

**Appendix E5 – Correspondence with Organs of State:
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NON-BINDING CONFIRMATION OF WATER ABAILABILITY FOR THE PROPOSED 4 X 100MW PV SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY DEVELOPMENT, ON REMAINDER OF VISSERSPAN 40, BOSHOF RD

Following a request from Keren Energy, to the Provincial Head of the Free State Provincial Operations of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), and after consultation with the intended Water User and a subsequent investigation into the matter (i.e. the IWULA Pre-application Process), it was determined that the volume of water 8 000m³ that Keren Energy intends to abstract per project (96 000m³/annum in total) from groundwater on Remainder of Visserspan 40 should be available for utilization in the construction phase of 18-24 months and related activities for 100MW Solar PV Facility proposed Project. Furthermore it was determined that the volume of water 2 400m³ that Keren energy intends to abstract per project (28 800m³/annum in total) from groundwater on Remainder of Visserspan 40 should be available in the operational phase of 20 years and related activities.

This volume of water will be available for more than one Preferred Bidder. Even though non-binding confirmation of water availability is made at this stage, it must be noted that the Preferred Bidder might be competing with other Preferred Bidders for the same water allocation.

In consideration of water availability and in the issuance of an IWULA for the proposed Project forming part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Program (REIPPP), the water use applied for will be treated as a strategic water use or user receiving water at a high assurance as is applicable in the relevant catchment.

It was found that water could be made available depending on certain process and, therefore, this non-binding confirmation of the water availability is issued by DWS. However, for a water use license to be issued, apart from water availability, a number of other requirements are

necessary to comply with as prescribed in the National Water Act, Act No 36 of 1998(NWA 36:1998).

This indication that water may be available should not be regarded as confirmation of or guarantee that a water use license will eventually be issued. The responsibility therefore rests on Keren Energy to comply with all other reasonable requirements in terms of the NWA 36:1998 before a license could be considered for issuance.

This non-binding confirmation of water availability is issued to Keren Energy following the completion of the "IWULA Pre-application Process" and issuance of a letter by DWS (Confirmation of IWULA Pre-application Process).

The function of the Pre-application Process was to inform Keren Energy of the process to be followed and what will be required should Keren Energy decide to apply for a water use license. The Pre-application Process has produced the necessary information to enable the DWS Provincial Head: Free State Operations to confirm that water availability should not prevent the issuance of a license, if Keren Energy is appointed as a Preferred Bidder (subject to the constraints that may arise if Bidders are competing for the same water supply).

If successful, the full license applications will then be submitted, processed and considered for approval by the Minister's delegated official. You may now proceed with the preparation of your water use application (WULA), at your own discretion and own risk to have it ready but only formally submit the application if and when you are selected as the Preferred Bidder for the REIPPPP.

Yours faithfully



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