

Appendix F1 – Supporting Documents

Vivienne Thomson

From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 08 September 2020 15:55
To: 'EIAApplications@environment.gov.za'
Subject: Request for password (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)

Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam

Please provide me with a password for online submission of the final basic assessment report and corrected application form for Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153). I have not made any submissions under this project as yet and the password I received on 28 August 2020 (@ugu5t2020) does not work anymore.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 07 September 2020 17:38
To: 'EIAApplications@environment.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)

Importance: High

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Please provide me with a password for online submission of the final basic assessment report and corrected application form for Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153). I have not made any submissions under this project as yet and the password I received on 28 August 2020 (@ugu5t2020) does not work anymore.

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 31 August 2020 09:40
To: 'EIAAdmin'
Cc: 'Ephron Maradwa'; 'Muhammad Essop'
Subject: RE: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

Dear Rhulani

Thank you for your very quick response.

I apologise for sending you my query - I followed the instructions in the email below from EIAApplications dated 28 August 2020 (12:18) which states, **"Please note that this email is for the receipt and processing of online applications only, and is not monitored for responses. All queries must be directed to EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za."**

I also received comments from my case officer for Visserspan Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153) stating that original copies of I&AP interaction must be sent to the Department with the final BAR – hence my question to you regarding hardcopies but you have cleared up that query.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 28 August 2020 14:53
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: Ephron Maradwa <EMaradwa@environment.gov.za>; Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

Dear Vivienne

My understanding is that a password is valid for once instance of use and expires after use. So the password that had been provided will no longer be valid meaning you will need to obtain a new password. You could use one password and upload multiple files in the folder as long as they are correctly labelled for identification purposes. I have copied colleagues in the unit that receives applications so they can assist you. Application related queries must be directed to EIAApplications@environment.gov.za.

The department no longer accepts hard copies of applications and everything is done online.

Kind regards

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2020 14:02
To: EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)
Importance: High

Dear Madam/Sir

As per the email below, I requested a password in four separate emails for the online submission of four separate final BARs. I only received one email response back in reply to my four requests.

Please confirm if the same password must be used for the four separate applications I will be submitting early next week?

Also, could you confirm whether the Department is now also receiving hardcopies of the final BAR, or is everything for final BAR submission still being done online?

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 28 August 2020 12:18
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: RE: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

Dear Vivienne

Kindly note that applications/documents submitted on a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday will be noted as received on the next working day.

N.B. for every new application for Environmental Authorisation or an application for amendment of a valid Environmental Authorisation; where Public Participation must be conducted, it is a requirement of the Department that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) is approved prior to lodging the application (refer to Annexure 2 and 3 of the Directions published on 5 June 2020). Please submit a request for a Pre-application Meeting and attach the PPP for approval, the allocated official will revert back to you.

Submitting an application, including an amendment application, without the necessary approval of the PPP will result in the application not being considered and removed from the system.

You are requested to ensure that you fully comply with the rules for submitting documents to the Department as outlined in the attached gazette as well as the "Process for submitting files to the CD:IEA_062020" document. This is

also attached for ease of reference. If the correct procedure for submitting applications/documents is not followed, or incomplete or unsigned forms are submitted, your application/documents will not be considered and removed from the system.

You are further informed that our application templates have also been amended, and all clients must use the latest templates, which can be found on our website: <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>. Failure to do so will result in your documents being removed from the system.

Please ensure that the document control form is completed and attached to the email, indicating proof of submission.

- ⇒ **Public Participation Plan to be approved, prior to lodging an application or an amendment application. (The PP Plan, as well as the pre-application reference number must be filled in and attached in the application forms (where applicable)).**
- ⇒ **Latest templates from the website used. These templates are dated June 2020.**
- ⇒ **Documents uploaded on system according to “Process for submitting files to the CD:IEA_062020” document.**
- ⇒ **Email sent confirming proof of upload with screenshot.**
- ⇒ **Document control form completed and attached to email.**

If more than one application needs to be submitted, ensure that each application/ documents for application is uploaded separately, and a separate email and document control form is attached per upload.

Please note the Username and Password as follows:

Username: EIAApplications

Password: @ugu5t2020

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You are advised that this mailbox has a 48 hour response time.

Please note that this mailbox has a 5mb mail limit. No zip files are to be attached in any email.

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]

Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 16:34

To: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@environment.gov.za>

Subject: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

Dear Sir/Madam

Please provide me with a password for online submission of the final basic assessment report and corrected application form for Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155).

Thank you,

Vivienne Thomson



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 18 August 2020 09:29
To: 'Muhammad Essop'
Cc: 'Bathandwa Ncube'; 'Rhulani Kubayi'; 'Masina Litsoane'
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Project 2 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)

Dear Muhammad

Thank you for your prompt and efficient response.

Much appreciated,
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From: Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 18 August 2020 08:56
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: Bathandwa Ncube <BNcube@environment.gov.za>; Rhulani Kubayi <RKubayi@environment.gov.za>; Masina Litsoane <MLitsoane@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Project 2 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)

Dear Vivienne.

Please note that I am getting the 11th of September for the due date for the submission of the Final BAR.

Regards

Muhammad Essop

Assistant Director – Priority Infrastructure Projects

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Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 17:31
To: Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>

Cc: Bathandwa Ncube <BNcube@environment.gov.za>; Rhulani Kubayi <RKubayi@environment.gov.za>
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Project 2 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Essop

Please see email below with reference to the final BAR submission due date for the above project. Please could the Department provide the requested feedback on this case.

I had previously sent email enquiries to the email address supplied on the acknowledgement letter i.e. jmmahlangu@environment.gov.za, but did not received any response (emails sent on 09/06/2020 and 30/06/2020). I recently sent the email below and would appreciate some form of confirmation from the Department.

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 15 August 2020 01:06
To: 'rkubayi@environment.gov.za' <rkubayi@environment.gov.za>
Cc: 'BNcube@environment.gov.za' <BNcube@environment.gov.za>; 'EIAadmin@environment.gov.za' <EIAadmin@environment.gov.za>
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Project 2 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)

Dear Rhulani

The application and draft basic assessment report (BAR) for above project was acknowledged as received by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) on 11 March 2020 (as per the attached letter from the Department, dated 12 March 2020). I would like to confirm if my calculation of the final BAR submission due date for the above project is correct especially considering the directions issued by the DEFF on 05 June 2020 in terms of the Disaster Management Act, No. 57 of 2002:

12 March 2020 to 26 March 2020 equates to 15 days, less 21 March public holiday = **14 days**
This leaves a remaining 76 days of the original 90 days final BAR submission period.

As per the DEFF's directions, calculating from 06 June 2020 and adding 21 days to accommodate the lockdown period implies that the above 76 days commenced again on 28 June 2020 i.e. 06 June 2020 to 27 June 2020 equates to 22 days, less 16 June public holiday = **21 days**

Counting 76 days from 28 June 2020, brings the deadline for final BAR submission to 13 September 2020 i.e. 28 June 2020 to 31 July 2020 = **34 days** + 01 August 2020 to 31 August 2020 equates to 31 days, less 09 and 10 August public holidays = **29 days**
+ 01 September 2020 to 13 September 2020 = **13 days**

Thus, 14 days + 21 days + 34 days + 29 days + 13 days = **111 days** (or 90 days +21 days)

However, 13 September 2020 is a Sunday, so as per EIA regulation 3(1), the deadline for submission will be 14 September 2020.

Please confirm if the calculation of the FBAR final submission date is correct.

Thank you,
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 02 September 2020 12:14
To: 'Andre Eagar'
Cc: 'Kalipa Kewuti'; 'info@energy.gov.za'
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Andre

My apologies : I have been informed that the Department has already issued a comment for Projects 1 to 3 on 06 February 2019 viz.

Project 1 (Ref. FS 30/5/4/2/11135 SU);

Project 2 (Ref. FS 30/5/4/2/11134 SU)

and

Project 3 (Ref. FS 30/5/4/2/11136 SU)

It is only Visserspan Solar PV - Project 4 that requires comment from the Department please.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Andre Eagar <Andre.Eagar@dmre.gov.za>
Sent: 02 September 2020 08:16
To: Kalipa Kewuti <Kalipa.Kewuti@dmre.gov.za>; info@energy.gov.za
Cc: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Dear colleagues

For your attention, please?

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From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: 02 September 2020 01:41 AM
To: Enquiries <Enquiries@dmre.gov.za>
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below, information related to the environmental impact assessment process for four separate proposed solar PV facilities on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province. The projects fall within Renewable Energy Development Zone 5 (REDZ 5). The four projects are:

Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156).

Please find attached, kmz files for the four projects, together with the website location of the full DBAR and all appendices: All documents as, originally made available during the public participation process, are still relevant and are also still available on EnviroAfrica's website at www.enviroafrica.co.za / projects / for public participation (then scroll down to the required project).

Please let me know if you require any other documentation to be able to comment on the above project. It would be appreciated if comment could be given before, or latest on, 05 October 2020.

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Vivienne Thomson

From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 02 September 2020 02:00
To: 'clogfac@global.co.za'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Projects 1 to 4
Attachments: Project 1 footprint (218ha).kmz; Project 2 Footprint (223ha).kmz; Project 3 Footprint (222ha).kmz; Project 4 (east and west).kmz

Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below, information related to the environmental impact assessment process for four separate proposed solar PV facilities on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province. The projects fall within Renewable Energy Development Zone 5 (REDZ 5). The four projects are:

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Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156).

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 02 September 2020 01:41
To: 'enquiries@dmr.gov.za'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Projects 1 to 4
Attachments: Project 1 footprint (218ha).kmz; Project 2 Footprint (223ha).kmz; Project 3 Footprint (222ha).kmz; Project 4 (east and west).kmz

Importance: High

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below, information related to the environmental impact assessment process for four separate proposed solar PV facilities on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province. The projects fall within Renewable Energy Development Zone 5 (REDZ 5). The four projects are:

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 01 September 2020 17:24
To: 'energy@birdlife.org.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4
Attachments: Visserspan Cumulative Farm Layout - Projects 1 to 4.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Samantha

Please find attached the combined draft layout drawings for the four proposed ground based, crystalline solar PV facilities proposed on Visserspan Farm No. 40, near Dealesville, Free State Province.

Individual draft layout drawings (per project) are available if required. Please zoom to at least 100% for drawing details.

Thank you,
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 01 September 2020 17:24
To: 'energy@birdlife.org.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)
Attachments: Project 4 (east and west).kmz; VisserspanStatusQuoShpFiles.zip;
VisserspanRegionalMapESRIshpfiles.zip

Dear Samantha

Thank you for the telephonic conversation this morning. The above project is one of four ground based, crystalline, solar PV facilities proposed for development on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville in the Free State. Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 is proposed to be built with arrays at a minimum above ground height of 500mm and a maximum tilt height of 5m. The actual panel tilt maximum height is 3m but the applicant may employ a waterless cleaning mechanism which attaches to the top rim of the array framework, extending the height by approximately another meter (and making the array more visible due to the cleaning mechanism's non-reflective nature). The tallest structure on the site will be the apex of the workshop roof at 6m.

Please find the requested kmz and cumulative status quo and regional shape files for the above proposed project, attached. All documents as, originally made available during the public participation process, are still available on EnviroAfrica's website at www.enviroafrica.co.za / projects / for public participation (then scroll down to the required project).

As per our brief discussion:

- i. no avifaunal or faunal specialist studies have been conducted on the site, although botanical and freshwater specialist reports are available on the website;
- ii. a minimum of a 100m buffer around the pans on the site has been left (all pans fall outside the proposed PV development footprint);
- iii. some of the sites are within a CBA1 region containing Vaal-Vet Sandy Grassland (although portions of the CBA have been degraded due to grazing/farming activities);
- iv. there are no overhead power lines linked to any of these four applications since all electrical cables/evacuation power lines will run underground to a proposed common future sub-station from where evacuated power will tie-in to the Eskom grid. Underground electricity lines from the four Visserspan solar PV facilities only lead up to the proposed future sub-station. The development of the substation and connection to the Eskom grid does not form part of this application. Only if the proponent is successful in the next independent power producer (IPP) bidding process, will the design and various authorisation processes for construction of the proposed IPP sub-station and above ground pylons (for grid connection) take place.
- v. mitigation measures as listed in the BirdLife South Africa Position Statement on the Effect of Solar Power Facilities on Birds will be included in the final basic assessment report (BAR) and environmental management programme report (EMPr)

The cumulative proposed/draft layout for Projects 1 to 4 will be sent in a subsequent email due to possible email file size limitations (please zoom in to at least 100% for detail).

Please let me know if you require any other documentation to be able to comment on the above project.

Thank you,
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 01 September 2020 17:23
To: 'energy@birdlife.org.za'
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Attachments: Project 3 Footprint (222ha).kmz; VisserspanStatusQuoShpFiles.zip; VisserspanRegionalMapESRIshpfiles.zip

Dear Samantha

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As per our brief discussion:

- i. no avifaunal or faunal specialist studies have been conducted on the site, although botanical and freshwater specialist reports are available on the website;
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Thank you,
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Sent: 01 September 2020 17:23
To: 'energy@birdlife.org.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)
Attachments: Project 3 Footprint (222ha).kmz; VisserspanStatusQuoShpFiles.zip;
VisserspanRegionalMapESRlshpfiles.zip

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To: 'energy@birdlife.org.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)
Attachments: Project 2 Footprint (223ha).kmz; VisserspanStatusQuoShpFiles.zip;
VisserspanRegionalMapESRIshpfiles.zip

Dear Samantha

Thank you for the telephonic conversation this morning. The above project is one of four ground based, crystalline, solar PV facilities proposed for development on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville in the Free State. Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 is proposed to be built with arrays at a minimum above ground height of 500mm and a maximum tilt height of 5m. The actual panel tilt maximum height is 3m but the applicant may employ a waterless cleaning mechanism which attaches to the top rim of the array framework, extending the height by approximately another meter (and making the array more visible due to the cleaning mechanism's non-reflective nature). The tallest built structure on the site will be the apex of the workshop roof at 6m. There are taller *Eucalyptus spp.* trees on the far perimeter of the eastern leg of Project 2's site, which are proposed to be retained for visual screening purposes.

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To: 'energy@birdlife.org.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)
Attachments: Project 1 footprint (218ha).kmz; VisserspanStatusQuoShpFiles.zip; VisserspanRegionalMapESRIshpfiles.zip

Importance: High

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 01 September 2020 10:20
To: 'Canny Mosebjadi Mothapo'
Cc: 'Lizell Stroh'; 'Doris Khoza'; 'Gugulethu Khanyile'; 'Simphiwe Masilela'; 'Stephen Sun Lung'
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Thank you, Canny.

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From: Canny Mosebjadi Mothapo <MothapoC@caa.co.za>
Sent: 01 September 2020 10:00
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: Lizell Stroh <StrohL@caa.co.za>; Doris Khoza <KhozaD@caa.co.za>; Gugulethu Khanyile <Khanyileg@caa.co.za>; Simphiwe Masilela <Masilelas@caa.co.za>; Stephen Sun Lung <SunlungS@caa.co.za>
Subject: Re: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Good morning,

Kindly note that the request was sent, and will forward as soon as received.

Regards

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 9:49:10 AM
To: Canny Mosebjadi Mothapo <MothapoC@caa.co.za>
Cc: Lizell Stroh <StrohL@caa.co.za>; Doris Khoza <KhozaD@caa.co.za>; Gugulethu Khanyile <Khanyileg@caa.co.za>; Simphiwe Masilela <Masilelas@caa.co.za>; Stephen Sun Lung <SunlungS@caa.co.za>
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Canny

Please advise as to when the proforma invoice for the below-mentioned projects will be received.

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From: Stephen Sun Lung <SunlungS@caa.co.za>

Sent: 27 August 2020 11:22

To: Canny Mosebjadi Mothapo <MothapoC@caa.co.za>

Cc: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za; Lizell Stroh <StrohL@caa.co.za>; Doris Khoza <KhozaD@caa.co.za>; Gugulethu Khanyile <Khanyileg@caa.co.za>; Simphiwe Masilela <Masilelas@caa.co.za>

Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Importance: High

Hi Canny,

The attached bulk application spreadsheet was loaded as:

Applicant Name	Owner Name	Site Name	Site ID
EnviroAfrica CC on behalf of Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Visserspan Solar PV Facility Project 3	Project 3
EnviroAfrica CC on behalf of Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Visserspan Solar PV Facility Project 4	Project 4
EnviroAfrica CC on behalf of Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Visserspan Solar PV Facility Project 1	Project 1
EnviroAfrica CC on behalf of Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Visserspan Solar PV Facility Project 2	Project 2

Please request the proforma invoice from Finance & forward to the applicant once received. Update the database accordingly.

Kind regards

SOUTH AFRICAN



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 22:22
To: Obstacles <Obstacles@caa.co.za>
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Dear Madam/Sir

Please find attached the footprint coordinates, kml files and bulk submission of obstacle application forms for four separate applications for the development of four separate solar PV facilities on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville in the Free State. The four Visserspan projects are all ground based, crystalline, solar PV facilities with no overhead powerlines. The tallest structure per facility will be the roof of the maintenance workshop which will be 6m high at its highest point.

Please refer to email correspondence below for more details.

Please issue correspondence in the name of the owner of the projects as listed in the bulk submission of obstacle application forms.

Please issue invoice in the name of EnviroAfrica CC who is acting on behalf of the owner in these obstacle applications (as per the bulk submission of obstacle application forms).

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From: Lizell Stroh <Strohl@caa.co.za>
Sent: 25 August 2020 16:31
To: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Good day Vivienne, please submit the 4 projects "application forms" on the attached link bulk application, find link for easy reference.

<http://www.caa.co.za/Obstacles%20Forms/Bulk%20Submission%20of%20Obstacle%20Applications.xlsx> complete the application, as it should be submitted to the below indicated e-mail address, please submit the attachment with the bulk application for easy reference.

Obstacles <Obstacles@caa.co.za>

kind regard



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>

Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2020 14:11

To: Lizell Stroh <Strohl@caa.co.za>

Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Importance: High

Dear Lizell

Thank you for the telephonic conversation we had last week and this morning. As mentioned, I have tried several times since we spoke last Thursday to complete the CAA online application form CA139-27 and obtain a reference number to effect payment for the four separate solar photovoltaic (PV) projects on the farm Visserspan Farm No. 40, near Dealesville, Free State Province but the form does not open no matter what I try.

Please find the information below and attached (i.e. footprint coordinates and kml files), for four separate environmental impact assessment (EIA) applications for which the competent authority is the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF). The four project applications, are merely for the construction of ground based (0,5m above the ground at lowest point to 5m above the ground at full tilt/highest point), crystalline solar PV facilities for provision of 75MW to 100MW of electricity to the national grid. The farm falls within Renewable Energy Development Zone 5. The four separate projects are:

Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (DEFF Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (DEFF Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (DEFF Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (DEFF Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156).

Please note Project 4's footprint is split by a public road and is referred to as either Project 4 east or west (of the road). Project 4's footprint corners (east and west) have been numbered consecutively as one site, as indicated in the kml file.

As mentioned to you:

- i. from the DEFF screening Tool Report based on the national DEFF database, all four projects on the farm Visserspan indicate a Low Sensitivity in terms of the Civil Aviation (Solar PV) assessment theme, as per the Civil Aviation Installations Assessment Protocols.

- ii. there do not seem to be any airports/aerodromes indicated within the Visserspan/Dealesville area – the closest airports are New Tempe and Bloemfontein International located approximately 55km and 70km away, respectively, in the Bloemfontein area.
- iii. **there are also no overhead power lines** linked to any of these four applications since all electrical cables/evacuation power lines will run underground to a proposed future sub-station from where evacuated power will tie in to the Eskom grid. Underground electricity lines from the four Visserspan solar PV facilities only lead up to the proposed future sub-station. The development of the substation and tie-in to the Eskom grid does not form part of this application. Only if the proponent is successful in the next independent power producer bidding process with the above four proposed solar PV facilities, will the design and various authorisation processes for construction of the proposed sub-station and above ground pylons take place. Application will then be made to the CAA in terms of approval of obstacles.
- iv. **the tallest structure in the development will be the maintenance workshop roof which will be 6m high at it's highest point.** It should be noted that there are currently very tall *Eucalyptus spp* (Blue gum) trees on the farm which will be retained to provide visual screening of the facilities from the road. There are also high voltage Eskom power lines and pylons running very close to the proposed Visserspan development sites which exceed the height of any proposed structure in these applications.

Please could you make the invoice for payment of the application fees out to:

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Should there be any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
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From: Lizell Stroh <StrohL@caa.co.za>

Sent: 10 March 2020 10:21

To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>

Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Good day Vivienne, please find obstacle approval process and procedures to be followed. For this Authority in providing the relevant approval to the proposed project.

<http://www.caa.co.za/Documents/Obstacle%20Application%20Process%2020180105.pdf>

<http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Obstacles/Urgent-notices.aspx>

Obstacle Notice 4/2017 (17/11/2017): Additional Requirements for Solar Project Applications

<http://www.caa.co.za/Obstacles%20Forms/CA139-27.pdf>

- Kindly provide a .kml (Google Earth) file reflecting the footprint of the proposed development site including the proposed overhead electric power line route that will evacuate the generated power to the national grid.
- Also indicate the **highest** structure of the project & the Overhead electric power transmission line.

Please feel free if more information are required.

Kind regards



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 09 March 2020 16:35
To: Lizell Stroh <Strohl@caa.co.za>
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

You have been registered as an I&AP for the four above-mentioned proposed projects.

Please note that the draft basic assessment reports (DBARs) are now available for comment:

1. Cd copies of the DBAR for each of the four projects have been posted to you (if you provided a postal address).
2. Hardcopies of the four DBARs, have been couriered to BKB Dealesville for public viewing.
3. All documentation for the DBARs are also available on EnviroAfrica's website at [www.enviroafrica/projects/forpublic participation](http://www.enviroafrica/projects/forpublic%20participation) then scroll down to [Visserspan Solar Facility - Project \(number\) DBAR](#).

Should you have any comments queries or concerns regarding any of the projects, please notify EnviroAfrica in writing by **15 April 2020**, at the contact details below.

Please also inform and encourage any other parties you feel may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed developments, to register as part of this process. Future correspondence will be sent to registered I&APs.

I trust everything is in order and look forward to your valued input.

Thank you,
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Sent: 31 August 2020 09:40
To: 'EIAAdmin'
Cc: 'Ephron Maradwa'; 'Muhammad Essop'
Subject: RE: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

Dear Rhulani

Thank you for your very quick response.

I apologise for sending you my query - I followed the instructions in the email below from EIAApplications dated 28 August 2020 (12:18) which states, **"Please note that this email is for the receipt and processing of online applications only, and is not monitored for responses. All queries must be directed to EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za."**

I also received comments from my case officer for Visserspan Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153) stating that original copies of I&AP interaction must be sent to the Department with the final BAR – hence my question to you regarding hardcopies but you have cleared up that query.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 28 August 2020 14:53
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: Ephron Maradwa <EMaradwa@environment.gov.za>; Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

Dear Vivienne

My understanding is that a password is valid for once instance of use and expires after use. So the password that had been provided will no longer be valid meaning you will need to obtain a new password. You could use one password and upload multiple files in the folder as long as they are correctly labelled for identification purposes. I have copied colleagues in the unit that receives applications so they can assist you. Application related queries must be directed to EIAApplications@environment.gov.za.

The department no longer accepts hard copies of applications and everything is done online.

Kind regards

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2020 14:02
To: EIAAdmin <EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)
Importance: High

Dear Madam/Sir

As per the email below, I requested a password in four separate emails for the online submission of four separate final BARs. I only received one email response back in reply to my four requests.

Please confirm if the same password must be used for the four separate applications I will be submitting early next week?

Also, could you confirm whether the Department is now also receiving hardcopies of the final BAR, or is everything for final BAR submission still being done online?

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: RE: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

Dear Vivienne

Kindly note that applications/documents submitted on a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday will be noted as received on the next working day.

N.B. for every new application for Environmental Authorisation or an application for amendment of a valid Environmental Authorisation; where Public Participation must be conducted, it is a requirement of the Department that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) is approved prior to lodging the application (refer to Annexure 2 and 3 of the Directions published on 5 June 2020). Please submit a request for a Pre-application Meeting and attach the PPP for approval, the allocated official will revert back to you.

Submitting an application, including an amendment application, without the necessary approval of the PPP will result in the application not being considered and removed from the system.

You are requested to ensure that you fully comply with the rules for submitting documents to the Department as outlined in the attached gazette as well as the "Process for submitting files to the CD:IEA_062020" document. This is

also attached for ease of reference. If the correct procedure for submitting applications/documents is not followed, or incomplete or unsigned forms are submitted, your application/documents will not be considered and removed from the system.

You are further informed that our application templates have also been amended, and all clients must use the latest templates, which can be found on our website: <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>. Failure to do so will result in your documents being removed from the system.

Please ensure that the document control form is completed and attached to the email, indicating proof of submission.

- ⇒ **Public Participation Plan to be approved, prior to lodging an application or an amendment application. (The PP Plan, as well as the pre-application reference number must be filled in and attached in the application forms (where applicable)).**
- ⇒ **Latest templates from the website used. These templates are dated June 2020.**
- ⇒ **Documents uploaded on system according to "Process for submitting files to the CD:IEA_062020" document.**
- ⇒ **Email sent confirming proof of upload with screenshot.**
- ⇒ **Document control form completed and attached to email.**

If more than one application needs to be submitted, ensure that each application/ documents for application is uploaded separately, and a separate email and document control form is attached per upload.

Please note the Username and Password as follows:

Username: EIAApplications

Password: @ugu5t2020

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Please note that this mailbox has a 5mb mail limit. No zip files are to be attached in any email.

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]

Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2020 16:34

To: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@environment.gov.za>

Subject: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

Dear Sir/Madam

Please provide me with a password for online submission of the final basic assessment report and corrected application form for Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155).

Thank you,
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Subject: Request for Password (Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)

Dear Madam/Sir

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Dear Madam/Sir

Please provide me with a password for online submission of the final basic assessment report and corrected application form for Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154).

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Dear Madam/Sir

Please provide me with a password for online submission of the final basic assessment report and corrected application form for Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156).

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 26 August 2020 22:22
To: 'Obstacles@caa.co.za'
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4
Attachments: Project 1 Solar Park footprint corners.xls; Project 1 CAA coordinates.kml; Project 2 Solar Park footprint corners.xls; Project 2 CAA coordinates.kml; Project 3 Solar Park footprint corners.xls; Project 3 CAA coordinates.kml; Project 4 Solar Park footprint corners.xls; Project 4 (east and west) CAA coordinates.kml; Bulk Submission of Obstacle Applications.xlsx

Importance: High

Dear Madam/Sir

Please find attached the footprint coordinates, kml files and bulk submission of obstacle application forms for four separate applications for the development of four separate solar PV facilities on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville in the Free State. The four Visserspan projects are all ground based, crystalline, solar PV facilities with no overhead powerlines. The tallest structure per facility will be the roof of the maintenance workshop which will be 6m high at its highest point.

Please refer to email correspondence below for more details.

Please issue correspondence in the name of the owner of the projects as listed in the bulk submission of obstacle application forms.

Please issue invoice in the name of EnviroAfrica CC who is acting on behalf of the owner in these obstacle applications (as per the bulk submission of obstacle application forms).

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Thank you,
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From: Lizell Stroh <StrohL@caa.co.za>

Sent: 25 August 2020 16:31

To: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za

Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Good day Vivienne, please submit the 4 projects "application forms" on the attached link bulk application, find link for easy reference.

<http://www.caa.co.za/Obstacles%20Forms/Bulk%20Submission%20of%20Obstacle%20Applications.xlsx> complete the application, as it should be submitted to the below indicated e-mail address, please submit the attachment with the bulk application for easy reference.

Obstacles <Obstacles@caa.co.za>

kind regard



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2020 14:11
To: Lizell Stroh <Strohl@caa.co.za>
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Dear Lizell

Thank you for the telephonic conversation we had last week and this morning. As mentioned, I have tried several times since we spoke last Thursday to complete the CAA online application form CA139-27 and obtain a reference number to effect payment for the four separate solar photovoltaic (PV) projects on the farm Visserspan Farm No. 40, near Dealesville, Free State Province but the form does not open no matter what I try.

Please find the information below and attached (i.e. footprint coordinates and kml files), for four separate environmental impact assessment (EIA) applications for which the competent authority is the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF). The four project applications, are merely for the construction of ground based (0,5m above the ground at lowest point to 5m above the ground at full tilt/highest point), crystalline solar PV facilities for provision of 75MW to 100MW of electricity to the national grid. The farm falls within Renewable Energy Development Zone 5. The four separate projects are:

Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1	(DEFF Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2	(DEFF Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3	(DEFF Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155);

Please note Project 4's footprint is split by a public road and is referred to as either Project 4 east or west (of the road). Project 4's footprint corners (east and west) have been numbered consecutively as one site, as indicated in the kml file.

As mentioned to you:

- i. from the DEFF screening Tool Report based on the national DEFF database, all four projects on the farm Visserspan indicate a Low Sensitivity in terms of the Civil Aviation (Solar PV) assessment theme, as per the Civil Aviation Installations Assessment Protocols.
- ii. there do not seem to be any airports/aerodromes indicated within the Visserspan/Dealesville area – the closest airports are New Tempe and Bloemfontein International located approximately 55km and 70km away, respectively, in the Bloemfontein area.
- iii. **there are also no overhead power lines** linked to any of these four applications since all electrical cables/evacuation power lines will run underground to a proposed future sub-station from where evacuated power will tie in to the Eskom grid. Underground electricity lines from the four Visserspan solar PV facilities only lead up to the proposed future sub-station. The development of the substation and tie-in to the Eskom grid does not form part of this application. Only if the proponent is successful in the next independent power producer bidding process with the above four proposed solar PV facilities, will the design and various authorisation processes for construction of the proposed sub-station and above ground pylons take place. Application will then be made to the CAA in terms of approval of obstacles.
- iv. **the tallest structure in the development will be the maintenance workshop roof which will be 6m high at it's highest point.** It should be noted that there are currently very tall *Eucalyptus spp* (Blue gum) trees on the farm which will be retained to provide visual screening of the facilities from the road. There are also high voltage Eskom power lines and pylons running very close to the proposed Visserspan development sites which exceed the height of any proposed structure in these applications.

Please could you make the invoice for payment of the application fees out to:

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Unit 7, Pastorie Park, Reitz St, Somerset West, 7130
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Should there be any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
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From: Lizell Stroh <Strohl@caa.co.za>

Sent: 10 March 2020 10:21

To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>

Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Good day Vivienne, please find obstacle approval process and procedures to be followed. For this Authority in providing the relevant approval to the proposed project.

<http://www.caa.co.za/Documents/Obstacle%20Application%20Process%2020180105.pdf>

<http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Obstacles/Urgent-notices.aspx>

Obstacle Notice 4/2017 (17/11/2017): Additional Requirements for Solar Project Applications

<http://www.caa.co.za/Obstacles%20Forms/CA139-27.pdf>

- Kindly provide a .kml (Google Earth) file reflecting the footprint of the proposed development site **including** the proposed overhead electric power line route that will evacuate the generated power to the national grid.
- Also indicate the **highest** structure of the project & the Overhead electric power transmission line.

Please feel free if more information are required.

Kind regards



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A banner for 'The NATIONAL AVIATION CONFERENCE' held from 11-13 MARCH 2020. The banner features the CAA logo on the left, a central graphic of a padlock with an aircraft inside, and a large image of a commercial jet on the right. The text 'Propelling Development, Safety & Security in Aviation' is written below the central graphic. At the bottom, contact information for Nishan Singh is provided.

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 09 March 2020 16:35
To: Lizell Stroh <Strohl@caa.co.za>
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

You have been registered as an I&AP for the four above-mentioned proposed projects.

Please note that the draft basic assessment reports (DBARs) are now available for comment:

1. Cd copies of the DBAR for each of the four projects have been posted to you (if you provided a postal address).
2. Hardcopies of the four DBARs, have been couriered to BKB Dealesville for public viewing.

3. All documentation for the DBARs are also available on EnviroAfrica's website at [www.enviroafrica/projects/forpublic participation](http://www.enviroafrica/projects/forpublic%20participation) then scroll down to [Visserspan Solar Facility - Project \(number\) DBAR](#).

Should you have any comments queries or concerns regarding any of the projects, please notify EnviroAfrica in writing by **15 April 2020**, at the contact details below.

Please also inform and encourage any other parties you feel may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed developments, to register as part of this process. Future correspondence will be sent to registered I&APs.

I trust everything is in order and look forward to your valued input.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 26 August 2020 17:21
To: 'thembin@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Projects - Footprint Surface areas

Dear Thembi

As per your telephonic request this morning,

The total footprint of the Farm Visserspan No. 40 = 1275.4069ha (c.f. Appendix 3 of the application form which contains the landowner's consent information including the farm extent)

Footprint of:

Visserspan Project No. 1 = approximately 218ha

Visserspan Project No. 2 = approximately 223ha

Visserspan Project No. 3 = approximately 222ha

Visserspan Project No. 4 = approximately 237.5ha (made up of Visserspan Project 4 east = 175ha and Visserspan Project 4 west = 62.6ha and excluding the heritage no-go area in Project 4 east, of approximately 0.07ha)

Thus, the footprint of the land proposed to be left undeveloped by the proposed solar PV facilities = approximately 375ha.

This 'undeveloped' area is made up of the current farm and heritage structures (including internal farm access roads), as well as areas of the property which, for biodiversity reasons, were deliberately avoided and designated as 'no-go' areas when planning the layout of the solar PV facilities e.g. the wetland areas/pans on the farm - a buffer area of at least 100m (in most instances, more than 100m) was left surrounding the Visserspan wetland/pan features and certain patches and corridors of good condition grassland (particularly adjacent to Project 1 and Project 2 solar facility sites). These areas which were deliberately avoided, will also allow recovery of the biodiversity post the projected lifespan of the proposed solar PV developments.

I hope this information helps. Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any additional queries.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 26 August 2020 15:11
To: 'SiDavis@justice.gov.za'
Cc: 'galeboeserame@gmail.com'
Subject: RE. Visserspan Environmental Impact Assessment Public Participation Process

Dear Sir/Madam

As previously communicated to Ms. Galeboe, please note the information letter/email sent out was **not for employment or work/tender opportunities** - this process was merely for information sharing as part of the environmental impact assessment process for the above project.

The public participation process ended on 19 July 2020.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Jackie | Enviro Africa <info@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 26 August 2020 12:55
To: 'Vivienne Thomson'
Cc: 'Bernard De Witt'
Subject: RE: Inviro Practitioner

100% Thank you

Jackie Jv Vuuren



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 12:25
To: 'Jackie | Enviro Africa' <info@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: 'Bernard De Witt' <bernard@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: RE: Inviro Practitioner

Hi Jackie

Looks like someone looking for employment ... probably attached the NOSA form to show they have safety exposure ... I will respond to tell him this is not for employment and the public participation period is closed.

Thanks for forwarding the email.

Vivienne Thomson



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From: Jackie | Enviro Africa <info@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 26 August 2020 12:05
To: Vivienne <Vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: 'Bernard De Witt' <bernard@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: FW: Inviro Practitioner

Vivienne,

I am not sure what this mail is about, it says public participation, but then there is a NOSA bursary application also attached?

Thank you

Jackie Jv Vuuren



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From: Davis Sibongile <SiDavis@justice.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 11:08
To: info@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: re: Inviro Practitioner

Good Day

Please see attached.

Regards

Vivienne Thomson

From: John Geeringh <GeerinJH@eskom.co.za>
Sent: 27 August 2020 08:41
To: Vivienne Thomson
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Thank you,
Regards
John

From: Vivienne Thomson [mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za]
Sent: 26 August 2020 03:11 PM
To: John Geeringh
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Mr Geeringh

As per the email below, please find attached the combined draft layout drawing for the four proposed ground based, crystalline solar PV facilities proposed on Visserspan Farm No. 40, near Dealesville, Free State Province.

Individual draft layout drawings (per project) are available if required. Please zoom in for drawing details.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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Sent: 26 August 2020 13:40
To: 'John Geeringh' <GeerinJH@eskom.co.za>
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Mr Geeringh

Please find the requested kmz files attached. The four Visserspan projects are all ground based, crystalline, solar PV facilities. The proposed/draft layout drawing for Projects 1 to 4 will be sent in a subsequent email due to possible email file size limitations.

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The proponent has communicated to EnviroAfrica that they have made application for cost estimate letters from Eskom for the near-by Perseus sub-station and initial indicators are that there is enough capacity at Perseus for tie-in.

Should there be any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sent: 01 July 2020 08:24

To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>

Subject: RE: Extension: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Please find attached an Eskom setbacks guideline for consideration during the planning of the Visserspan 1-4 projects. Please also find general comments regarding protection of Eskom infrastructure on the property should such exist. Please send me KMZ files of the affected properties and proposed layouts as well as the proposed Grid connections.

Regards

John Geeringh (Pr Sci Nat)(EAPASA)

Senior Consultant Environmental Management

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From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]

Sent: 30 June 2020 10:47 AM

To: John Geeringh

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 25 August 2020 14:11
To: 'Lizell Stroh'
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4
Attachments: Project 1 Solar Park footprint corners.xls; Project 1 CAA coordinates.kml; Project 2 Solar Park footprint corners.xls; Project 2 CAA coordinates.kml; Project 3 Solar Park footprint corners.xls; Project 3 CAA coordinates.kml; Project 4 Solar Park footprint corners.xls; Project 4 (east and west) CAA coordinates.kml

Importance: High

Dear Lizell

Thank you for the telephonic conversation we had last week and this morning. As mentioned, I have tried several times since we spoke last Thursday to complete the CAA online application form CA139-27 and obtain a reference number to effect payment for the four separate solar photovoltaic (PV) projects on the farm Visserspan Farm No. 40, near Dealesville, Free State Province but the form does not open no matter what I try.

Please find the information below and attached (i.e. footprint coordinates and kml files), for four separate environmental impact assessment (EIA) applications for which the competent authority is the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF). The four project applications, are merely for the construction of ground based (0,5m above the ground at lowest point to 5m above the ground at full tilt/highest point), crystalline solar PV facilities for provision of 75MW to 100MW of electricity to the national grid. The farm falls within Renewable Energy Development Zone 5. The four separate projects are:

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Please note Project 4's footprint is split by a public road and is referred to as either Project 4 east or west (of the road). Project 4's footprint corners (east and west) have been numbered consecutively as one site, as indicated in the kml file.

As mentioned to you:

- i. from the DEFF screening Tool Report based on the national DEFF database, all four projects on the farm Visserspan indicate a Low Sensitivity in terms of the Civil Aviation (Solar PV) assessment theme, as per the Civil Aviation Installations Assessment Protocols.
- ii. there do not seem to be any airports/aerodromes indicated within the Visserspan/Dealesville area – the closest airports are New Tempe and Bloemfontein International located approximately 55 and 70 km away in the Bloemfontein area.
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- iv. **the tallest structure in the development will be the maintenance workshop roof which will be 6m high at it's highest point.** It should be noted that there are currently very tall *Eucalyptus spp* (Blue gum) trees on the farm which will be retained to provide visual screening of the facilities from the road. These are also high voltage Eskom power lines and pylons running very close to the proposed Visserspan development sites which exceed the height of any proposed structure in these applications.

Please could you make the invoice for payment of the application fees out to:

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From: Lizell Stroh <Strohl@caa.co.za>

Sent: 10 March 2020 10:21

To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>

Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Good day Vivienne, please find obstacle approval process and procedures to be followed. For this Authority in providing the relevant approval to the proposed project.

<http://www.caa.co.za/Documents/Obstacle%20Application%20Process%2020180105.pdf>

<http://www.caa.co.za/Pages/Obstacles/Urgent-notice.aspx>

Obstacle Notice 4/2017 (17/11/2017): Additional Requirements for Solar Project Applications

<http://www.caa.co.za/Obstacles%20Forms/CA139-27.pdf>

- Kindly provide a .kml (Google Earth) file reflecting the footprint of the proposed development site **including** the proposed overhead electric power line route that will evacuate the generated power to the national grid.
- Also indicate the **highest** structure of the project & the Overhead electric power transmission line.

Please feel free if more information are required.

Kind regards



Lizell Stroh

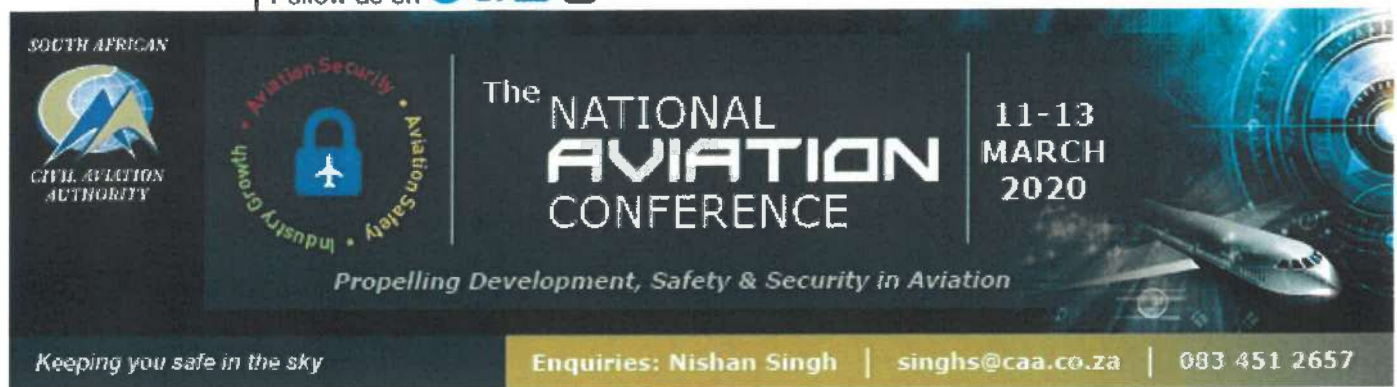
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 09 March 2020 16:35
To: Lizell Stroh <Strohl@caa.co.za>
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

You have been registered as an I&AP for the four above-mentioned proposed projects.

Please note that the draft basic assessment reports (DBARs) are now available for comment:

1. Cd copies of the DBAR for each of the four projects have been posted to you (if you provided a postal address).
2. Hardcopies of the four DBARs, have been couriered to BKB Dealesville for public viewing.
3. All documentation for the DBARs are also available on EnviroAfrica's website at [www.enviroafrica/projects/forpublic participation](http://www.enviroafrica/projects/forpublic%20participation) then scroll down to [Visserspan Solar Facility - Project \(number\) DBAR](#).

Should you have any comments queries or concerns regarding any of the projects, please notify EnviroAfrica in writing by **15 April 2020**, at the contact details below.

Please also inform and encourage any other parties you feel may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed developments, to register as part of this process. Future correspondence will be sent to registered I&APs.

I trust everything is in order and look forward to your valued input.

Thank you,
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Sent: 25 August 2020 09:50
To: Vivienne Thomson
Cc: Seoka Lekota
Subject: RE: Visserspan Project 2
Attachments: DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED VISSERSPAN 2 SOLAR PV FACILITY FREE STATE PROVINCE.pdf

Dear Vivienne

Please find the attached DBAR comments.

Regards
Portia

From: Vivienne Thomson [mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za]
Sent: Monday, 24 August 2020 07:31
To: Portia Makitla
Cc: Seoka Lekota
Subject: RE: Visserspan Project 2

Dear Portia

Please find Project 2's report attached. Please confirm receipt.

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Subject: Visserspan Projects 1 & 2
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Hi Portia

Did you receive Project 2's report as well?

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Sent: 24 August 2020 07:28
To: 'Portia Makitla'
Cc: 'Seoka Lekota'
Subject: Visserspan Project 1
Attachments: Botanical Impact Assessment - Visserspan Project 1 - Final.pdf

Dear Portia

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Subject: RE: Visserspan Projects 1 & 2

Dear Vivienne

Sorry for commenting late on this project.

You can email me the Botanical Study we will ensure that we provide you with the comments before the 28th.

Regards
Portia

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
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Subject: Visserspan Projects 1 & 2
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Subject: FW: Visserspan 1, 2, 3 & 4 PV facilities DBAR comments
Attachments: Visserspan 4 PV comments... (1).pdf; Visserspan 3 PV comments.pdf; Visserspan PV 1 2 facility.pdf

Morning,

Hope you are well?

Please see below and attached for your attention!

Enjoy your day and weekend.

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Good morning

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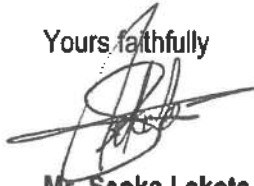


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Sent: 20 August 2020 09:59
To: 'mortonj@dard.gov.za'
Subject: Resend - FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 1.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Jack

Please see below. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
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Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)

Importance: High

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To: 'mortonj@dard.gov.za'
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 4.pdf

Importance: High

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Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)
Importance: High

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Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 3.pdf

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Sent: 20 August 2020 09:05
To: 'mortonj@dard.gov.za'
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Morton

On 24 March 2020, I was contacted telephonically by Ms. Thembi Nyoka from the national Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) who requested that I send you the application forms for the four separate applications (reference number below) on the farm Visserspan Farm No. 40, near Dealesville, Free State Province. The farm falls within REDZ 5. The four projects are:

Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156).

I explained to Ms. Nyoka that the application forms are quite large (between 3 to 4 MB each) but that the draft basic assessment report (DBAR) and all associated draft appendices (including the specialist *Botanical Impact Assessment* and specialist *Soil, Land Use and Agricultural Potential Survey*) are actually available on EnviroAfrica's website.

I will send you the application forms for the four projects in separate emails subsequent to this one, together with the website location of the full DBAR and appendices. Please let me know if you require any other documentation from me.

Lastly, please note that the public participation period for these projects ended on 19 July 2020 (the comment period had been extended three times due to the lockdown). I have tried to mail you this information before - to the email address Ms. Nyoka gave me but they were undeliverable. I also tried calling the Free State Department but the telephonic calls were not answered. Today, I spoke to Ms. Nyoka again and as a result, am attempting to email you again ... I respectfully request your comment as soon as possible.

Thank you,
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 20 August 2020 08:57
To: 'Jack Morton'
Cc: 'thembin@daff.gov.za'
Subject: RE: Urgent request: Visserspan Solar Projects 1 to 4

Dear Jack

Thank you for your response. I will forward you five emails after this one (one cover email and the subsequent four containing the application forms for each of the four projects).

Thank you again,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Jack Morton <mortonj@dard.gov.za>
Sent: 19 August 2020 14:35
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>; thembin@daff.gov.za
Subject: RE: Urgent request: Visserspan Solar Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Afternoon Vivienne,

Please send the application to mortonj@dard.gov.za as our emails have changed. Our old email address is still functional but we do not always receive our mails.

Thanks

Jack



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From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2020 10:20
To: thembin@daff.gov.za
Cc: jack@fs.agric.za; jack@fs.agric.gov.za; jack@agric.gov.za
Subject: Urgent request: Visserspan Solar Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Dear Thembi

Please see below, the most recent undeliverable message received from Mr Jack Morton's email address at the Free State Department of Agriculture. In my last attempt, after you and I spoke telephonically on 14/08/2020, I sent M Morton (and copied you) five emails related to the Visserspan Solar Projects 1 to 4 but as per the attached files, the emails could not be delivered.

Please note that I am getting desperate since I have sent numerous emails to the address you gave me (as well as various variations on Mr Morton's email address) in an attempt to get a comment from the Free State Department of Agriculture. I have also tried several telephonic calls to the Department but as mentioned to you during our past few telephonic calls, I do not get through.

Please do you have Mr Morton's direct contact number for me, or any advice as to how I can take this further? I have tried to contact Mr Morton via email on 08/06/2020; 31/07/2020; 03/08/2020 and 14/08/2020 (all emails were returned as undeliverable).

I would appreciate any help.

Thank you,
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 18 August 2020 09:29
To: 'Muhammad Essop'
Cc: 'Bathandwa Ncube'; 'Rhulani Kubayi'; 'Masina Litsoane'
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Project 2 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)

Dear Muhammad

Thank you for your prompt and efficient response.

Much appreciated,
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From: Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 18 August 2020 08:56
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: Bathandwa Ncube <BNcube@environment.gov.za>; Rhulani Kubayi <RKubayi@environment.gov.za>; Masina Litsoane <MLitsoane@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Project 2 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)

Dear Vivienne.

Please note that I am getting the 11th of September for the due date for the submission of the Final BAR.

Regards

Muhammad Essop

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 17:31

To: Muhammad Essop <MEssop@environment.gov.za>

Cc: Bathandwa Ncube <BNcube@environment.gov.za>; Rhulani Kubayi <RKubayi@environment.gov.za>
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Project 2 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Essop

Please see email below with reference to the final BAR submission due date for the above project. Please could the Department provide the requested feedback on this case.

I had previously sent email enquiries to the email address supplied on the acknowledgement letter i.e. jmmahlangu@environment.gov.za, but did not received any response (emails sent on 09/06/2020 and 30/06/2020). I recently sent the email below and would appreciate some form of confirmation from the Department.

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Sent: 15 August 2020 01:06
To: 'rkubayi@environment.gov.za' <rkubayi@environment.gov.za>
Cc: 'BNcube@environment.gov.za' <BNcube@environment.gov.za>; 'ElAadmin@environment.gov.za' <ElAadmin@environment.gov.za>
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Project 2 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)

Dear Rhulani

The application and draft basic assessment report (BAR) for above project was acknowledged as received by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) on 11 March 2020 (as per the attached letter from the Department, dated 12 March 2020). I would like to confirm if my calculation of the final BAR submission due date for the above project is correct especially considering the directions issued by the DEFF on 05 June 2020 in terms of the Disaster Management Act, No. 57 of 2002:

12 March 2020 to 26 March 2020 equates to 15 days, less 21 March public holiday = **14 days**
This leaves a remaining 76 days of the original 90 days final BAR submission period.

As per the DEFF's directions, calculating from 06 June 2020 and adding 21 days to accommodate the lockdown period implies that the above 76 days commenced again on 28 June 2020 i.e. 06 June 2020 to 27 June 2020 equates to 22 days, less 16 June public holiday = **21 days**

Counting 76 days from 28 June 2020, brings the deadline for final BAR submission to 13 September 2020 i.e. 28 June 2020 to 31 July 2020 = **34 days** + 01 August 2020 to 31 August 2020 equates to 31 days, less 09 and 10 August public holidays = **29 days**
+ 01 September 2020 to 13 September 2020 = **13 days**

Thus, 14 days + 21 days + 34 days + 29 days + 13 days = **111 days** (or 90 days +21 days)

However, 13 September 2020 is a Sunday, so as per EIA regulation 3(1), the deadline for submission will be 14 September 2020.

Please confirm if the calculation of the FBAR final submission date is correct.

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 18 August 2020 09:28
To: 'Muhammad Essop'
Cc: 'Samkelisiwe Dlamini'; 'Rhulani Kubayi'
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Project 3 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

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Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Project 3 (14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)

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To: Vivienne Thomson
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Importance: High

Hi Stanley

Please let me know when I can expect comment from your Department for the four projects below since the comment period closed on 19 July 2020 and I would like to submit the final BAR a.s.a.p.

Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156).

Thank you,
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 17 August 2020 10:20
To: 'thembin@daff.gov.za'
Cc: 'jack@fs.agric.za'; 'jack@fs.agric.gov.za'; 'jack@agric.gov.za'
Subject: Urgent request: Visserspan Solar Projects 1 to 4
Attachments: details.txt; Undelivered Message Headers.txt

Importance: High

Dear Thembi

Please see below, the most recent undeliverable message received from Mr Jack Morton's email address at the Free State Department of Agriculture. In my last attempt, after you and I spoke telephonically on 14/08/2020, I sent M Morton (and copied you) five emails related to the Visserspan Solar Projects 1 to 4 but as per the attached files, the emails could not be delivered.

Please note that I am getting desperate since I have sent numerous emails to the address you gave me (as well as various variations on Mr Morton's email address) in an attempt to get a comment from the Free State Department of Agriculture. I have also tried several telephonic calls to the Department but as mentioned to you during our past few telephonic calls, I do not get through.

Please do you have Mr Morton's direct contact number for me, or any advice as to how I can take this further? I have tried to contact Mr Morton via email on 08/06/2020; 31/07/2020; 03/08/2020 and 14/08/2020 (all emails were returned as undeliverable).

I would appreciate any help.

Thank you,
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From: websense@nda.agric.za <websense@nda.agric.za>

Sent: 16 August 2020 09:13

To: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za

Subject: Undelivered Mail Returned to Sender

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 15 August 2020 02:44
To: 'MashuduMa@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 4.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Mashudu

Please find attached, the application form for the above project, together with the website location of the full DBAR and all appendices: All documents as, originally made available during the public participation process, are still relevant and are also still available on EnviroAfrica's website at www.enviroafrica.co.za / projects / for public participation (then scroll down to the required project).

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 02 September 2020 11:45
To: 'Etmanisia Cloete'
Cc: 'ricardoh@bvinc.co.za'; 'nielm@bvinc.co.za'
Subject: RE: Help please!

Thank you, Etmanisia! You're a star!!

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From: Etmanisia Cloete <etmanisiac@bvinc.co.za>
Sent: 02 September 2020 11:31
To: 'Vivienne Thomson' <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: ricardoh@bvinc.co.za; nielm@bvinc.co.za
Subject: RE: Help please!

Hi Vivienne

The measurements is as follows:

- Project 1 = 217.51ha of which approximately 168.24ha are covered by panels.
- Project 2 = 245.58ha of which approximately 167.26ha are covered by panels.
- Project 3 = 221.45ha of which approximately 171.55ha are covered by panels.
- Project 4 (West) = 62.59ha of which approximately 39.66ha are covered by panels.
- Project 4 (East) = 173.50ha of which approximately 133.99ha are covered by panels.
- Project 4 (Total) = 236.09ha of which approximately 173.65ha are covered by panels.

The quantity of panels per Project is as follows:

Please note: 1 solar panel = 2.793m²

- Project 1 = 84 506 panels
- Project 2 = 84 605 panels
- Project 3 = 87 105 panels
- Project 4 (West) = 23 236 panels
- Project 4 (East) = 67 308 panels
- Project 4 (Total) = 90 544 panels

Kind regards.

Etmanisia Cloete

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From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: 02 September 2020 08:43 AM
To: 'Etmanisia Cloete'
Cc: ricardoh@bvinc.co.za; nielm@bvinc.co.za
Subject: RE: Help please!

Thank you, Etmanisia!

Vivienne Thomson

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From: Etmanisia Cloete <etmanisiac@bvinc.co.za>
Sent: 02 September 2020 08:36
To: 'Vivienne Thomson' <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Cc: ricardoh@bvinc.co.za; nielm@bvinc.co.za
Subject: RE: Help please!

Good Morning Vivienne

I am currently measuring each project's site as you requested. But I promise to send you the Measurements as soon as I am done.

Kind Greetings.

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From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: 02 September 2020 05:41 AM
To: 'Etmansia Cloete'
Subject: Help please!
Importance: High

Hi Etmansia

Is it possible to tell me what surface area the actual solar arrays cover within each Project's site i.e. Project 1 = 218ha of which approximately ??? are covered by panels.

The Department wants this information.

Any help will be appreciated.

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 15 August 2020 02:42
To: 'MashuduMa@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 2.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Mashudu

Please find attached, the application form for the above project, together with the website location of the full DBAR and all appendices: All documents as, originally made available during the public participation process, are still relevant and are also still available on EnviroAfrica's website at www.enviroafrica.co.za / projects / for public participation (then scroll down to the required project).

Please let me know if you require any other documentation to be able to comment on the above project.

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 15 August 2020 02:41
To: 'MashuduMa@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 1.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Mashudu

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 15 August 2020 02:40
To: 'MashuduMa@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Ms. Mashudu

In the comments received from one of the case officers for the above projects, it was requested that comment must be received from the national Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and your contact details, as a Delegate of the Minister (in terms of Act 70 of 1970), were specifically provided. Therefore, I will send you the four separate application forms (reference numbers below) for the projects on the farm Visserspan Farm No. 40, near Dealesville, Free State Province. The farm falls within REDZ 5. The projects are:

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Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155);
Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156).

The application forms for the four projects will be sent in separate emails subsequent to this one since they are quite large (between 3 to 4 MB each). I will also send you the website location of the full draft basic assessment report (DBAR) and all draft appendices including the specialist *Botanical Impact Assessment* and specialist *Soil, Land Use and Agricultural Potential Survey*. Please let me know if you require any other documentation from me.

Submission of the applications and DBARs took place before lockdown commenced and the public participation period for these projects ended in July 2020 (the comment period had been extended three times due to the lockdown). I, therefore, respectfully request your comment as soon as possible. Initial public participation information was sent to the provincial Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, as well as to the national Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) before lockdown commenced.

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Sent: 15 August 2020 02:37
To: 'Thokob@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 4.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Buthelezi

Please find attached, the application form for the above project, together with the website location of the full DBAR and all appendices: All documents as, originally made available during the public participation process, are still relevant and are also still available on EnviroAfrica's website at www.enviroafrica.co.za / projects / for public participation (then scroll down to the required project).

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Sent: 15 August 2020 02:36
To: 'Thokob@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 3 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 3.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Buthelezi

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Sent: 15 August 2020 02:36
To: 'Thokob@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 2.pdf

Importance: High

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Sent: 15 August 2020 02:36
To: 'Thokob@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 1.pdf

Importance: High

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Sent: 15 August 2020 02:35
To: 'Thokob@daff.gov.za'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Mr. Buthelezi

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 14 August 2020 09:11
To: 'jack@fs.agric.za'
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 4.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Morton

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Attachments: Application Form - Project 3.pdf

Importance: High

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 14 August 2020 09:10
To: 'jack@fs.agric.za'
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 2.pdf

Importance: High

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Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)
Attachments: Application Form - Project 1.pdf

Importance: High

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 14 August 2020 09:09
To: 'jack@fs.agric.za'
Cc: 'thembin@daff.gov.za'
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Morton

Please see urgent email correspondence below regarding the four proposed solar PV facility environmental authorisation applications on the Farm Visserspan, near Dealesville in the Free State (REDZ 5). I have also sent the completed application forms as submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries in March 2020 to this email address. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 31 July 2020 20:30
To: 'jack@fsagri.gov.za' <jack@fsagri.gov.za>
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Mortin

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 03 August 2020 08:12
To: 'Gerhard van Rhyn'
Cc: 'pieter.vermeulen63@gmail.com'; 'noodshulp@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Visserspan

Importance: High

Geagte Gerhard

Baie dankie vir die onderstaande korrespondensie en telefoniese kommunikasie op 9 Julie 2020 aangaande genoemde kwessie.

Ek vra om verskoning vir die vertraging in my respons. Ek kon eers Donderdag (30 Julie 2020) met die ontwikkelaar in verbinding tree aangaande u e-pos versoek. Hulle het weer gewag vir 'n besluit van die Regering af in verband met die proses voortoe vir al die onafhanklike hernubare energie-kragprodusente.

Die Visserspan projek het al reeds meer as die vereiste tyd aan geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye gebied om kommentaar op die voorgestelde ontwikkeling te lewer. Tans, verwag die ontwikkelaar 'n aankondiging van die Regering binne die volgende week af. Dit is dus die rede hoekom die projek se beplanningstyd ongelukkig nie weer uitgestel kan word nie.

Soos met u telefonies bespeek, is die Dealesville streek 'n paar jare gelede as 'n hernubare energie-ontwikkelingsone vir sonkrag geïdentifiseer. Dit is hoekom onwikkelaars projekte in die gebied voorstel.

Dankie vir u aktiewe betrokkenheid.

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Sent: 31 July 2020 13:02
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: Visserspan

Hallo Vivienne

Ek wag vir 'n reaksie op my skrywe asb.

Groete

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From: Gerhard van Rhyn <gerhardvanrhyn@gmail.com>

Sent: 17 July 2020 14:40

To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>; Pieter Vermeulen <pieter.vermeulen63@gmail.com>; noodshulp@hotmail.com

Subject: Visserspan

Hallo Vivienne

Van ons benadeeldes het weer gepraat oor al die sonplaasontwikkelings in ons streek, asook oor die feit dat ons nie baie suksesvol is wanneer ons aan die prosesse deelneem nie. Ons gevoel is dat daar nie werklik indringend aan ons objeksies en versoeke aandag gegee word nie. Reaksies wat ons ontvang oor ons bekommernisse word telkemale weerspreek deur algemene vae antwoorde, sonder die nodige diepgaande ontleding daarvan. Ongelukkig word ontwikkelings goedgekeur wat op die langtermyn nie die gewenste uitkomst in ons streek gaan meebring nie. Ons gevoel is dat ons bloot deel vorm van die wetlike proses en vereiste om die proses legitiem en suksesvol af te handel. Die hele proses word uitsluitlik tot voordeel van die ontwikkelaar hanteer. Objektiviteit en rasionaliteit t.o.v. van ons klagtes en besware bestaan tans glad nie.

Ons voel dat ons nie meer blindelings aan hierdie uitmergelende prosesse kan deelneem nie. Ons gevoel is om hierdie situasie met verantwoordelike departemente en rolspelers verder te bespreek voordat ons weer aan prosesse deelneem.

Die feit dat ons tans onderworpe is aan "lock down" maak dit vir ons verder moeilik om suksesvol aan prosesse te kan deelneem. Ons werkswyse en strategie sal moet aangepas word, aangesien ons tans ons tyd mors om aan die prosesse deel te neem.

Hiermee versoek ons 'n verdere uitstel asook grasia om hierdie situasie met die nodige rolspelers te bespreek totdat die situasie rondom Covid 19 verbeter..

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To: 'jack@fsagri.gov.za'
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Attachments: Application Form - Project 4.pdf

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From: Samkelisiwe Dlamini <SDlamini@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 10 July 2020 12:30
To: Vivienne Thomson
Cc: Masina Litsoane
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Dear Vivienne

1. Please note that the Screening tool was submitted together with the DBAR as appendix H.
2. In terms of public participation you are required to calculate the number of days that the DBAR was out for public review until 26 March 2020. Thereafter, the number of days that were left when the lockdown started should be extended by an additional 21 days as per the new directive dated 5 June 2020, the public review of Draft BAR need to be extended to allow 30 days public participation, as per the EIA Regulations counted from Saturday, 6 June 2020.
In the email, sent on 8 July 2020 you have indicated that the PPP has been extended and according to your calculations this will give I&APs almost 60 days for public participation (excluding the lockdown period). Therefore, this should be sufficient in terms of meeting the requirements as stipulated in the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended.

Regards
Samke

From: Vivienne Thomson [mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za]
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Samkelisiwe Dlamini <SDlamini@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Dear Samke

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Sent: 09 July 2020 13:30
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Vivienne Thomson

From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 09 July 2020 13:51
To: 'Samkelisiwe Dlamini'
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Dear Samke

Thank you! I am going into the office tomorrow so will call just after 10h00.

Thank you again,
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Dear Vivienne

You can call me on 0785673125 anytime during working hours I am available to assist. We can discuss the issues of public participation over the phone as well so that I understand the undertaking as well.

Regards
Samke

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Samkelisiwe Dlamini <SDlamini@environment.gov.za>
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>

Sent: 09 June 2020 18:24

To: 'jmmahlangu@environment.gov.za' <jmmahlangu@environment.gov.za>

Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 08 July 2020 12:56
To: 'SDlamini@environment.gov.za'
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)
Attachments: Appendix H - East Screening Tool Report .pdf; Appendix H - West Screening Tool Report .pdf

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 08 July 2020 12:54
To: 'BNcube@environment.gov.za'
Subject: Correction to link in email

Dear Ms. Ncube

Please note that the link in the two emails sent to your earlier today does not work directly – it is best to go to the website ([www.enviroafrica.co.za / projects / for public participation](http://www.enviroafrica.co.za/projects/forpublicparticipation)) and then scroll down to the required project.

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To: 'BNcube@environment.gov.za'
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)
Attachments: Appendix H - Screening Tool Report.pdf

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Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 2 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154)

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Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 1 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2153)
Attachments: Appendix H - Screening Tool Report.pdf

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Sent: 30 June 2020 12:54
Subject: Undeliverable: Extension: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

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Sent: 08 June 2020 13:53
To: Vivienne Thomson
Subject: Automatic reply: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

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From: Deon Edwards <deonedwards236@gmail.com>
Sent: 06 May 2020 14:47
To: Vivienne Thomson
Cc: anita Muller
Subject: Re: Visserspan Solar PV Plant (Dealesville)
Attachments: image001.jpg

Many thanks pertaing to the matter

Deon

On Wed, 6 May 2020 12:48 Vivienne Thomson, <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za> wrote:

Dear Mr. Edwards

Thank you for the telephonic conversation yesterday and the email below. You have been registered as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for the above projects (Visserspan Solar PV Plants 1, 2, 3 and 4).

As a registered I&AP, future correspondence regarding the proposed development will be sent to yourself and copied to the other email recipient above, as provided by yourself.

Thank you,

Vivienne Thomson



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From: Deon Edwards <deonedwards236@gmail.com>

Sent: 05 May 2020 14:54

To: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za

Cc: apolliquors@gmail.com

Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Plant (Dealesville)

Good day Vivienne

Ref: Visserspan Solar Plant (Dealesville)

From: Deon Edwards

Further to our discussions of todays date,

Having been employed on a similar project, Boshof 65mw Solar plant as a Safety officer, I hereby wish to register as an I&AP pertaining to the above project.

Your assistance regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards

Deon Edwards

Vivienne Thomson

From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 06 April 2020 11:57
To: 'Gerhard van Rhyn'; 'noodshulp@hotmail.com'; 'Willie Haarhoff'; 'Pieter Vermeulen'
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Gerhard and other Interested and Affected Parties

Under these extremely unusual circumstances, there will definitely be an extension in the comment period for the above projects.

By law, the public participation period (PPP) should be at least 30 days (excluding public holidays) and 12 days of the Visserspan PPP had already passed prior to the lockdown. However, due to the lockdown, the PPP will be extended by 22 days after 16 April 2020. Therefore, final date for comment on the draft basic assessment reports will now be **08 May 2020**. Please note this deadline will be reviewed should the lockdown be extended beyond 16 April 2020.

The above stance is in keeping with communication sent to environmental assessment practitioners from the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries' in relation to project timelines.

Thank you for your active involvement in this process.

Regards,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Gerhard van Rhyn <gerhardvanrhyn@gmail.com>
Sent: 06 April 2020 09:14
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>; noodshulp@hotmail.com; Willie Haarhoff <williehaarhoff@gmail.com>; Pieter Vermeulen <pieter.vermeulen63@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Vivienne

The current lock down situation prohibits any meaningful liaison between affected farmers. May we request a postponement of the cut-off date?

Regards

Gerhard van Rhyn

On Mon, Mar 9, 2020 at 4:40 PM Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za> wrote:

Dear Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)

You have been registered as an I&AP for the four above-mentioned proposed projects.

Please note that the draft basic assessment reports (DBARs) are now available for comment:

1. Cd copies of the DBAR for each of the four projects have been posted to you (if you provided a postal address).
2. Hardcopies of the four DBARs, have been couriered to BKB Dealesville for public viewing.
3. All documentation for the DBARs are also available on EnviroAfrica's website at [www.enviroafrica/projects/forpublic participation](http://www.enviroafrica/projects/forpublic%20participation) then scroll down to **Visserspan Solar Facility - Project (number) DBAR**.

Should you have any comments queries or concerns regarding any of the projects, please notify EnviroAfrica in writing by **15 April 2020**, at the contact details below.

Please also inform and encourage any other parties you feel may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed developments, to register as part of this process. Future correspondence will be sent to registered I&APs.

I trust everything is in order and look forward to your valued input.

Thank you,

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From: Stanley Tshitwamulomoni <StanleyT@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 20 April 2020 11:14
To: Vivienne Thomson
Cc: 'Jackie | Enviro Africa'
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Thanks so much

From: Vivienne Thomson [mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za]
Sent: Monday, 20 April 2020 11:13 AM
To: Stanley Tshitwamulomoni <StanleyT@environment.gov.za>
Cc: 'Jackie | Enviro Africa' <info@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Stanley

I received a call from our office manager this morning saying that you requested a link to our website to access the files on the cds sent to you for the above projects since you do not have the facilities to access cd information any more.

Please see the email below for the information you requested. Should there be any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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To: 'StanleyT@environment.gov.za' <StanleyT@environment.gov.za>
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

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From: Masina Litsoane <MLitsoane@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 14 April 2020 22:00
To: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za
Cc: weyers@kerenenergy.com; Bathandwa Ncube; EIAadmin
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2154 Draft BAR Comments
Attachments: Comments on DBAR_2154_Bathandwa.doc

Dear Vivienne,

Attached please find the comments for the DBAR for your attention. The Department will send the formally signed letter after lockdown schedule is elevated.

Regards,

MASINA LITSOANE

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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Thomson

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED VISSERSPAN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY PROJECT 2 ON VISSERSPAN FARM NO. 40, NEAR DEALESVILLE, TOKOLOGO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated March 2020 and received by the Department on 11 March 2020 and the acknowledgement thereof dated 12 March 2020, refer.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

Application Form and DBAR

1. Activity 1 of GN R.983 (as amended): You are advised to remove this activity as the development applied for has a proposed capacity of 100MW and you have applied for activity 1 of GN R.984 (as amended).
2. Activity 11(i) of GN R.983 (as amended): The activity description states that the development of the evacuation powerlines will be assessed in a separate environmental application process. Please clarify why this activity has been included in the application form. Should the associated infrastructure include an on-site substation, you are required to state the capacity of the substation and its footprint. Also note that infrastructure that triggers this activity requires a generic EMPr to be submitted with the final BAR.
3. **Should it apply:**
 - a) The Generic EMPr for the development and expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity can be downloaded from <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
 - b) Part B: Section 2 of the generic EMPr must be completed, and an originally signed EMPr must be submitted with the final BAR. Please note that Point 7.1.1 in Part B: Section 2 needs to match the details of the applicant as contained in the application form.
4. **Should it not apply:** You are advised to remove this activity from the list of activities applied for.
5. Activity 15 of GN R.984 (as amended): Indicate the total area of indigenous vegetation proposed for clearance in hectares.
6. 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.

7. An amended application form must be submitted with the final BAR. Please note that the Department's application form and other templates can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
8. You have not provided an electronic copy of the screening tool report for the proposed development. Please ensure that an electronic and hard copy of the updated application form and screening tool is submitted to the Department with the final BAR.
9. You are required to include the details and expertise of the EAP in the BAR, including a curriculum vitae, in order to comply with the requirements of Appendix 1(3)(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
10. It is noted that the submitted application form has an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP. However, the aforementioned oath was not included in the draft BAR. Please note that the final BAR must also have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP in order to comply with the requirements of Appendix 1(3)(1)(r) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Technical details of the proposed facility and design alternative

11. 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 point 2 of Annexure 1, of the EIA information required for PV facilities below.
12. Further, the EIAR must include the design alternative for the proposed 100MW PV facility.

Alternatives

13. Please note that Appendix 1(3)(1)(h)(x) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, requires that "*if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such*" must be included in the BAR. You are therefore required to provide a motivation should other alternative sites, routes, layouts and technologies not be considered.
14. A description of the process followed to reach the preferred alternative within the site as per Appendix 1(3)(1)(h)(i) of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended, must be incorporated into the final BAR.

Coordinates

15. Provide the coordinates for the bend points of the proposed 223ha site boundary (for Project 2 only), within Visserspan Farm, in degrees, minutes and seconds.

Specialist studies

16. You are required to conduct Ecology and Hydrology specialist studies; to assess the impacts of the proposed development on the biodiversity of the area (CBAs, ESA, surface water and ground water features, fauna etc.); to determine the indigenous and disturbed vegetation to be cleared (in square metres); as well as provide mitigation and management measures. This/ these reports must be included in the final BAR.
17. The Specialist Declaration of Interest forms submitted for the specialist studies are for Visserspan Solar Photovoltaic Facility Project 4. You are required to submit forms related to Project 2.
18. The Soil, Land Use and Agricultural Potential study, as well as the Socio-Economic study have not been submitted with the electronic draft BAR. Please ensure that both the electronic and hard copies of the BAR are complete.
19. All specialist studies must provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. It must be noted that all specialist studies must be conducted in the correct season, and conducting a specialist study in the incorrect season and providing that as a limitation will not be accepted.

20. The Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessments must be submitted to SAHRA for comments, via the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS). These comments must be must be addressed and incorporated in the final BAR.
21. Should the comments from SAHRA (or any other I&AP) propose significant changes or new information to be added to the BAR (or EMP), you are advised to refer to Regulation 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
22. 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 expert advice.

A copy of the final site layout map and alternatives.

All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map.

23. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - PV positions and its associated infrastructure;
 - 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;
 - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
 - All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads;
 - Buffer areas;
 - Buildings, including accommodation; and
 - All "no-go" areas.

Topographical and sensitivity Maps

24. The maps in Appendix D provide biodiversity information for the entire Visserspan Farm No. 40. The maps submitted with that final BAR may provide information for the entire extent of Visserspan Farm, but it is required that maps displaying geographical information particular to the portion of the farm designated for Project 2 only, be included in the report.
25. The Biodiversity map provided in Appendix D utilises similar colours for "Protected" and "CBA 1, which makes it difficult to distinguish between the two.
26. A locality map indicating the location of the proposed site, in relation to the nearest town (within the region) must be on an A3 page and submitted with the final BAR.
27. An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmentally sensitive areas and features identified during the basic assessment process must be on an A3 page with a clear legend.
28. A topographical map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map must be submitted with the final BAR.

Shapefile of the preferred Development layout

29. A shapefile of the preferred development layout/footprint must be submitted to this Department.
30. The shapefile must be created using the Hartebeesthoek 94 Datum and the data should be in Decimal Degree Format using the WGS 84 Spheroid.

31. The shapefile must include at a minimum the following extensions i.e. .shp; .shx; .dbf; .prj; and, .xml (Metadata file). If specific symbology was assigned to the file, then the .avl and/or the .lyr file must also be included.
32. Data must be mapped at a scale of 1:10 000 (please specify if an alternative scale was used). The metadata must include a description of the base data used for digitizing.
33. The shapefile must be submitted in a zip file using the EIA application reference number as the title. The shape file must be submitted to:

Postal Address: Department of Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X447
Pretoria
0001

Physical address: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road
Pretoria

For Attention: Muhammad Essop
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Strategic Infrastructure Developments

Telephone Number: 012 399 9406

Email Address: MEssop@environment.gov.za

The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

34. The EMPr submitted with the draft BAR is for Visserspan Solar Photovoltaic Facility Project 1. You are required to submit an EMPr related to Project 2.

The EMPr to be submitted as part of the final BAR must include the following:

35. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the BAR and the specialist studies conducted.
36. A good quality final site layout map with clear legend.
37. Measures as dictated by the final site layout map and micro-siting.
38. An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the basic assessment process.
39. A map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.
40. An alien invasive management plan to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken.
41. A plant rescue and protection plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase.
42. A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats.
43. A traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations.
44. A storm water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of

appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off.

45. A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
46. Measures to protect archaeological sites, artefacts, paleontological fossils or graves from construction and operational impacts.
47. Ensure that the EMPr complies with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended).
48. The EMPr must not contain any ambiguity. Where applicable, statements containing the word "should" or "may" are to be amended to "must".

Public Participation

49. Ensure that all relevant stakeholders' comments are submitted to the Department with the final BAR. This includes but is not limited to the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), the Department of Transport, Tikogolo Local Municipality, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South African National Defense Force, Eskom and Birdlife South Africa.
50. Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity and Conservation Section of this Department. Further to that, these comments must be addressed and incorporated in the final Basic Assessment Report. The contact details are as follows:

Biodiversity and Conservation

- Attention: Mr. Stanley Tshitwamulomoni
 - Tel: 012 399 9587
 - Email: StanleyT@environment.gov.za
51. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
 52. Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the Final BAR.
 53. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final BAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. In terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the BAR for comment.
 54. All issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft BAR from I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final BAR, including comments from this Department, and must be incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).
 55. 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 an I&AP's comments.
 56. Attendance registers and minutes of any meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final BAR.

The final BAR must also provide the following:

57. Clear description of all associated infrastructure. This description must include, but not limited to the following:
 - Power lines;
 - 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.
 - Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water and electricity, agreements with suppliers and confirmation of capacity been obtained must be provided.
58. A **cumulative impact assessment** of the facility with other solar energy facilities within a 30km radius of the proposed development site.
59. Please note that information on location of renewable energy developments can be accessed from <https://www.environment.gov.za/mapsgraphics>.
60. 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.
61. 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 and internal cables is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
62. Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer.

The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.

General

The EAP is requested to contact the Department (subsequent to the national lockdown) to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection.

You are reminded that the final BAR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of the basic assessment reports in accordance with Appendix 1 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended.

You are further reminded to comply with regulation 19(1)(a) of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, which states that:

"Where basic assessment must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority -

(a) a basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports, an EMPr, and where applicable a closure plan, which 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 basic assessment report or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you would then be required to comply with regulation 19(1)(b) which states:

"a notification in writing that the basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports an EMPr, and where applicable, a closure plan, will be submitted within 140 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 basic assessment report or EMPr or, where applicable, a closure plan, which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a) and that the revised reports or EMPr or, where applicable, a closure plan 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 19 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, your application will lapse.

You are requested to submit one (1) electronic copy (1 CD/DVD/USB) and one (1) hard copy of the final BAR to the Department.

Please also find attached information that must be used in the preparation of the final BAR. This will enable the Department to speedily review the BAR and make a decision on the application.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Signed by: Ms. Masina Litsoane

Designation: Assistant Director: National Infrastructure Projects

Date:

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A. EIA INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES**1. General site information**

The following general site information is required:

- Descriptions of all affected farm portions
- 21 digit Surveyor General codes of all affected farm portions
- Copies of deeds of all affected farm portions
- Photos of areas that give a visual perspective of all parts of the site
- Photographs from sensitive visual receptors (tourism routes, tourism facilities, etc.)
- Solar plant design specifications including:
 - Type of technology
 - Structure height
 - Surface area to be covered (including associated infrastructure such as roads)
 - Structure orientation
 - Laydown area dimensions (construction period and thereafter)
 - Generation capacity
- Generation capacity of the facility as a whole at delivery points

This information must be indicated on the first page of the BAR. It is also advised that it be double checked as there are too many mistakes in the applications that have been received that take too much time from authorities to correct.

2. Sample of technical details for the proposed facility

Component	Description / dimensions
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	

3. Site maps and GIS information

Site maps and GIS information should include at least the following:

- All maps/information layers must also be provided in ESRI Shapefile format
- All affected farm portions must be indicated
- The exact site of the application must be indicated (the areas that will be occupied by the application)
- A status quo map/layer must be provided that includes the following:

- Current use of land on the site including:
 - Buildings and other structures
 - Agricultural fields
 - Grazing areas
 - Natural vegetation areas (natural veld not cultivated for the preceding 10 years) with an indication of the vegetation quality as well as fine scale mapping in respect of Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas
 - Critically endangered and endangered vegetation areas that occur on the site
 - Bare areas which may be susceptible to soil erosion
 - Cultural historical sites and elements
- Rivers, streams and water courses
- Ridgelines and 20m continuous contours with height references in the GIS database
- Fountains, boreholes, dams (in-stream as well as off-stream) and reservoirs
- High potential agricultural areas as defined by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Buffer zones (also where it is dictated by elements outside the site):
 - 500m from any irrigated agricultural land
 - 1km from residential areas
- Indicate isolated residential, tourism facilities on or within 1km of the site
- A slope analysis map/layer that include the following slope ranges:
 - Less than 8% slope (preferred areas for PV and infrastructure)
 - between 8% and 12% slope (potentially sensitive to PV and infrastructure)
 - between 12% and 14% slope (highly sensitive to PV and infrastructure)
 - steeper than 18 % slope (unsuitable for PV and infrastructure)
- A site development proposal map(s)/layer(s) that indicate:
 - Foundation footprint
 - Permanent laydown area footprint
 - Construction period laydown 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)
 - River, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used
 - Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint.
 - Cable routes and trench dimensions (where they are not along internal roads)
 - Connection routes to the distribution/transmission network (the connection must form part of the EIA even if the construction and maintenance thereof will be done by another entity such as ESKOM)
 - Cut and fill areas at PV sites along roads and at substation/transformer sites indicating the expected volume of each cut and fill
 - Borrow pits
 - Spoil heaps (temporary for topsoil and subsoil and permanently for excess material)
 - Buildings including accommodation

With the above information authorities will be able to assess the strategic and site impacts of the application.

4. **Regional map and GIS information**

The regional map and GIS information should include at least the following:

- All maps/information layers must also be provided in ESRI Shapefile format

- The map/layer must cover an area of 20km around the site
- Indicate the following:
 - roads including their types (tarred or gravel) and category (national, provincial, local or private)
 - Railway lines and stations
 - Industrial areas
 - Harbours and airports
 - Electricity transmission and distribution lines and substations
 - Pipelines
 - Waters sources to be utilised during the construction and operational phases
 - A visibility assessment of the areas from where the facility will be visible
 - Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas
 - Critically Endangered and Endangered vegetation areas
 - Agricultural fields
 - Irrigated areas
 - An indication of new road or changes and upgrades that must be done to existing roads in order to get equipment onto the site including cut and fill areas and crossings of rivers and streams

5. Important stakeholders

Amongst other important stakeholders, comments from the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development must be obtained and submitted to the Department. Any application, documentation, notification etc. should be forwarded to the following officials:

Ms Mashudu Marubini
Delegate of the Minister (Act 70 of 1970)
E-mail: MashuduMa@daff.gov.za
Tel: (012) 319 7619

Ms Thoko Buthelezi
AgriLand Liaison office
E-mail: ThokoB@daff.gov.za
Tel: (012) 319 7634

All hardcopy applications / documentation should be forwarded to the following address:

Physical address:
Delpen Building
Cnr Annie Botha and Union Street
Office 270
Attention: Delegate of the Minister Act 70 of 1970

Postal Address:
Private Bag X120
PRETORIA
0001
Attention: Delegate of the Minister Act 70 of 1970

In addition, comments must be requested from Eskom regarding grid connectivity and capacity. Request for comment must be submitted to:

Mr John Geeringh
Eskom Transmission

Megawatt Park D1Y38
PO Box 1091
JOHANNESBURG
2000

Tel: (011) 516 7233
Fax: (086) 661 4064
John.geeringh@eskom.co.za

B. AGRICULTURE STUDY REQUIREMENTS

- Detailed soil assessment of the site in question, incorporating a radius of 50 m surrounding the site, on a scale of 1:10 000 or finer. The soil assessment should include the following:
 - Identification of the soil forms present on site
 - The size of the area where a particular soil form is found
 - GPS readings of soil survey points
 - The depth of the soil at each survey point
 - Soil colour
 - Limiting factors
 - Clay content
 - Slope of the site
 - A detailed map indicating the locality of the soil forms within the specified area,
 - Size of the site
- Exact locality of the site
- Current activities on the site, developments, buildings
- Surrounding developments / land uses and activities in a radius of 500 m of the site
- Access routes and the condition thereof
- Current status of the land (including erosion, vegetation and a degradation assessment)
- Possible land use options for the site
- Water availability, source and quality (if available)
- Detailed descriptions of why agriculture should or should not be the land use of choice
- Impact of the change of land use on the surrounding area
- A shape file containing the soil forms and relevant attribute data as depicted on the map.

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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2155 Draft BAR Comments
Attachments: Comments_on_DBAR-14-12-16-3-3-1-2155_Shirley.doc

Dear Vivienne,

Attached please find the comments for the DBAR for your attention. The Department will send the formally signed letter after lockdown schedule is elevated.

Regards,

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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Vivienne Thomson

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED VISSERSPAN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY PROJECT 3 ON VISSERSPAN FARM NO. 40, NEAR DEALESVILLE, TOKOLOGO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE-STATE PROVINCE.

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated March 2020 and received by the Department on 11 March 2020, refer.

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

(a) Listed Activities

- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities applied for are specific and can be linked to the development activity as described in the project description. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.
- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final BAR, an amended application form must be submitted.
- Ensure that all listed activities are included in the final BAR.

(b) Undertaking of an Oath

- The Department has noted that the submitted application form has an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP. However, the aforementioned oath was not included in the draft BAR. Please note that the final BAR must also have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP.
- 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 1(3)(s) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that the BAR 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”.

(c) Alternatives

- Please note that you are required to provide a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred alternative within the site in terms of Appendix 1(3)(1)(h) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including the following content:
 - (i) details of all the alternatives considered;
 - (ii) details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of regulation 41 of the Regulations, including copies of the supporting documents and inputs;
 - (iii) a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them;
 - (iv) the environmental attributes associated with the alternatives focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;
 - (v) the impacts and risks identified for each alternative, including the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration and probability of the impacts, including the degree to which these impacts—
 - (a) can be reversed;
 - (b) may cause irreplaceable loss of resources; and
 - (c) can be avoided, managed or mitigated;
 - (vi) the methodology used in determining and ranking the nature, significance, consequences, extent, duration and probability of potential environmental impacts and risks associated with the alternatives;
 - (vii) positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;
 - (viii) the possible mitigation measures that could be applied and level of residual risk;
 - (ix) the outcome of the site selection matrix;
 - (x) if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such; and
 - (xi) a concluding statement indicating the preferred alternatives, including preferred location of the activity.
- Written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 1.

(d) Public Participation Process

The following information must be submitted with the Final BAR:

- A list of registered interested and affected parties as per Regulation 42 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended;
- Copies/proof of all comments received from stakeholders during Draft BAR comment period must be included in the final BAR. 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 ;
- A comment and response report which contains all comments received and responses provided to all comments and issues raised during the public participation process for the Draft BAR must be submitted with the final BAR and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please note that comments received from this Department must also form part of the comment and response report. 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 report must also indicate that this draft report has been subjected to a public participation process.

General

Please also ensure that the Final BAR includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per the Appendix 1(3)(1)(q) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environmental Affairs
Letter signed by: Ms Masina Litsoane

Designation: Control Environmental Officer: National Infrastructure Projects**Date:**

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Annexure 1

Format for Comments and Response Trail Report:

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
25/03/2020 Email Department of Environmental Affairs: Strategic Infrastructure Development (John Mark)	Please record C&R trail report in this format	EAP: (Noted) The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K

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Dear Vivienne Thomson

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED VISSERSPAN 100MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY PROJECT 4 ON VISSERSPAN FARM NO. 40, NEAR DEALESVILLE, TOKOLOGO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE-STATE PROVINCE.

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated March 2020 and received by the Department on 11 March 2020, refer.

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

(a) Listed Activities

- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities applied for are specific and can be linked to the development activity as described in the project description. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.
- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final BAR, an amended application form must be submitted.
- Ensure that all listed activities are included in the final BAR.

(b) Alternatives

- Please note that you are required to provide a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed preferred alternative within the site in terms of Appendix 1(3)(1)(h) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, including the following content:
 - (i) details of all the alternatives considered;
 - (ii) details of the public participation process undertaken in terms of regulation 41 of the Regulations, including copies of the supporting documents and inputs;
 - (iii) a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them;
 - (iv) the environmental attributes associated with the alternatives focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;

- (v) the impacts and risks identified for each alternative, including the nature, significance, consequence, extent, duration and probability of the impacts, including the degree to which these impacts—
 - (a) can be reversed;
 - (b) may cause irreplaceable loss of resources; and
 - (c) can be avoided, managed or mitigated;
 - (vi) the methodology used in determining and ranking the nature, significance, consequences, extent, duration and probability of potential environmental impacts and risks associated with the alternatives;
 - (vii) positive and negative impacts that the proposed activity and alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected focusing on the geographical, physical, biological, social, economic, heritage and cultural aspects;
 - (viii) the possible mitigation measures that could be applied and level of residual risk;
 - (ix) the outcome of the site selection matrix;
 - (x) if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such; and
 - (xi) a concluding statement indicating the preferred alternatives, including preferred location of the activity.
- Written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 1.

(c) Public Participation Process

The following information must be submitted with the Final BAR:

- A list of registered interested and affected parties as per Regulation 42 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended;
- Copies/proof of all comments received from stakeholders during Draft BAR comment period must be included in the final BAR. 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 ;
- A comment and response report which contains all comments received and responses provided to all comments and issues raised during the public participation process for the Draft BAR must be submitted with the final BAR and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please note that comments received from this Department must also form part of the comment and response report. 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 report must also indicate that this draft report has been subjected to a public participation process.

General

Please also ensure that the Final BAR includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per the Appendix 1(3)(1)(q) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 19(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that:

"Where basic assessment must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority -

(a) a basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports, an EMPr, and where applicable a closure plan, which 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 BAR 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 19(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states:

"the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports an EMPr, and where applicable, a closure plan, will be submitted within 140 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 basic assessment report or EMPr or, where applicable, a closure plan, which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a) and that the revised reports or, EMPr or, where applicable, a closure plan 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 19 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.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Letter signed by: Ms Masina Litsoane

Designation: Control Environmental Officer: National Infrastructure Projects

Date:

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From: Samkelisiwe Dlamini <SDlamini@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 10 July 2020 12:30
To: Vivienne Thomson
Cc: Masina Litsoane
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Dear Vivienne

1. Please note that the Screening tool was submitted together with the DBAR as appendix H.
2. In terms of public participation you are required to calculate the number of days that the DBAR was out for public review until 26 March 2020. Thereafter, the number of days that were left when the lockdown started should be extended by an additional 21 days as per the new directive dated 5 June 2020, the public review of Draft BAR need to be extended to allow 30 days public participation, as per the EIA Regulations counted from Saturday, 6 June 2020.
In the email, sent on 8 July 2020 you have indicated that the PPP has been extended and according to your calculations this will give I&APs almost 60 days for public participation (excluding the lockdown period). Therefore, this should be sufficient in terms of meeting the requirements as stipulated in the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended.

Regards
Samke

From: Vivienne Thomson [mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za]
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Samkelisiwe Dlamini <SDlamini@environment.gov.za>
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Dear Samke

Thank you! I am going into the office tomorrow so will call just after 10h00.

Thank you again,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Samkelisiwe Dlamini <SDlamini@environment.gov.za>
Sent: 09 July 2020 13:30
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Dear Vivienne

You can call me on 0785673125 anytime during working hours I am available to assist. We can discuss the issues of public participation over the phone as well so that I understand the undertaking as well.

Regards
Samke

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Samkelisiwe Dlamini <SDlamini@environment.gov.za>
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Dear Ms. Dlamini

Please refer to the email below. Please confirm if item one (1) below is acceptable.

Please note that with regards to item two (2), all I&APs were notified that the deadline for comments on the development proposed on Visserspan Farm No. 40, near Dealesville, Free State Province, has been **extended to 19 July 2020**. This will give I&APs almost 60 days for public participation (excluding the lockdown period).

I&APs were further reminded that comments/queries must be made in writing and that all documents as, originally made available at the start of this public participation process earlier in March 2020 are still relevant and are also still available on EnviroAfrica's website ([www.enviroafrica.co.za / projects /](http://www.enviroafrica.co.za/projects/) for public participation and scroll down to the required project).

I would like to call to discuss some of the issues raised in the comments received for the proposed development before I address them in writing. Please let me know when you will be available telephonically.

I trust this is in order.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 09 June 2020 18:24
To: 'jmmahlangu@environment.gov.za' <jmmahlangu@environment.gov.za>
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV Facility - Project 4 (Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2156)

Dear Ms. Mahlangu

I have two queries regarding the above project:

1. In the Department's letter (dated 12 March 2020) acknowledging receipt of the application for the above project on 11 March 2020, it was stated that an updated Application Form with the national Screening Tool Report must be submitted to the Department for the application to be considered valid. However, the Screening Tool Report was submitted to the Department (at the same time as the Application Form) as an appendix (Appendices H (east) and H (west), attached) to the draft basic assessment report (DBAR) and it was indicated on the application form that the DBAR accompanied the application form.

Please could you confirm if this will suffice.

2. The public participation (PP) process for the DBAR was the second round of PP for this project, intended to obtain comment and/or queries on the DBAR by I&APs/relevant stakeholders.

Originally, prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, the PP for the DBAR would have ended on 15 April 2020 giving interested and affected parties (I&APs)/stakeholders more than the minimum 30 days of public participation. Registered I&APs were notified via email of the availability of the DBAR and all associated appendices to the DBAR, on EnviroAfrica's website on 09 March 2020. All I&AP's that provided their postal addresses were also posted electronic (cd) copies of the DBAR and all associated appendices. In addition, hardcopies of the DBAR and all associated appendices (including the national Screening Tool Report) were couriered to the Department, as well as to the local agricultural and maintenance supply store in Dealesville (BKB Dealesville) for accessibility by local I&APs who did not have access to internet or computer facilities. This was done since the local Municipal office is a small, satellite office which is not always open for a full day.

The above indicates that at least 15 to 17 days of PP had passed before the COVID-19 lockdown was announced. It must also be noted that even during lockdown, I received correspondence from and communicated with I&APs (local farmers, community member and governmental commenting authorities) relating to the project. This interaction, initiated by the relevant I&APs, was based on the cd copies, internet access and the hard copy of the DBAR which was distributed during the PP process (since the local BKB agricultural store appears to have been open even during Level 4 lockdown).

I am aware that all time periods have been extended for the duration of the lockdown which includes an "additional 21 days or such further date as may be determined by the relevant authority". However, based on items 4.3 and 4.4 of the Directions (No. 650) issued by the Department on 05 June 2020, I request permission be granted for the second round of PP for this project to be concluded on 30 June 2020 which would have given I&APs at least 40 days for PP if the lockdown period prior to the issuing of the 05 June 2020 Directions are excluded.

Please advise regarding points 1 and 2 above.

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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Dear Ms Thomson

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED VISSERSPAN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY PROJECT 1 ON VISSERSPAN FARM NO. 40, NEAR DEALESVILLE, TOKOLOGO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated March 2020 and received by the Department on 11 March 2020 and the acknowledgement thereof dated 12 March 2020, refer.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

Application Form and DBAR

1. Activity 1 of GN R.983 (as amended): You are advised to remove this activity as the development applied for has a proposed capacity of 100MW and you have applied for activity 1 of GN R.984 (as amended).
2. Activity 11(i) of GN R.983 (as amended): The activity description states that the development of the evacuation powerlines will be assessed in a separate environmental application process. Please clarify why this activity has been included in the application form. Should the associated infrastructure include an on-site substation, you are required to state the capacity of the substation and its footprint. Also note that infrastructure that triggers this activity requires a generic EMPr to be submitted with the final BAR.
3. **Should it apply:**
 - a) The *Generic EMPr for the development and expansion of substation infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity* can be downloaded from <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>
 - b) Part B: Section 2 of the generic EMPr must be completed, and an original signed EMPr must be submitted with the final BAR. Please note that Point 7.1.1 in Part B: Section 2 needs to match the details of the applicant as contained in the application form.
4. **Should it not apply:** You are advised to remove this activity from the list of activities applied for.
5. Activity 15 of GN R.984 (as amended): Indicate the total area of indigenous vegetation proposed for clearance in hectares.
6. 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.

7. An amended application form must be submitted with the final BAR. Please note that the Department's application form and other templates can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>
8. You are required to submit the updated application form with a screening tool report, as has been the requirement since 04 October 2019. Your application will be considered invalid without a screening tool report.
9. You have not provided an electronic copy of the application form for the proposed development. Please ensure that an electronic and hard copy of the updated application form and screening tool is submitted to the Department with the final BAR.
10. You are required to include the details and expertise of the EAP in the BAR, including a curriculum vitae, in order to comply with the requirements of Appendix 1(3)(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
11. It is noted that the submitted application form has an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP. However, the aforementioned oath was not included in the draft BAR. Please note that the final BAR must also have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP in order to comply with the requirements of Appendix 1(3)(1)(r) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Technical details of the proposed facility and design alternative

12. 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 point 2 of Annexure 1, of the EIA information required for PV facilities below.
13. Further, the EIAR must include the design alternative for the proposed 100MW PV facility.

Alternatives

14. Please note that Appendix 1(3)(1)(h)(x) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, requires that *"if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such"* must be included in the BAR. You are therefore required to provide a motivation should other alternative sites, routes, layouts and technologies not be considered.
15. A description of the process followed to reach the preferred alternative within the site as per Appendix 1(3)(1)(h)(i) of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended, must be incorporated into the final BAR.

Coordinates

16. Provide the coordinates for the bend points of the proposed 218ha site boundary (for Project 1 only), within Visserspan Farm, in degrees, minutes and seconds.

Specialist studies

17. You are required to conduct Ecology and Hydrology specialist studies; to assess the impacts of the proposed development on the biodiversity of the area (CBAs, ESA, surface water and ground water features, fauna etc.); to determine the indigenous and disturbed vegetation to be cleared (in square metres); as well as provide mitigation and management measures. This/ these reports must be included in the final BAR.
18. The Specialist Declaration of Interest forms submitted for the specialist studies are for Visserspan Solar Photovoltaic Facility Project 4. You are required to submit forms related to Project 1.
19. The Soil, Land Use and Agricultural Potential study, as well as the Socio-Economic study that have been submitted with the draft BAR are for Visserspan Solar Photovoltaic Facility Project 3. You are required to submit studies related to Project 1.

20. All specialist studies must provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. It must be noted that all specialist studies must be conducted in the correct season, and conducting a specialist study in the incorrect season and providing that as a limitation will not be accepted.
21. The Archaeological and Palaeontological Impact Assessments must be submitted to SAHRA for comments, via the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS). These comments must be must be addressed and incorporated in the final BAR.
22. Should the comments from SAHRA (or any other I&AP) propose significant changes or new information to be added to the BAR (or EMP), you are advised to refer to Regulation 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
23. 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 expert advice.

A copy of the final site layout map and alternatives.

All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map.

24. The layout map must indicate the following:
 - PV positions and its associated infrastructure;
 - 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;
 - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
 - All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads;
 - Buffer areas;
 - Buildings, including accommodation; and
 - All "no-go" areas.

Topographical and sensitivity Maps

25. The maps in Appendix D provide biodiversity information for the entire Visserspan Farm No. 40. The maps submitted with that final BAR may provide information for the entire extent of Visserspan Farm, but it is required that maps displaying geographical information particular to the portion of the farm designated for Project 1 only, be included in the report.
26. The Biodiversity map provided in Appendix D utilises similar colours for "Protected" and "CBA 1, which makes it difficult to distinguish between the two.
27. A locality map indicating the location of the proposed site, in relation to the nearest town (within the region) must be on an A3 page and submitted with the final BAR.
28. An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmentally sensitive areas and features identified during the basic assessment process must be on an A3 page with a clear legend.
29. A topographical map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map must be submitted with the final BAR.

Shapefile of the preferred Development layout

30. A shapefile of the preferred development layout/footprint must be submitted to this Department.

31. The shapefile must be created using the Hartebeesthoek 94 Datum and the data should be in Decimal Degree Format using the WGS 84 Spheroid.
32. The shapefile must include at a minimum the following extensions i.e. .shp; .shx; .dbf; .prj; and, .xml (Metadata file). If specific symbology was assigned to the file, then the .avl and/or the .lyr file must also be included.
33. Data must be mapped at a scale of 1:10 000 (please specify if an alternative scale was used). The metadata must include a description of the base data used for digitizing.
34. The shapefile must be submitted in a zip file using the EIA application reference number as the title. The shape file must be submitted to:

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For Attention: Muhammad Essop
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Strategic Infrastructure Developments

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The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

The EMPr to be submitted as part of the BAR must include the following:

35. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the BAR and the specialist studies conducted.
36. A good quality final site layout map with clear legend.
37. Measures as dictated by the final site layout map and micro-siting.
38. An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the basic assessment process.
39. A map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.
40. An alien invasive management plan to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken.
41. A plant rescue and protection plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase.
42. A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats.
43. A traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations.
44. A storm water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines

so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off.

45. A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
46. Measures to protect archaeological sites, artefacts, paleontological fossils or graves from construction and operational impacts.
47. Ensure that the EMPr complies with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended).
48. The EMPr must not contain any ambiguity. Where applicable, statements containing the word "should" or "may" are to be amended to "must".

Public Participation

49. Ensure that all relevant stakeholders' comments are submitted to the Department with the final BAR. This includes but is not limited to the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA), the Department of Transport, Tlokologo Local Municipality, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), South African National Defense Force, Eskom and Birdlife South Africa.
50. Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity and Conservation Section of this Department. Further to that, these comments must be addressed and incorporated in the final Basic Assessment Report. The contact details are as follows:
Biodiversity and Conservation
 - o Attention: Mr. Stanley Tshitwamulomoni
 - o Tel: 012 399 9587
 - o Email: StanleyT@environment.gov.za
51. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
52. Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the Final BAR.
53. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final BAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. In terms of Regulation 41(2)(b) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the BAR for comment.
54. All issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft BAR from I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final BAR, including comments from this Department, and must be incorporated into a Comments and Response Report (CRR).
55. 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 an I&AP's comments.
56. Attendance registers and minutes of any meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final BAR.

The final BAR must also provide the following:

57. Clear description of all associated infrastructure. This description must include, but not limited to the following:
 - o Power lines;
 - o Internal roads infrastructure; and;
 - o 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.
 - Information on services required on the site, e.g. sewage, refuse removal, water and electricity, agreements with suppliers and confirmation of capacity been obtained must be provided.
58. A **cumulative impact assessment** of the facility with other solar energy facilities within a 30km radius of the proposed development site.
59. Please note that information on location of renewable energy developments can be accessed from <https://www.environment.gov.za/mapsgraphics>.
60. 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.
61. 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 and internal cables is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
62. Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer.

The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.

General

The EAP is requested to contact the Department (subsequent to the national lockdown) to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection.

You are reminded that the final BAR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of the basic assessment reports in accordance with Appendix 1 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended.

You are further reminded to comply with regulation 19(1)(a) of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, which states that:

*"Where basic assessment must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority -
(a) a basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports, an EMPr, and where applicable a closure plan, which 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 basic assessment report or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you would then be required to comply with regulation 19 (b) which states:

"a notification in writing that the basic assessment report, inclusive of specialist reports an EMPr, and where applicable, a closure plan, will be submitted within 140 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 basic assessment report or EMPr or, where applicable, a closure plan, which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a) and that the revised reports or EMPr or, where applicable, a closure plan 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 19 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, your application will lapse.

You are requested to submit one (1) electronic copy (1 CD/DVD/USB) and one (1) hard copy of the final BAR to the Department.

Please also find attached information that must be used in the preparation of the final BAR. This will enable the Department to speedily review the BAR and make a decision on the application.

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

Yours sincerely



Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Signed by: Ms. Masina Litsoane

Designation: Assistant Director: National Infrastructure Projects

Date: 26/03/2020

CC:	Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd	Cornelius Weyers Janse van Rensburg	Email: weyers@kerenenergy.com
	EnviroAfrica CC	Bernard De Witt	Email: Bernard@enviroafrica.co.za
	Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Grace Mkhosana	Email: mkhosanag@destea.fs.gov.za

A. EIA INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES**1. General site information**

The following general site information is required:

- Descriptions of all affected farm portions
- 21 digit Surveyor General codes of all affected farm portions
- Copies of deeds of all affected farm portions
- Photos of areas that give a visual perspective of all parts of the site
- Photographs from sensitive visual receptors (tourism routes, tourism facilities, etc.)
- Solar plant design specifications including:
 - Type of technology
 - Structure height
 - Surface area to be covered (including associated infrastructure such as roads)
 - Structure orientation
 - Laydown area dimensions (construction period and thereafter)
 - Generation capacity
- Generation capacity of the facility as a whole at delivery points

This information must be indicated on the first page of the BAR. It is also advised that it be double checked as there are too many mistakes in the applications that have been received that take too much time from authorities to correct.

2. Sample of technical details for the proposed facility

Component	Description / dimensions
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	

3. Site maps and GIS information

Site maps and GIS information should include at least the following:

- All maps/information layers must also be provided in ESRI Shapefile format
- All affected farm portions must be indicated
- The exact site of the application must be indicated (the areas that will be occupied by the application)
- A status quo map/layer must be provided that includes the following:

- Current use of land on the site including:
 - Buildings and other structures
 - Agricultural fields
 - Grazing areas
 - Natural vegetation areas (natural veld not cultivated for the preceding 10 years) with an indication of the vegetation quality as well as fine scale mapping in respect of Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas
 - Critically endangered and endangered vegetation areas that occur on the site
 - Bare areas which may be susceptible to soil erosion
 - Cultural historical sites and elements
- Rivers, streams and water courses
- Ridgelines and 20m continuous contours with height references in the GIS database
- Fountains, boreholes, dams (in-stream as well as off-stream) and reservoirs
- High potential agricultural areas as defined by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Buffer zones (also where it is dictated by elements outside the site):
 - 500m from any irrigated agricultural land
 - 1km from residential areas
- Indicate isolated residential, tourism facilities on or within 1km of the site
- A slope analysis map/layer that include the following slope ranges:
 - Less than 8% slope (preferred areas for PV and infrastructure)
 - between 8% and 12% slope (potentially sensitive to PV and infrastructure)
 - between 12% and 14% slope (highly sensitive to PV and infrastructure)
 - steeper than 18 % slope (unsuitable for PV and infrastructure)
- A site development proposal map(s)/layer(s) that indicate:
 - Foundation footprint
 - Permanent laydown area footprint
 - Construction period laydown 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)
 - River, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used
 - Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint.
 - Cable routes and trench dimensions (where they are not along internal roads)
 - Connection routes to the distribution/transmission network (the connection must form part of the EIA even if the construction and maintenance thereof will be done by another entity such as ESKOM)
 - Cut and fill areas at PV sites along roads and at substation/transformer sites indicating the expected volume of each cut and fill
 - Borrow pits
 - Spoil heaps (temporary for topsoil and subsoil and permanently for excess material)
 - Buildings including accommodation

With the above information authorities will be able to assess the strategic and site impacts of the application.

4. Regional map and GIS information

The regional map and GIS information should include at least the following:

- All maps/information layers must also be provided in ESRI Shapefile format

- The map/layer must cover an area of 20km around the site
- Indicate the following:
 - roads including their types (tarred or gravel) and category (national, provincial, local or private)
 - Railway lines and stations
 - Industrial areas
 - Harbours and airports
 - Electricity transmission and distribution lines and substations
 - Pipelines
 - Waters sources to be utilised during the construction and operational phases
 - A visibility assessment of the areas from where the facility will be visible
 - Critical Biodiversity Areas and Ecological Support Areas
 - Critically Endangered and Endangered vegetation areas
 - Agricultural fields
 - Irrigated areas
 - An indication of new road or changes and upgrades that must be done to existing roads in order to get equipment onto the site including cut and fill areas and crossings of rivers and streams

5. Important stakeholders

Amongst other important stakeholders, comments from the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development must be obtained and submitted to the Department. Any application, documentation, notification etc. should be forwarded to the following officials:

Ms Mashudu Marubini
Delegate of the Minister (Act 70 of 1970)
E-mail: MashuduMa@daff.gov.za
Tel: (012) 319 7619

Ms Thoko Buthelezi
AgriLand Liaison office
E-mail: ThokoB@daff.gov.za
Tel: (012) 319 7634

All hardcopy applications / documentation should be forwarded to the following address:

Physical address:
Delpen Building
Cnr Annie Botha and Union Street
Office 270
Attention: Delegate of the Minister Act 70 of 1970

Postal Address:
Private Bag X120
PRETORIA
0001
Attention: Delegate of the Minister Act 70 of 1970

In addition, comments must be requested from Eskom regarding grid connectivity and capacity. Request for comment must be submitted to:

Mr John Geeringh
Eskom Transmission

Megawatt Park D1Y38
PO Box 1091
JOHANNESBURG
2000

Tel: (011) 516 7233
Fax: (086) 661 4064
John.geeringh@eskom.co.za

B. AGRICULTURE STUDY REQUIREMENTS

- Detailed soil assessment of the site in question, incorporating a radius of 50 m surrounding the site, on a scale of 1:10 000 or finer. The soil assessment should include the following:
 - Identification of the soil forms present on site
 - The size of the area where a particular soil form is found
 - GPS readings of soil survey points
 - The depth of the soil at each survey point
 - Soil colour
 - Limiting factors
 - Clay content
 - Slope of the site
 - A detailed map indicating the locality of the soil forms within the specified area,
 - Size of the site
- Exact locality of the site
- Current activities on the site, developments, buildings
- Surrounding developments / land uses and activities in a radius of 500 m of the site
- Access routes and the condition thereof
- Current status of the land (including erosion, vegetation and a degradation assessment)
- Possible land use options for the site
- Water availability, source and quality (if available)
- Detailed descriptions of why agriculture should or should not be the land use of choice
- Impact of the change of land use on the surrounding area
- A shape file containing the soil forms and relevant attribute data as depicted on the map.



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Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Environmental Affairs

Letter signed by: Mr Rhulani Kubayi

Designation: Control Environmental Officer: EIA Systems and Tools

Date: 12-03-2020



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Acknowledgement Of Receipt Of The New Application For Environmental Authorisation (Basic Assessment Process) for proposed
Visserspan Solar Photovoltaic Facility Project 3 on Visserspan Farm No.40, near Dealesville, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State
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Vivienne Thomson

From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 10 March 2020 12:07
To: 'Annette Geertsema'
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Good day, Ms. Geertsema

The proposed developments are in the Free State Province in REDZ 5 (near Dealesville).

Thank you,
Vivienne Thomson



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From: Annette Geertsema <AnnetteS@daff.gov.za>
Sent: 10 March 2020 08:28
To: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Good day

Can you please confirm in which Province the proposed development is situated.

Regards
Annette

From: Anneliza Collett
Sent: Monday, 09 March 2020 4:39 PM
To: Hettie Buys <HettieB@daff.gov.za>
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: 09 March 2020 16:33
To: Anneliza Collett
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

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Should you have any comments queries or concerns regarding any of the projects, please notify EnviroAfrica in writing by **15 April 2020**, at the contact details below.

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Vivienne Thomson

From: Meko, SB <MekoS@fshealth.gov.za>
Sent: 11 March 2020 09:24
To: Vivienne Thomson
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Morning Mam,
Sorry for not providing full address it is
17 De Waal Road
Ehrlich Park
Bloemfontein
9312
Department of Health Free State
Chief Directorate: SCM and Asset Management
Directorate: Supply Chain Management
Sub-directorate: Bid Management
Section: Demand Management
Bophelo House, C/O Harvey Road and Charlotte Maxeke Street, Bloemfontein, 9300

From: Vivienne Thomson [mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za]
Sent: 10 March 2020 12:04 PM
To: Meko, SB
Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Dear Mr Meko

Please could you provide a specific address (street number or post box number) so that we can post you the cd copies. Also, please specify your section within the Department of Health.

Thank you,
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Subject: RE: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

Morning Mam,
I will definitely be happy to send me the CD copies of DBARs at De Waal Road, Ehrlich Park, Bloemfontein please.
Thank you

Regards

From: Vivienne Thomson [<mailto:vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>]
Sent: 09 March 2020 05:06 PM
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 10 March 2020 10:10
To: 'wilmarne.boerdery@gmail.com'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

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Thank you,
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Vivienne Thomson

From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 09 March 2020 16:32
To: 'enquiry@mangaung.co.za'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 09 March 2020 16:28
To: 'eugenegeyer@vodamail.co.za'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 09 March 2020 16:27
To: 'weyers@kerenenergy.com'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities - Projects 1 to 4

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From: Sandra de Witt <sandra@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 27 January 2020 12:42
To: 'Vivienne Thomson'
Subject: FW: Visserspan Solar PV 1-4

Sandra de Witt



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From: Ragna Redelstorff <rredelstorff@sahra.org.za>
Sent: Monday, 27 January 2020 8:48 AM
To: admin@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV 1-4

Good morning,

Thank you for the notification for the proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities (Projects 1-4), Dealesville Farm No 40, Tokologo Local Municipality.

You are kindly reminded that SAHRA does not accept hardcopies, emails or website links as submissions. Please submit an application on the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS). Please follow the step-by-step tutorial videos on the SAHRIS homepage (<http://sahra.org.za/sahris/>) and upload all documents to the case file.

Kind regards,

Ragna Redelstorff

Ragna Redelstorff, Ph.D.
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 17 December 2019 16:34
To: 'Gerhard van Rhyn'
Cc: 'pieter.vermeulen63@gmail.com'; '1jacoroos@gmail.com';
'alice.dealesville@gmail.com'; 'carstenswild@gmail.com'; 'charlottegriesel18@gmail.com'; 'erikatrust@gmail.com'; 'estellestevens6@gmail.com';
'forgotme@mweb.co.za'; 'freestate@setsa.co.za'; 'hpj.pieterse@gmail.com';
'ivanstevens10@gmail.com'; 'johanbeyfeldt@gmail.com';
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'wiese@mtnloaded.co.za'; 'williehaarhoff@gmail.com';
'wilmarne.boerdery@gmail.com'; 'witkopannaspan@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Visserspan Solar PV Projects

Dear Gerhard

EnviroAfrica acknowledges receipt of the information sent on 10 December 2019. You, as well as each of the interested and affected parties (I&APs) on the list attached to the same, have been registered as I&APs for the above projects.

Your correspondence has also been forwarded to the socio-economic specialist undertaking the independent study the above projects.

Please be assured that as soon as the pre-application draft basic assessment report becomes available for public comment, an electronic copy will be forwarded to each party registered in this process.

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From: Gerhard van Rhyn <gerhardvanrhyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 16 December 2019 8:12 AM
To: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: Fwd: Visserspan Solar PV No1

Ek stuur weer die inligting, soos op die 9de gedoen.
Gerhard

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gerhard van Rhyn** <gerhardvanrhyn@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 10, 2019 at 1:13 PM

Subject: Fwd: Visserspan Solar PV No1

To: Pieter Vermeulen <pieter.vermeulen63@gmail.com>

Hallo Pieter

Hiermee die inligting soos bespreek.

Gerhard van Rhyn

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Gerhard van Rhyn** <gerhardvanrhyn@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 10, 2019 at 1:07 PM

Subject: Visserspan Solar PV No1

To: <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>

Dear Vivienne

Interested and Affected farmers who wants to register.

Regards

Gerhard van Rhyn

Vivienne Thomson

From: Gerhard van Rhyn <gerhardvanrhyn@gmail.com>
Sent: 10 December 2019 13:08
To: vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: Visserspan Solar PV No1
Attachments: VISSERSPAN Letter 9 December 2019.docx; Getekende Naamlys.pdf Visserspan.pdf; Naamlys Visserspan Finaal.docx

Dear Vivienne
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Regards
Gerhard van Rhyn

Dear Vivienne

APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR THE VISSERSPAN SOLAR PV FACILITY PROJECT
1.

The following farmers are herewith applying to register to take part in the Environmental Impact Assessment for the farm Visserspan, identified as "Solar PV Facility".

Contact details as well as names of the parties concerned are enclosed. We request that all correspondence and important information should be sent to each of these parties individually from now on, since this letter only serves as a coordinated effort to ensure that all farmers are registered in time.

This is the third solar development close to Dealesville in the Free State. The premises identified for these developments are almost adjacent. The impact studies for the first two were done by the CSIR and the one for Visserspan will now be done by EnviroAfrica. However, because the three developments are so close to one another, it simply does not make sense to do the impact studies in isolation. The combined impact of all the developments on the environment is dramatically different from that indicated by the individual impact studies.

Because the developments are so close to one another, the same farmers will be negatively impacted by all of them. Apart from the wider impact on the town of Dealesville and its direct environment, the collective effect of the developments on an area already compromised by Eskom power developments is completely ignored. These developments are going to have a catastrophic effect on agricultural activities in the area, and by implication, on the farmers involved.

As part of the impact study we would like to voice our concerns regarding the negative impact of the development on the area and provide reasons why the area is not viable for any of the developments. Criteria currently used by developers to justify their choice of the specific area around Dealesville, are exactly the strongest arguments among the farmers why it is not suitable for any further power developments.

No private development can be sanctioned if it is to the detriment of other people's careers and livelihood. None of the developments are undertaken

because they are of national importance; they are undertaken by private developers solely to make money in the process.

Should any additional information be needed, we would be glad to co-operate.

Regards

Gerhard van Rhyn

Ps. List of names of affected farmers:

G van Rhyn	0605001419	gerhardvanrhyn@gmail.com
P Vermeulen	0828052172	pieter.vermeulen63@gmail.com
J Roos	0629649714	1jacoroos@gmail.com
A Ackermann	0824530837	alice.dealesville@gmail.com
C Carstens	0713450466	carstenswild@gmail.com
C Griesel	0827177950	charlottegriesel18@gmail.com
E Kruger	0834587068	erikatrust@gmail.com
E Stevens	0722187019	estellestevens6@gmail.com
D Keyser	0837553376	forgotme@mweb.co.za
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J Fouche	0828462247	ndlourens5@gmail.com
G Jonker	0832876599	noodshulp@hotmail.com
G du Plessis	0825759558	oukraal@gmail.com
J Sander	0834691607	stefan@sanderbc.co.za

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Hiermee 'n naamlys van mense in die Dealesville omgewing wat direk of indirek deur hierdie voorgenome Sonkrag projek benadeel word en die inhoud van die brief ondersteun om die ontwikkeling te stop.

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Vermeulen PJ	pjeter.vermeulen3@gmail.com	0828052772	
Hoarhoff W F	williehoarhoff	0824442589	
Van Schaer JI	Posbus 53, Kelders 12	0824450353	
J. J. Jansen	Wilmers-bourgeois	0828612678	
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J. Sander	stefan@sander.be.co.za	0834691607	
Albetus	tesalia@eskon.co.za	0826550579	

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Estelle Stevens	estellestevens@gmail.com	0722187019	
Prinsloo Jacobs		0827705546	

Van en Naam	Epos Adres	cell nr.	Hantekening
Ivan Stevens	ivanstevens10@gmail.com	0847073617	
Chris Nel	chrisnel@gmail.com	0790708463	
Gerda Rhyne	oukroon@gmail.com	0825759658	
Erkka Kruger	erikakraai@gmail.com	084987068	
Tom Auché	rollovers5@gmail.com	0828462774	
Piet Munné	munnep@winload.co.za	0827724500	

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Witkop v. Werthijn	witkopvwaspan@gmail.com		
Keyse	forgetime@multicore24	0825035054	
(Waspan)		0837553376	

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Gerda Rhyne	gerdarhyne@gmail.com	0605601452	
C. J. Carstens	carstensenwild@gmail.com	0713450466	

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Cell nr

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Vivienne Thomson

From: EnviroAfrica :Admin <admin@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 02 March 2020 13:08
To: 'Vivienne Thomson'
Subject: FW: application for meter reading at eskom persues
Attachments: GALEBOE SP(3)(2).pdf; scan 1.pdf; Scanned Document(1)(1).pdf

-----Original Message-----

From: Serame Galeboe <galeboeserame@gmail.com>
Sent: March 2, 2020 9:15 AM
To: admin@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: Re: application for meter reading at eskom persues

im waiting for response and my new adress is 19 jimmy kennedy street,bloemside,bloemfontein.please forward my a letter.

On 12/2/19, Serame Galeboe <galeboeserame@gmail.com> wrote:
> i would love to work at dealesville.asap
>

From: EnviroAfrica :Admin <admin@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: December 2, 2019 1:59 PM
To: 'Vivienne Thomson' <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: FW: application for meter reading at eskom persues

Belinda Waters



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From: Serame Galeboe <galeboeserame@gmail.com>
Sent: December 2, 2019 12:58 PM
To: admin@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: application for meter reading at eskom persues

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PERSONAL DETAILS

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FULL NAME/S	:	SERAME PETRUS
INITIALS	:	S.P
DATE OF BIRTH	:	02 JULY 1985
PLACE OF BIRTH	:	BLOEMFONTEIN
IDENTITY NUMBER	:	850702 5980 083
GENDER	:	MALE
RACE	:	COLOURED
NATIONALITY	:	SOUTH AFRICAN
HEALTH STATUS	:	EXCELLENT
MARITAL STATUS	:	SINGLE
DEPANDENTS	:	FIVE (5)
CRIMINAL RECORD	:	NONE
DRIVER'S LICENSE	:	NONE

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

HOME LANGUAGE	:	AFRIKAANS		
OTHER LANGUAGES	:	SPEAK	READ	WRITE
ENGLISH	:	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
AFRIKAANS	:	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
SETSWANA	:	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
SOUTHERN SOTHO	:	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
ISIXHOSA	:	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
ISIZULU	:	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD
SWATI	:	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR

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CONTACT NUMBER	:	063 830 6868/063 873 0304

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

NAME OF SCHOOL	:	KGOLLOSEGO SECONDARY	
HIGHEST GRADE PASSED	:	GRADE 12	
SUBJECTS	:	SETSWANA	HG
		ENGLISH	HG
		AFRIKAANS	HG
		ACCOUNTING	SG
		ECONOMICS	HG
		BUSINESS ECONOMICS	HG
YEAR	:	2005	

CURRENT-OCCUPATION

NAME OF DEPARTMENT	:	PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
TYPE OF WORK	:	INTERNSHIP
CAMPUS	:	PHATSIMANG CITY CAMPUS MOREMOGOLO HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING (F.E.T) ,
DESCRIPTION	:	SURVEYER FOR NATIONAL TREASURY
JOB TITLE	:	CAPTURE DATABASE
NAME	:	MR LETSHOLO (KIMBERLEY)

WORK EXPERIENCE

NAME OF COMPANY	:	TRANSNET RAIL ENGINEERING
POSITION	:	TECHNICAL WORKER
DUTIES	:	SLINGING CRANE DRIVING FITTING & TURNING GRINDING WAGON BUILDING FLAME-CUTTING CAPSTAIN WINCH OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY
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NAME OF COMPANY	:	RAUBEX INFRA (PTY) SOLAR ENGINEERING
POSITION	:	TECHNICAL WORKER/SAFETY OFFICER & HOUSE KEEPING (LETSATSI SOLAR PROJECT) APPOINTED BY MR TERRENCE
DUTIES	:	DRILLING MACHINE (POWER- POINTER) HOUSEKEEPING

PERIOD	:	TEAM LEADER SOLAR PANELS BARRICADING SOLAR GEYSERS 11 FEB 2013 – 07 JAN 2014
NAME OF COMPANY DUTIES	:	MODITI CONSULTING ENGINEERING SURVEY (ASBESTOS) HOUSES C.L.O. TEAM LEADER
PERIOD	:	2015 - 2015
NAME OF COMPANY POSITION PERIOD	:	I.E.C INKER 2011
NAME OF COMPANY POSITION PERIOD	:	CENCUS FIELDWORKER 2011
NAME OF COMPANY POSITION PERIOD	:	NORRIS PLUMBING TECHNICAL WORKER (PLUMBING) 2014 - 2014

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NAME RELATION CONTACT NUMBER	:	EUGENE S SUPERVISOR 083 731 9434
NAME RELATION CONTACT NUMBER	:	MOTLALEPULE MODISE AUNT 0638730304
NAME RELATION CONTACT NUMBER	:	H.M. NDABA DIRECTOR (COMMUNICATION SERVICE) 079 503 5485
NAME RELATION CONTACT NUMBER	:	B.E. SEAKGE SPEAKER/MAYOR 053 541 0014

NAME : MOTHEO
RELATION : HOD (CENSUS & I.E.C.)
CONTACT NUMBER : 078 497 1574

NAME : HILTON MOLOI
RELATION : HOD (TRANSNET)
CONTACT NUMBER : 051 408 2933

DECLARATION

I, SERAME PETRUS GALEBOE, HEREBY SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT THE INFORMATION RENDERED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

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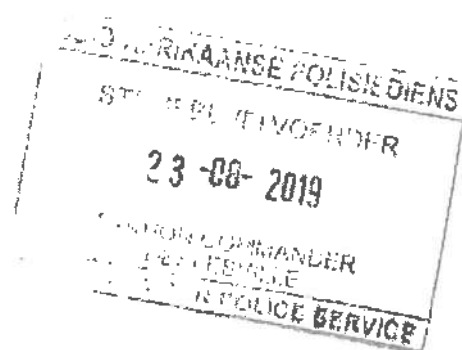
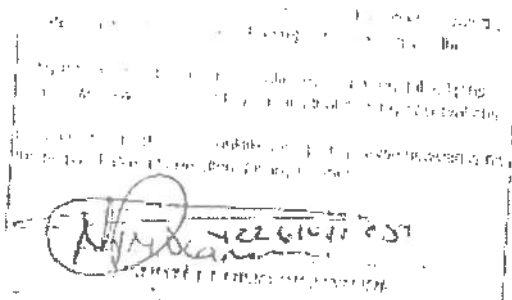
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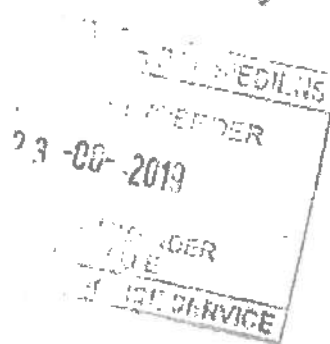
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 Signed: _____
 Date: 23-08-2013
 Chief Executive Officer

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 None



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December 2005

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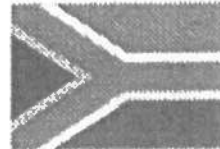
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The Minister of Higher Education, Science, Technology is a Minister in the Cabinet of South Africa, with the responsibility of overseeing the higher education and training components of the Department of Education. Before 10 May 2009 the portfolio formed part of the Ministry of Education, with responsibility for both basic education and higher education, the former now being the responsibility of the Minister of Basic Education.

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Blade Nzimande**
since 30 May 2019

**Department of Higher Education and
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Style	The Honourable
Appointer	Cyril Ramaphosa
Inaugural holder	Blade Nzimande
Formation	11 May 2009
Deputy	Buti Manamela
Salary	R2,211,937 ^[1]
Website	Department of Higher Education and Training (http://www.dhet.gov.za/)



Thu, Dec 7, 2017 at 11:32 AM



19 Jimmy Kennedy
Bloemside
Bloemfontein 9301

Dear Serame GALEBOE

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION: 2018

Degree: Higher Certificate in Humanities

Study code: LC111000

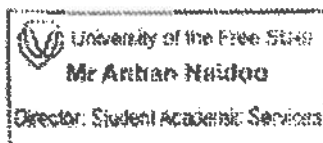


Congratulations! Your application to the University of the Free State (UFS) was successful and we offer you a place for the following study programme: **Higher Certificate in Humanities LC111000.**

Each study programme is evaluated separately, so if you applied for more than one programme, you will receive specific communication about each.

Disclaimer: The University of the Free State reserves the right to withdraw the offer, should the processed results be erroneous or fraudulent. Also note that this offer depends on availability of space during registration period.

Kind regards



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Serame Galeboe <galeboeserame@gmail.com>

Bursary for Bachelor of Social worker

info@nsfas.org.za
to: Serame Galeboe <galeboeserame@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 18, 2018 at 2:49 PM

Dear Serame

Thank you for contacting NSFAS.

In order for NSFAS to attend to all your concerns, please complete the form below and send it back to info@nsfas.org.za.

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Name and Surname:	Serame Galeboe
Email Address:	galeboeserame@gmail.com
Cell Number:	073 689 0844 / 082 674 6752
University/VET Name:	UOVS
Student Number:	20174801951

Should you require further assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the NSFAS CONTACT CENTRE on 0860 067 327

Kind regards

Katy Buys

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NOSA

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if you wish to attend more than one training course, please complete a Training Booking Form for each course

assessments are to be booked within 90 days of the original course

SA will confirm the course date and time in writing to your email

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2. COURSE DETAILS

Reassessment booking? (yes) ☒ If yes, original course date and branch

Branch SAM TREK - Public Mining Preferred month November
BLOEMFONTEIN Date 01-10-2019

3. LEARNER'S DETAILS

Booking confirmations, results and notifications regarding certification will be sent via email to the mobile no. & email address provided below.

Cell no. 8507025980083
 Surname GALEBOE Male/Female MALE
 First name SERAME Race COLOURED
 ID no. 073 6890844 Contact no. 073 6890844
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 Address 407 BHABUENA STREET Physical address 19 Jimmy Kennedy Street
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4. AGREEMENT TO TERMS, CONDITIONS & INDEMNITY

By this order and confirming the booking, we hereby indemnify NOSA (Proprietary) Limited, its affiliated companies, directors, shareholders, agents (whether or not), employees, servants, representatives and officers ("NOSA") for any claim that may arise against NOSA for any loss, damage (including direct, indirect and consequential damages and/or loss of profits), costs (including legal costs on the scale as between attorney and client and any additional legal costs), expenses and/or liability (including, but not limited to, damages and/or loss of profits) of whatsoever nature and however arising or caused (including liability in terms of section 60 and 61 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2008) which NOSA or any third party may suffer, incur or sustain or which may arise, directly or indirectly as a result of the personal injury or death of our employees and/or third parties while they undertake training presented by NOSA. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions in Section 4. I am aware that it is my responsibility to NOSA if I do not receive an acknowledgement of my booking. I agree to my details being added to NOSA's database in order for information relating to my booking to be maintained.

Signature [Signature]

Date 10-09-2019

5. NOSA PAYMENT DETAILS

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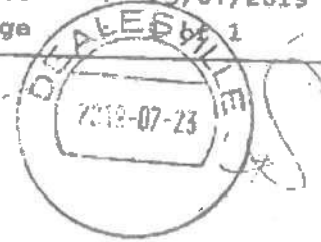
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 Prefix : MNR
 Address : 407 FREEDOM SQUARE

City : DEALESVILLE
 Country : SOUTH AFRICA

State : Free State
 Post Code: 9348

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Available Balance: -R126.74

Uncleared Funds : R0.00

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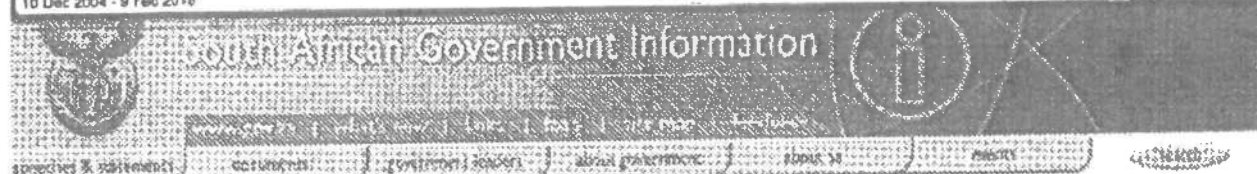
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WHAT IS LEARNERSHIP?

Learnership is a vocational education and training programme to facilitate the linkage between structured learning and working experience in order to obtain a registered qualification. It combines theory and workplace practice into a qualification that is registered on the NQF (National Qualification Framework)

(Source: South African Qualifications Authority)

DURATION

Learnerships have a flexible duration and may vary from company to company. Learnerships can take as long as couple of weeks to more than one year.

Examples

Learnerships are offered by many companies to improve skills through formal training and learning.

These companies include:

- Eutrel
- Standard Bank
- Liberty Life
- FNB
- Bankseta

WHAT IS A DIPLOMA?

This qualification is primarily professional, vocational or industry specific. The knowledge emphasises general principles and application.

The purpose of the Diploma is to develop graduates who can demonstrate focused knowledge and skills in a particular field. Typically they will have gained experience in

applying such knowledge and skills in a workplace context.

A depth and specialisation of knowledge, together with practical skills and experience

in the workplace, enable successful students to enter a number of career paths and to apply their learning to particular employment contexts from the outset.

The duration of a diploma is normally 3 years of full time study or through distance learning.

Examples

Examples include:

- National Diploma in Office Management and Technology
- National Diploma in Fine Art
- National Diploma in Photography
- National Diploma in Tourism Management

WHAT IS A BACHELORS DEGREE?

This qualification has as the primary purpose of providing a well-rounded, broad education that equips graduates with the knowledge base, theory and methodology of disciplines, and enables them to demonstrate initiative and responsibility in an academic or professional context. Principles and theory are emphasised as a basis for entry into the labour market, professional training, postgraduate studies, or professional practice in a wide range of careers. (Source: Department Of Education - Higher Education Qualifications Framework)

DURATION

Bachelor's degrees normally have duration of 3 years, in some instances it is offered over a 4 year period. These degrees include a Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Technology and Bachelor of Engineering.

EXAMPLES

Bachelor's Degree (designators*) are specific areas of study, disciplines or professions.

Examples include:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc)
- Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)
- Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)
- Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS)
- Bachelor of Agriculture (BAgri)
- Bachelor of Law (LLB)

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Serame

Serame Galeboe

Good morning I would like to ask for a bursary to study at UFS as I've t

Info

Dear Serame Thank you for contacting NSFAS. In order for NSFAS to :

Serame Galeboe

Galeboeserame@gmail.com

Info <info@nsfas.org.za>

to me

Dear Serame

Thank you for contacting NSFAS.

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Kind regards

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Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 03:01 PM

To: Info <info@nsfas.org.za>

Subject: RE: Bursary for Bachelor of Social worker

06/18/2018 09:32 AM

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To: Whom it may concern

This serves to confirm that according to Tokologo Local Municipality's records;

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Prof/Dr. Galeboe Serame Petrus

With Identity Number: 8507025980083

Resides at Address: 407 BHABUENG STREET
FREEDOM SQUARE
ISHWARAGANATHA, LOUATON
DEALESVILLE, 9348

Resides in ward One (1), which is under Councillor Boitumelo Enoch Seake, for the past 26 year (s) and 08 Month (s).

As an authorized representative of Tokologo Local Municipality, I hereby confirm that according to our records, the above-mentioned person is residing at the above-mentioned address.

Should you encounter any problems please do not hesitate to contact our offices on
Tel: (053) 541 0014

Regards,


Clr. B. E. SEAKE

Date: 02-08-18

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S.A.CITIZEN

SURNAME

GALEBOE

FORENAMES

SERAME PETRUS

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

SOUTH AFRICA

DATE OF BIRTH

1985-07-02

DATE ISSUED

2010-12-03

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Tourism

Sites of offering: Bloemfontein Campus	Subjects	Subjects	Subjects
Job opportunities:	N4	N5	N6
Tour Guide, Game Ranger, Safari Work, Tourism Development, Accommodation Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Office Procedures • Tourism Communication • Travel Services • Tourist Destinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Office Procedures • Tourism Communication • Travel Services • Tourist Destinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Office Procedures • Tourist Destinations • Travel Services • Hotel Reception

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Chef, Front Office Waiter, Kitchen Supervisor Assistant Manager, Caterer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Management • Sanitation and Safety • Catering Practical and Theory • Nutrition and Menu Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship and Business Management N4 • Applied Management • Catering Practical and Theory • Food and Beverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Management • Communication and Human Relations • Computer Practice N4 • Catering Practical and Theory

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Sites of offering: Bloemfontein, Thaba 'Nchu, Zastron and Koffiefontein Campus	Subjects	Subjects	Subjects
Job opportunities:	N4	N5	N6
Nannies, Au pairs, Day mothers, Play group owners, Pre-school assistants, Day care assistants, After care assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Care Personnel Development • Educare Didactics • Child Health • Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Care Communication • Educare Didactics • Education Psychology • Entrepreneurship and Business Management N4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Care Management • Day Care Communication • Educare Didactics • Educational Psychology

Business Management

Sites of offering: Bloemfontein Campus and Thaba 'Nchu Campus	Subjects	Subjects	Subjects
Job opportunities:	N4	N5	N6
Accountant Clerk, Bank Official, Treasurer, Debtors Clerk, Sales Manager, Teller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Practice • Entrepreneurship and Business Management • Introductory Accounting • Management Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Practice • Entrepreneurship and Business Management • Economics N4 • Sales Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Practice • Entrepreneurship and Business Management • Economics N5 • Sales Management

Human Resources Management

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HR Manager, Personnel Trainer, Labour Relations Officer, Computer Operator, Personnel Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Practice • Entrepreneurship and Business Management • Management Communication • Personnel Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Relations • Personnel Management • Personnel Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour Relations • Personnel Management • Personnel Training • Entrepreneurship and Business Management N5

Marketing Management

Sites of offering: Bloemfontein Campus	Subjects	Subjects	Subjects
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Marketing of services/Products for Private/ Public sector, Entrepreneur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics • Entrepreneurship and Business Management • Management Communication • Marketing Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics • Computer Practice • Marketing Management • Sales Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Communication • Marketing Management • Marketing Research • Sales Management

Vivienne Thomson

From: EnviroAfrica :Admin <admin@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 26 November 2019 09:12
To: 'Vivienne Thomson'
Subject: FW: Enquiry Visserspan

Belinda Waters



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From: Thabo Seliba <tseliba@outlook.com>
Sent: November 26, 2019 9:06 AM
To: admin@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: Enquiry

Hi

My name is Sylvester and i would like to know about the EIA process of the proposed project (VISSERSPAN SOLAR PV FACILITY PROJECT) because i am interested applying for a job i do have experience in construction and maintenance solar plant and aware that EnviroAfrica CC has been appointed by Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty)Ltd.

I would also like to know where to forward my CV for open vacancies.

Kind regards

Sylvester

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From: EnviroAfrica :Admin <admin@enviroafrica.co.za>
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From: Senelo Kaneng <senelokaneng@gmail.com>
Sent: November 26, 2019 7:47 AM
To: admin@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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Date: Tue, 26 Nov 2019 07:40:56 +0200

Subject: Project solar pv facility project 2.

Dear sir or Madam

As per notice of vissirspan solar pv facility project 2.As basic assessment report (BAR) is required a large scale of work.

As per project location and Description of infrastructure includes,fence and maintenance offices.

As Kaneng security service and trading PTY Ltd. Its a small company which commenced business from 05/06/2014.

The modern operates in TOKOLOGO Local Municipality.

So we just want to know what our opportunities that we will benefit from this project. In terms of developing small business.

I hope you you kindly received this concern and provide me with the other information regarding this project.

Regards

S J Kaneng

(Kaneng security. Director)

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From: EnviroAfrica Admin <admin@enviroafrica.co.za>
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THABANG PETER NAKEDI

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Marital Status	: Single
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Criminal Record	: None
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Name Of School	: Kgololosego Secondary School
Highest Grade Passed	: Grade 12
Subjects	: English
	: Setswana
	: Geography
	: Physical Science
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	: Life Science
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Year Obtained	: 2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

Name of Company	: Ram Electrical & Civil
Position	: Assistant Electrician
Duration	: 2013 till 2019
Duties	: LV-MV-HV Cable Joints Domestic
	: Commercial & Industrial Wiring
	: Wiring of Distribution Board
	: Electrical Components
	: Maintenance of Electrical Installation
	: Fault Finishing of Electrical Circuit
	: Tubing

REFERENCE'S

Name : Teboho Alfred Sehloho
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2008-08-14



From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 19 November 2019 16:48
To: 'info@bigsky394.co.za'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities on the Farm Visserspan No. 40
Attachments: Project 1 Visserspan maildrop.pdf; Project 1 Visserspan maildrop picture.pdf; Project 2 Visserspan maildrop.pdf; Project 2 Visserspan maildrop picture.pdf; Project 3 Visserspan maildrop.pdf; Project 3 Visserspan maildrop picture.pdf; Project 4 Visserspan maildrop.pdf; Project 4 Visserspan maildrop picture.pdf

Dear Sir

Following our telephonic conversation a week ago, you have been identified as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP) for the above projects, as part of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process for the four (4) proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville in the Free State.

Please note: the maildrop information is attached for each of the four (4) proposed facilities. Should you have any comments or queries regarding the projects, or if you want to register, please notify EnviroAfrica in writing strictly on or before **15 December 2019**, at the contact details below or on the maildrops attached. Should you require an extra week to peruse the attached documents, please inform me.

Please also inform any other I&APs you may know about this process.

Thank you,
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From: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 19 November 2019 16:43
To: 'stanmanrob@gmail.com'
Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities on the Farm Visserspan No. 40
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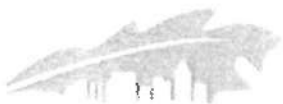
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From: EnviroAfrica :Admin <admin@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 18 November 2019 16:07
To: 'Vivienne Thomson'
Subject: FW: Proposed Visserspan Solar Project

Belinda Waters



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From: Meisie Nel <mesie53nel@gmail.com>

Sent: November 18, 2019 4:00 PM

To: admin@enviroafrica.co.za

Subject: Proposed Visserspan Solar Project

Hi

I want to register for the above mentioned Solar Project.

My farm is Brakfontein 1/636 very close to Eskom powerline, it actually goes through my farm. I am not apposed to provide my whole farm for the project.

Please consider it.

Cell 0826714198

Thanks

Meisie Nel

Vivienne Thomson

From: EnviroAfrica :Admin <admin@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 18 November 2019 15:27
To: 'Vivienne Thomson'
Subject: FW: Request to Register as an I&AP: Visserspan solar PV2

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From: Ralph Damonse <damo@iafrica.com>
Sent: November 18, 2019 3:19 PM
To: admin@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: Request to Register as an I&AP: Visserspan solar PV2

Hi

Please register me as an I&AP for above Project.

Thank you.

RR Damon

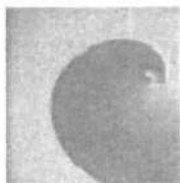
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From: EnviroAfrica :Admin <admin@enviroafrica.co.za>
Sent: 18 November 2019 15:56
To: 'Vivienne Thomson'
Subject: FW: Prososed Visserspan SolarProject
Attachments: Visserspan solar.pdf

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From: albertus <albertus@teseling.com>
Sent: November 18, 2019 3:33 PM
To: admin@enviroafrica.co.za
Subject: FW: Prososed Visserspan SolarProject

I hereby would like to register Concordia Trust as interested and effected party to the above project.

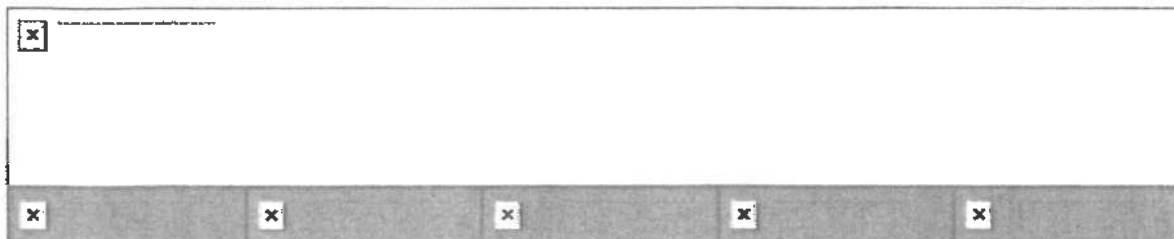
Regards

Albertus Teseling
0823725135

Sent from Samsung tablet.

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From: Albertus Teseling <TeseliAL@eskom.co.za>
Date: 2019/11/18 15:03 (GMT+02:00)
To: albertus@teseling.com
Subject: FW: Prososed Visserspan SolarProject



From: Pieter Vermeulen [mailto:pieter.vermeulen63@gmail.com]

Sent: 18 November 2019 02:39 PM

To: 1jacoroos@gmail.com; alice.dealesville@gmail.com; carstenswild@gmail.com; charlottegriesel18@gmail.com; erikatrust@gmail.com; estellestevens6@gmail.com; forgotme@mweb.co.za; Gerhard van Rhyn; hpi.pieterse@gmail.com; ivanstevens10@gmail.com; johanbeylefeld@gmail.com; junettevanstaden@gmail.com; ksaaiman@gmail.com; leonbadenhorst2@gmail.com; malenevermeulen@hotmail.com; noodshulp; Rigard Sander; stefan@sanderbc.co.za; sunelievs@vodamail.co.za; taniastraaten@gmail.com; Albertus Teseling; vorsterelrika@gmail.com; Deon Van Zyl; wiese@mtnloaded.co.za; williehaarhoff@gmail.com; wilmarne.boerdery; witkopannaspan@gmail.com; oukraal@gmail.com; meisie53nel@gmail.com; freestate@setsa.co.za

Subject: Prososed Visserspan SolarProject

Soos aangeheg:

Neem asseblief kennis van nog 'n voorgestelde sonplaas ontwikkeling wat +/- 900 hektaar gaan beslaan.

Registreer betyds indien jy sou belang stel.

Groete

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

PROPOSED VISSERSPAN SOLAR PV FACILITY PROJECT 1

(on Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province)
Department of Environmental Affairs Reference Number: To be provided

Notice is hereby given of the pre-application public participation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014), as well as the National Water Act, No. 36 of 1998 (NWA).

Relevant Act/Notice and Activity No.	To be included in Application	Description in Legislation
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (GN. R. 327), Activity No. 12(xl)(c)	Possibly	Development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100m ² or more where such development occurs if no development setback exists, within 32m of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 (GN. R. 325), Activity No. 1	Yes	Development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts (MW) or more
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 (GN. R. 325), Activity No. 15	Yes	Clearance of an area of 20ha or more of indigenous vegetation
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 3 of 2014 (GN. R. 324), Activity No. 2	Possibly	Development of reservoirs, excluding dams, with a capacity of more than 250 cubic metres.
NWA, Section 21(a)	Possibly	Taking water from a water resource
NWA, Section 21(b)	Possibly	Storing water
NWA, Section 21(c)	Possibly	Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse
NWA, Section 21(d)	Possibly	Altering the bed, banks or characteristics of a watercourse

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Project Location and Description:

The proposed development site is located at 28°35'33.46"S, 25°43'21.04"E (estimated central point), on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, approximately 10km northwest of Dealesville and 68km northwest of Bloemfontein, in the Free State Province. The proposed development is a solar photovoltaic (PV) array covering an area of around 218ha, circumscribed with a perimeter fire access road and fence. The PV tables will be raised approximately 500mm above ground level and will have single axis tracking systems allowing the generation of not more than 100MW of alternating current. Proposed associated infrastructure includes a fenced construction staging area, maintenance shed/s, inverter-transformer stations on concrete pads and office buildings all within the 218ha proposed development site footprint, as well as a switch panel and an overhead powerline from the PV array for connection to the power grid, at Eskom's Perseus substation, south of the proposed development site.

Description of Alternatives:

Due to proximity to the Eskom substation, consent use of land and other renewable energy developments/proposed developments, alternative sites do not exist. However, alternative options which include *inter alia* alternative PV technology, layout options and the option of not proceeding with the proposed development at all (the No-Go option) are considered within the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR). The DBAR will include specialist reports and will undergo a further round of public participation.

Public Participation:

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments, queries, concerns or opportunities relating to this proposed project, **on or before 15 December 2019** for environmental/NEMA issues and **on or before 04 February 2020** for water/NWA related issues.

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E-mail: admin@enviroafrica.co.za

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

PROPOSED VISSERSPAN SOLAR PV FACILITY PROJECT 2

(on Farm Viesserspan No. 40, near Dealesville, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province)
Department of Environmental Affairs Reference Number: To be provided

Notice is hereby given of the pre-application public participation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014), as well as the National Water Act, No. 36 of 1998 (NWA).

Relevant Act/Notice and Activity No.	To be Included in Application	Description in Legislation
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (GN. R. 327), Activity No. 12(xii)(c)	Possibly	Development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100m ² or more where such development occurs if no development setback exists, within 32m of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 (GN. R. 325), Activity No. 1	Yes	Development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts (MW) or more
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 (GN. R. 325), Activity No. 15	Yes	Clearance of an area of 20ha or more of indigenous vegetation
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 3 of 2014 (GN. R. 324), Activity No. 2	Possibly	Development of reservoirs, excluding dams, with a capacity of more than 250 cubic metres.
NWA, Section 21(a)	Possibly	Taking water from a water resource
NWA, Section 21(b)	Possibly	Storing water
NWA, Section 21(c)	Possibly	Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse
NWA, Section 21(i)	Possibly	Altering the bed, banks or characteristics of a watercourse

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Project Location and Description:

The proposed development site is located at 28°36'6.13"S, 25°43'48.46"E (estimated central point), on the Farm Viesserspan No. 40, approximately 10km northwest of Dealesville and 68km northwest of Bloemfontein, in the Free State Province. The proposed development is a solar photovoltaic (PV) array covering an area of around 223ha, circumscribed with a perimeter fire access road and fence. The PV tables will be raised approximately 500mm above ground level and will have single axis tracking systems allowing the generation of not more than 100MW of alternating current. Proposed associated infrastructure includes a fenced construction staging area, maintenance shed/s, inverter-transformer stations on concrete pads and office buildings all within the 223ha development site footprint, as well as a switch panel and an overhead powerline from the PV array for connection to the power grid, at Eskom's Perseus substation, south of the proposed development site.

Description of Alternatives:

Due to proximity to the Eskom substation, consent use of land and other renewable energy developments/proposed developments, alternative sites do not exist. However, alternative options which include *inter alia* alternative PV technology, layout options and the option of not proceeding with the proposed development at all (the No-Go option) are considered within the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR). The DBAR will include specialist reports and will undergo a further round of public participation.

Public Participation:

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
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PROPOSED VISSERSPAN SOLAR PV FACILITY PROJECT 3

(on Farm Visserspan No. 40, near Dealesville, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province)

Department of Environmental Affairs Reference Number: To be provided

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Relevant Act/Notice and Activity No.	To be Included in Application	Description in Legislation
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (GN. R. 327), Activity No. 12(xii)(c)	Possibly	Development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100m ² or more where such development occurs if no development setback exists, within 32m of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 (GN. R. 325), Activity No. 1	Yes	Development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts (MW) or more
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 (GN. R. 325), Activity No. 15	Yes	Clearance of an area of 20ha or more of Indigenous vegetation
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 3 of 2014 (GN. R. 324), Activity No. 2	Possibly	Development of reservoirs, excluding dams, with a capacity of more than 250 cubic metres.
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NWA, Section 21(l)	Possibly	Altering the bed, banks or characteristics of a watercourse

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Project Location and Description:

The proposed development site is located at 28°35'18.93"S, 25°44'30.53"E (estimated central point), on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, approximately 10km northwest of Dealesville and 68km northwest of Bloemfontein, in the Free State Province. The proposed development is a solar photovoltaic (PV) array covering an area of around 222ha, circumscribed with a perimeter fire access road and fence. The PV tables will be raised approximately 500mm above ground level and will have single axis tracking systems allowing the generation of not more than 100MW of alternating current. Proposed associated infrastructure includes a fenced construction staging area, maintenance shed/s, inverter-transformer stations on concrete pads and office buildings all within the 222ha proposed development site footprint, as well as a switch panel and an overhead powerline from the PV array for connection to the power grid, at Eskom's Perseus substation, south of the proposed development site.

Description of Alternatives:

Due to proximity to the Eskom substation, consent use of land and other renewable energy developments/proposed developments, alternative sites do not exist. However, alternative options which include *inter alia* alternative PV technology, layout options and the option of not proceeding with the proposed development at all (the No-Go option) are considered within the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR). The DBAR will include specialist reports and will undergo a further round of public participation.

Public Participation:

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
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PROPOSED VISSERSPAN SOLAR PV FACILITY PROJECT 4

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Department of Environmental Affairs Reference Number: To be provided

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Relevant Act/Notice and Activity No.	To be Included In Application	Description in Legislation
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (GN. R. 327), Activity No. 12(xii)(c)	Possibly	Development of infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100m ² or more where such development occurs if no development setback exists, within 32m of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 (GN. R. 325), Activity No. 1	Yes	Development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts (MW) or more
NEMA, EIA Regulations Listing Notice 2 of 2014 (GN. R. 325), Activity No. 15	Yes	Clearance of an area of 20ha or more of indigenous vegetation
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Project Location and Description:

The proposed development site is located at **28°35'58.80"S, 25°45'6.65"E** (estimated central point), on the Farm Visserspan No. 40, approximately 10km northwest of Dealesville and 68km northwest of Bloemfontein, in the Free State Province. The proposed development is a solar photovoltaic (PV) array covering an area of around 238ha, circumscribed with a perimeter fire access road and fence. The PV tables will be raised approximately 500mm above ground level and will have single axis tracking systems allowing the generation of not more than 100MW of alternating current. Proposed associated infrastructure includes a fenced construction staging area, maintenance shed/s, inverter-transformer stations on concrete pads and office buildings all within the 238ha proposed development site footprint, as well as a switch panel and an overhead powerline from the PV array for connection to the power grid, at Eskom's Perseus substation, south of the proposed development site. The proposed site falls on either side of an existing dirt road and is denoted as either 'east' or 'west' of the existing farm road.

Description of Alternatives:

Due to proximity to the Eskom substation, consent use of land and other renewable energy developments/proposed developments, alternative sites do not exist. However, alternative options which include *inter alia* alternative PV technology, layout options and the option of not proceeding with the proposed development at all (the No-Go option) are considered within the Draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR). The DBAR will include specialist reports and will undergo a further round of public participation.

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This is to propose the installation of solar powered irrigation systems and solar powered street lights for the proposed development site.

The solution to the current high electricity usage by irrigation systems is excessively high, which results into wasted and misdirected water, and excessive watering which can result in damaged crops and reduces the quantity and quality of the produce.

We understand the frustration that comes with electricity and power outages and how they affect the college.

As Golden Four Trading we propose to Glen College to purchase solar powered irrigation system, which are very effective as they can last up to 10 years with minimum costs to maintain them.

Problem of high electricity tariffs at the proposed development site are mainly from the use of irrigation systems amongst other electrical equipment and electrical appliances.

And at times these electrical equipment and appliances are used simultaneously, resulting in high usage of electricity.

However not all electrical appliances and equipments need to be used at the same time. This need arises at various times throughout the day being in the morning or in the evening.

Solar panels are part of the fourth industrial revolution and it's time the proposed development site became part of that revolution.

Renewable energy is a step in the right direction on saving electricity.

We propose for proposed development site that you purchase solar panels fit for the college. Solar powered street lights and solar powered irrigation systems, in order to reduce costs on electricity.

Solar panels harness 100% of it's energy from the sun, resulting in renewable energy.

It's been proven by other companies and households how effective solar panels are.

They have received great reviews on a global scale, and the proposed development site can be part of that global scale by being the first to have solar powered street lights and solar powered irrigation systems.

Costs:

We have different sizes of panels.

250w: R1 900.00

325w: R2 300.00

Battery

200A: R4 800.00

260A: R5 700.00

Conclusion:

In conclusion, purchasing solar panels from us at Golden Four Trading for the street lights and for the irrigation system will be of tremendous benefit for proposed development site.

Thank you for considering making this purchase.

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Kind regards

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We keep the lights on when state entities fail to supply electricity when needed. Whether it's on the road, work, at home or at local farms for irrigation purposes.

We keep the lights on at a reasonable and an affordable price by supplying solar traffic panels for our roads, solar panels for homes and solar panels for irrigation systems for our local farms.

Potential customers being the government, private sector, ordinary citizens and farmers who have trouble keeping the lights on will experience having power when the rest of the country experiences power outages.

We are different from our competitors because not only do we keep the lights on in our homes but we keep them on, on the roads as well. We take care of motorists and also save lives of motorists as the solar traffic panels will not only reduce long traffic hours but this will also save lives as there will be less accidents during power outages.

We have a great team that specializes in installing solar panels and know exactly what type of Solar panel each household or company needs and how many watts each company or household will save financially.

Our biggest milestone so far is getting a local supplier which also boosts our own countries economy. And our next milestone is selling over 10 000 solar panels by end of the year 2020.

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FACILITY PROJECT 1

The following is my inputs to you:

Uniqueness of Power/electricity

The authority must clearly identified.the type of electricity generated to us consumers. This natural power(from sun, wind or environment) should be disclosed to public as its continued harvest does not require huge cost like buying items to produce power.

Pricing structure

Input cost for generation of electricity is not high in case of Solar panel generation as compared to coal and/ or water, wind power and nuclear power. The cost of electricity has become unaffordable, so as a consumer I proposing that the electricity tariff should really go down as the country is stabilising.

Location within the current Eskom Infrastructure

The power generated from Solar or Wind power should have a storage facility within Eskom infrastructure. And any rerouting from this clean energy to the one currently used should clearly be disclosed to the public.

SARS Tax matters should also recognise reduction in taxes.

Any product produced with power generated by solar/wind electricity should have its tax be different. A lower tariff is preferred.

That is my input to you, thank you.

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