

**Appendix E7 – Correspondence with Organs of State:
Municipality (Local & District)**

From: Caroline Henderson <callyh@me.com>
Sent: 13 November 2019 07:23
To: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@enviroafrica.co.za>
Subject: Report-back on Tuesday [*Visserspan -Local and District Municipal visits*]

Morning Vivienne

I posted a poster on notice-board and left flyers at Local Municipality offices in Boschof, and got them signed for by the PA to the Municipal Manager. (But forgot to photograph, sorry). There were several rather old planning and EIA notices on the board.

The MM was not there, neither was a guy who she said deals with 'environmental matters' although he is not an environmental officer. I have their names.

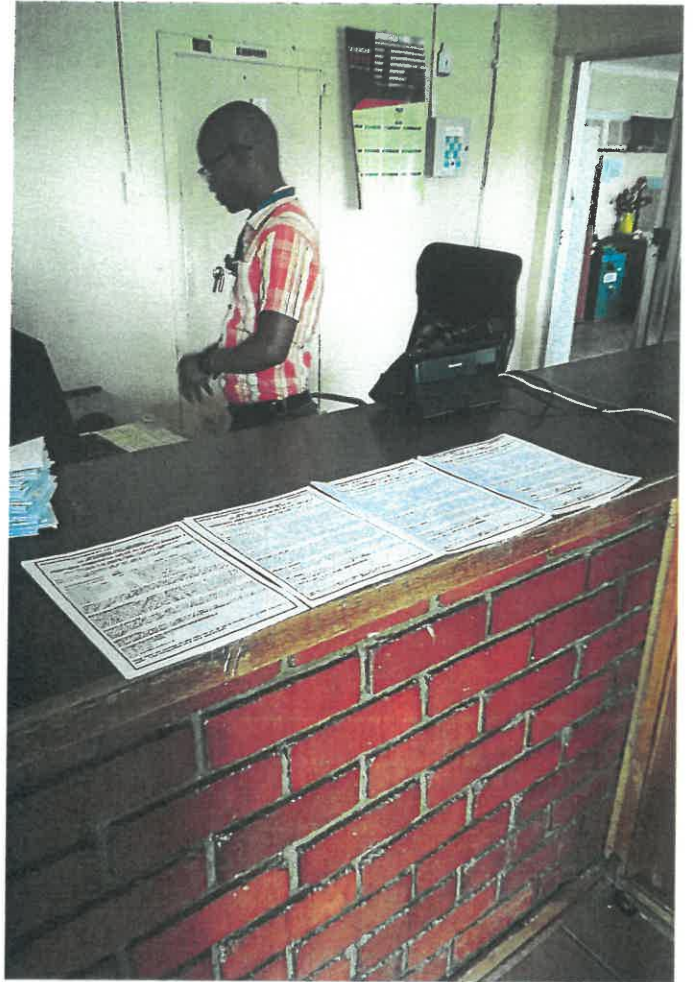
IDP and SDF she said are District Municipality level functions, and they didn't have them at Boschoff. Hence my visit to District at Welkom.

All for now
Best
CallyH



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Note: [] added for clarification





**PRE-APPLICATION
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

Conducted by: **VIVIANNE THOMSON**
Property/Organisation
**VISSERSPAN #40
ACCIDENT**

Maildrop delivery: **11/12 November 2019**
First public participation period (pre-application) to start **11 November 2019** and end **13 November 2019**

I&AP Maildrop List for:
Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facility: Project 1, Dealesville, Free State Province

No.	Name	Property/Organisation	Contact/Preferred communication details	Contact number/s	Signed as proof of receipt
1	Pavel Louw	VISSERSPAN #40 ACCIDENT	072 373 4485		[Signature]
2	Klaas	Wentepfein	Pedestrian on western dirt road through Visserpan		
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4	Naomi vld Wolt.	Waltersville.	083 6578298	vanderwalthnaomi@gmail.com	[Signature]
5	Christiaan vld Wolt.	Ouvosot.	0832922363	grail.com	"
6		Kontani			
7	N.C. Du Plooy	BKR.	051 811 0018.	winnie.du.plooy@bkr.co.za	[Signature]
8	M.L. Pleshy	Desperville Clinic	0717172972	dealesville.fs@gmail.com	[Signature]
9	JH Saarnai	Moorhook, Dealesville	0824169002	ksaarnai@gmail.com	[Signature]
10	Posters/maildrops	delivered at gates of Roovind (Wentebrom Trust)			
11	Maildrops given to Naomi vld Wolt	for delivery to Tokman Carstens (and any other I&AP)			
12	Local auction to be held later this week.				
13	Posters left @ satellite depot of To bogole Local Municipality				
14	Posters & maildrops left @ S&B in Beakville.			051 811 0029 (Vusi)	
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**PRE-APPLICATION
PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

PUBLIC

First Ppp Start Date: 13 November 2019
First Ppp End Date: 15 December 2019

**Proposed Viesserspan Solar PV
Facility: Project 1,
Dealesville, Free State Province**

**I&AP List
for:**

No.	Title	Initials/Name	Surname	Affiliation	Postal Address	Town/City	Code	DEA Ref: To be provided			Communication method/Preferred communication	
								Telephone	Fax	E-mail		
6.15	Ms	René	de Kock	South African National Roads Agency Ltd. (SANRAL)	Private Bag X 20 Westdene	Bellville	7536	22 957 4607		DeKock@nra.co.za	email & postage	
6.16	Mr	Francis	Relief	Eskom North West Region	120 Henry Street, Westdene	Bloemfontein	9301	051 404 2501				
6.17	J	Kevin	Geeringh	Eskom Transmission	MegaWatt Park, D1Y38 or P.O. Box 1091	Johannesburg	2000	011 516 7233	086 661 4064	john.aseer@nra.co.za	email & postage	
6.18	Mr	Kevin	Leask	Eskom	P. O. Box 1091	Johannesburg	2001	072-888-9209	086 562 7085			
6.19	Mr	Sebabato	Mohaphi	Department of Energy	Private Bag x6093	Kimberley	8300	063 836 4000				
6.20	Mr	W	Kleyhans	South Africa Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)								
6.21	Ms	Lizell	Stroh	South Africa Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)	Private Bag x73	Halfway House	1685	011 545 1232	011 545 1451	klevhansw@caa.co.za stroh@caa.co.za	email & postage email & postage	
7. Neighbours												
7.1	The	Wesselsbron	Trust	Farm Rooirand. Community Trust representing about 20 residents/families of the northern neighbouring property (immediate neighbour to Project 3) - maildrops hand delivered.				078 019 4418				hand delivery
7.2	The	Chitsalla	Trust	Farm Dam Pan (north east of Viesserspan Farm)	P. O. Box 288	Bullfontein	9670	082 574 3167				hand delivery & postage
7.3	The	Wonderkop	Trust	Farm Beestepan - east of Viesserspan Farm (immediate neighbour to Project 1)				071 062 6730				hand delivery
7.4	Mr	Stanley	Robertson	Director of Lezmin 1383 CC and Trustee of 3 Star Trust (owner of Farm Beestepan to south west of Viesserspan Farm) - immediate neighbour of Project 1				082 490 3444		stanmanro@gmail.com		email & hand delivery
7.5	Mr	Chris Dantie	van der Watt	Owner of Farm to south east of Viesserspan Farm				082 416 9002				hand delivery
7.6	Mr	J H	Saalman	Owner of Farm to immediate south of Viesserspan Farm (Project 1 & 2)				082 806 9233		info@bloskv394.co.za		hand delivery
7.7	Mr	Pierre	Greyling	Farm Perseus (south of Viesserspan)								hand delivery
8. Other												
8.1	Mr	Bernard	de Vries	Mangaung Express (Dealesville & Bloemfontein)				051 404 7800		Bernard.DeVries@volksblad.com		email & hand delivery

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15 November 2019

Dear Interested and Affected Party

re.: Pre-application Public Participation Registration Process for the Proposed Visserspan Solar PV Facilities (Projects 1 to 4), Dealesville on Visserspan Farm No. 40, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province

You are on our database as a potential interested and affected party (I&AP) for the above-mentioned proposed projects.

Please find, for your perusal, registration and comment, summary background information maildrops/documents for each of the four Solar PV Facilities proposed on Visserspan Farm No. 40, Tokologo Local Municipality, Free State Province (near Dealesville).

Should you have any comments queries or concerns regarding the project, please notify EnviroAfrica in writing by 15 December 2019, 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 registration/valued input.

Yours sincerely,



Vivienne Thomson
Environmental Consultant
EnviroAfrica CC



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

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

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

EnviroAfrica CC has been appointed by Ventura Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd, to undertake the EIA application process for the above proposed project. As part of the application for an environmental authorisation, a basic assessment report (BAR) is required since, although it is for a large scale solar photovoltaic (PV) facility capable of generating of more than 20MW but less than 100MW of electricity, the proposed development falls within renewable energy development zone 5 and therefore, GN. 350 of 2017 applies.

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 213ha, 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 213ha 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.

To register as an I&AP or for more information contact EnviroAfrica at:

EnviroAfrica (Visserspan Solar PV No. 3)
P.O. Box 5367, HELDERBERG, 7135
Fax: 086 512 0154
Tel.: 021 8511616
E-mail: admin@enviroafrica.co.za

Please note that future correspondence will only be sent to registered I&APs.

