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.

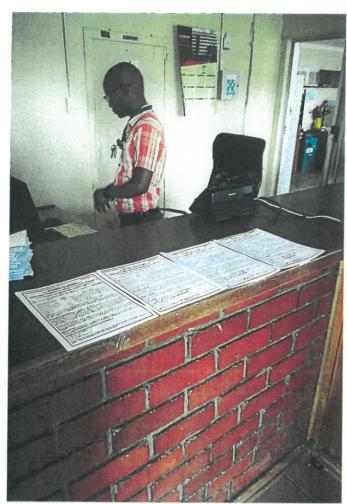
All for now Best CallyH

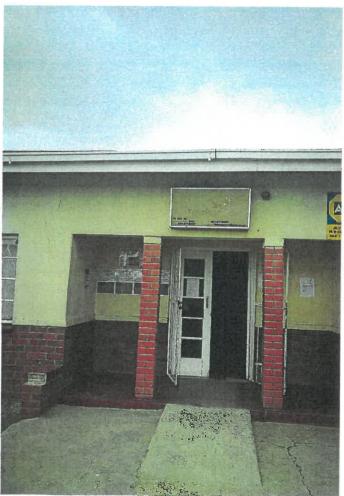


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15 November 2019

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

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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

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

