

Dear Interested and Affected Party

05 November 2024

NEMA AND NWA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

THE PROPOSED ESTCOURT SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PLANT AND ELECTRIC TRUCK CHARGING FACILITY, OFF THE N3 HIGHWAY, NEAR ESTCOURT, KWAZULU-NATAL

Notice is hereby given of the intention to submit an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, and an application for Water Use Authorisation (WUA) in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) (NWA), as well as the public participation processes thereof. Both applications are for the proposed solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation plant, the electric truck charging facility, and the associated activities. These activities fall within the ambit of activities listed in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and within the ambit of water use activities listed in terms of Section 21 of the NWA.

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by N3 Electric Highway Co. to undertake the NEMA application process for the EA and to facilitate the NWA application process for the WUA.

Application for Environmental Authorisation to undertake the following listed activities* in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014:

Government Notice R327 (Listing Notice 1): Activity No. **1, 11, 12, 19, 24, 27, 28**

Government Notice R325 (Listing Notice 2): Activity No. **1, 15**

Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. **4, 12, 14**

Application for Water Use Authorisation to undertake the following water use activities* in terms of NWA:

Section 21: (a), (b), (c) and (i)*

**Please note that the listed activities above may change during the course of the application processes. Registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be notified of any changes.*

Project Description & Location:

N3 Electric Highway Co. is proposing that a solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation plant, electric vehicle and truck charging facility, energy storage battery units, overnight parking, stormwater pond, water tanks, lounge area with a kitchen, ablution facilities with a septic tank, shop, offices including associated infrastructure be developed on Portion 19 of the Farm Klipplaat Drift No. 1009 FS. The solar PV plant will be connected to the electric vehicle and truck charging facility via a distribution line with a capacity of approximately 33 kV. An area of approximately 65 hectares (ha) has been considered and assessed, with the proposed development covering around 42.7 ha. Of this, the solar PV array will occupy about 39.5 ha. This configuration will support an installed capacity of up to 39.5 megawatt-peak (MWp), which represents the maximum potential output of the solar array. The proposed site is located off the N3 highway, on the corner of the N3 highway and Ntabamhlope Road, approximately 3km south-west of Estcourt, in the uThukela District Municipality, Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Site co-ordinates (estimated central point): 29°01'17.80"S ; 29°49'33.80"E.

Description of Alternatives:

Alternative PV technology, layout options and the option of not proceeding with the proposed development will be considered and assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIR).

Public Participation:

Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby notified of the intended application and are invited to register (in writing) and/or provide comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to this project to the contact details provided below. To register or submit comment, I&APs should refer to the project name, provide their name, address & contact details (indicating your preferred method of notification) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. You are also requested to pass this information on to any person that you think should be notified. Please note that only Registered I&APs will be notified of the environmental reports and issuing of the environmental decision.

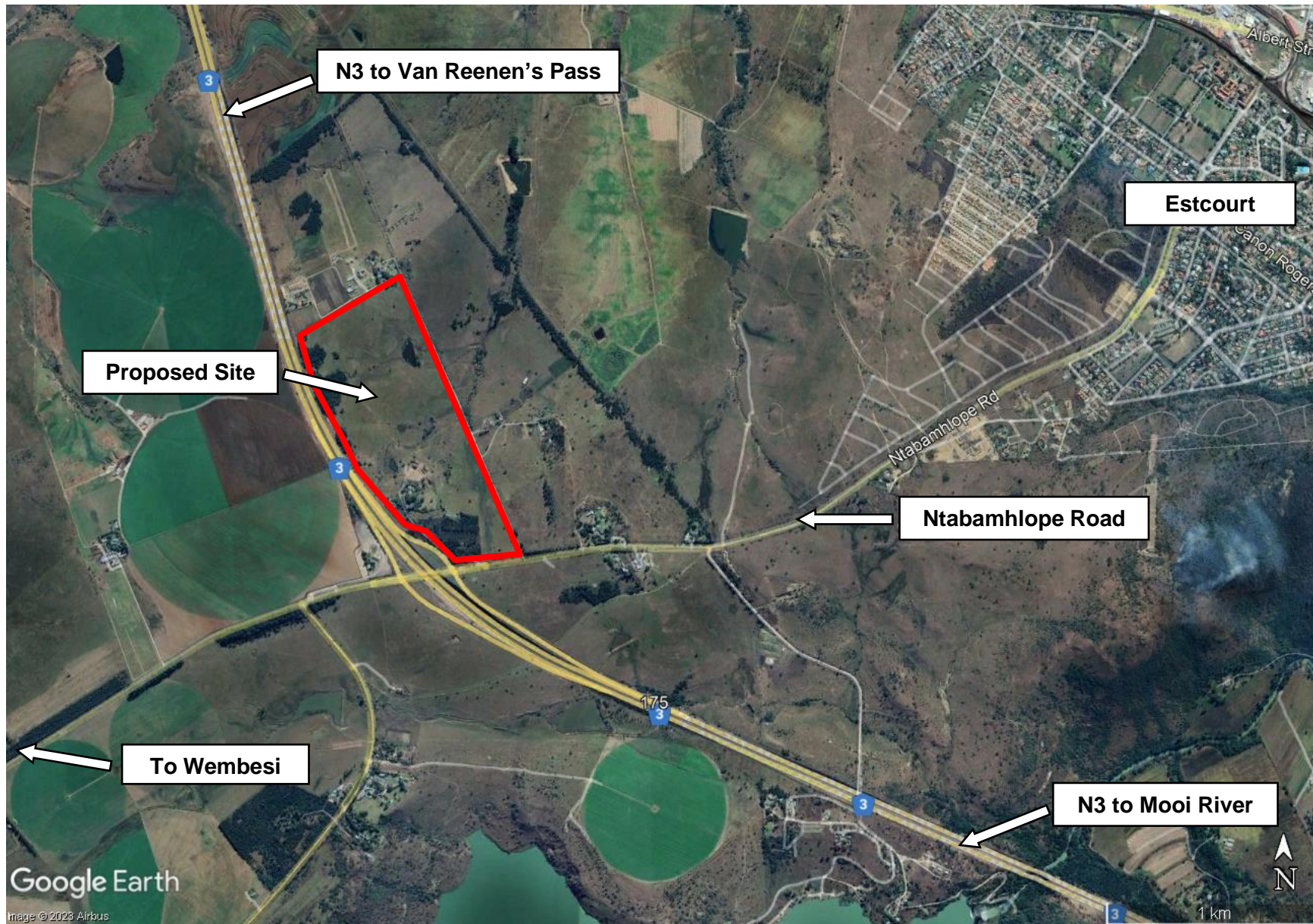
The public participation period in terms of the environmental aspects (NEMA application 30 days) and for water related issues (NWA application 30 days) **ends 12 December 2024.**

By registering as an I&AP, you hereby give EnviroAfrica cc the permission to circulate your name and contact details to the relevant stakeholders as stated, per statutory requirements, in line with the Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act No. 4 of 2013 (as amended), unless otherwise informed, in writing to us.

Please submit all information and comments as follows:

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 **Proposed Site**

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