

Dear Interested and Affected Party

21 January 2025

NEMA AND NWA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

THE PROPOSED KOPLEEGTE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PLANT AND ELECTRIC TRUCK CHARGING FACILITY, OFF THE N3 HIGHWAY, NEAR WINTERTON, 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. **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 the development of the Kopleegte solar photovoltaic renewable energy generation plant and electric truck charging facility on Portion 11 of the Farm Kop Leege No. 1154 GS, off the N3 highway, near Winterton, Kwa-Zulu Natal. The facility will include a solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility connected to the electric vehicle and truck charging facilities via a distribution line with a capacity of approximately 33 kV. Additional infrastructure includes the development of a battery energy storage system, a wash bay, a stormwater pond, water tanks, a lounge area with a kitchen, ablution facilities with a septic tank, a shop, offices and associated infrastructure. An area of approximately 80 hectares (ha) has been considered and assessed, with the proposed development covering around 38 ha. Of this, the solar PV array will occupy about 34 ha. This configuration will support an installed capacity of up to 34 megawatt-peak (MWp). The proposed site is located off the N3 highway, at the N3 and Winter/Colenso interchange (207), approximately 15 km east of Winterton, in the uThukela District Municipality

Site co-ordinates (estimated central point): 28°46'52.17"S; 29°40'26.68"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.

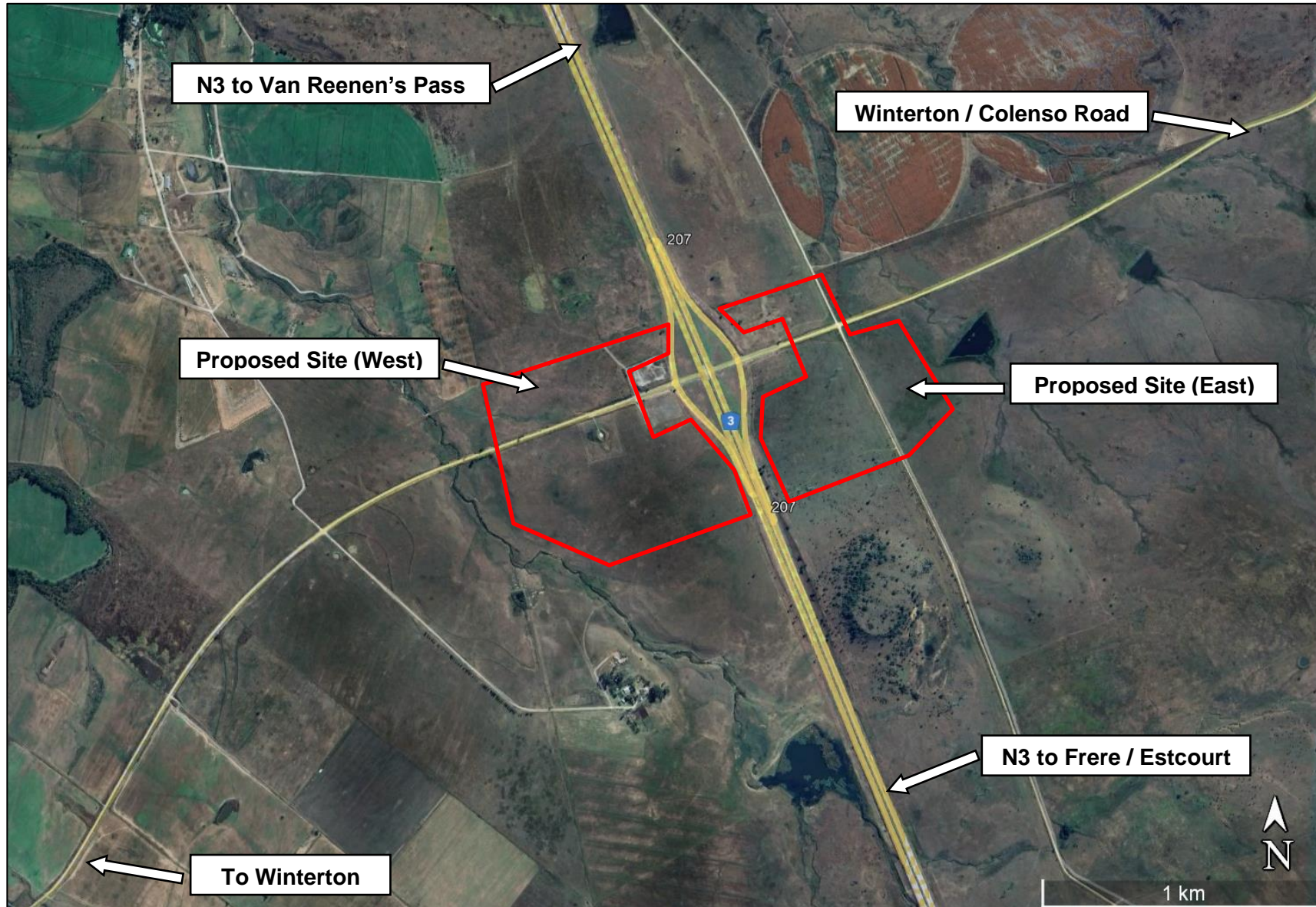
The public participation period in terms of the environmental aspects (NEMA application 30 days) and for water related issues (NWA application 30 days) **ends 28 February 2025**. A **Pre-application Scoping Report** and its appendices are available for viewing and comment on the following website: <http://enviroafrica.co.za/projects/for-public-participation/>

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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SITE CO-ORDINATES
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 **Proposed Site**

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