



Appendix C6: *Comments Received*

**Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) Comments received on the Draft
Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

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Subject: [EXT] 14/12/16/3/3/2/2658

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Please find herein the attached letter for the above mentioned.

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All queries on the attached decision must be directed to official whose contact details is listed as enquiries.**

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Lydia Kutu

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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Pontac

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE UP TO 150MW CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT (SPP) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 5 OF THE FARM VARKENSLAAGTE NO. 119, MERAFONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

The draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) received by the Department on 06 May 2025, refers.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included in the amended application form and final EIAR:

1. Application form

- a) It is noted that a stand-alone 100MW Carpe Diem North BESS 1 Facility was registered with the registration granted by the Department on 15 May 2024, however Listing Notice 1 Activity 14 is applied for the BESS. Please clarify and correct this.
- b) Coordinates of proposed infrastructure and the final layout must be provided in the final EIAR documents. Coordinates must be in the format as prescribed in 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations, as amended (the Regulations).
- c) Please provide clarity with regards to the on-site Carpe Diem North SPP substation and power line grid connection components. Do these form part of this application? What are the capacities/ length of the powerline and the onsite substation?

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- d) Please include a table which includes project component and descriptions in line with the components of the 150MW Carpe Diem North SPP and associated infrastructure on section 1.4 of the report. An example is as shown in Annexure 1: Sample of minimum technical details for the proposed facility.
- e) The final EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each listed activity applied for.
- f) Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. In addition, the onus is thus on the applicant and the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application.
- g) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.

2. **Specialist Assessments**

- a) Please ensure that all buffer zones recommended by specialists are implemented and ensure the final layout maps shows the location of the environmental features and the buffer zones:
- b) It is acknowledged that specialists undertaken for the proposed development considered the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), that came into effect. You are advised to ensure that the final EIAR include specialist assessments conducted in accordance with these protocols, unless proof is provided to demonstrate that the specialist assessments were commissioned prior to 50 days after the promulgation of GN 320 and after promulgation of GN1150 (30 October 2020).
- c) Additionally, the protocols specify that an assessment must be prepared by a specialist who is an expert in the field and is SACNASP registered for e.g., an aquatic assessment must be prepared by a specialist registered with SACNASP, with expertise in the field of aquatics sciences.
- d) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following:
 - A detailed description of the study's methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations. You are advised to provide a table listing all the specialist studies undertaken with the recommendation for the proposed development.
 - Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
 - Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
 - Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer.
 - All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternatives and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
 - Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.

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- Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.
- It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist studies including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached.
- Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists conducting the study. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist's recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.

3. **Cumulative Assessment**

Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:

- Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
- Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
- The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed or not.

4. **Layout and Sensitivity Maps**

- a) It has been noted that a preliminary site layout map has been attached to the draft EIAR. Please ensure that a final layout map is submitted with the final EIAR. The final layout map must implement all the buffer zones recommended by the specialist and the layout map must be overlain by all the sensitivities.
- b) All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the **final** layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible, e.g. roads.
- c) It must be emphasised that the final EIAR must include a final layout map which adheres to specialist recommendations as well as the identified no-go areas must be included. Failure to provide a final layout map may be a fatal flaw to the decision-making process.
- d) Please ensure to include sensitivity maps per facility and combined, that are not superimposed over a satellite image or use contrasting colours that stand out against the background imagery. The different items in the Legend must be distinguished against the imagery in the background.
- e) Please ensure that distinct colours to enable clear reviewing of the maps and the information presented in the Legend is used.

5. **Alternatives**

- a) Please ensure to provide details of all the alternatives considered for this development and indicate the preferred alternatives as per Appendix 2 (2) (1) (g) (i) (v) (vi) of the Regulations, in the final report.
- b) Alternatively, you must submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.

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6. Public Participation Process (PPP)

- a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAR. This includes but is not limited to Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Planning and Conservation (BCAdmin@dfpe.gov.za); Water Sources and Wetlands Conservation Directorate (StanleyT@dfpe.gov.za for attention Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni); Protected Area Planning and Management Effectiveness directorate (Tnethononda@dfpe.gov.za for attention Mr Thivhulawi Nethononda); Provincial Department, EWT, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), SANPARKs, local interest and conservation groups, for example: Councillors and Rate Payers associations; Surrounding landowners, Farmer Organisations, Environmental Groups and NGOs; and Grassroots communities and structures as well as the affected district and local municipalities. Furthermore, ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the draft EIAR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final EIAR. A consolidated comments and responses table must be included in the final EIAR.
- b) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAR. This must indicate that this draft EIAR has been subjected to 30 days public participation process (PPP), stating the start and end date of the PPP. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- c) The PPP must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the Regulations.

7. Environmental Management Programme

- a) The final EMP must also include the following:
 - All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.
 - An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.
 - Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.
 - An alien/invasive plant management report; plant rescue and protection report; and re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation report and post construction monitoring.
 - An in-situ search and rescue plan must be developed and implemented for other conservation important species including geophytic species that will be impacted by the construction of the project site.
- b) In addition to the above, the EMP must comply with Appendix 4 of the Regulations.
- c) Ensure that signed versions of the generic EMPs for the substation and the powerlines are submitted with the final EIAR. This is over and above the EMP for the facility.

General

Please note that the comments on the draft Scoping Report (SR) issued on 10 December 2024 and the acceptance of the SR dated 18 March 2025 are still valid and must be adhered to.

Please ensure that the final EIAR includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the Regulations.

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the Regulations, 2014, which states that: *"The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority - (a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMP, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations*

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contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority."

Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAR or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the Regulations, which states: *"The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days"*.

Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the Regulations, your application will lapse.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



Dr Sabelo Malaza

Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment

Signed by: Mr Wayne Hector

Designation: Deputy Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects

Date: 30/05/2025

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Annexure 1: Sample of minimum technical details for the proposed facility

Component	Description / dimensions
Area occupied by inverter / transformer stations / substations	
Maximum capacity of PV facility	
PV Technology	
PV Panel Height	
Capacity of on-site substation	
PV array area	
BESS area	
BESS Technology	
Area occupied by both permanent and construction laydown areas	
Area occupied by buildings	
Length of internal roads	
Width of internal roads	
Height of fencing	

From: [Tayla Hobson](#)
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Good afternoon Nompumelelo,

Thank you for your email. As requested, please find attached the KMZ file containing the preferred site layout for the proposed Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant and associated infrastructure located on Portion 5 of Farm Varksenlaagte No. 119 and Portion 23 of Farm Doornfontein No. 118, near Carletonville, Gauteng.

Kindly refer to the attached KMZ for the most recent revision of the site layout. Should you or your colleague, Ms. Portia Makitla, require shapefile versions of the site layout, please let us know and we will provide them accordingly.

Please feel free to contact us should you need any further information or clarification regarding the project.

Kind regards,

Tayla Hobson

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Subject: RE: 22026: CDN DEIAR for Comment by 04 June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 05th of May 2025 to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.

Best Regards, 
Nompumelelo Lekalakala

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Subject: 22026: CDN DEIAR for Comment by 04 June 2025

NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP):

SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED 150 MW CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT ON PORTION 5 OF FARM VARXSENLAAGTE NO. 119 AND PORTION 23 OF FARM DOORNFONTEIN NO. 118, MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY REF. NO.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2658

Dear Registered Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP),

On behalf of the Applicant, JUWI Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd., notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, as well as the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), as amended (NWA), of an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Solar Photovoltaic Plant (SPP) with associated infrastructure, situated within the Merafong City Local Municipality, West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE/ INVITATION TO COMMENT:

Members of the public are hereby invited to register as interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) and/or to submit written comments on the **Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (DEIAR) and associated documents**, to Legacy Environmental Management Consulting for the EA process, on or before Wednesday, **04 June 2025** at the contact details below. The proposed development will constitute water use activities that require a Water Use License/Authorisation (WULA) application in terms of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), as amended (NWA), and has already undergone a public participation process during the Scoping Phase of the project. Any queries related to the WULA process must be directed to the responsible aquatic specialist consultants, Delta Ecology (Pty) Ltd, at louise@deltaecologists.com.

The DEIAR and associated documents will be made available for comment in hard copy at the Carletonville Public Library (Beryl Street, Carletonville, Gauteng), as well as electronically on the following website: www.legacyemc.co.za for a period of at least 30 days before the respective deadline (i.e., **04 June 2025**).

The DEIAR and its Appendices can also be downloaded directly from the following One Drive link:  [CDN DEIAR for Public Review](#)

An Executive Summary Document (available in English) can be made available on request (see contact details below).

REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTY:

A register of I&APs will be opened and maintained containing the names, contact details and addresses of all persons who have submitted written comments or who have requested in writing for their names to be placed on the register, as well as all relevant

organs of state. Written submissions should please refer to the project name, and include the I&APs name, contact details (postal address, fax number and e-mail address), and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which the party may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

Only registered I&APs will be notified of subsequent report(s) for comment and of the outcome of the application, including the reasons for the decision and the right of appeal.

To submit written comments, request to be registered as an I&AP and/or for further information or electronic access to the documentation, please contact:

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Should you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact the undersigned by **04 June 2025**.

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The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the report.

It was noted during review that the Grassland on site consist mainly of semi-natural grassland, which is not considered threatened. The CBA2 located on site is due to remaining primary grassland and Red List Birds. The Grasslands are a combination of natural and disturbed, and collectively are rated as high and moderate sensitivity, respectively. All other areas are considered low sensitivity as they are either highly degraded or transformed.

As indicated in the GDARD C-Plan map Class 2 Ridge is located within the proposed site, the quartzite ridges of Gauteng are one of the most important natural assets in the northern provinces of South Africa. The ridges, provide habitat for a wide variety of fauna and flora, some of which are Red List, rare or endemic species or, in the case of certain of the plant species, are found nowhere else in South Africa or the world. The ridges also fulfil functions that are necessary for the sustainability of ecosystems such as the recharging of groundwater, wetlands and rivers, wildlife dispersal and providing essential habitat for pollinators. High environmental impact on a Class 2 ridge will not be permitted. However, Low impact development activities, such as tourism facilities, which comprise of an ecological footprint of 5% or less of the property may be permitted.

The proposed site has a Medium sensitivity Avifaunal Species of Conservation Concern as per the avifauna habitat sensitivity map. To ensure the continued persistence of ecosystems and that national



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conservation targets are achieved, it is essential that impacts on very highly sensitive i.e. CBAs, ridges, watercourses and highly localised habitats are minimized or avoided altogether.

The Directorate reserves the right to revise initial comments presented here should additional information becomes available.

In conclusion, all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Siphamandla

Thank you for the response received. Eskom's terms and conditions have been noted and the email has been forwarded to the Applicant.

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Please find attached feedback.

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Dear S'pha

Please investigate and provide feedback to the applicant.

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the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, as well as the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998), as amended (NWA), of an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Solar Photovoltaic Plant (SPP) with associated infrastructure, situated within the Merafong City Local Municipality, West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng.

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Kind regards,

EIA Administration



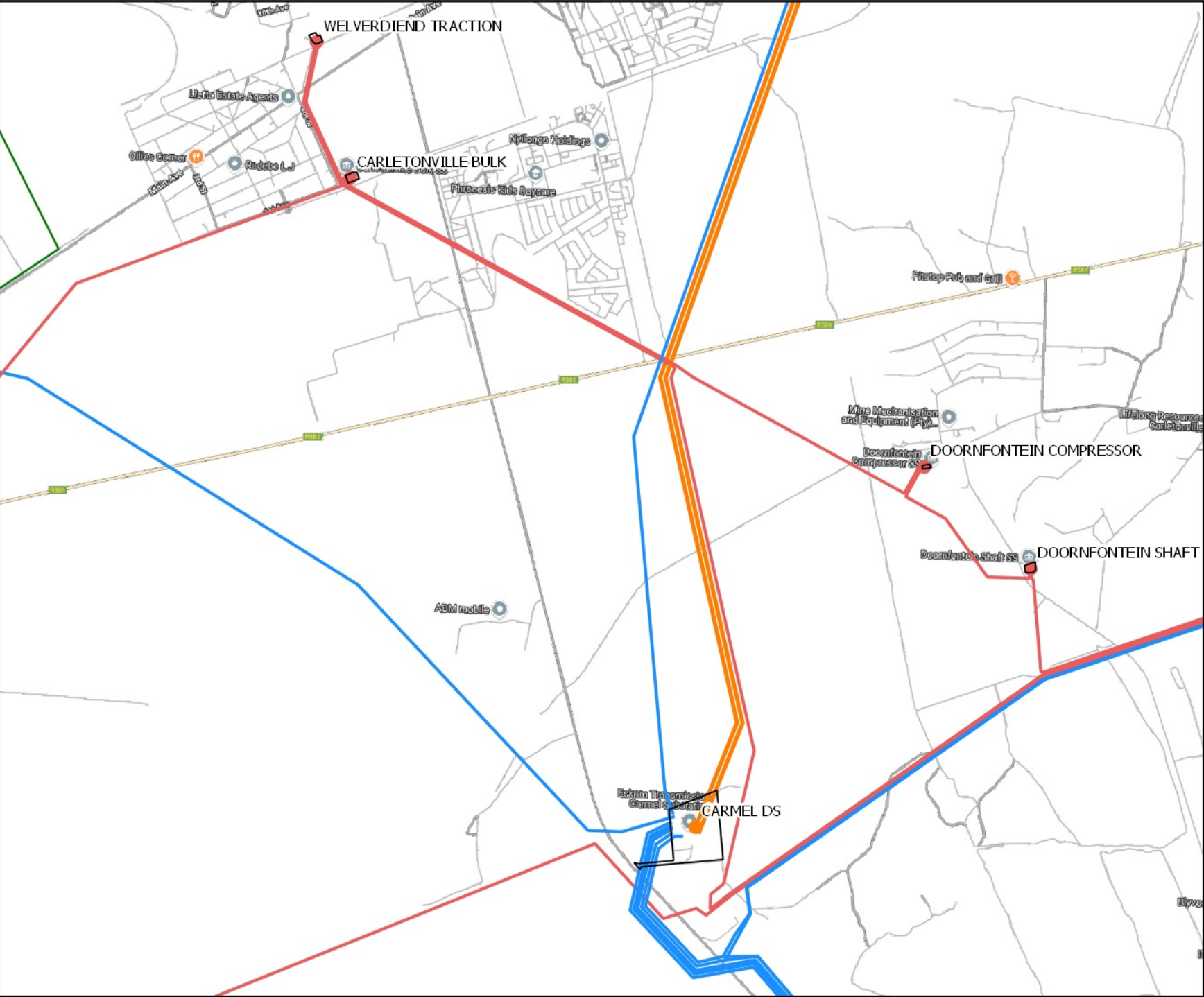
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Locality Map

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Date: 2025-5-6

Compiled by Siphamandla Mabaso



Legend

Powerline

Powerline

- 11kV
- 44kV
- 132kV
- 275kV

LEGACY ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

Date:
May 6, 2025

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Our Ref: SM25-05-006

Your Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2658

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP): SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED 150 MW CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT ON PORTION 5 OF FARM VARKSENLAAGTE NO. 119 AND PORTION 23 OF FARM DOORNFONTEIN NO. 118, MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG.

Your email received on May 5, 2025, refers.

The following Eskom Distribution services are affected / in close proximity -

- CARMEL DS / KHUTSONG / WILDFONTEIN RR 1 132kV HV Feeder Overhead Line
- CARMEL DS / HARDEKLIP TRACTION 1 132kV HV Feeder Overhead Line

The approximate position of these services is indicated on the attached drawing. Please note that the exact position of these services cannot be guaranteed.

Eskom will raise no objection to this application provided its rights and services are acknowledged and respected at all times, and the requirements as laid down by the Occupational Health and Safety Act No 85/1993, are complied with. As additional safety measures Eskom require that the following conditions are complied with:

1. The applicant should apply to the relevant **Eskom Customer Services** if additional supply is required.
2. Please note that, under no circumstances will any relocation work proceed prior to the submission of a formal application to **Eskom Customer Services** and acceptance of the relocation costs by the applicant. A formal application for the relocation of Eskom services must be submitted at least **three months** prior to the commencement of any construction work.
3. The Power supply will be subject to availability of electricity supply and to Eskom obtaining the necessary servitudes, or alternatively that the Developer grants the servitude free of charge.

4. Eskom must have ingress to and egress from its services at all times.
5. Eskom will not allow any encroachment whatsoever e.g. buildings, dams, dumping etc. onto its servitude.
6. Future building, civil, electrical, water and sewerage services plans must be presented to Eskom for perusal and approval prior to any work proceeding in the vicinity of Eskom services.
7. Eskom consent does not relieve the applicant from obtaining the necessary statutory, landowner or municipal approvals.
8. Any modification whatsoever to Eskom services as a result of this application will be for the developer's account.

This approval is automatically withdrawn without further notification and becomes null and void if the applicant does not comply with any of the conditions as stipulated above.

Yours sincerely,



SM/25-09-006

Siphamandla Mabaso (Mr.)

For: LAND DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

ACCEPTED:

Consultant/Contractor

Date

From: [Samke Ndlovu](#)
Cc: [Vivienne Thomson](#); [PPP](#); [Kim Pontac](#)
Subject: RE: 22026: CDN DEIAR for Comment by 04 June 2025
Date: Monday, 09 June 2025 12:53:47
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Good day

Kindly note that Eskom Distribution is affected by this development.



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Sent: Monday, 09 June 2025 12:33
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Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>; PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>; Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>
Subject: RE: 22026: CDN DEIAR for Comment by 04 June 2025

Good day

Kindly receive condition letter from NTCSA.



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From: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 03 June 2025 11:03
To: Samke Ndlovu <NdlovuSk@ntcsa.co.za>
Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>; PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>; Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: 22026: CDN DEIAR for Comment by 04 June 2025

Good morning Samke,

Thank you for your email. As requested, please find attached the KMZ file containing the preferred site layout for the proposed Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant (SPP) and associated infrastructure located on Portion 5 of Farm Varksenlaagte No. 119 and Portion 23 of Farm Doornfontein No. 118, near Carletonville, Gauteng.

The on-site Carpe Diem North SPP substation and power line grid connection will most likely be a less than 100 m, Loop-in, Loop-out tie-in to an existing 132 kilovolt Eskom High Voltage overhead power line with runs through the development property. This is the Applicant's most preferred layout alternative (Alternative 1) for the project and is located entirely on the development site i.e., Portion 5 of the Farm Varkenslaagte No. 119 IQ (refer to **Section 6.5** on pg. 144 of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report).

Please feel free to contact us should you require any further information or clarification regarding the project.

Kind regards,

Tayla Hobson

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Sent: Monday, 02 June 2025 17:06

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Subject: RE: 22026: CDN DEIAR for Comment by 04 June 2025

Good morning

Cn I have kmz file for solar footprint.



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Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: 22026: CDN DEIAR for Comment by 04 June 2025

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We look forward to receiving your comments.

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From: PPP

Sent: Monday, 05 May 2025 22:12

To: Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>

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COMPETENT AUTHORITY REF. NO.: 14/12/16/3/2/2658

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Dear Tayla

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MERAFFONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG.**

Your Reference:

I refer to your email dated 05 May 2025 in this regard and wish to inform you that the National Transmission Company South Africa's (NTCSA) Carmel - Pluto 1&2 275kV overhead power line will be affected by this application.

Please note that you will liaise on a different level with National Transmission Company South Africa. Regarding the physical connection into the Carmel substation (NTCSA Grid). This letter also should not be seen as an independent power producer agreement of any kind.

Further to the above NTCSA **in principle** will raise no objection to the proposed Solar PV facility and associated infrastructure provided NTCSA's rights and services are acknowledged and respected at all times. Detailed designs of the proposed access roads and line crossings must be referred to NTCSA. In these designs JUWI Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd cater for design specific issues such as acute angle crossings, separation distances and clearances between NTCSA's powerline and future power lines and the proposed access roads and line crossing. The following terms and conditions pertaining to the proposed Solar PV must also be borne in mind:

1. NTCSA's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.
2. NTCSA shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes.
3. NTCSA's consent does not relieve the applicant from obtaining the necessary statutory, landowner or municipal approvals.
4. The applicant will adhere to all relevant environmental legislation. Any cost incurred by NTCSA as a result of non-compliance will be charged to the applicant.

5. All work within NTCSA's servitude areas shall comply with the relevant NTCSA earthing standards in force at the time.
6. No construction or excavation work shall be executed within 20 metres from any NTCSA power line structure, and/or within 20 metres from any stay wire.
7. If NTCSA has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the applicant's activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the applicant shall pay such costs to NTCSA on demand.
8. A profile of the road and detail design of line crossing must be submitted with the clearance height checks must be submitted for final approval of the road.
9. The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of NTCSA's services, shall only occur with NTCSA's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the applicant must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard.
10. Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to NTCSA's requirements.
11. NTCSA shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the applicant, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title and assignee. The applicant indemnifies NTCSA against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with NTCSA's services or apparatus or otherwise. NTCSA will not be held responsible for damage to the applicant's equipment.
12. No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of NTCSA's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by NTCSA. If such permission is granted the applicant must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the Lines- and Servitudes Manager.
13. NTCSA's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with. Note: Where and electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it.
14. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The applicant shall maintain the area concerned to NTCSA's satisfaction. The applicant shall be liable to NTCSA for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by NTCSA.
15. **The clearances between NTCSA's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by the Regulation 19 of Electrical Machinery Regulations 2011 (with reference to SANS10280-1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993).**
16. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.

17. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 19 of Electrical Machinery Regulations 2011 (with reference to SANS10280-1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993)., as an additional safety precaution, NTCSA will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.
18. NTCSA may stipulate any additional requirements to eliminate any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of NTCSA plant.
19. It is required of the applicant to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.

The final design (route and crossings) of your proposed lines, roads, Solar PV and BESS position should be referred to this office for final approval. This will be referred to the applicable NTCSA Engineer for perusal and final approval.

For any further information please contact the writer at the above mentioned telephone number.

Yours sincerely

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Lungile Motsisi

MIDDLE MANAGER INVESTIGATIONS AND AUDITS

Acceptance of Final Scoping Report

From: [Ellero, Matthew](#)
To: [Vivienne Thomson](#)
Subject: FW: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2658
Date: Thursday, 03 April 2025 11:51:46
Attachments: [14-12-16-3-3-2-2658.pdf](#)

Hi Vivienne,

Kindly find attached the acceptance of scoping that was received for the Carpe Diem North SPP.

Kind regards

Matthew Ellero

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Please find herein the attached letter for the above mentioned date.

**Please do not respond to this mailbox with any queries related to the decision been issued.
All queries on the attached decision must be directed to official whose contact details is listed as enquiries.**

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Lydia Kutu

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Romans 11:36

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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Mrs Pontac

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 150MW CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT (SPP) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 5 OF THE FARM VARKENSLAAGTE NO. 119, MERAFOG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated February 2025 and received by the Department on 06 February 2025, refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the PoSEIA dated February 2025 for the abovementioned proposed development and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations). The final SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1)(a) of the Regulations.

You may proceed with the EIA process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PoSEIA as required in terms of the Regulations.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):

1. Application Form and Listed Activities

- a) It is possible that certain activities may be no longer relevant or necessary after the outcome of specialist studies. Ensure that only listed activities that are triggered by this development are applied for in the EIAR for the proposed project. The EIAR must assess the correct sub-listed activity for each listed activity applied for and include thresholds. The onus is on the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and applicant to ensure that no other activities are triggered, and the correct

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activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure (including thresholds) as described in the project description.

- b) The EIAR must provide an assessment of the impacts and mitigation measures for each of the listed activities applied for.
- c) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final EIAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended recently and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- d) It is imperative that the relevant authorities are continuously involved throughout the environmental impact assessment process, as the development property falls within geographically designated areas in terms of Listing Notice 3 Activities e.g. CBA's. Written comments must be obtained from the relevant authorities (or proof of consultation if no comments were received) and submitted to this Department. In addition, a graphical representation of the proposed development within the respective geographical areas must be provided.

2. **Layout & Sensitivity Maps**

- a) The EIAR must provide the following:
 - The final envisioned area for the solar energy facility (SEF), i.e., PV array and all associated infrastructure must be mapped at an appropriate scale, supporting Infrastructure: OHL's, substations, operation and maintenance office, internal roads, offices, and all associated infrastructure should be mapped at an appropriate scale.
 - The maps must be provided in high resolution and be clear and legible. Ensure to use a definitive icon or colour which contrasts against the background information and colours of the maps provided. An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.
 - The above layout map must be overlain with the sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring energy developments and existing grid infrastructure. It must be emphasised that the final EIAR must include a final layout map which adheres to specialist recommendations as well as any identified no-go areas.
- b) A copy of the final preferred layout map must be provided which includes all available biodiversity information used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The final layout map must indicate the following:
 - Permanent and temporary laydown area footprint;
 - PV array;
 - Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible);
 - Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used;
 - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, heritage sites, ridges, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
 - All necessary details regarding all locations and sizes of the main substation and internal power lines.
 - All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown areas (temporary and permanent), guard house, control room, and buildings, including and accommodation, OHL, Collector Substation, internal access roads, etc.

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- Substations and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
- Location of access and service roads;
- All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads;
- Buffer areas;
- Buildings, including accommodation; and
- All “no-go” areas.

3. **Specialist assessments**

- a) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies must include the following:
- A detailed description of the study’s methodology; indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
 - Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
 - Please note that the Department considers a ‘no-go’ area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the ‘no-go’ areas.
 - Should the specialist definition of ‘no-go’ area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the ‘no-go’ area’s buffer if applicable.
 - **All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.**
 - Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
 - Regarding cumulative impacts:
 - Clearly defined cumulative impacts and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
 - A detailed process flow to indicate how the specialist’s recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
 - Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process.
 - The significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
 - A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.
- b) Please include a table that shows the proposed studies and the relevant specialists conducting the study, along with the date completed. In addition, a summary should be included of the specialist’s recommendations in terms of the alternatives that are preferred based on the findings of their study.
- c) Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with the Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. “the Protocols”), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species).
- d) Please also ensure that the final EIAR includes the Site Verification Reports as required by the relevant environmental themes and assessments.

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- e) Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols.

4. **Public Participation**

- a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAR. This includes but is not limited to Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Planning and Conservation (BCAdmin@ddfe.gov.za); Water Sources and Wetlands Conservation Directorate (StanleyT@ddfe.gov.za for attention Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni); Protected Areas Management Effectiveness for attention Mr Thivhulawi Nethononda (tnethononda@ddfe.gov.za), Ms Mashudu Mudau (mamudau@ddfe.gov.za); South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Birdlife South Africa, local interest groups, for example: Councillors and Rate Payers associations; surrounding landowners, Farmer Organisations, Environmental Groups and NGOs; and Grassroots communities and structures as well as the affected district and local municipalities.
- b) Further ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the final SR from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the EIAR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

5. **Environmental Management Programme (EMPr):**

- a) The final EMPr must include the following:
- All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAR and the specialist studies conducted.
 - An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.
 - Measures to protect the Estuarine, the wetlands, CBAs, pans, wetlands, and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.
 - An alien/invasive plant management report; plant rescue and protection report; and re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation report.
 - In addition to the above, the EMPr must comply with Appendix 4 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- b) It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the Generic Environmental Management Programme, must be used and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the proposed development i.e. separate EMPr's for the substation, powerline and the proposed development. The onus is on the EAP to determine whether this requirement is applicable.

6. **General**

- a) The EAP is reminded to contact the Department to make the necessary arrangements to conduct a site inspection prior to the submission of the final EIAR.

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- b) Details of the future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning and the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies must be indicated.
- c) Comments issued by the Department on the draft SR dated 06 December 2024 are still valid and must be adhered to.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



Dr Sabelo Malaza

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Designation: Deputy Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects

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I&APs Comments received on the Draft Scoping Report

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Hi Rendani

The email below refers. Please find acknowledgement of receipt of the Carpe Diem North SPP Application Form and DSR from the DFFE.

Please note on 05 December 2024 the Department wanted verification that no pre-application meeting was held and acknowledged receipt upon submission of the proof.

Kind regards,

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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2658

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING PROPOSED CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT (SPP) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 5 OF THE FARM VARKENSLAAGTE NO. 119, MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 05 December 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kind Regards,
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PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Mrs Pontac

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 150MW CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT (SPP) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 5 OF THE FARM VARKENSLAAGTE NO. 119, MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and draft Scoping Report (SR) received by the Department on 05 December 2024, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final SR:

1. Application form and Listed Activities

- a) Confirm the applicability of Listing Notice 1 Activity 11. This is in reference to proposed grid connections onsite substation/s.
- b) Confirm whether Activity 19, Listing Notice 1 and Activity 15, Listing Notice 2 is applicable.
- c) Coordinates must be provided per facility and not the entire study site in the EIA phase. Coordinates must include locations of all proposed infrastructure for e.g. offices, substations, laydown areas, access roads, BESS etc.
- d) Please ensure that the relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific (down to sub-activity) and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. Please ensure that a full description of how the listed activity is triggered by the proposed development, including the threshold where necessary e.g. length, area etc. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed. As such, you are requested to apply your mind to the applicability of listed activity/ies.



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- e) Carefully consider the triggers for Listing notice 3 activities. Please ensure that the provincial department confirms that the systematic biodiversity plans/bioregional plan have been adopted by the competent authority and confirms the development is within these areas. This information must be included in the amended application form and final SR to be submitted.
- f) You are required to confirm whether the competent authority adopts systematic biodiversity plans or bioregional plans. There are certain activities in Listing Notice 3 that requires that Bioregional Plans to be adopted.
- g) If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted for final review and decision making. Please note that the Department's templates can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.dffe.gov.za/forms>.

2. **Alternatives**

- a) A description of the process followed to reach the preferred alternative within the site as per Appendix 2(1)(g) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, must be incorporated into the final SR.
- b) Please note that Appendix 2(2)(1)(g)(x) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, requires that "if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such" must be included in the SR. You are therefore required to provide motivation should other alternative sites, routes, layouts, and technologies not be considered.
- c) Ensure that the final SR includes the preferred technology for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- d) A comparison table showing the project infrastructure and information would aid in assisting and highlighting similarities and differences between all the projects as part of the cluster.

3. **Layout & Sensitivity Maps**

- a) The final layout map must indicate the following (but not limited to the below):
 - The PV/ BESS development area.
 - Final position of all infrastructure e.g., PV Panels, BESS, on-site substation, buildings etc.
 - Permanent laydown area footprint.
 - All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g., laydown areas, roads, (existing and proposed).
 - All existing infrastructure on the site.
 - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g., CBAs, ESAs, visually sensitive areas, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected.
 - Buffer areas recommended by specialists; and
 - All "no-go" areas.
- b) Please ensure that the above map has a clear legend that communicates with details of the map.
- c) The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map.
- d) Images and Google maps will not be accepted for decision-making purposes.
- e) It must be emphasised that the final EIAR must include **a final layout map** which adheres to specialist recommendations as well as the identified no-go areas and buffer zones.
- f) Include a description of the process to determine the finalised layout i.e. specialist considerations, site sensitivities etc.

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- g) Please include a separate appendix which contains all relevant mapping information. Ensure that clear, legible maps of high resolution are provided.

4. Specialist Assessments to be conducted in the EIA Phase

- a) Specialist studies to be conducted must provide a detailed description of their methodology, as well as indicate the locations and descriptions of turbines, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
- b) The specialist studies must also provide a detailed description of all limitations to their studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation, will not be accepted.
- c) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.
- d) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. **Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols. Please note further that the protocols require the specialists' to be registered with SACNASP in their respective field.**
- e) Please include a table in the report, summarising the specialist studies required by the Department's Screening Tool, a column indicating whether these studies were conducted or not, and a column with motivation for any studies not conducted. Please note that if any of the specialists' studies and requirements/protocols recommended in the Department's Screening Tool are not commissioned, motivation for such must be provided in the report per the requirements of the Protocols.
- f) The screening tool output:
- The screening tool and the gazetted protocols (GN R320 of 20 March 2020 and GN R 1150 of 30 October 2020) require a site sensitivity verification to be completed to either confirm or dispute the findings and sensitivity ratings of the screening tool.
 - Site sensitivity verifications for all the identified specialist studies (according to the screening tool) must be provided.
 - It is the responsibility of the EAP to confirm the list of specialist assessments provided by the screening tool and to motivate in the assessment report, the reason for not including any of the identified specialist study including the provision of photographic evidence of the site situation. The site sensitivity verification for each of the recommended studies, as per the protocols, must be compiled and attached. If the findings of the site verification differed from the screening tool and was found to be of a different sensitivity level, then a compliance statement would be acceptable.
- g) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expert advice.
- h) The avifauna and bat specialist studies must be conducted according to the latest BirdLife South Africa/Endangered Wildlife Trust: Best practice guidelines for avian monitoring and impact mitigation.

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5. Public Participation Process

- a) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final SR. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Planning and Conservation (BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za); Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Water Sources and Wetlands Conservation Directorate (StanleyT@dffe.gov.za for attention Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni); South African Civil Aviation Authority, Birdlife South Africa, as well as the affected district and local municipalities.
- b) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- c) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- d) The comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR and subsequent documentation. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Where necessary, comment received for specific projects must be clearly depicted.
- e) Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's comments) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed. Comments made by I&APs must be comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.

6. Cumulative Assessment to be conducted in the EIA Phase

Should there be any other similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:

- Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
- Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
- The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
- A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

7. Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

- a. The EMPr must include the following:
 - It is drawn to your attention that for substation and overhead electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure, when such facilities trigger activity 11 or 47 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1 of 2014, as amended, and any other listed and specified activities necessary for the realisation of such facilities, the generic Environmental Management Programme/s, must be signed and submitted with the final report over and above the EMPr for the facility.

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- Further to the above, you are required to comply with the content of the EMPr in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- b. The EMPr must consider the following, and where possible, include:
- An alien invasive management plan to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken.
 - A plant rescue and protection plan which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase.
 - An avifauna monitoring and management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. A suitably qualified avifauna specialist must draft this plan.
 - A re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats.
 - An open space management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
 - A traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations.
 - A transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment.
 - A storm water management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off.
 - A fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility.
 - An erosion management plan for monitoring and rehabilitating erosion events associated with the facility. Appropriate erosion mitigation must form part of this plan to prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion.
 - An effective monitoring system to detect any leakage or spillage of all hazardous substances during their transportation, handling, use and storage. This must include precautionary measures to limit the possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from entering the soil or storm water systems.
 - Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants.
- c. The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements is not required by the proposed development and not included in the EMPr.

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General

You are reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

“If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a SR which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of SRs in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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DFFE REFERENCE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2658:

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 150MW CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT (SPP) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 5 OF THE FARM VARKENSLAAGTE NO. 119, MERAFAONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

Annexure 1

1. Format for Comments and Response Report:

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP,	Comment	Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist
27/03/2021 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: National Infrastructure Projects (Joe Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority	EAP: (Noted) The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form

Vivienne Thomson

From: PPP
Sent: 12 December 2024 16:27
To: Natasha Higgitt
Cc: SAHRA General
Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Extension of Comment Period for Draft Scoping Report_to 24 January 2025
Attachments: 33 App K4 - SAHRA Case Closed (Approved).pdf
Importance: High

Dear Natasha

Please be aware that the project was already registered on SAHRIS by our Heritage Specialists as per the attached screenshot document. We are just awaiting the SAHRA letterhead response.

Kind regards,

Vivienne Thomson

Senior Environmental Consultant/Project Manager



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From: SAHRA General <info@sahra.org.za>
Sent: 04 December 2024 10:43
To: Natasha Higgitt <nhiggitt@sahra.org.za>
Cc: PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>
Subject: FW: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Extension of Comment Period for Draft Scoping Report_to 24 January 2025

Hi Tasha

Please receive the email below.

Kind regards,

From: PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 03 December 2024 14:39
To: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>; Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>
Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>
Subject: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Extension of Comment Period for Draft Scoping Report_to 24 January 2025

Dear All Interested and Affected Parties,

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☐ [DSR for IAP Comment_14112024](#) or otherwise, directly from Legacy EMC website:

<https://www.legacyemc.co.za/download/cdn-spp/>.

We look forward to receiving your comments by 24 January 2025.

Kind regards,

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From: PPP

Sent: Thursday, 14 November 2024 21:30

To: Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>

Cc: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>; Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>

Subject: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

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From: Tayla Hobson
Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2024 12:04
To: kbonile@sahra.org.za
Cc: Vivienne Thomson
Subject: RE: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

Good afternoon Khanyisile,

Thank you for your email. The Heritage specialist, PGS Heritage, has undertaken the submission of the development application with the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) – Case ID: 22458.

Kind regards,

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From: Khanyisile Bonile <kbonile@sahra.org.za>

Sent: Monday, 18 November 2024 09:31

To: PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>

Subject: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

Good day,

Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) found at the following link:

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Please create an application on SAHRIS for each EA application and upload all documents pertaining to the Environmental Authorisation Application Process. As per section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA), an assessment of heritage resources must form part of the process, and the assessment must comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA. If a case already exists on SAHRIS regarding the development, please upload the

documents to that case using the "Make an additional submission to an existing case" in the application selector wizard <https://sahris.org.za/form/application-selector>. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.

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Kind regards,

Khanyisile Bonile

Heritage Officer: Development Applications Unit



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Sent: Thursday, 14 November 2024 21:30

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Cc: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>; Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>

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From: Tayla Hobson
Sent: Tuesday, 03 December 2024 14:47
To: environment@caa.co.za
Cc: Pamela Madondo; Evelyn Shogole; Vivienne Thomson; PPP
Subject: RE: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

Good day Nrateng,

Thank you for your email. The Proponent has been forwarded your email as notification of the SACAA/ATNS requirements detailed below.

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From: Aviation Environmental Compliance <environment@caa.co.za>

Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2024 14:23

To: PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>

Subject: RE: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

Good day,

I hope this email finds you well.

SACAA has no comments for the proposed development. However, a formal obstacle assessment is required for the proposed development as it includes the establishment of Solar Photovoltaic plant, overhead powerline and associated infrastructure. Kindly lodge an application as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za.

Kind regards,

Nrateng Mashiloane

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Cc: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>; Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>

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Tayla Hobson

From: BC Admin <badmin@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 November 2024 10:23
To: PPP; Kim Pontac; Tayla Hobson; Vivienne Thomson
Cc: Portia Makitla; Nompumeleo Lekalakala; Amanda Magubane; Lindiwe Victoria Dlamini
Subject: RE: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 14 November 2024 to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota

Kind regards,

Lindiwe Victoria Dlamini

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Subject: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

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Vivienne Thomson

From: Vivienne Thomson
Sent: 06 February 2025 09:38
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Cc: Portia Makitla; Tayla Hobson
Subject: DSR Comments-The Proposed 150 MW Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant on Portion 5 of Farm Varkenslaagte No. 119, Merafong City Local Municipality, West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng

Importance: High

Dear Ms Magubane

Thank you for the comments provided by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity and EIA Mainstreaming Directorate on the proposed large-scale Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant and associated infrastructure on Portion 5 of Farm Varksenlaagte No. 119, near Carletonville, Gauteng.

The vegetation types and ecosystem threat status given for the site is correct.

Below are responses to the comments raised, addressed in the order they were provided:

- All very high sensitive habitats have been avoided and demarcated as no-go areas within the Carpe Diem North SPP site layout (refer to Figure 48 of the FSR, which indicates the site overlain with biodiversity sensitivities). Appropriate buffers as recommended by the respective project specialists have been established and respected by the site layout.
- A site map based on the Gauteng Conservation Plan shows the study area mainly within a CBA 2 (Important) and an ESA. The terrestrial biodiversity specialist verified that the site intersects a CBA Optimal and ESA and provided an updated map of the site in relation to CBAs and ESAs (refer to Figure 5-1 of Appendix D3.1. of the FSR). Accordingly, the specialist recommended designated no-go areas for exclusion from development. All high-sensitivity areas, including verified CBAs, ESAs, and buffer zones, have been strictly avoided by the site layout.
- The South African National Biodiversity Institute's Species Environmental Assessment Guideline (SANBI, 2021) was applied by the terrestrial biodiversity specialist to assess the site ecological importance (SEI) – refer to the Reference List provided for under Section 8 of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment (Appendix D3.1 of the FSR).
- An Alien Invasive Species Management Plan (Appendix D of the Standard EMPr) has been drawn up for implementation for all project phases to manage invasive species effectively.
- Please refer to Section 2.3 of the Avifaunal Impact Assessment, which demonstrates how the Birds and Solar Energy Best-Practice Guidelines (2017) have been complied with by the Avifaunal Impact Assessment. Also refer to Table 11 of the FSR, which indicates the applicable guideline documents considered as part of the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment process.
- The site selection process for the placement of surface infrastructure was guided by the opportunities and constraints assessment undertaken for the originally proposed development area by the project's various specialists. The surface infrastructure for the facility are all located within low and medium avifaunal sensitive areas.
- BirdLife Africa were included in the list of Interested and Affected Parties but have not yet provided any comments on the proposed development despite a reminder email being sent to them. BirdLife Africa will remain on the project's I&AP database for the EIA phase of the project.

All public participation documents for review thus far have been submitted to the DFFE: Biodiversity and Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za (for attention Mr Seoka Lekota) and will continue to be

submitted to same. Any responses to comments received from the Directorate will be issued to the relevant case officer and all parties copied in to the case officer's communication.

Kind regards,

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Subject: DSR Comments-The Proposed 150 Mw Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant On Portion 5 Of Farm Varkenslaagte No. 119, Merafong City Local Municipality, West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng

Dear Sir/Madam

I trust you are well,

Please find the attached for your consideration.

Thanks & Regards 

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The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports.

It was noted that according to the report, the proposed project area is situated within the Carletonville Dolomite Grassland and in the Gauteng Shale Mountain Bushveld (Mucina & Rutherford, 2006 – as amended) and that both are listed as Least Threatened.

After reviewing the Draft Scoping Report, the Department has the following comments to be addressed in the Final Scoping Report:

- Very highly sensitive habitats near the development footprint must be avoided or demarcated as No-Go areas (i.e. Drainage lines, watercourses etc.). Where possible appropriate buffer must be established around highly sensitive habitats (i.e. Watercourses).
- Please note that no development is supported in any CBA areas and that the proposed project should ensure that requirements of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) are adhered to.
- The Species Environmental Assessment Guideline (SANBI, 2021) must be applied to assess the Site Ecological Importance (SEI) of the proposed site. Based on the outcomes of the SEI determination, areas within the PAOI that possess a 'Very High' SEI denote that avoidance mitigation is the only appropriate option for these areas and no unplanned/authorized destructive development activities should be considered.
- The Alien Invasive Plant Species Management Plan and Rehabilitation Plan must be developed and submitted to mitigate habitat degradation due to erosion and alien plant invasion.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment report must comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) guideline for renewable energy projects and the Best Practice Guideline for Birds & Solar Energy for assessing and monitoring the impact of solar energy facilities on birds in Southern Africa.



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- All surface infrastructure must be concentrated on habitats of medium and low avifaunal sensitivity.
- Birdlife-SA must be added to the key stakeholder list and comments must be obtained from them.

In conclusion, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

Yours faithfully



Mr Seoka Lekota
Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation
Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment
Date: 12/12/2024

Tayla Hobson

From: Vivienne Thomson
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To: Makaringe Sibongile
Cc: Kim Pontac; Tayla Hobson; Ramunenyiwa Petunia (DHQ)
Subject: RE: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

Dear Ms Makaringe

Thank you for your prompt and efficient response.

It is much appreciated!

Kind regards,

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Morning

Please find below details as requested:

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Dear Ms Makaringe

Thank you very much for your email below and for forwarding our correspondence to the correct office.

We will remove Ms Ramunenyiwa's name from our contact list of interested and affected parties (I&APs).

Please could you provide us with the relevant office's contact details, so that we may add them to our I&AP register and prevent this inadvertent error from occurring again.

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Good Morning

Kindly remove Ms Petunia Ramunenyiwa from the mailing list as she is not responsible for the function, your email has been forwarded to the relevant office.

Regards

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Tayla Hobson

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Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Provision of requested PV development footprint kmz
Attachments: CDN SPP_Nov24_forEskomReview.kmz

Dear Samke,

Thank you for your email.

As requested, please see the attached kmz file for the footprint of the proposed Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant (SPP) with associated infrastructure on Portion 5 of Farm Varksenlaagte No. 119. Take note that this property boundary is outlined in the colour red within the kmz.

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Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Reminder of Comment Period for Draft Scoping Report_closes on 24 January 2025

Good morning Tayla

Please send me kmz file of your solar panel footprints.



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Sent: Wednesday, 27 November 2024 11:56
To: PPP
Cc: Vivienne Thomson
Subject: RE: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024
Attachments: CDN SPP_Nov24.kmz

Dear John,

Thank you for your email below.

Please find the requested kmz file for the proposed Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant on Portion 5 of Farm Varksenlaagte No. 119, near Carletonville, Gauteng.

The Proponent is aware of the setback guidelines for RE developments and has already engaged Eskom's Grid Access Unit to address the regulated requirements.

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From: John Geeringh <GeerinJH@ntcsa.co.za>

Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2024 10:27

To: PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>

Subject: RE: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

Please send me a KMZ file of the proposed development. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as a setbacks guideline for RE Developments.

Kind regards

John Geeringh (Pr Sci Nat) Reg. EAP (EAPASA)
Senior Consultant Environmental Management
Grid Planning: Land and Rights
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Tayla Hobson

From: Tayla Hobson
Sent: Friday, 29 November 2024 09:36
Cc: PPP
Subject: RE: Register as an I/AP - Carpe Diem North SPP

Good morning Gustav,

As per our telephonic discussion yesterday, Legacy EMC note the request for response to your email sent on 15 November 2024. Please accept my sincere apologies—I had believed my response on 18 November 2024 had reached your inbox, but realise you were mistakenly omitted from the email reply below.

Please take note that since you are an immediate neighbour to the proposed Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant, you are already registered as an Interested and/or Affected Party on the project and would have been notified on 14 November 2024 of the opportunity to comment on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) and its associated documents.

Please submit your comments/concerns on the DSR and its associated documents to Legacy EMC during the respective comment-period for the project. The DSR for this project is still under internal review and should be finalised today. Once finalised, an email will be sent out to notify Interested and Affected Parties (including yourself) of a 30-day comment period on the reports. In the meantime, please comment and review the available associated documents for the project as accessible from our website (www.legacyemc.co.za) or from the following OneDrive link:  [DSR for IAP Comment_14112024](#).

We await to hear from you.

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To: PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>
Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>
Subject: RE: Register as an I/AP - Carpe Diem North SPP

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Subject: Register as an I/AP
Importance: High

Mrs. Tayla Hobson

URGENT / URGENT / URGENT

Please send me the correct and required documents/forms to register as **AN INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTY**. Otherwise please send me the correct procedures to register!!!

My farm is direct next to your proposed development and up to now numerous questions are unanswered.

Kind regards

Tayla Hobson

From: PPP
Sent: Wednesday, 29 January 2025 11:25
To: Khanya Eyethu
Cc: Vivienne Thomson; Kim Pontac; Tayla Hobson
Subject: RE: Interested and Affected Party submission for the Carpe Diem North SPP project:

Dear Khanya,

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From: Tayla Hobson

Sent: Wednesday, 22 January 2025 15:51

Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>

Subject: RE: Interested and Affected Party submission for the Carpe Diem North SPP project:

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, 22 January 2025 15:05

To: Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>; Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>

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Thank you very much. I look forward to hearing from you and enjoy your day further

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Khanya



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Post: P.O. Box 12410, Die Boord, 7613

Please ensure comments are received
prior to closure of PPP comment period.

DATE:	22 January 2025	FIRST NAME:	Khanya
TITLE:	N/A	SURNAME:	
ORGANISATION:	N/A	SIGNATURE:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:	8 Power Street, Bellville		
		CODE:	7530
TEL NO:		FAX NO:	
CELL NO:		E-MAIL:	

INDICATE YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROJECT (BUSINESS, FINANCIAL, PERSONAL, ETC.):

PERSONAL

PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS / ISSUES/ CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROJECT:

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROVES TO NOT ILLICIT DIRECT IMPACTS HOWEVER THE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS SPECIFICALLY THE VISUAL CHARACTERISTICS AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION CAUSING REPAIRABLE ~~GED~~ DUE TO SOIL EROSION AND SOIL DEGRADATION.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT:

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To: Michael Leach
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Subject: RE: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

Dear Michael

Thank you for your email.

Please note that all I&APs will be notified, in due course, of an extension in the public participation process comment period to 09 January 2025.

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Vivienne Thomson

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Kind Regards

Michael Leach
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Kind regards,

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Tayla Hobson

From: PPP
Sent: Thursday, 23 January 2025 13:27
To: Michael Leach; PPP; Kim Pontac
Cc: Vivienne Thomson; Tayla Hobson
Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Reminder of Comment Period for Draft Scoping Report_closes on 24 January 2025

Good afternoon, Michael.

Thank you for your email. As per your request, you will remain on the I&AP Database for this project.

Kind regards,

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From:

Sent: Thursday, 23 January 2025 12:00

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Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Reminder of Comment Period for Draft Scoping Report_closes on 24 January 2025

Good Day Tayla

Thank you for the reminder of the commenting period. I have no comments at this stage. Please keep me on the I&AP register.

Thanks.

Kind Regards

Michael Leach
Project Developer
Atlantic Renewable Energy Partners (Pty) Ltd

From: PPP <ppp@legacyemc.co.za>

Sent: Wednesday, 22 January 2025 15:47

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Sent: Tuesday, 03 December 2024 14:39

To: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>; Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>

Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>

Subject: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Extension of Comment Period for Draft Scoping Report_to 24 January 2025

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From: PPP

Sent: Thursday, 14 November 2024 21:30

To: Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>

Cc: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>; Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>

Subject: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP):

SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED 150 MW CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT ON PORTION 5 OF FARM VARKENSLAAGTE NO. 119, MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG.

(DFFE Ref No.: To be confirmed)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Applicant, JUWI Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd., notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) as well as the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, of an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant (SPP) with associated infrastructure, situated near Carletonville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality, West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE/ INVITATION TO COMMENT:

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Tayla Hobson

From: Tayla Hobson
Sent: Tuesday, 03 December 2024 17:13
To:
Cc: PPP
Subject: RE: New Entry: Simple Contact Form - Carpe Diem North SPP

Dear Mr. Nhlapo,

Thank you for your email. You are now a registered Interested and Affected Party on the proposed large-scale Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant with associated infrastructure, situated near Carletonville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality.

All available information on this project can be downloaded directly from the following OneDrive link:

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<https://www.legacyemc.co.za/download/cdn-spp/>.

Please note that Legacy Environmental Management Consultants (EMC) engages via written means only at this stage of the process and Legacy EMC are **not** involved in the commercial/business aspect of this project.

Details of the Applicant (Developer) are available via the link and website details provided above. Legacy EMC will pass your details on to the Applicant.

I respectfully request that all future correspondence with Legacy EMC be via email only.

Kind regards,

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From:
Sent: Tuesday, 19 November 2024 14:30
To: Kim Pontac <Kim@legacyemc.co.za>
Subject: New Entry: Simple Contact Form

Name

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Email**Comment or Message**

We saw an Advert about JUWI renewable project in Merafong and we would like to get more information about the project and how it affects us.

My number is 067-858-0123

Merafong Business Chamber

Sent from [Legacy EMC](#)

Tayla Hobson

From:
Sent: Wednesday, 26 February 2025 11:44
To: Tayla Hobson
Cc: Vivienne Thomson
Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - DSR Comment Period Extension for Muiskraal Lwende Trust

Hi Tayla

Muiskraal Lewende Trust, owns Portion 28 of the farm Doornfontein 118 IQ, Mr Fouche is one of the trustees

Trust this address the issue

Groete/Regards

Wilhelm Rost



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From: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 11:40 AM
To:
Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>
Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - DSR Comment Period Extension for Muiskraal Lwende Trust

Dear Wilhelm,

Thank you kindly for your response. We note that you have gone through the relevant documentation for the project, and find therein that most of your concerns have been addressed.

Kindly confirm if Mr. Fouche owns Portion 28 of the Farm Doornfontein No. 118?

Kind regards,

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From:

Sent: Monday, 24 February 2025 10:04

To: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>

Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>;

Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - DSR Comment Period Extension for Muiskraal Lwende Trust

Hi Tayla

Thank you, we did go through all the documents.

Well-constructed and address most of the concerns.

Only comment is

That, Mr Fouche will not allow any servitude to cross his land.

Trust you find this in order

Groete/Regards

Wilhelm Rost



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From: Tayla Hobson <tayla@legacyemc.co.za>

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 12:43 PM

To:

Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>;

Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - DSR Comment Period Extension for Muiskraal Lwende Trust

Good day Wilhelm,

This email serves as a reminder to the Muiskraal Lewende Trust to submit written comments on the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) and associated documents for the Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant (SPP) and Associated Infrastructure on Portion 5 of the Farm Varkenslaagte No. 119, near Carletonville, Merafong City Municipality, West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng.

The **comment period on the DSR and associated documents closes on Monday, 24 February 2025** and can be downloaded directly from the following OneDrive link:  [DSR for IAP Comment_14112024](#) or directly from Legacy EMC's website at <https://www.legacyemc.co.za/download/cdn-spp/>.

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Sent: Thursday, 23 January 2025 15:48

To:

Cc: Vivienne Thomson <vivienne@legacyemc.co.za>;

Subject: RE: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - DSR Comment Period Extension for Muiskraal Lwende Trust

Dear Wilhelm,

Thank you kindly for your email. Legacy EMC apologises for the oversight of not directly including the Muiskraal Lewende Trust in this round of public participation and values any input to be submitted by the Trust. Therefore, Legacy EMC are happy to extend the comment period for the Muiskraal Lewende Trust by a period of 30-days **until Monday, 24 February 2025**.

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From:

Sent: Thursday, 23 January 2025 13:52

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Cc:

Subject: FW: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Reminder of Comment Period for Draft Scoping Report_closes on 24 January 2025

Good day, Tayla

Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant has reference.

We received this notice form one of the other I&IP's

We are representing Muiskraal Lewende Trust in this matter, they own Portion 28 of the farm Doornfontein 118 IQ as well as several other properties in the area.

We noted that you have excluded the Muiskraal Lewende Trust from your list of I&IP, not sure why. We herewith request 30days to provide comments on the document provided.

The trust is a neighbour and do have a vested interest in the area.

Please confirm that you have add us and that the extension is in order.

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Subject: 22026: Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant - Draft Scoping Report for COMMENT_by 13 December 2024

**NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS (PPP):
SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED 150 MW
CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT ON PORTION 5 OF FARM VARKENSLAAGTE NO.
119, MERAFONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG.**

(DFFE Ref No.: To be confirmed)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Applicant, JUWI Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd., notice is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA) as well as the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, of an application for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Carpe Diem North Solar Photovoltaic Plant (SPP) with

associated infrastructure, situated near Carletonville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality, West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE/ INVITATION TO COMMENT:

Members of the public are hereby invited to register as interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) and/or to submit written comments on the **Draft Scoping Report (DSR)** and associated documents, to Legacy Environmental Management Consulting for the EA process, on or before **13 December 2024** at the contact details below.

The DSR and associated documents will be made available for comment in hard copy at the Carletonville Public Library (Beryl Street, Carletonville, Gauteng), as well as electronically on the following website: www.legacyemc.co.za for a period of at least 30 days **from Thursday, 14 November - Friday, 13 December 2024**.

The DSR and its Appendices can also be downloaded directly from the following OneDrive link:  [DSR for IAP Comment 14112024](#)

An Executive Summary Document (available in English) can be made available on request (see contact details below).

REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTY:

A register of I&APs will be opened and maintained containing the names, contact details and addresses of all persons who have submitted written comments or who have requested in writing for their names to be placed on the register, as well as all relevant organs of state. Written submissions should please refer to the project name, and include the I&APs name, contact details (postal address, fax number and e-mail address), and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which the party may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

Only registered I&APs will be notified of subsequent report(s) for comment and of the outcome of the application, including the reasons for the decision and the right of appeal.

To submit written comments, request to be registered as an I&AP and/or for further information or electronic access to the documentation, please contact:

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Should you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact the undersigned by **13 December 2024**.

Note during your interaction with Legacy EMC, it may be necessary for us to process your personal information, as contemplated in the Protection of Personal Information Act, Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA). Our Privacy Notice and Privacy Policy is available on our website (www.legacyemc.co.za). Also, note that all

comments submitted by I&APs to our office will become public information, unless it is requested in writing by the I&AP to keep comments and/or contact details, confidential.

Kind regards,

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Acknowledgment of Receipt of Application Form and Draft Scoping Report

From: [Vivienne Thomson](#)
To:
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Date: Wednesday, 11 December 2024 13:07:11
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Hi Rendani

The email below refers. Please find acknowledgement of receipt of the Carpe Diem North SPP Application Form and DSR from the DFFE.

Please note on 05 December 2024 the Department wanted verification that no pre-application meeting was held and acknowledged receipt upon submission of the proof.

Kind regards,

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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2658

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING PROPOSED CARPE DIEM NORTH SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT (SPP) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 5 OF THE FARM VARKENSLAAGTE NO. 119, MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 05 December 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kind Regards,
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