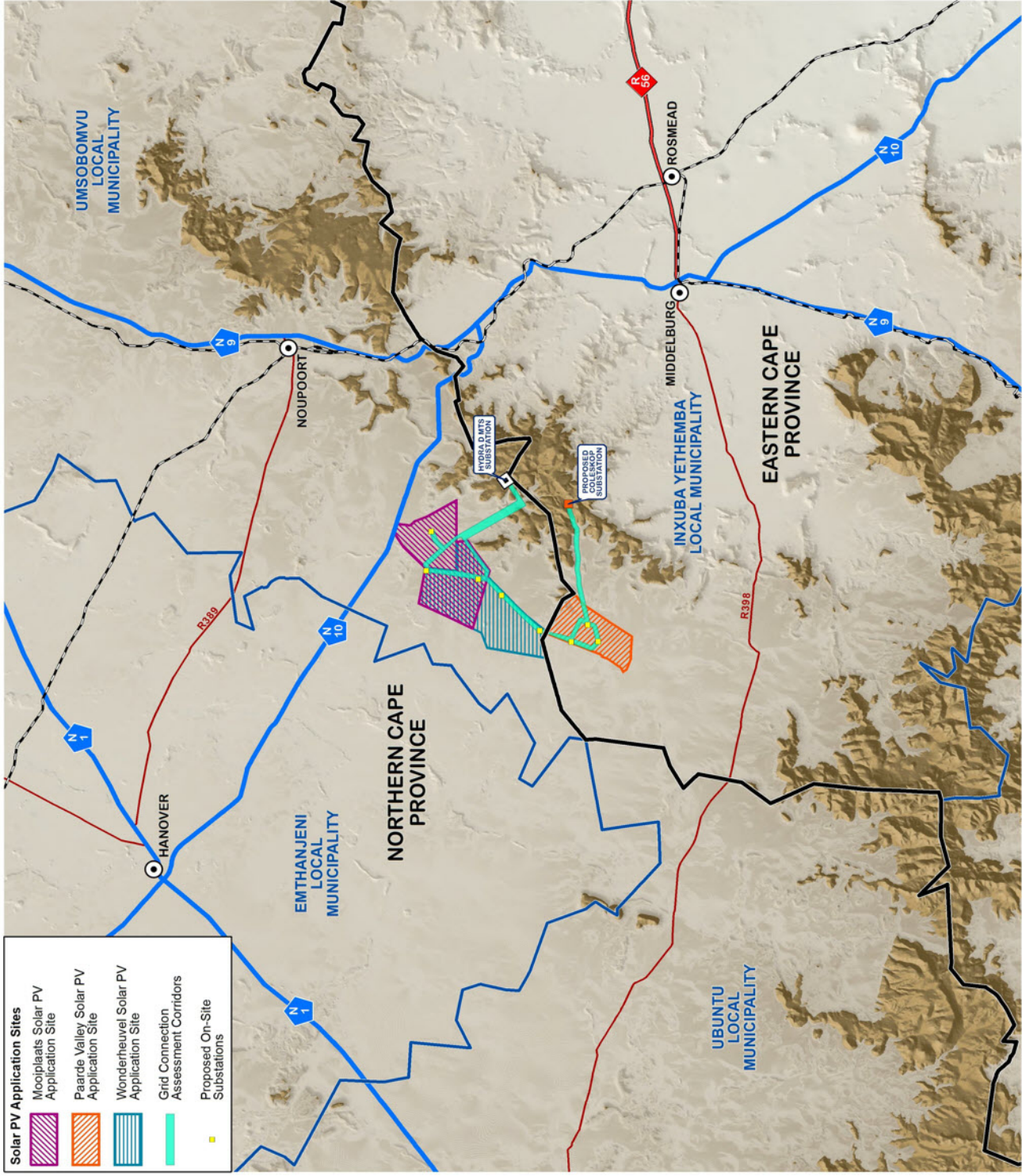
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- Solar PV Application Sites**
- Mooiplaats Solar PV Application Site
  - Paarde Valley Solar PV Application Site
  - Wonderheuwel Solar PV Application Site
  - Grid Connection Assessment Corridors
  - Proposed On-Site Substations





## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs) AND BASIC ASSESSMENTS (BAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED GRID INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES

- Mooi Plaats Solar PV
- Wonderheuvel Solar PV
- Paarde Valley Solar PV
- Mooi Plaats Grid
- Wonderheuvel Grid
- Paarde Valley Grid

DEA Ref Nos: (To be provided)

### INTRODUCTION

Mooi Plaats, Wonderheuvel and Paarde Valley Solar Power (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as “the applicant”) is proposing to develop three (3) adjacent Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities and associated grid infrastructure as part of the greater Umsobomvu PV project near Noupoort and Middelburg in the Northern and Eastern Cape Provinces of South Africa. While both the Mooi Plaats and Wonderheuvel facilities are located in the Umsobomvu Local Municipality, in the Pixley ka Seme District Municipality of the Northern Cape Province, the Paarde Valley facility is located in the Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality, in the Chris Hani District Municipality of the Eastern Cape Province.

In order to accommodate the Department of Energy’s (DoE) competitive bidding process for procuring renewable energy from Independent Power Producers in South Africa, each of the proposed PV facilities will require a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Additionally the associated grid infrastructure will require a Basic Assessment (BA) to be undertaken. As such, three (3) EIAs will be undertaken, one for each proposed PV Facility, and three (3) BAs will be undertaken, one for each associated grid infrastructure. The EIAs and BAs will be conducted in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) promulgated in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). Although each PV facility and the associated grid infrastructure will be assessed separately, a single public participation process is being undertaken for all six (6) proposed projects. The potential environmental impacts associated with all six (6) projects will be assessed during the EIAs and BAs as part of a cumulative impact assessment.

Accordingly, the applicant has appointed SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as “SiVEST”) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to undertake the required EIA process.

### PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to inform Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) about the EIA process that is being conducted for the proposed Solar PV Facilities.

In addition, this BID will also provide I&APs with the opportunity to:

- Better understand the proposed development to provide comments and raise issues of concern;
- Understand the EIA process to participate effectively;
- Make suggestions to enhance the proposed development;
- Comment on the EIA and the specialist studies that will be conducted; and
- Contribute to local knowledge.

### BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSED PROJECT

In support of the need to find solutions for the current electricity shortages and the increasing demand for energy, as well as the need to find more sustainable and environmentally friendly energy resources, South Africa has embarked on an infrastructure growth programme supported by various government initiatives. In response to this goal, the applicant is proposing to develop three (3) Solar PV Energy Facilities near Noupoort in the Northern and Eastern Cape Provinces. The overall objective of these projects is to generate electricity by means of renewable energy technologies and to feed into the national grid.

## SOLAR PV COMPONENTS

The three Solar PV facilities will include the following components:

- PV fields (arrays) comprising multiple PV panels. The number of panels, the generation capacity of each facility and the layout of the arrays will be dependent on the outcome of the specialist studies conducted during the EIA process.
- PV panels will be either fixed tilt mounting or single axis tracking mounting, and the modules will be either crystalline silicon or thin film technology. Each panel will be approximately 2m wide and between 1m and 4m in height, depending on the mounting type.
- Internal roads, between 4m and 10m wide, will provide access to the PV arrays. Existing site roads will be used wherever possible, although new site roads will be constructed where necessary.
- Each PV facility will include up to two (2) temporary construction laydown/staging areas of approximately 10ha each.
- Operation and maintenance (O&M) buildings will be provided for each PV field, occupying a site of approximately 2 500m<sup>2</sup> (50m x 50m).
- Medium voltage cabling will link the PV plant to the grid connection infrastructure. These cables will be laid underground wherever technically feasible.

## GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE

The proposed grid connection infrastructure for each PV facility is being assessed as part of a separate BA process. The grid infrastructure will include the following components:

- New on-site substations and collector substations to serve each PV facility, each occupying an area of up to 4ha.
- A new 132kV overhead power line connecting the on-site substations or collector substations to either Hydra D Main Transmission Substation (MTS) or the proposed Coleskop Wind Energy Facility (WEF) substation from where the electricity will be fed into the national grid.

## PROJECT LOCATION

The three (3) PV facilities and associated grid infrastructure are located approximately 18km south-west of Noupport and

approximately 21km north-west of Middelburg, in the Umsobomvu and Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipalities of the Northern and Eastern Cape Provinces respectively, as shown in the map overleaf.

## EIA / BA PROCESS

### What is an EIA?

An EIA is a process of collecting, organising, analysing, interpreting and communicating information relevant to a proposed development to identify potential environmental impacts. This information provides the Competent Authority (the DEA) with a sound basis for their decision-making regarding Environmental Authorisation (EA).

### What is a BA?

An BA is a similar process to an EIA, but is undertaken where the impacts are less likely to have significant impacts on the receiving environment. Like EIAs, BAs identify potential environmental impacts and provide the Competent Authority with a sound basis for their decision-making.

### Legal requirements

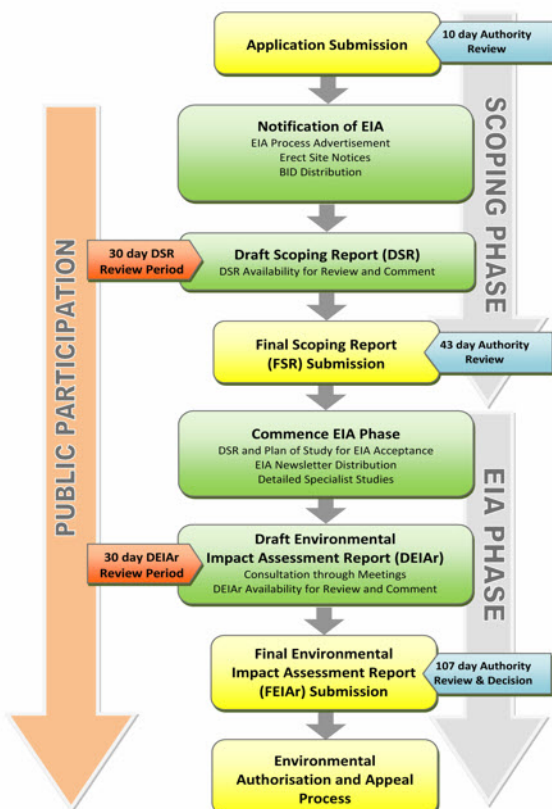
According to the NEMA (as amended), an EIA process is required for the proposed solar PV energy facilities as several listed notice 2 activities (GN R. 984 as amended) are triggered by each proposed project. A BA process is required for the associated grid infrastructure as several listed notice 1 activities (GN R. 983 as amended) are triggered by each proposed project.

The EIA and BA processes that will be followed are illustrated in the figures below.

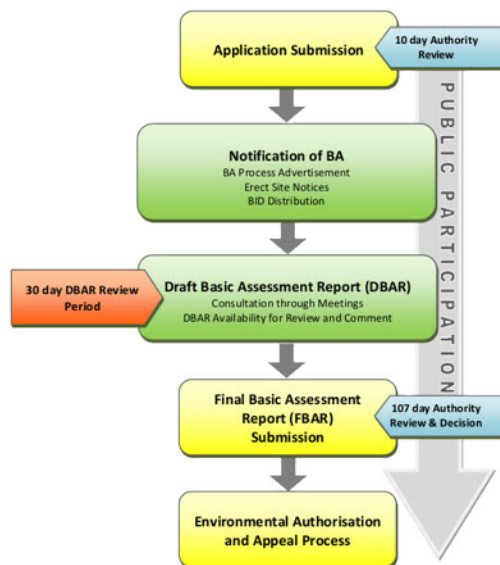
The ultimate purpose of the EIA process is to identify environmental issues and impacts associated with the proposed activity and to assess the significance of these impacts. The following specialist studies will inform this process:

- Agricultural and Soils
- Avifauna
- Ecology (Fauna and Flora)
- Geotechnical
- Heritage and Palaeontology
- Socio-Economic
- Surface Water
- Traffic
- Visual

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS



### BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS



## HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

Public participation is the cornerstone of any EIA / BA, with the key objective being to ensure that all interested and affected parties (including Organs of State/Authorities) are afforded the opportunity to participate in the EIA process and have access to all relevant information and documents related to the proposed development.

Public notification of the EIA / BA process will include the following:

- Advertisements will be placed in a local newspaper;
- Distribution of a Background Information Document (BID);
- Notifications in the form of emails, post, fax and SMS where applicable;
- Site notices will be placed on the development site; and
- All relevant documentation will be made available online and in public libraries .

In addition, the relevant reports will be made available for public review and comment and public/focus group meetings will be held.

If you wish to register as an I&AP, you can do so by the following methods:

- Respond (by phone, fax, post or e-mail) to the invitation advertised in the printed media;
- Attend the meetings to be held during the course of the project. Should you register as an I&AP you will automatically receive an invitation to these meetings;
- Contact us (by phone, fax, post or e-mail) with any queries, comments or requests for further project information; and
- Submit comments on the Draft Scoping/Environmental Impact Reports (DSRs/DBARs/DEIRs) within the review periods that will be stipulated.

If you consider yourself an I&AP for this proposed project, we urge you to make use of the opportunities created by the public participation process to become actively involved in the process and provide comment or concerns which affect and/or interest you, or about which you would like more information. Your input into this process forms a key part of the environmental studies and we would like to hear from you to obtain your views on the proposed project.

*Please be informed that all relevant public documents can be downloaded during the review periods from SiVEST's website.*

The logo for SiVEST, featuring the word "SiVEST" in white capital letters on a red rectangular background. To the right of the text is a graphic of several orange circles of varying sizes arranged in a cluster.

*We look forward to your contributions*

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# Locality Map

## PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THREE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES NEAR NOUPOORT, NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES REGIONAL CONTEXT

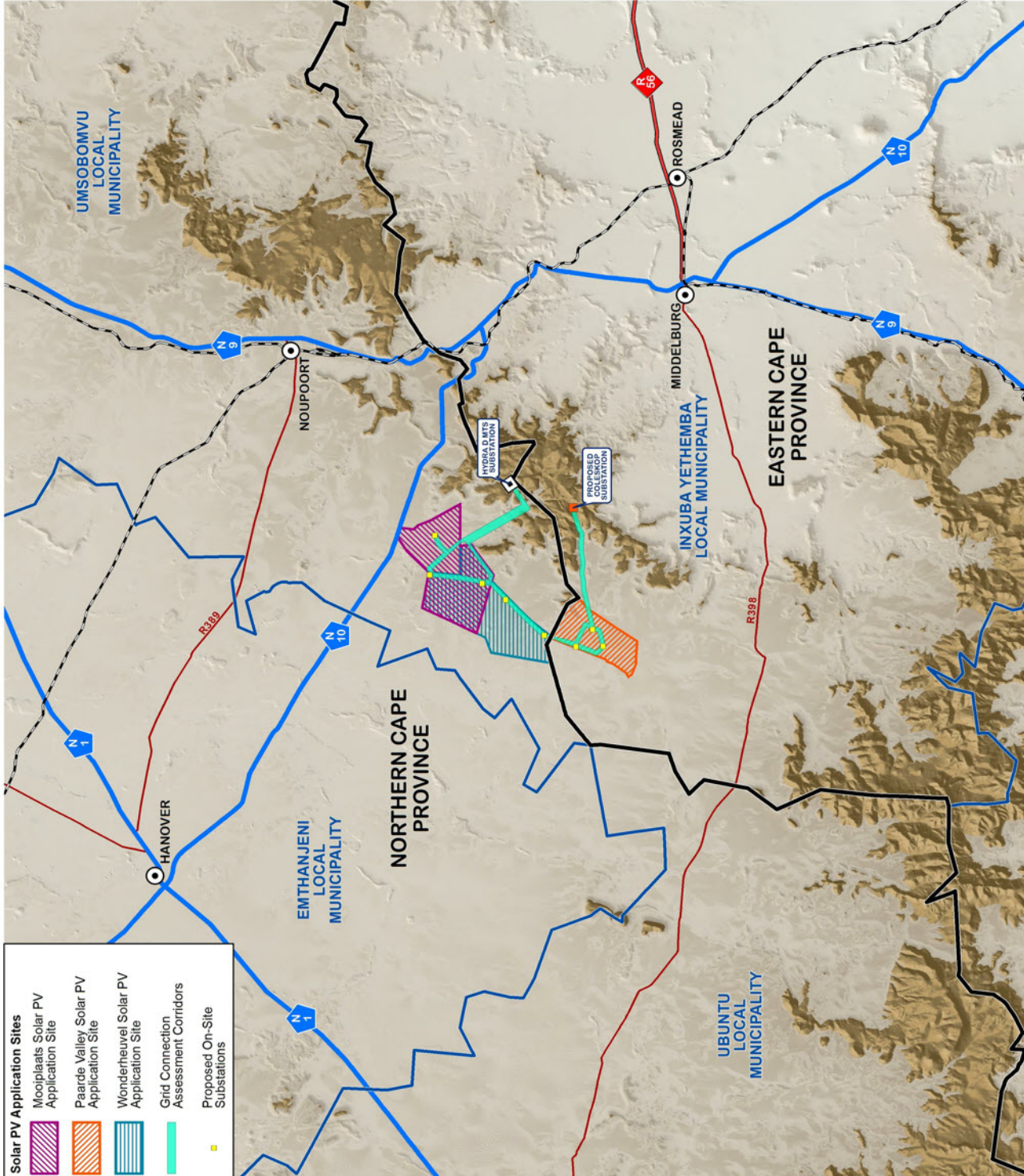
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  - Proposed Coleskop WEF Substation

SOURCE: MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD, 2011

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- Solar PV Application Sites**
- Mooplaats Solar PV Application Site
  - Paarde Valley Solar PV Application Site
  - Wonderheuwel Solar PV Application Site
  - Grid Connection Assessment Corridors
  - Proposed On-Site Substations

U verwysing:

Ons verwysing: 15324

Datum: 26 Julie 2019

Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party

**OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGS (OIE'S) VIR DIE BEOOGDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DRIE (3) FOTOVOLTAÏESE (FV) SONKRAGAAANLEGTE EN VERWANTE INFRASTRUKTUUR NABY NOUPOORT EN MIDDELBURG IN DIE NOORD- EN OOS-KAAPPROVINSIE**

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Neem asseblief kennis dat SIVEST SA (Edms.) Bpk. aangestel is as die Omgewingsevalueringspraktisyn (OEP) vir die bogenoemde projekte.

Ons maak graag van hierdie geleentheid gebruik om u in te lig dat die konsep Bestekopnameverslae (KBV's) vir die bogenoemde projekte ingevolge die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig), vanaf **Vrydag, 26 Julie 2019 tot Maandag, 26 Augustus 2019** (teen sluitingstyd) beskikbaar sal wees vir openbare kommentaar en insae. Indien u 'n elektroniese kopie van die KBV's (op CD) wil ontvang, moet u dit asseblief skriftelik by ons versoek. Kommentaar kan ingedien word by:

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Gedrukte kopieë van die KBV's kan by die volgende openbare plekke nagegaan word:

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Noupoort Biblioteek	Mooi Plaats FV KBV Wonderheuvel FV KBV	Shawstraat, Noupoort, 5950	Maandae – Vrydae 10:00 – 13:00 13:45 – 16:30	049 843 1056
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Die verslae, sowel as die meegaande aanhangsels, is ook beskikbaar op SIVEST se webwerf: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, klik op *Downloads* en soek dan vir die legger '15324 Umsobomvu PV and Grid'.

Ons dank u byvoorbaat vir u aktiewe en betekenisvolle bydrae tot die OIE en openbare deelnameproses.

Die uwe

Stephan Jacobs  
Omgewingskonsultant  
**SIVEST Environmental**

Your reference:

Our reference: 15324

Date: 26 July 2019

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party,

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES**

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Please note that SiVEST SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) for the abovementioned projects.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that, in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended), the Draft Scoping Reports (DSRs) for the above mentioned projects will be available for public comment and review as from **Friday 26 July 2019 to Monday 26 August 2019** (end of business day). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DSRs (on CD) please forward your request in writing to us. Comments can be submitted to:

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We would like to thank you in anticipation of your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA and public participation process.

Yours faithfully

Stephan Jacobs  
Environmental Consultant  
**SiVEST Environmental**

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**Africa** Port Louis (Mauritius)

U verwysing:

Ons verwysing: 15324

Datum: 16 Oktober 2019

Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party / Belanghebbende,

**OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGS (OIE'S) VIR DIE BEOOGDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DRIE (3) FOTOVOLTAÏESE (FV) SONKRAGANLEGTE EN VERWANTE INFRASTRUKTUUR NABY NOUPOORT EN MIDDELBURG IN DIE NOORD- EN OOS-KAAPPROVINSIE**

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- **AANVAARDING VAN FINALE BESTEKOPNAMEVERSLAE (FBV'S) DEUR DIE DEPARTEMENT VAN OMGEWINGSAKE (DOS)**

Ons wil graag hierdie geleentheid gebruik om u in kennis te stel dat die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS) die Finale Bestekopnameverslae (FBV's) aanvaar het en die Studieplanne vir die Omgewingsimpakevaluerings (OIE's) van die bogenoemde projekte goedgekeur het.

Neem asseblief kennis dat Engelse en Afrikaanse OIE-nuusbriewe hierdie kennisgewingbrief vergesel.

Ons dank u byvoorbaat vir u aktiewe en betekenisvolle bydrae tot die OIE en Openbare Deelnameprosesse.

Die uwe



Stephan Jacobs  
Omgewingskonsultant  
**SIVEST Environmental**

Your reference:

Our reference: 15324

Date: 16 October 2019

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

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  - **PAARDE VALLEY SOLAR PV – (DEA Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1136)**
- **ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL SCOPING REPORTS (FSRs) BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (DEA)**

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has accepted the Final Scoping Reports (FSRs) and approved the Plans of Study (PoS) for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Phases of the above-mentioned projects.

Please be advised that English and Afrikaans EIA Newsletters accompany this notification letter.

We would like to thank you in anticipation of your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA and public participation processes.

Yours faithfully



Stephan Jacobs  
Environmental Consultant  
**SiVEST Environmental**



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND BASIC ASSESSMENT (BA) PROCESSES FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOOI PLAATS AND WONDERHEUVEL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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**FOCUS GROUP MEETING (FGM): AGENDA**

**Tuesday 26 November 2019 from 14h00 – 16h00**

**Noupoort Combined School Hall  
Pretorius Street  
Noupoort**

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

- provide feedback on the environmental findings as documented in the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIAs) and Draft Basic Assessment Reports (DBARs);
- provide feedback on the mitigation measures recommended as documented in the draft Environmental Management Programmes (EMPs);
- provide the opportunity to raise any questions for clarifications regarding the environmental findings;
- provide the opportunity to raise any comments and/or concerns not yet raised regarding this proposed projects; and
- record your comments and/or concerns raised at the FGM.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Facilitators:** Liandra Scott-Shaw, Stephan acobs

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES	Stephan acobs
PURPOSE AND PROCESS OF THE MEETING	Stephan acobs
BAC GROUND TO THE PROPOSED PROJECTS	Stephan acobs
ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND FINDINGS	Stephan acobs
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WAY FORWARD & CLOSURE	Stephan acobs

**OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGS (OIE'S) EN BASIESE EVALUERINGS (BE's) VIR DIE BEOOGDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE MOOI PLAATS EN WONDERHEUVEL FOTOVOLTAÏESE (FV) SONKRAGAAANLEGTE EN VERWANTE INFRASTRUKTUUR NABY NOUPOORT IN DIE NOORD-KAAPROVINSIE**

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  - WONDERHEUVEL ROOSTER – (DO-verw. No.: Moet nog Toegeken Word)

**VERGADERING: AGENDA**

**Dinsdag 26 November 2019 van 14h00 – 14h00**

**Noupoort Gekombineerde Skoolsaal  
Pretoriusstraat  
Noupoort**

**DOEL VAN DIE VERGADERING**

- 'n kort / opsommende oorsig oor die voorgestelde projekte aan te bied;
- terugvoering te gee rakende die omgewingsbevindinge soos vervat in die konsep Omgewingsimpakevaluering Verslae en konsep Basiese Assesseringsverslae, en die aanbevole versagtende maatrels soos vervat in die konsep Omgewingsbestuursprogramme;
- aan u die geleentheid te bied om vrae te vra ter verduideliking betreffende die omgewingsbevindinge;
- aan u die geleentheid te bied om enige kommentaar en/of kwelling wat nog nie rakende die voorgestelde projekte geopper is nie, te oopper; en
- u kommentaar en/of knelpunte wat by die vergadering geopper word, aan te teken.

**KONSEP AGENDA**

**Fasiliteerders:** Liandra Scott-Shaw, Stephan Jacobs

VERWELKOMING, BEWELKOMING & VERWELKOMINGS	Stephan Jacobs
DOEL EN VERLOOP VAN VERGADERING	Stephan Jacobs
AGTERGROND TOT DIE VOORGESTELDE PROEIE	Stephan Jacobs
OMGEWINGSASPEKTE EN -BEVINDINGE	Stephan Jacobs
BESPREKINGSGELEENTHEID	Almal
PROSES VORENTOE & AFSLUITING	Stephan Jacobs

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**PUBLIC MEETING: AGENDA**

**Tuesday 26 November 2019 from 16h30 – 18h30**

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Pretorius Street  
Noupoort**

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**OPENBAREVERGADERING: AGENDA**

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Ons verwysing: 15324

Datum: 22 November 2019

Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party / Belanghebbende,

**OMGEWINGSIMPAAKEVALUERINGS (OIE'S) VIR DIE BEOOGDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DRIE (3) FOTOVOLTAÏESE (FV) SONKRAGAANLEGTE EN VERWANTE INFRASTRUKTUUR NABY NOUPOORT EN MIDDELBURG IN DIE NOORD- EN OOS-KAAPPROVINSIES**

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Ons wil graag van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om u in te lig dat die onsemp Omgewingsimpak-evalueringsverslae ( OIEVs) vir die bogenoemde voorgestelde ontwikkelings saamgestel was, met inagneming van die kwessies en kommentaar wat deur Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Partye, Staatsorgane / Owerhede, Grondeienaars en Belanghebbendes opgewek was, en die OIEVs was op Vrydag 22 November 2019 aan die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS) ingedien vir oorweging.

Ingevolge die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA) (Wet No. 107 van 1998) (soos gewysig) en die OIE-regulasies 2014 (soos gewysig), sal die OIEVs vir die bogenoemde voorgestelde ontwikkelings vanaf **Vrydag 22 November 2019 tot Maandag 13 Januarie 2019** (teen sluitingstyd) beskikbaar wees vir openbare kommentaar en insae vir n tydperk van 30 dae (uitgesonderd openbare vakansiedae en die DOS se sluitingstydperk). As u elektroniese kopies van die OIEVs (op CD) wil ontvang, moet u dit asseblief skriftelik by ons versoek. ommentaar kan soos volg ingedien word:

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Vriendelike groete,

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Stephan acobs



Omgewingskonsultant  
**SiVEST Omgewingsafdeling**

Your reference:

Our reference: 15324

Date: 22 November 2019

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We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIARs) for the above-mentioned proposed developments have been compiled, taking into consideration the issues and concerns raised by Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs), Organs of State (OoS) / Authorities, Landowners and Stakeholders, and the DEIARs were submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on Friday 22 November 2019.

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the DEIARs for the above-mentioned proposed developments will be available for public comment and review for a 30-day period (excluding public holidays and the DEA's closure period) as from **Friday 22 November 2019 to Monday 13 January 2020** (end of business day). Should you wish to receive an electronic copy of the DEIARs (on CD), please forward your request in writing to us. Comments can be submitted as follows:

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Yours faithfully,

Stephan acobs



Environmental Consultant  
**SIVEST Environmental**



U verwysing:  
Ons verwysing: 15324  
Datum: 08 anuarie 2020

Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party / Belanghebbende,

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Neem asseblief kennis dat die onsep Omgewingsimpak-evalueringsverslae ( OIEVs) vir die bogenoemde projekte vanaf **Vrydag 22 November 2019** tot **Maandag 13 Januarie 2020** (teen sluitingstyd) beskikbaar gestel is vir openbare oorsig en kommentaar. Die oorsig- en kommentaarperiode vir die bogenoemde projekte eindig dus op **Maandag 13 Januarie 2020** (teen sluitingstyd).

Indien u enige kommentaar het, kan u die kantoor vir openbare deelname kontak met die onderstaande besonderhede:

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Ons dank u byvoorbaat vir u aktiewe en betekenisvolle bydrae tot die OIE en Openbare Deelnameprosesse.

Vriendelike groete,

Stephan acobs



Omgewingskonsultant  
**SiVEST Omgewingsafdeling**

Your reference:

Our reference: 15324

Date: 08 anuary 2020

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

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Please note that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIARs) for the above-mentioned projects have been made available for public review and comment from **Friday 22 November 2019** to **Monday 13 January 2020** (end of business day). The review and comment period for the above-mentioned projects therefore ends on **Monday 13 January 2020** (end of business day).

Should you have any comments, please feel free to contact the public participation office at the details below:

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We would like to thank you in anticipation of your active and meaningful contribution to the EIA and public participation process.

Yours faithfully,

Stephan acobs



Environmental Consultant  
**SiVEST Environmental**

U verwysing:  
Ons verwysing 15324  
Datum 17 Oktober 2019

Geagte Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP) / Belanghebber

## **OMGEWINGSIMPAKEVALUERINGS (OIE'S) VIR DIE BEOOGDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DRIE (3) FOTOVOLTAÏESE (FV) SONKRAGAAANLEGTE EN VERWANTE INFRASTRUKTUUR NABY NOUPOORT EN MIDDELBURG IN DIE NOORD- EN OOS-KAAPPROVINSIE**

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### **OIE-NUUSBRIEF**

Ons vertrou dat u, as 'n geregistreerde Belangstellende en/of Geaffekteerde Party (B&GP)/Belanghebber, die openbare dokumente ontvang het wat tot op hede versprei is betreffende die Omgewingsimpakevalueringprosesse (OIE-prosesse) wat aan die gang is vir die beoogde ontwikkeling van die drie (3) Fotovoltaïese (FV) Sonkragaanlegte en Verwante Infrastruktuur naby Noupoot en Middelburg in die Noord- en Oos- aapprovinsie (naamlik die Mooi Plaats FV-sonkrag-, Wonderheuvel FV-sonkrag- en Paarde Valley FV-sonkragaanleg). As u nie die openbare dokumente ontvang het nie, moet u ons asseblief kontak deur die besonderhede te gebruik wat aan onder-aan die dokument verskyn.

Die OIE-nuusbrief poog om u 'n begrip van die FV-sonkragaanlegte en die onderskeie OIE-prosesse, insluitend die Openbare Deelnameproses (PPP) te gee. ennis moet gedra word dat, hoewel die FV-kragaanlegte en verwante elektriese infrastruktuur afsonderlik ge valueer sal word, 'n enkele openbare deelnameproses vir al die beoogde ontwikkelings d.i. drie (3) FV-sonkragaanleg Omgewingsimpakevaluering (OIE's) en drie (3) roosterkonneksie Basiese Evaluering (BE's)] onderneem word. Die eerste fase van die OIE-prosesse (d.i. die Omgewingsbestekopname-evaluering) vir die drie (3) beoogde FV-sonkragaanlegte is afgehandel en die aanvanklike spesialisevaluering en die beoogde OIE-prosesse is in die Finale Bestekopnameverslae (FBV's) vervat. Die FBV's en die stuwende dokumente, insluitend die Planne van Studie (PvS) vir die OIE-fases, is op Vrydag, 6 September 2019 by die Departement van Omgewingsake (DO) ingedien vir oorsig en aanvaarding.

Die DO het die FBV's op 8 Oktober 2019 aanvaar en verklaar dat die Departement tevrede was met die inhoud van die FBV's, asook die inhoud van die PvS vir die OIE-fases van die beoogde ontwikkelings, aangesien dit voldoen aan die vereistes van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA) se OIE-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig).

### **1. KORT OORSIG VAN DIE BESTEKOPNAMEFASE**

Die drie (3) beoogde FV-sonkragaanlegte en verwante elektriese infrastruktuur is onderskeidelik sowat 18 km suidwes van Noupoot en sowat 21 km noordwes van Middelburg in die Noord- en Oos- aapprovinsie gele . Daarbenewens sal elk van die beoogde sonkrag FV-kragaanlegte oor die volgende maksimum opwekkingsvermo ns beskik:

- Mooi Plaats FV-sonkrag 400 MW;
- Wonderheuvel FV-sonkrag 480 MW;
- Paarde Valley FV-sonkrag 700 MW.

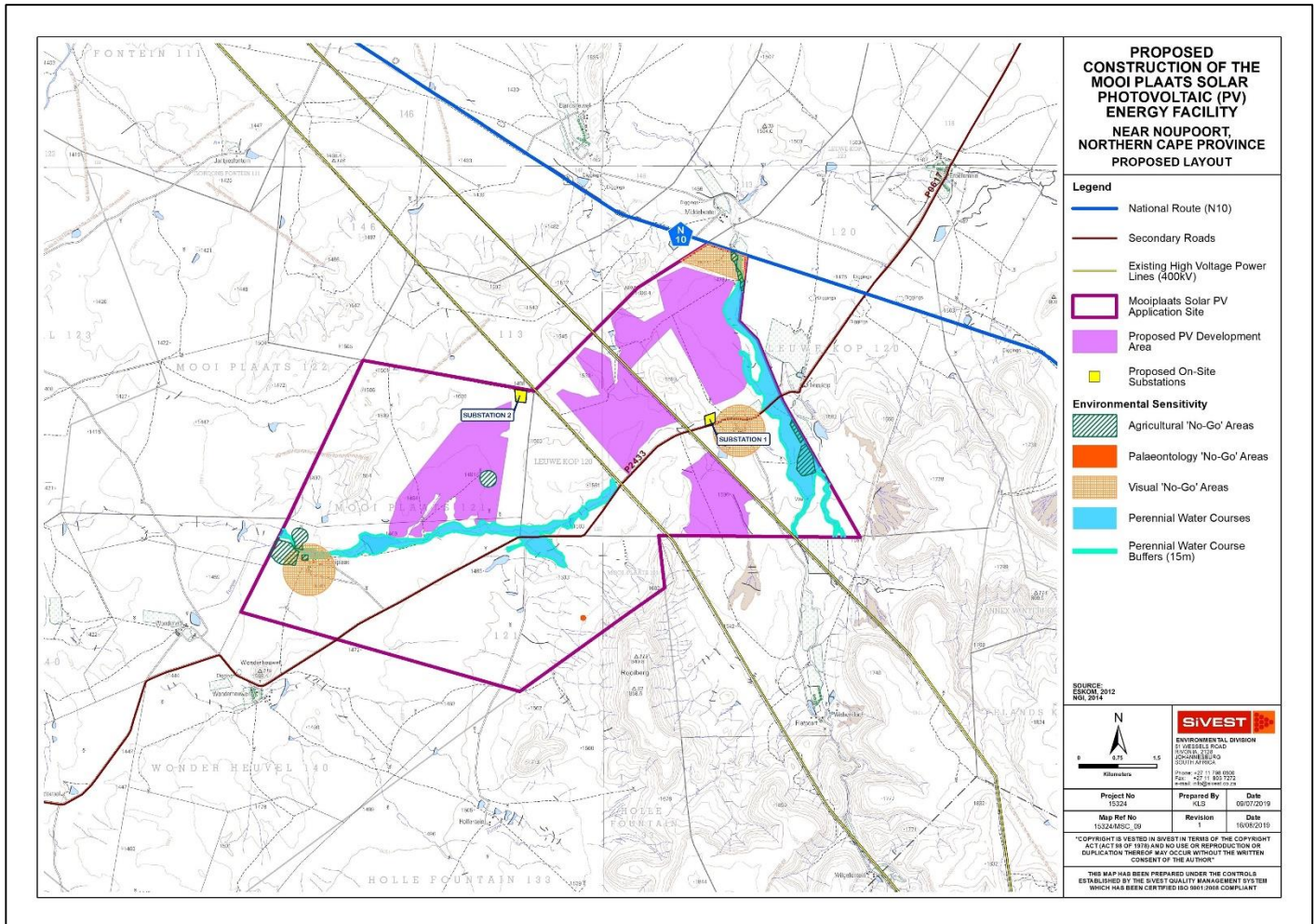
Die onderskeie Omgewingsbestekopname studies het die potensiële omgewingsimpakte (positief en negatief) wat met alle aspekte van die beoogde projekte verband hou, geïdentifiseer en geëvalueer. Ingevolge die OIE-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig), is *haalbare en redelike* alternatiewe ook in die FBV's bespreek. Geen uitlegalternatiewe is egter in die FBV's geïdentifiseer of vergelykend geëvalueer nie. Alle uitlegalternatiewe is voorgelê en breedvoerig in die beoogde ontwikkelingsfase OIE-fases ondersoek en geëvalueer, en die uitslae van die vergelykende evaluering van alternatiewe sal voorsien word in die Konsep Omgewingsimpaktevalueringverslae (KOIEv's). Tydens die bestekopnamefase is die voorlopige FV-ontwikkelingsgebiede wat deur die applikant oorweeg is voor die indiening van die Konsep Bestekopnameverslae (KBV's)] vergelykend geëvalueer met die beoogde FV-ontwikkelingsgebiede (wat toegelig is deur die geïdentifiseerde sensitiewe gebiede) ten einde te bevestig dat hierdie vanuit 'n omgewingsperspektief 'verkie' word. Tot op hede is die volgende spesialisstudies afgehandel:

Spesialisstudie	Name	Instansie
Terrestriese Ekologie Impakevaluering	David Hoare	David Hoare Consulting
Avifauna Impakevaluering (insluitend voorkonstruksie monitoring)	Chris van Rooyen	Chris van Rooyen Consulting
Impakevaluering op Oppervlakwater	Stephen Burton	SIVEST
Vervoer-impakevaluering	Merchand Le Maitre en Richard Hirst	SIVEST
Visuele Impakevaluering	erry Swart en Andrea Gibb	SIVEST
Paleontologiese Impakevaluering	Elië Butler	Banai Environmental (Edms.) Bpk. vir PGS Heritage
Maatskaplike Impakevaluering	Neville Bews	Dr. Neville Bews & Genote
antoorgebode Landbou- en Grondimpakevaluering	ohann Lan	Privaat – ohann Lan Grondwetenskaplike
Erfenis-, Argeologie- en kultuurlandskap-impakevaluering	Wouter Fourie	PGS Heritage (Edms.) Bpk.
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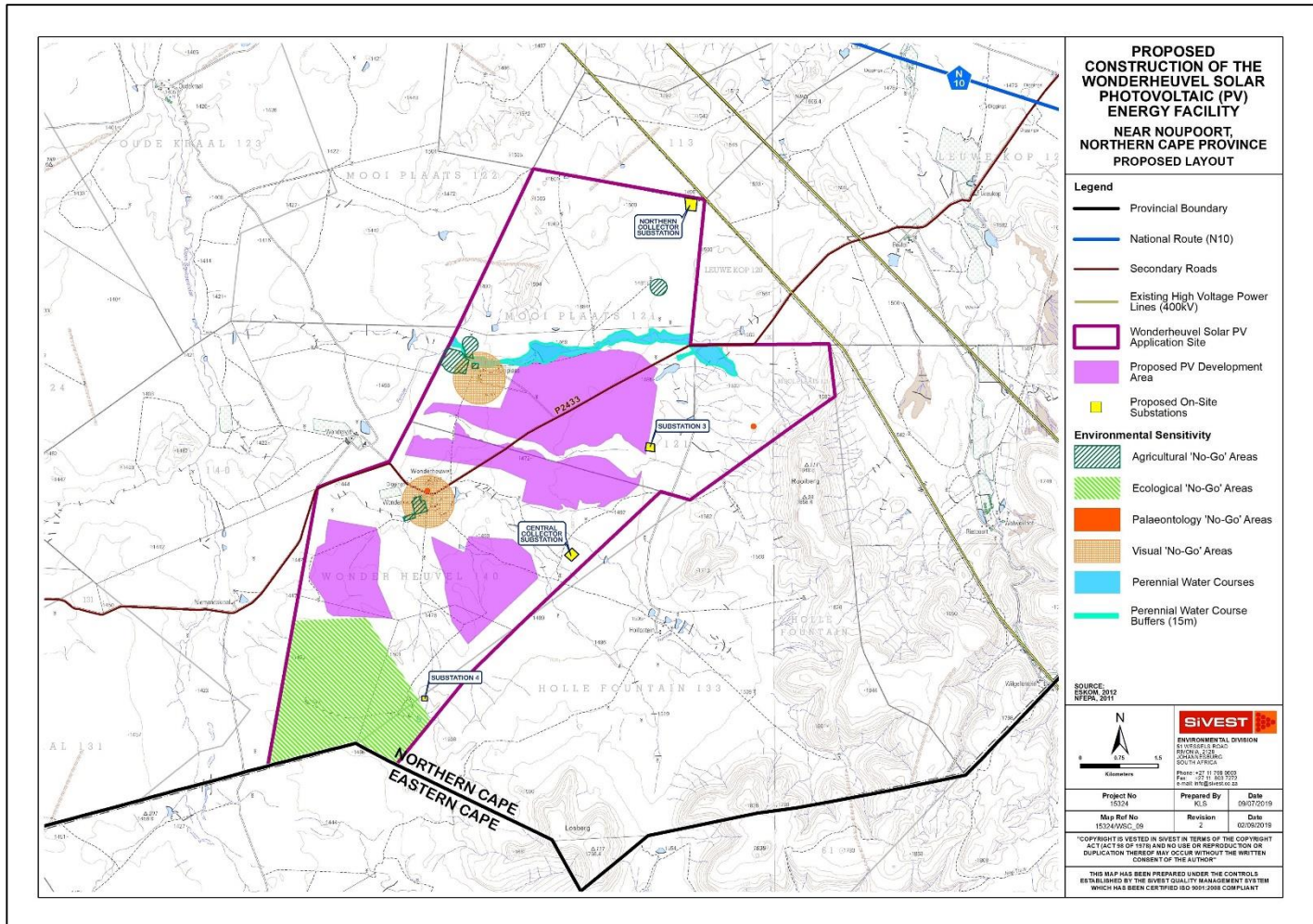
In die bestekopnamefase, het die spesialiste die volledige aansoekterreine geëvalueer. Op grond van die bevindinge van die Bestekopnamefase se spesialisvaluering, is 'n paar potensiële sensitiewe gebiede in die onderskeie aansoekterreine geïdentifiseer. Hierdie sensitiewe gebiede is daarna gebruik om die gebiede toe te lig vir die potensiële oprigting van FV-panele in die aansoekterreine (waarna verwys word as beoogde FV-ontwikkelingsgebiede). Die FV-ontwikkelingsgebiede en ander uitlegte sal in die OIE-fase geëvalueer word.

**Figuur 1 – Figuur 3** hieronder beeld die beoogde FV-ontwikkelingsgebiede vir die onderskeie FV-sonkragaanlegte uit wat toegelig is deur sensitiewe gebiede in die Bestekopnamefase en wat verder in die OIE-fase geëvalueer sal word.

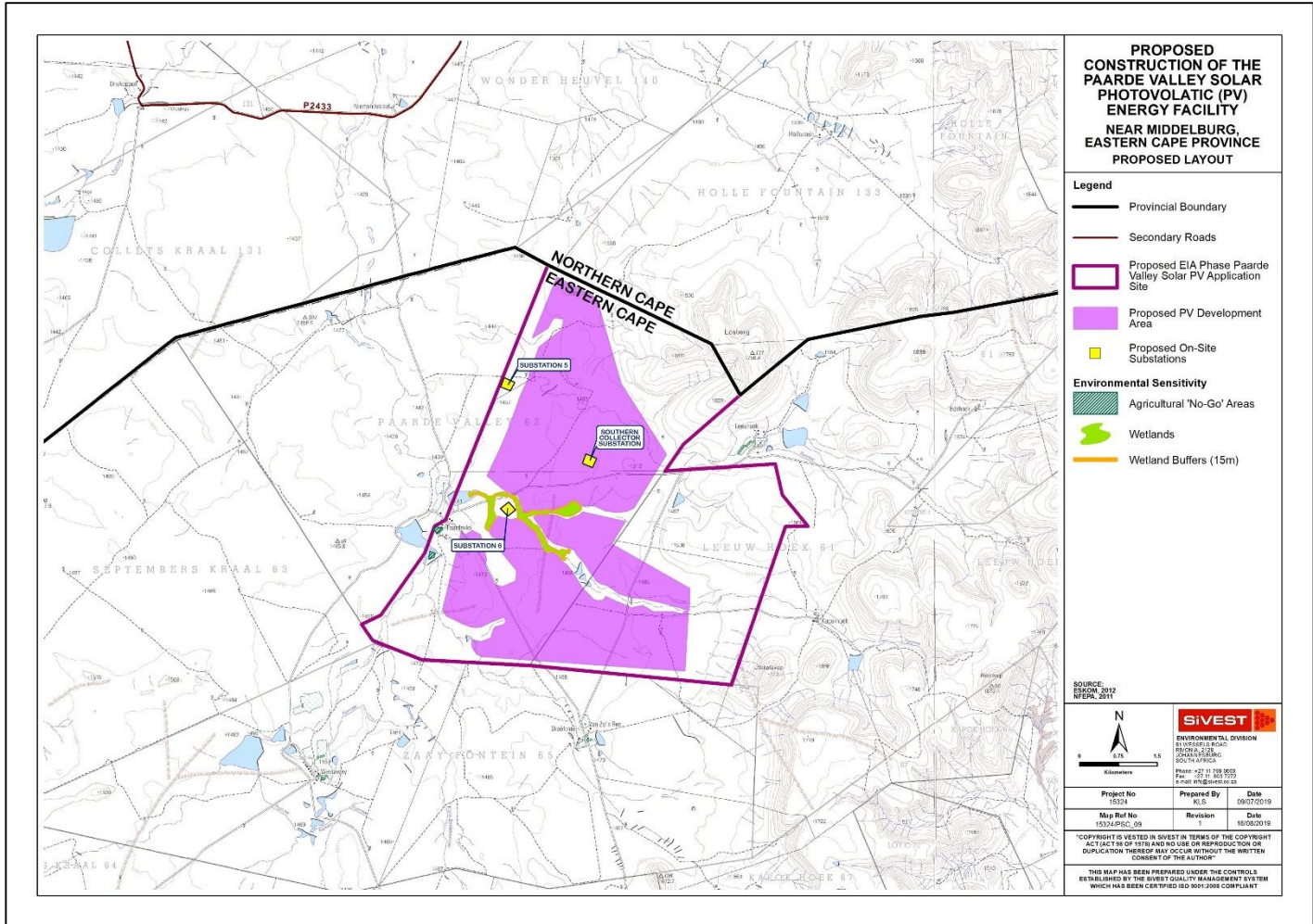
**Figuur 4** hieronder beeld al drie (3) die beoogde FV-kragaanlegaansoekterreine en hul verwante elektriese infrastruktuur (d.i. 132 kV kraglyne) uit wat in die Bestekopnamefase geëvalueer is.



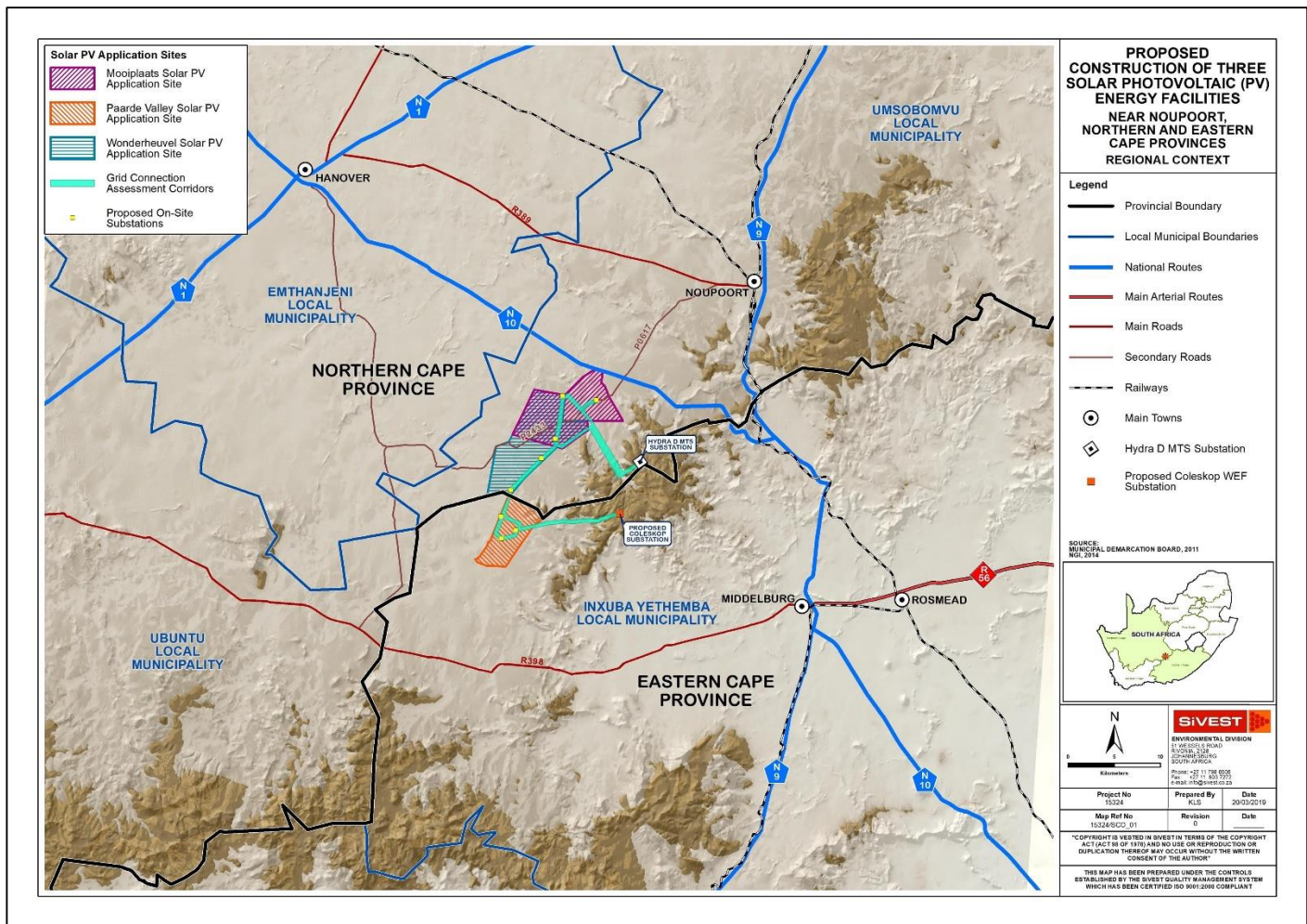
**Figuur 1: Beoogde FV-ontwikkelingsgebied ten opsigte van omgewingsensitiewe gebiede – Mooi Plaats FV-sonkrag**



**Figuur 2: Beoogde FV-ontwikkelingsgebied ten opsigte van omgewingsensitiewe gebiede – Wonderheuveld FV-sonkrag**



**Figuur 3: Beoogde FV-ontwikkelingsgebied ten opsigte van omgewingsensitiewe gebiede – Paarde Valley FV-sonkrag**



**Figuur 4: Streekskonteks van die Mooi Plaats-, Wonderheuvel- en Paarde Valley FV-sonkragaanleg en Verwante Elektriese Infrastruktuur**

## 2. IMPAKFASE

In-diepte OIE-vlak omgewingsevaluering is tussen anuarie 2019 en Augustus 2019 deur die verskeie omgewingspesialiste onderneem. Die voorkonstruksie Avifaunamonitering het 'n aanvang geneem voor die OIE's en is onderneem vir 'n tydperk van ses (6) maande ten einde impakte te bepaal.

Tydens die OIE-fase, sal die onderskeie Konsep Omgewingsimpakverslae (KOIEV's) en onsepp Omgewingsbestuursprogramme (OBPr'e) beskikbaar gestel word vir openbare insae en kommentaar vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae soos afgekondig in die OIE-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig), en ook voor die onderskeie Finale Omgewingsimpakevalueringverslae (FOIEV's) by die DO ingedien word.



### 3. OMGEWINGSKWESSIES WAT TYDENS DIE OIE-FASE ONDERSOEK MOET WORD

Op grond van die bevindinge tydens die Bestekopnamefase van die onderskeie beoogde ontwikkelings, is verskeie omgewingsparameters geïdentifiseer wat verdere ondersoek tydens die OIE-fases vir die beoogde ontwikkelings sal verg, soos volg:

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Die bogenoemde spesialisewaluerings sal bygewerk/hersien word om 'n oorsig van die bevindinge ingevolge die FV-ontwikkelingsgebiede wat deur die Bestekopnamefase se sensitiewe gebiede bepaal is; die gedetailleerde terreinuitlegte wat geïdentifiseer sal word vir ewaluering in die OIE-fases; 'n vergelykende ewaluering van die uitleg-alternatiewe in te sluit en deur enige kommentaar of knelpunte aan te spreek wat uit die openbare deelnameproses voortspruit. N die antoorgebonde Erfeniseewaluering, is vasgestel dat verdere standbepaling in die veld onderneem sal moet word deur 'n argeologiese deurloop. Hierdie standbepaling in die veld is gevolglik in Augustus 2019 onderneem. Die bygewerkte spesialisimpakeewalueringverslae, insluitend die Erfenisimpakeewalueringverslag met resultate van die veldwerk, sal in die OIEv voorsien word.

### 4. OIE-PROSES WAT GEVOLG MOET WORD

Die prosesse wat tydens die OIE-fases van die onderskeie OIE-prosesse gevolg sal word, word in **Figuur 5** hieronder geïllustreer.



**Figuur 5: Diagram van OIE-proses**

**5. OPENBARE DEELNAME- EN RAADPLEGINGSPROSES**

Openbare betrokkenheid is een (1) van die hoekstene van 'n doeltreffende OIE-proses aangesien dit u kommentaar is wat waarde toevoeg tot die omgewingsprosesse. Daarom versoek ons u weereens om aktief deel te neem aan hierdie fase van die onderskeie OIE-prosesse aangesien u kennis van die plaaslike gebied waardevol sal wees vir die verskeie spesialisstudies wat insette in die projekte bied.

Die openbare deelnamebedrywighede wat in die OIE-fases gevolg sal word, word in **Figuur 6** hieronder ge illustreer.



**Figuur 6: Diagram van OIE-fase openbare deelnamebedrywighede**

## 6. WEG VORENTOE

Neem asseblief kennis dat openbare betrokkenheid 'n wedersydse kommunikasie- en raadplegingsproses is, en ons versoek u vriendelik as 'n B&GP/Belanghebber of moontlike geaffekteerde grondeienaar om:

- ons te voorsien van die kontakbesonderhede van u bure, vriend(e) of familielid (-lede) wat u glo oor die beoogde projekte ingelig moet word; of
- aan hulle ons kontakbesonderhede te verstrek en vra dat hulle direk met ons in verbinding tree.

Die openbare deelnameproses is 'n deurlopende proses regdeur die onderskeie OIE-prosesse. U sal derhalwe aan die hand van persoonlike korrespondensie en 'n advertensie op hoogte gehou word van die verskillende stadiums van die OIE's.


Ons maak ook van hierdie geleentheid gebruik om u te verwittig dat vergaderings in November 2019 gehou sal word in Noupoot en Middelburg, Noord- en Oos- aapprovinsie onderskeidelik. Sodra die logistiek vir hierdie vergaderings gefinaliseer is, sal u as geregistreerde B&GP/belanghebber/grondeienaar genooi word en/of in kennis gestel word van die onderskeie vergaderings.

Sou u, tydens die OIE-fases, enige verdere inligting verlang of kommentaar betreffende die spesialisstudies oor enige en/of al die beoogde projekte wil indien, kan u u insette skriftelik aan die Openbare Deelnamekantoor hieronder stuur deur die besonderhede wat hieronder gegee word. As u projekspesifieke kommentaar wil indien, spesifiseer asseblief die naam van die projek (d.i. *Mooi Plaats- / Wonderheuvel- / Paarde Valley- FV-sonkrag*) of voorsien die DO-verwysingsnommer (wat op bladsy 1 verskyn) tesame met u kommentaar. Ons sien uit na u bydraes.



**Ons sien uit na u bydraes.**

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Date 17 October 2019

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### **EIA NEWSLETTER**

We trust that you, as a registered Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / stakeholder, have received the public documents that have been distributed to date regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes that are underway for the proposed development of the three (3) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities and Associated Infrastructure near Noupoort and Middelburg in the Northern and Eastern Cape Provinces (namely Mooi Plaats Solar PV, Wonderheuvel Solar PV and Paarde Valley Solar PV). If you have not received the public documents, please contact us using the details provided at the end of the document.

This EIA Newsletter aims to facilitate your understanding of the solar PV energy facilities and the respective EIA processes, including the Public Participation Process (PPP). It should be noted that although the solar PV energy facilities and associated electrical infrastructure will be assessed separately, a single public participation process is being undertaken for all the proposed developments i.e. three (3) solar PV energy facility Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and three (3) grid connection Basic Assessments (BAs). The first phase of the EIA processes (i.e. the Environmental Scoping Assessments) for the three (3) proposed solar PV energy facilities have been completed, and the initial specialist assessments and the proposed EIA processes have been captured in the Final Scoping Reports (FSRs). The FSRs and the supporting documents, including the Plans of Study (PoS) for the EIA phases, were submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for review and acceptance on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.

The DEA accepted the FSRs on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 and stated that the Department was satisfied with the contents of the FSRs as well as the contents in the PoS for the EIA phases of the proposed developments, as they comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

### **1. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE SCOPING PHASE**

The three (3) proposed solar PV energy facilities and associated electrical infrastructure are located approximately 18km south-west of Noupoort and approximately 21km north-west of Middelburg, in the Northern and Eastern Cape

Provinces respectively. In addition, each proposed solar PV energy facility will have the following maximum generation capacity:

- Mooi Plaats Solar PV 400MW.
- Wonderheuvel Solar PV 480MW.
- Paarde Valley Solar PV 700MW.

The respective Environmental Scoping Studies identified and evaluated the potential environmental impacts (positive and negative) associated with all aspects of the proposed projects. In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), *feasible and reasonable* alternatives were also discussed within the FSRs. However, no layout alternatives were identified or comparatively assessed in the FSRs. All layout alternatives will be presented and extensively investigated and assessed in the EIA phases of the proposed developments, and the results of the comparative assessment of alternatives will be provided in the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIAs). During the scoping phase the preliminary PV development areas which were considered by the applicant prior to the submission of the Draft Scoping Reports (DSRs) were comparatively assessed with the proposed PV development areas (which were informed by the identified sensitive areas) in order to confirm that these would be ‘preferred’ from an environmental perspective. To date the following specialist studies have been completed:

Specialist Study	Name	Organisation
Terrestrial Ecology Impact Assessment	David Hoare	David Hoare Consulting
Avifauna Impact Assessment (including pre-construction monitoring)	Chris van Rooyen	Chris van Rooyen Consulting
Surface Water Impact Assessment	Stephen Burton	SiVEST
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Desktop Geotechnical Impact Assessment	Salversan ullen	G Afrika

In the scoping phase, the specialists assessed the entire application sites. Based on the findings of the scoping phase specialist assessments, a few potentially sensitive areas were identified within the respective application sites. These sensitive areas were subsequently used to inform the areas for the potential erection of PV panels within the application sites (referred to as proposed PV development areas). The PV development areas and other layouts will be assessed in the EIA phase.

**Figure 1 – Figure 3** below show the proposed PV development areas for the respective solar PV energy facilities which were informed by sensitive areas in the scoping phase and which will be further assessed in the EIA phase.

Figure 4 below shows all three (3) of the proposed solar PV energy facility application sites and their associated electrical infrastructure (i.e. 132kV power lines), which were assessed in the scoping phase.

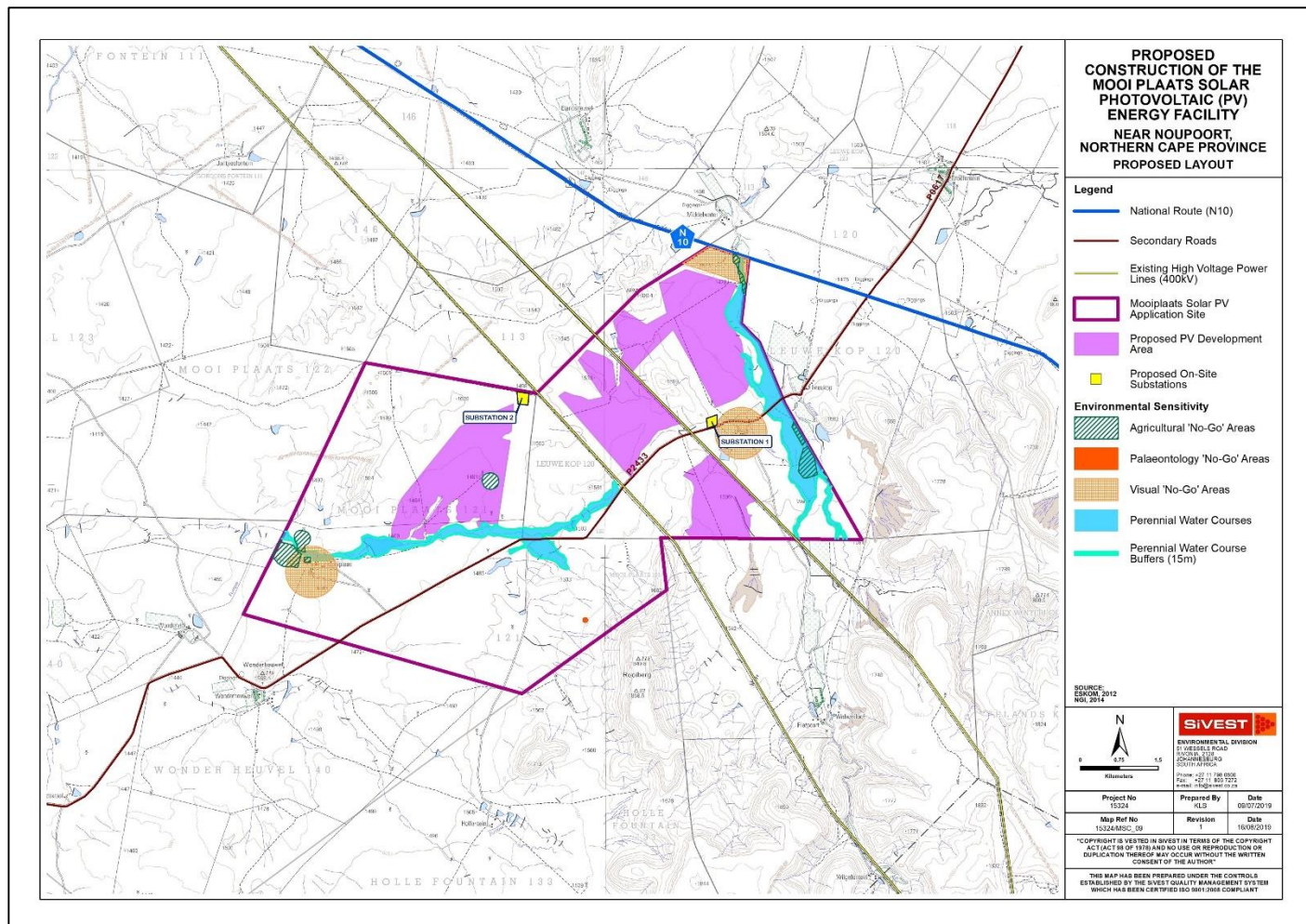
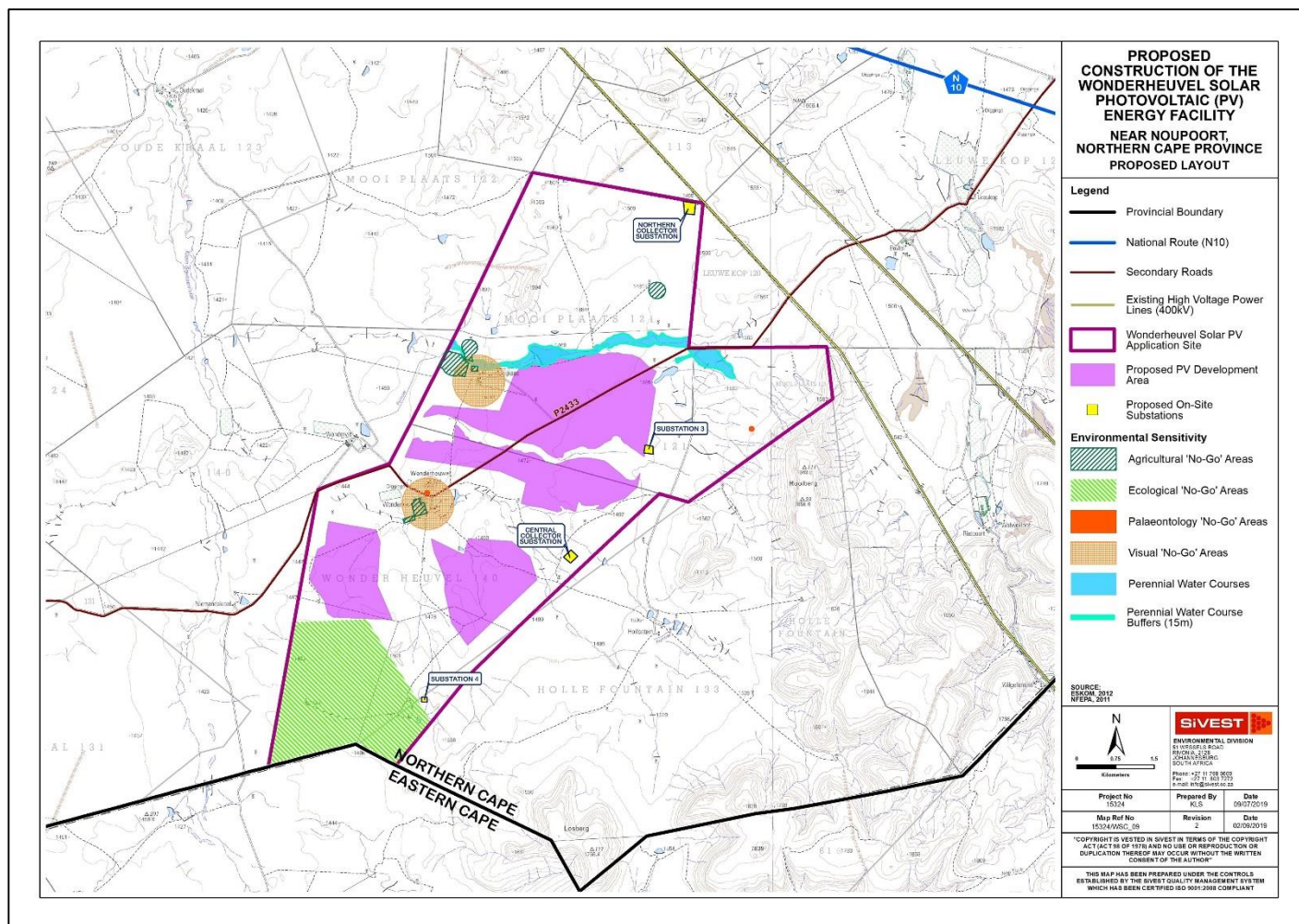
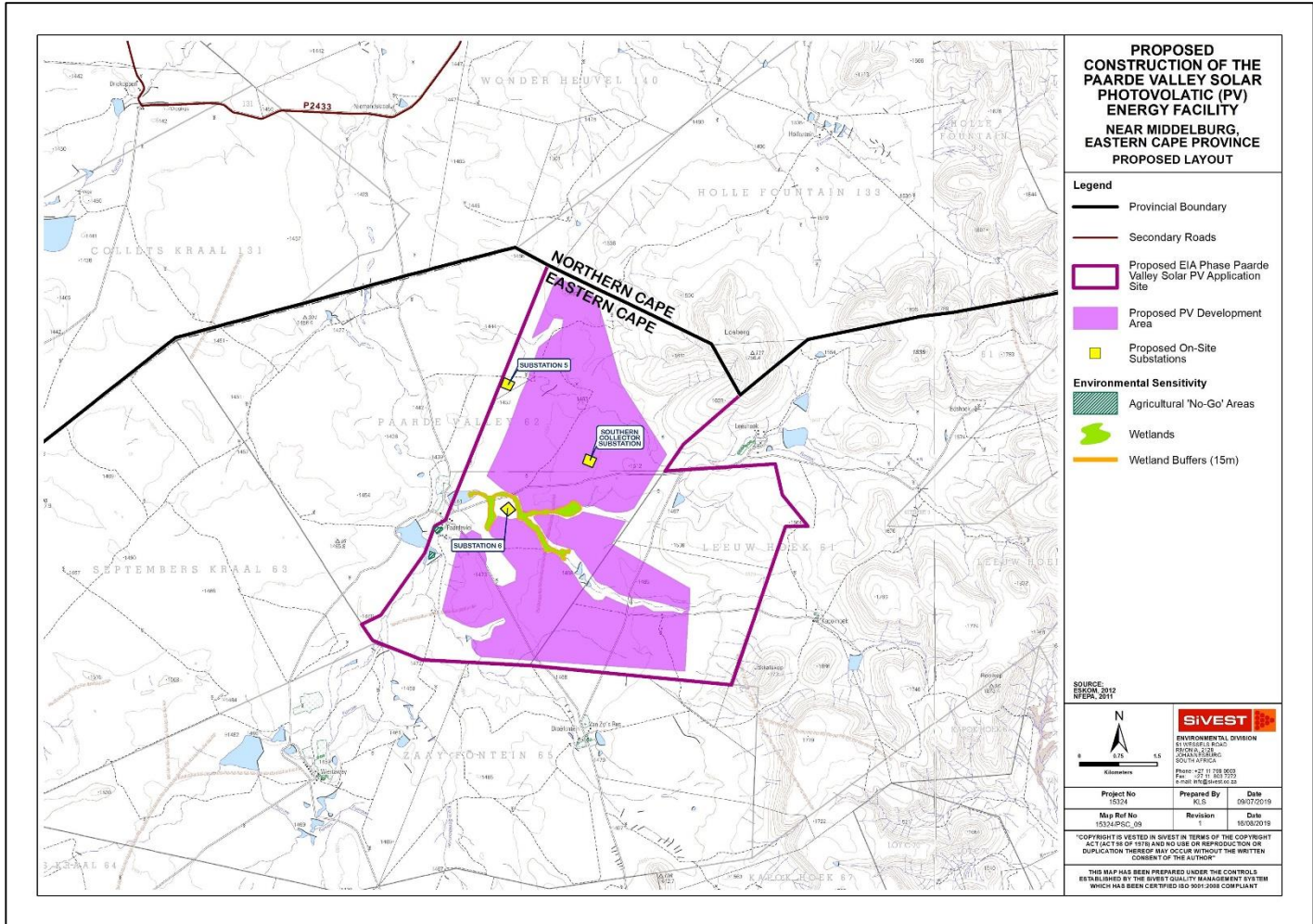


Figure 1: Proposed PV development area in relation to environmental sensitive areas - Mooi Plaats Solar PV

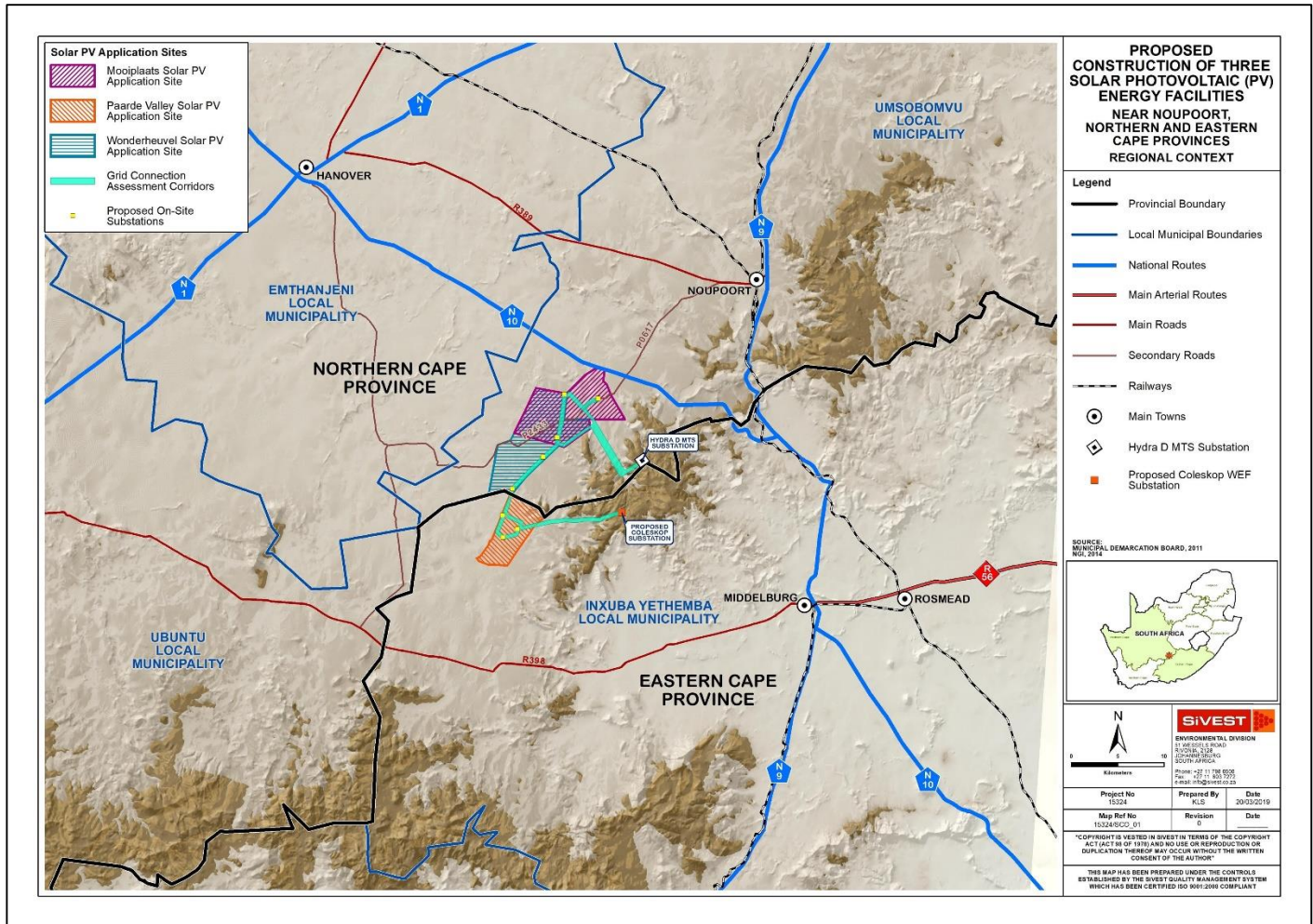


**Figure 2: Proposed PV development area in relation to environmental sensitive areas - Wonderheuveld Solar PV**





**Figure 3: Proposed PV development area in relation to environmental sensitive areas – Paarde Valley Solar PV**



**Figure 4: Regional context of Mooi Plaats, Wonderheuveld and Paarde Valley Solar PV Energy Facilities and Associated Electrical Infrastructure**

## 2. IMPACT PHASE

In-depth EIA level environmental assessments were conducted by the various environmental specialists between January 2019 and August 2019. The pre-construction Avifauna monitoring commenced prior to the EIAs and was undertaken for a period of six (6) months in order to determine impacts.

During the EIA Phase, the respective Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (DEIARs) and Draft Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs) will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days as legislated in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and also before the respective Final Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (FEIARs) are submitted to the DEA.

### 3. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BE INVESTIGATED DURING THE EIA PHASE

Based on the findings during the Scoping Phase of the respective proposed developments, various environmental parameters have been identified that will require further investigation during the EIA phases for the proposed developments, as follows:

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The above-mentioned specialist assessments will be updated/revised to include a review of the findings in accordance with the PV development areas determined by the scoping phase sensitive areas; the detailed site layouts to be identified for assessment in the EIA phases; a comparative assessment of the layout alternatives provided and by addressing any comments or concerns arising from the public participation process. Following the Desktop Heritage Assessment, it was identified that further field truthing will need to be undertaken through an archaeological walk down. This field truthing was subsequently undertaken in August 2019. The updated specialist impact assessment reports, including the Heritage Impact Assessment Report with results from the fieldwork, will be provided with the DEIAr.

### 4. EIA PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED

The processes that will be followed during the EIA Phases of the respective EIA processes are illustrated in **Figure 5** below.

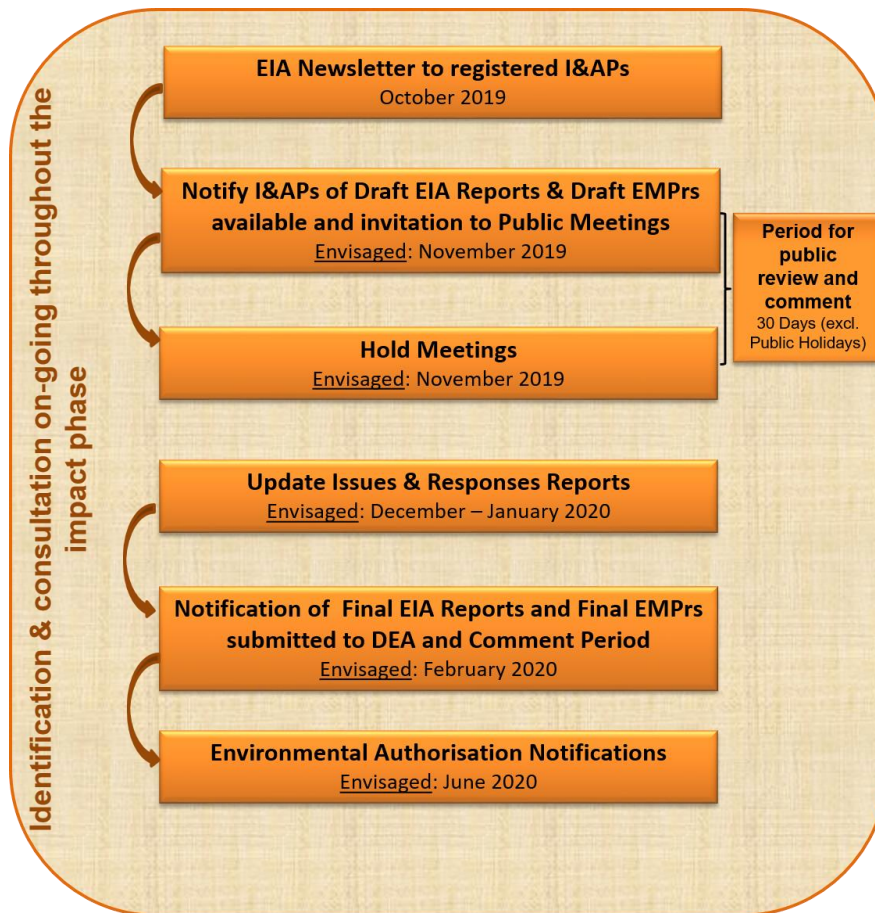


**Figure 5: EIA process diagram**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Public involvement is one (1) of the cornerstones of an effective EIA process as it is your comments that add value to the environmental processes. We therefore, once again, request your active participation in this phase of the respective EIA processes, as your knowledge of the local area will be valuable to the various specialist studies that provide input into the projects.

The public participation activities that will be followed in EIA Phases are illustrated in **Figure 6** below.



**Figure 6: EIA phase public participation activities diagram**

## 6. WAY FORWARD

Please note that public involvement is a two-way communication and consultation process and we kindly request that you as an I&AP / stakeholder or possibly affected landowner:

- provide us with the contact details of your neighbor(s), friend(s) or family member(s) who you believe should be informed regarding the proposed projects; or
- provide them with our contact details and advise that they contact us directly.

The public participation process is an on-going process throughout the respective EIA processes. You will therefore be informed through personal correspondence and an advertisement of the various stages of the EIAs.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that meetings will be held in Noupoort and Middelburg, Northern and Eastern Cape Provinces respectively. As soon as the logistics for these meetings have been finalised, you as a registered I&AP / stakeholder / landowner, will be invited and/or notified of the respective meetings.


Should you, during the EIA Phases, require any additional information or wish to submit comments on the specialist studies for any and/or all of the proposed projects, you can forward your inputs, in writing, to the Public Participation


Office as per the details given below. Should you wish to submit project specific comments, please specify the name of the project (i.e. *Mooi Plaats / Wonderheuvel / Paarde Valley Solar PV*) or provide the DEA reference number (found on page 1) along with your comments. We look forward to your contributions.




**We look forward to your contributions**

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