

APPENDIX C 6: COMMENT AND RESPONSES TABLE

6.1. Summary of Comments

Initial Notification Phase

The main correspondence received was from I&APs requesting to be registered on the I&AP database or for their details to be amended or removed in the database. These comments have not been included in the responses table, but are contained within Appendix 5. Three separate comments were received from Transnet requesting that the EAP provide a KMZ of the proposed development. Eskom also requested KMZs of the facility. Other comment received was from one landowner asking the EAP to confirm that their farm will not be affected. EnviroWorks contacted Arcus on behalf of the existing XiNa SEF. Their comments have been included below.

Draft BA Phase

Comments were received from the DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations and Biodiversity Directorate; SAHRA; and EnviroWorks on behalf of the existing XiNa SEF.

All information as per Table 6.1 below and Appendix C 5 is to date.

It must be noted that the comment and responses table has been updated throughout the duration of the basic assessment process. This table has comments collated by thread and not by date.

Table 6.1: Comments and Responses Table

Ref	Name and Organisation	Date and Method	Phase of PPP	Comment	Response
1	Michael Moreland Abengoa Solar	16 March 2021 E-mail	Prior to Initial Phase	<p>From: Michael Moreland To: paulputs; Office Cc: Javier Merry Nuñez Subject: RE: Paulputs Wind Project Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:26:13 AM</p> <p>Good day Jackie I am enquiring about the proposed Paulputs wind farm, our project is located in the North West corner of the map below. We would like some information about the status of the project and planned commencement dates, we are planning some works at a high level for late 2021 and 2022 would like to know if the</p>	<p>From: Paulputs Sent: Wednesday, 21 April 2021 12:10PM To: Michael Moreland Subject: RE: Paulputs Wind Project</p> <p>Good Afternoon Mike, Apologies for such a late response. At present the project is on hold. We anticipate submitting the Application for this project in May. As such, we are only in the beginning stages of Environmental Authorisation and do not foresee this project impacting on your proposed works for later this year/early next.</p>

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				proposed project can potentially impact our planning regarding: Road accessibility, Substation outage and Dust fall out for construction during months with high winds (August) Regards Michael Victor Moreland Environmental & Quality Manager	Should the status of this change, I will keep you informed. Have a great day. Ashleigh
2	Mpilo Masondo Eskom	21 July 2021 Email	Initial Phase	From: Mpilo Masondo To: paulputs Subject: RE: Initial Notification: Proposed Amendments of the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility and Basic Assessment Process Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 6:20 PM Good day Ashleigh, Thank you for the information. Could you kindly send me kmz files of these proposed developments to see exactly where they are in relation to our infrastructure and future projects. Regards, Mpilo	From: Paulputs To: Mpilo Masondo Subject: RE: Initial Notification: Proposed Amendments of the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility and Basic Assessment Process Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 09:12 AM Good Morning Mpilo, Kindly find attached. Please note that a few of your colleagues have also requested KMZs, and these have been sent accordingly. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Regards,
3	John Geeringh Eskom	22 July 2021 Email	Initial Phase	From: John Geeringh To: paulputs Subject: RE: Initial Notification: Proposed Amendments of the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility and Basic Assessment Process Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021 07:32 AM Please send me KMZ files of the proposed grid connections, affected properties and layout of the WEF's. Kind regards	From: Paulputs To: John Geeringh Subject: RE: Initial Notification: Proposed Amendments of the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility and Basic Assessment Process Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 09:10 AM Dear John, Kindly find attached. A few of your colleagues have also requested a KMZ. I have copied you into these mails as well. Regards
4	Martina Phiri Eskom	22 July 2021	Initial Phase	From: Martina Phiri To: paulputs Subject: RE: Initial Notification: Proposed	From: Paulputs To: Martina Phiri Subject: RE: Initial Notification: Proposed

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		Email		Amendments of the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility and Basic Assessment Process Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021 11:31 AM Good Day Can we kindly have the kmz files for the project. Kind regards Martina	Amendments of the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility and Basic Assessment Process Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 09:01 AM Good Morning, Kindly find attached. Please note that Mr John Geeringh and Mpilo Masondo have also requested KMZs. Contacts included herein to this email. Regards Ashleigh
5	Claudia Cinfar Tec	24 August 2020 Telephone Call	Initial Phase	<i>Telephonic call received for request to be registered as an I&AP for the Paulputs Applications.</i>	From: paulputs To: claudiaj@cinfratec.co.za; tebogot@cinfratec.co.za Bcc: Ashlin Bodasing; Ashleigh Blackwell Subject: Request to be registered as an I&AP for the Paulputs Project Development Process Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:14:37 AM Dear Claudia, This e-mail is to confirm your e-mail addresses as received telephonically this morning. DEFF Reference Numbers: To Be Confirmed Older DEFF Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120 Nature and Location of Activity: The authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and Grid Connection is located approximately 50 km north-east of Pofadder and approximately 80 km northwest of Kakamas, in the Northern Cape Province. Paulputs North Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd intend to follow two Part II Amendment Processes and Paulputs South Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty)

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					Ltd intend to follow a Part II Amendment and Basic Assessment Process. Your details will be added to the Interested and Affected Party Database for this Project and you will receive all correspondence once the Public Participation Process to be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, commences. Thank You
6	Natasha Higgitt SAHRA	03 August 2021 E-mail	Draft BA Phase	<p>From: Natasha Higgitt To: paulputs Cc: Ashleigh von der Heyden Subject: RE: Notification of Availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 9:42:34 AM</p> <p>Good morning,</p> <p>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: http://sahra.org.za/sahris/. We do not accept emailed, posted, hardcopy, faxed, website links or DropBox links as official submissions.</p> <p>For the BAR process: Please create an application on SAHRIS 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</p>	<p>From: paulputs <paulputs@arcusconsulting.co.za> Sent: 04 August 2021 10:16 To: Natasha Higgitt <niggitt@sahra.org.za> Subject: RE: Notification of Availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection</p> <p>Good Morning Natasha,</p> <p>I trust you are well?</p> <p>All cases have been uploaded on SAHRIS. Can you please confirm if they have been uploaded correctly?</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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				<p>NHRA.</p> <p>For the amendments: If cases for the original EAs exist on SAHRIS, please create new applications and reference the original applications in the Proposal Description of the application.</p> <p>Once all documents including all appendices are uploaded to the case applications, please ensure that the status of the cases is changed from DRAFT to SUBMITTED. Please ensure that all documents produced as part of the EA process are submitted as part of the application.</p>	
-	<p>Natasha Higgitt</p> <p>SAHRA</p>	<p>04 August 2021</p> <p>Email</p>	<p>Draft BA Phase</p>	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>The cases have been uploaded correctly. Please confirm that the following case was the original EA application for all cases: https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/paulputs-wind-energy-facility-northern-cape-province</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	<p>Confirmed.</p>
-	<p>Natasha Higgitt</p> <p>SAHRA</p>	<p>30 August 2021</p> <p>Letter</p>	<p>Draft BA Phase</p>	<p>Enquiries: Natasha Higgitt Date: Monday August 30, 2021 Tel: 021 462 4502 Email: nhiggitt@sahra.org.za Page No: 1 CaseID: 16892</p> <p>Final Comment In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999) Attention: WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd P.O. Box 762 Wilderness 6560</p>	<p>EAP retrieved the Final comment; CaseID: 16892; from the SAHRA Portal. Responses are provided below.</p>

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				<p>Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd ('PWEF'), a wholly owned subsidiary of WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd, was granted environmental authorisation for the 300MW (75 turbines) Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated 132kV OHPL on 11 December 2019 by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) (DEFF Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120).</p> <p>As part of the original Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), three alternative OHPL options (A, B and C) and three alternative on-site substation options (A, B and C) were assessed. The Competent Authority (CA), DEFF, chose to only issue a favourable authorisation for the preferred OHPL option 'C' and on-site substation option 'A'. To comply with the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) bidding requirements, the abovementioned 300MW Paulputs WEF is being split into the 150MW Paulputs South WEF and the 150MW Paulputs North WEF (being split as part of a separate amendment application).</p> <p>The authorised OHPL option 'C' and on-site substation option 'A' will be used for Paulputs North WEF and a new authorisation for additional electrical infrastructure is now required to connect Paulputs South WEF to the National Grid In effect of the above, Paulputs South (the Applicant) intend to apply for Environmental Authroisation for the construction and operation of the proposed development, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 132 kV, double circuit, loop-in/loop-out Grid Connection; and a • A 4.4 ha substation yard comprising: 1.2 ha on-site substation, 1 ha for offices, 1.2 ha battery energy 	<p>The EAP confirms the below as contained is correct and accurately reflected.</p> <p>EAP draws attention to correction made to the hectares of the infrastructure requiring authorisation within the 4 ha substation yard as below. A 4 ha on-site substation yard comprising: 1.1 ha on-site substation; 0.5 ha for offices; 1 ha temporary storage area which will be used for the</p>

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				<p>storage systems (BESS), and 1 ha permanent laydown area</p> <p>Arcus Consultancy Services South Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Paulputs South Wind Energy Facility (WEF) Grid Connection and associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province</p>	<p>battery energy storage systems (BESS); and 1 ha permanent laydown area (which will include the O&M building).</p>
				<p>A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA EIA Regulations. The proposed development includes the construction of a double circuit overhead powerline which will loop-in and loop-out of the on-site substation and existing</p> <p>Eskom Paulputs Main Transmission Substation. The substation yard will comprise a on-site substation, offices, temporary storage area which will be used by the Battery Energy Storage System (NESS) and permanent laydown area.</p> <p>It is noted that the footprint of the development was assessed during the original EA application for the Paulputs WEF discussed in SAHRIS Case ID 13356 (https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/paulputs-wind-energy-facility-northern-cape-province). In a Final Comment issued on the 16/08/2019, SAHRA noted no objections to the development and provided conditions (https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/527055).</p>	<p>The EAP confirms the below as contained is correct and accurately reflected.</p> <p>The EAP confirms that the footprint of the development was assessed during the original EA application for the Paulputs WEF discussed in SAHRIS Case ID 13356 (https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/paulputs-wind-energy-facility-northern-cape-province).</p>

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				<p>ASHA Consulting has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA, and in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA.</p> <p>Orton, J. 2020. Paulputs Wind Energy Facility Split: Heritage Considerations. The specialist stated that no new/unanticipated impacts are envisaged, and the original impact assessment ratings apply. Recommendations provided include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final authorised layout for the power line, substation, battery storage system and any other areas to be disturbed must be surveyed by an archaeologist prior to construction in order to identify any remaining potential impacts that may need mitigation; • Identified sensitive sites must be treated as no-go areas throughout the lifetime of the project. These are to be confirmed during the pre-construction survey; • If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development then work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution. 	<p>The EAP confirms the below, as contained in the original specialist report for the 300MW Paulputs Wind Energy Facility EIA, is correct and accurately reflected.</p>

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				<p>Final Comment The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMPr:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) has no objections to the proposed development; 2. 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development as follows: 3. A report detailing the results of the pre-construction survey must be submitted to SAHRA for review and comment prior to the construction phase. No construction may occur without comments in this regard; 4. 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule; 5. 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an 	<p>The recommendations provided has been considered and has been included in the Final BA Report as part of the conditions to be included in the EA and EMPr for consideration and implementation. Unless such conditions are already authorised. Direct responses are provided below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment of No Objection is noted. 2. Noted. All specialist recommendations will be adhered to. 3. A pre-construction survey will be undertaken by the specialist once the final pylon positions and micrositing have been completed. This survey will be undertaken by Mr Orton and a walk-through survey report will be submitted to SAHRA. 4. Noted. The Applicant is aware of its responsibility to comply with the condition as read herein. 5. Noted. The Applicant is aware of its responsibility to comply with the condition as read herein. 6. Noted. 7. Noted. 8. Noted. The Applicant is aware of its responsibility to comply with the condition as read herein. Should heritage resources be uncovered a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist will be contacted immediately. 9. The Final BAR will be uploaded to SAHRA. 10. The decision regarding the EA will be communicated to SAHRA.

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				<p>offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;</p> <p>6. 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;</p> <p>7. 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:</p> <p>8. i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;</p> <p>9. The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;</p> <p>10. The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.</p>	
5	<p>Shalot Sekonko</p> <p>DFFE:BDC</p>	<p>03 August 2021</p> <p>Email</p>	<p>Draft BA Phase</p>	<p>From: Shalot Sekonko To: paulputs Cc: MMatlala Rabothata; Tsholofelo Shalot Sekonko Subject: Notification of Availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 12:00:28 PM</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the Notification of availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection. Kindly note that</p>	<p>Comment is acknowledged. No response is required.</p>

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				<p>the project has been allocated to Ms Rabothata (both copied on this email) and myself.</p> <p>Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries will be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for the attention of</p> <p>Mr Seoka Lekota. Regards Ms Sekonko</p>	
-	<p>MMatlala Rabothata</p> <p>DFFE: BDC</p>	<p>02 September 2021</p> <p>Email</p>	<p>Draft BA Phase</p>	<p>From: MMatlala Rabothata Sent: Thursday, 02 September 2021 22:51 To: paulputs Cc: Shalot Sekonko; Aulicia Maifo Subject: DBAR comments for Paulputs wef's and grid connections</p> <p>Dear Ms. Von der Heyden</p> <p>Please receive the attached comments from Directorate :Biodiversity Conservation for your attention and implementation.</p> <p>Trust that you find all in order.</p> <p>Regards, Ms M Rabothata Tel: 012 399 9174</p>	<p>Comment is acknowledged. No response is required.</p>
				<p><i>Comment received</i></p> <p>Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120 Enquiries: Ms M Rabothata/Ms. T Sekonko Telephone: (012) 399 9174 E-mails: MRabothata@environment.gov.za</p> <p>Ms Ashleigh Von der Heyden Arcus Consultancy Services South Africa (Pty) Ltd Office 607 Cube Workspace</p>	<p>EAP acknowledges comment received from the DFFE: BDC Directorate and responses to comments are provided below.</p>

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				<p>CAPE TOWN 8001</p> <p>Telephone Number: (+ 27) 21 412 1529 Email Address: paulputs@arcusconsulting.co.za</p> <p>PER E-MAIL</p> <p>Dear Ms Ashleigh Von der Heyden</p> <p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS SOUTH WEF GRID CONNECTION, BESS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned draft report.</p> <p>Based on the information provided in the report, the northern section of the powerline intersects with a designated Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) 2 and the southern end with a designated Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) 1. Developments within CBA 1 are not permitted as are regarded as areas that are irreplaceable or near irreplaceable for meeting biodiversity targets unless being transformed, but in CBA 2 developments are considered to be favorable and suitable as they fall within medium or low area. Therefore, no fatal flaws are to be anticipated as the footprint within these areas will be restricted to pylon footprints only and will be minor in the area.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, the following recommendations must be considered in the final report:</p>	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final walk-through of the approved development footprint must be conducted to ensure that 	<p>The recommendations provided which are applicable to the on-site substation and BESS has</p>

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				<p>sensitive habitats and species are avoided where possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search and rescue plan must be developed for confirmation of those species that have a high probability of occurrence and which will be impacted by the proposed development. • Any protected plant species must not be removed or damaged prior to obtaining permit from relevant National or Provincial Authorities. • Sensitive habitats in close proximity to the development footprint must be avoided or demarcated as No-Go area i.e. Nests and Kaboep River. • Alien Invasive Plant Species Management and Rehabilitation Plans must be developed and submitted as part of the final report to mitigate on habitat degradation due to erosion and alien plant invasion. • Suitable bird repelling structures and bird diverters must be considered to avoid collision of birds with the infrastructure. <p>In conclusion please note that 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@environment.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Mr. Seoka Lekota Control Biodiversity Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment Date: 01/09/21</p>	<p>been considered included in the Final Basic Assessment Report as part of the conditions to be included in the EA and EMPr for consideration and implementation. Unless such conditions are already authorised.</p>
6	Cynthia Nkoane DALRRD	03 August 2021 Email	Draft BA Phase	<p>From: Cynthia Nkoane To: paulputs Cc: Itumeleng Mashune; Batlang Lekalake; Deidre Koopman</p>	<p>From: paulputs To: Cynthia Nkoane; paulputs Cc: Itumeleng Mashune; Batlang Lekalake; Deidre Koopman</p>

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				<p>Subject: FW: Notification of Availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 5:13:52 PM</p> <p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>I would like to ask if there has been any change in the properties involved, as per initial e-mails circulated in January 2020.</p> <p>At that time we indicated that our department, DRDLR (now known as the DALRRD) was not the owner of any of the properties involved/ identified.</p> <p>We noted that there <i>may</i> be communities (as identified in terms of the Transformation of Certain Rural Areas Act – TRANCRAA) that might be impacted; You were subsequently referred to Mr Itumeleng Mashune for further engagement/ confirmation (if neighbouring farms form part of TRANCRAA land, and if so, contact details for relevant community representatives).</p> <p>If there have been any changes in properties, please provide that information, i.e. complete property description(s) which would include farm number, name and Registration Division (RD), to myself and Deidre Koopman (also copied in this e-mail), so we can confirm ownership and respond accordingly.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>	<p>Subject: RE: Notification of Availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 10:11:32 AM</p> <p>Good Morning Cynthia,</p> <p>Thank you for your email. There has been no change in the properties from the email circulated in January 2020.</p> <p>The remainder of your email is noted. Although no communities have been identified at this stage in the Application process, the EAP will make contact with Mr Itumeleng Mashune as suggested.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>
-	Ashleigh von der Heyden	30 August 2021	Draft BA Phase	<p>From: Ashleigh von der Heyden To: "Itumeleng.Mashune@dalrrd.gov.za" Cc: "CNkoane@dalrrd.gov.za"</p>	<i>No response received to date.</i>

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	EAP Arcus SA	Email		<p>Subject: Notification of Availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 6:17:00 PM</p> <p>Dear Itumeleng,</p> <p>Kindly see the correspondence attached for your reference.</p> <p>Arcus (the EAP) have been requested by Ms Cindy to make contact regarding possible communities that may be affected by the proposed development. Kindly note that no communities have been identified throughout the application process, this includes several site visits which confirm this statement.</p> <p>Our email is merely to oblige the request as read: "We noted that there may be communities (as identified in terms of the Transformation of Certain Rural Areas Act – TRANCRAA) that might be impacted; You were subsequently referred to Mr Itumeleng Mashune for further engagement/ confirmation (if neighbouring farms form part of TRANCRAA land, and if so, contact details for relevant community representatives)."</p> <p>Thank you to the DALRRD for their participation in the process.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>	
7	Ephron Maradwa	04 August 2021 Email	Draft BA Phase	<p>From: Ephron Maradwa To: paulputs Cc: Thando Booi; Salome Mambane; EIAadmin Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2403</p>	This correspondence was acknowledged by the EAP, however, the acknowledgement was later withdrawn. See correspondence below.

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	<p>DFFE:EIA Applications</p>			<p>Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 12:58:18 PM</p> <p>Dear Ashleigh/Paulputs</p> <p>14/12/16/3/3/1/2403</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS SOUTH WIND ENERGY FACILITY 132kV GRID CONNECTION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The Department confirms having received the Application and Draft Basic Assessment Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 03 August 2021. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p> <p>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</p>	

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				<p>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.</p> <p>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. Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</p> <p>EIA Applications Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment</p>	
-	DFFE: EIA Applications	04 August 2021 Email	Draft BA Phase	<p>From: EIA Applications To: paulputs Cc: Thando Booie Subject: RE: New Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft BAR Report for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF 132kV Grid Connection and Associated Infrastructure, Northern Cape Province Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 4:39:45 PM</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam.</p>	<p>The Basic Assessment Report was resubmitted to the DFFE on 20 August 2021.</p> <p>Acknowledgement received per the correspondence below.</p>

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				<p>Please note that we cannot consider this application for EA as it has some problems with regards to the combinations.</p> <p>Please contact your case officer for further clarity and confirmation on how to submit the application. The files have been removed from the system.</p> <p>Regards EIA Applications Integrated Environmental Authorisations Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment</p>	
-	Lydia Kutu Integrated Environmental Authorisations: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support	27 August 2021 Email	Draft Phase PPP	<p>From: Lydia Kutu To: Ashleigh von der Heyden Cc: Thando Boo; Salome Mambane Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2417 Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 3:51:53 PM</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS SOUTH WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON-SITE SUBSTATION, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The Department confirms having received the Application form and draft Basic Assessment Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 20 August 2021. You have submitted these documents to comply with the</p>	Acknowledgement received for the resubmission of the Paulputs South WEF On-Site Substation and BESS.

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				<p>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
-	Lydia Kutu	16 September 2021	Draft BA Phase	<p>From: Lydia Kutu Sent: Thursday, 16 September 2021 10:59 To: Ashleigh von der Heyden; paulputs; mrwolf@wkn</p>	Comment acknowledged and responded to below.

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	Integrated Environmental Authorisations: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support	Email		Cc: Thando Boo; EIAadmin; Salome Mambane Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2418 & 2418 Good day. Please find herein the attached letters for the above mentioned. I hope you find all in order. Thank you. Kind Regards, Lydia Kutu			
<i>Comment received</i>				No.	Comment from DFFE	EAP Response	Section in the Final AR
<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS SOUTH WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON-SITE SUBSTATION, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.</p> <p>The draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated July 2021 and received by this Department on 20 August 2021, refer.</p> <p><u>This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final BAR:</u></p>							
Listed Activities							
				1	You are required to provide the voltage of electricity to be processed in the substation as it relates to activity 11 of listing Notice 1 and must be reflected on page 12 of 33 of the application form.	The voltage of electricity to be processed in the substation is up to 132 kV. The description of the project activity that triggers the listed activity has been updated on page 12 of 33 of the Amended / Updated Application Form.	Amended / Updated Application Form. Volume I: Final BAR (Section 7, Table 7.1)
				2	On page 12 of the application form in the description of the project activity that triggers the listed activity that relates to activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 and activity 10 of Listing Notice 3, the word "may" is used in relation to the	The word "may" has been replaced with the word "will" in the respective descriptions of the project	Amended / Updated Application Form. Volume I: Final BAR (Section 7, Table 7.1)

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				volume of dangerous goods to be stored in the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). Refrain from using the word "may" rather the word "will" should be used.	activities that triggers the listed activities.
			3	It has been noted that activity 14 of Listing Notice 1 as it relates to BESS is applied for even though BESS is not regarded as a facility or infrastructure for the storage or storage and handling of a dangerous goods. Please explain the reasons for applying for this activity.	The proposed BESS will contain electrolyte solution considered to be a dangerous good. Although the BESS itself is not considered a facility for the storage of dangerous goods, the total volume of electrolyte solution used in the BESS may exceed 80m ³ but will be less than 500m ³ . Depending on the preferred technology chosen by the Applicant, this solution may be stored temporarily on site during battery assembly.
			4	In listed activities 4, 10, 12 and 18 of Listing Notice 3, the sub activities "(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans and (ii) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans" are applied for. You are required to confirm whether or not there is a systematic biodiversity plan or a bioregional plan adopted by the Member of Executive Council of the Northern Cape Provincial	The Northern Cape Province has the Namakwa Bioregional Plan in terms of the NEMA: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) for the Namakwa Local Municipality. The Northern Cape CBA plan would be the equivalent of a systematic bioregional plan.
					Amended / Updated Application Form. Volume I: Final BAR
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				Department of Environment and Nature Conservation.	
5				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. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.	The relevant listed activities as applied for are specific and will be required for the development activity and infrastructure. Amended / Updated Application Form. Volume I: Final BAR (Section 7, Table 7.1)
6				If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final BAR, 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.environment.gov.za/documents/forms .	Confirmation that the activities as applied for in the Application Form and reflected in the FBAR are the same. Noted that a new Application Form template, dated April 2021, is available. Amended / Updated Application Form. Volume I: Final BAR (Section 7, Table 7.1)
Project Details					
7				It has been noted on page iii under executive summary that the Applicant is expecting the Department to issue 2 (two) separate environmental authorisation for overhead power line and substation including BESS. Taking into consideration there are separate applications (Ref. No 14/12/16/3/3/1/2417 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/2418) already submitted, you are advised to correct the aforesaid information and clearly	The information pertaining to what is expected from the Department has been corrected. Only details applicable to the Application is included in the Final BAR. Volume I: Final BAR

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				indicate what is expected from the Department.	
8				You are required to clearly indicate the technical details and other details that are applicable to this application i.e. project description, location, listed activities and conditions recommended for inclusion in the environmental authorisation.	A clear indication of the technical details and other details that are applicable to this application i.e., project description, location, listed activities and conditions recommended for inclusion in the environmental authorisation is provided in the BAR. Volume I: Final BAR
Alternatives					
9				On page iv under the summary of the consideration of alternatives of the draft BAR, it is indicated that "Layout Alternatives: The preferred layout of the OHPL and substation was assessed as part of the authorised Paulputs WEF EIA (Arcus, 2019)" however this development does not include an overhead power line, therefore, you are required to provide a layout alternative that is relevant to this development as per the requirements of Appendix 1(3)(1)(h)(i). In addition, you are reminded that the components applied for in this application i.e. on-site substation and BESS and its location were not part of the aforesaid application. Therefore, you are advised to refrain from referring to the previous application and ensure impacts for these	Reference to the OHPL (DFFE Reference 14/12/16/3/3/1/2418) has been removed from the Final BAR. The BAR includes the impact assessment and measures for mitigation of the proposed development which requires authorisation. Volume I: Final BAR

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				structures are adequately identified, assessed and measures are included in the final report.	
10				In terms of Appendix 1 (3) (1) (g) and (h)(v)(viii) of NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, you are required to indicate the preferred technology alternative for BESS. Additionally, risks associated with each technology must be specified and mitigation measures to manage those risks must be provided and included in the final BAR and EMPr.	The preferred technology alternative, including the risks associated (defined as the advantages and disadvantages) of each is indicated in the BAR. A High-level Risk assessment was conducted for the BESS and is included in the BAR. As the BESS will be constructed before delivery to the development site, there are no construction phase risks associated with the BESS. Risk associated with the BESS is during operational phase. This is indicated in the Final BAR and EMPr.
Specialist Assessment					
11				It has been noted that the two screening tool reports titled "Paulputs WEF Part II Amendments" and "Basic Assessment for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF Substation and BESS" are appended to this application. Ensure that the correct screening report is appended to the application.	The screening report not related to the proposed application has been removed. Amended / Updated Application Form Volume I: Appendix B: EMPr

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				12	<p>Additionally, the correct screening report will inform the specialist studies to be conducted as part of this application.</p> <p>The results of the screening tool report was used as a basis for the commissioning of specialists assessments for the proposed development.</p>	<p>Amended / Updated Application Form. Volume I: Final BAR</p>
				13	<p>On the screening tool report titled "Basic Assessment for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF Substation and BESS" the project site has a sensitivity rating of low for aquatic biodiversity theme as such a compliance statement must be compiled as per the requirements of GN320 of 20 March 2020.</p> <p>A specialist study as per Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations, as amended was conducted (Enviro Sci, 2019). This report must be read in conjunction with the site sensitivity verification report and specialist addendum letter was produced for this application.</p>	<p>Volume II: Specialist Studies</p>
				Cumulative Assessment		
				<p>Should there be any other similar projects within a 35 km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:</p>		
				14	<p>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.</p> <p>An assessment of cumulative impacts has been included in Section 6.6 and Section 9 of the BAR. The actual development footprint of the nearby Renewable Energy developments could not be easily quantified or accessed spatially. For example, the National Renewable Energy EIA</p>	<p>Volume I: Final BAR (Section 6.6 and Section 9)</p>

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					Application Database contains the land parcels, and not the footprint. Nonetheless, it is believed that the assessment of cumulative impacts has been adequately captured in this BAR.
15				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.	This was provided and is included in the individual independent specialist reports and the BAR.
16				The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.	The need and desirability of the proposed development took into account the cumulative impacts of surrounding developments of the area.
17				A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.	A statement of the cumulative impacts of the proposed development is included in the BAR.
Recommendations and Conclusion					
18				In section 13 on page 120 of the draft BAR, it is stated that "The proposed development of a OHPL, Battery Energy Storage System and on-site substation"	The statement in Section 13 of the BAR has been corrected accordingly.

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				is required for the authorised Paulputs South WEF to provide much needed renewable energy to the country's grid", however the Paulputs South WEF has not been authorised rather Paulputs Wind Energy Facility is authorised. Ensure that this statement is corrected in the final BAR.	
Layout and sensitivity map					
19				<p>The Department has noted that a layout plan has not been provided for the proposed development instead a map titled Paulputs South Grid connection site sensitivity is provided (Figure 11.1), therefore, ensure that a layout plan at an appropriate scale for the proposed development is attached to the final BAR. The layout plan must indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All onsite infrastructure (existing and proposed); o The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected; o Buffer areas; and all "no-go" areas; o The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map. o Must have clear legend that communicate with the details on the map. 	<p>An updated layout plan at an appropriate scale for the proposed development has been included in the BAR. The layout plan indicates items as required in point 1 – 5 of this comment.</p>
Locality map					

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				20	<p>It has been noted that a locality map titled "Paulputs South WEF Grid, substation and BESS" is appended to the BAR, however, a locality map that is relevant to this application and which depicts all the activities applied for must be appended to the final BAR.</p> <p>The project locality map has been updated to depict all the activities applied for and which is relevant to this application.</p> <p>Volume I: Figure 2.2</p>
Environmental Management Programme					
				21	<p>The Department has noted that a generic EMPr for the substation is appended to the draft BAR, however, the EMPr for the rest of the components of this development has not been compiled. Therefore, you are required to compile an Environmental Management Programme as required in terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>The generic EMPr for the Substation includes management / mitigation measures applicable to the rest of the components of this development. A High-level Risk assessment, as included in the BAR was conducted for the BESS and subjected to a 30 day PPP. As the BESS will be constructed before delivery to the development site, there are no construction phase risks associated with the BESS. Risk associated with the BESS is during operational phase. This is indicated in the Final BAR and EMPr.</p> <p>Volume I: Final BAR (Section 10); Appendix B: EMPr</p>
				22	<p>Furthermore, ensure that the maps that attached in section 7.2 of the generic EMPr are specific to this application.</p> <p>Maps appended to the EMPr has been updated to remove any components which are not applicable to this application.</p> <p>Volume I: Appendix B: EMPr</p>

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				23	<p>The following documents must be appended to the EMPr: Lifecycle Battery Recycling programme/End-of-Life plan; An Emergency Response Plan; First Responder Training manual; Thermal management and monitoring programme; and BESS operations and maintenance programme.</p>	<p>An EMPr has been produced, with information adopted from documents which were made available for public review and comment. Should this application receive positive decision, the Final EMPr will be submitted to the DFFE with, there required plans listed and the final micrositied layout for DFFE authorisation before construction commences.</p>	<p>Volume I: Appendix B: EMPr</p>
Undertaking of an Oath							
				24	<p>The Department has noted that the submitted application form has an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP. However, the aforementioned oath was not included in the draft BAR, but rather an appendix of the application form attached to the BAR. Please note that the final BAR must also have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP.</p>	<p>A completed undertaking under oath applicable to the submission of a BAR has been appended to the Final BAR.</p>	<p>Volume I: Appendix A</p>
				25	<p>Based on the above, you are therefore required to include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP (administered by a Commissioner of Oaths) as per Appendix 1(3)(r) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that the BAR must include:</p>	<p>A completed undertaking under oath applicable to the submission of a BAR has been appended to the Final BAR.</p>	<p>Volume I: Appendix A</p>

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				<p>“an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:</p> <p>a) the correctness of the information provided in the reports;</p> <p>b) the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs;</p> <p>c) the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant; and</p> <p>d) any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties”.</p>	
Other information					
			26	<p>Please ensure that the shape-files provided as DFFE shape-files are in a PDF format.</p>	<p>The shapefile format is a geospatial vector data format (either in shp. or kml) for geographic information system software. As such, the data for the figures provided to the DFFE cannot be submitted in PDF format.</p> <p>The EAP has submitted the shapefiles in the format permitted for the DFFE to open the figures using a geographic information system software.</p>

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					PDF figures of the development are provided in the BAR and relevant specialist studies.
Public Participation Process					
27				Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final BAR. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Planning and Conservation at BCAdmin@environment.gov.za; Department of Environment and Nature Conservation: Northern Cape; Department of Economic Development and Tourism; Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development, Northern Cape; Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS); Department of Rural Development and Land Reform; Department of Social Development; Department of Transport, Roads and Public Works; Department of Transport; Department of Mineral Resources; ESKOM Holdings SOC; Khai-Ma Local Municipality; Kai !Garib Local Municipalities; Namakwa District Municipality; ZF Mgcawu District Municipality; South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); Square Kilometre Array (SKA); South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA); Air Traffic and Navigation Services SOC Limited (ATNS), Agri SA Northern Cape; Birdlife	<p>All comments as received during the Public Participation Process are contained as Appendix C 6 in the BAR.</p> <p>The I&AP database of the authorised Paulputs WEF EIA (Arcus, 2019) process was used as a baseline and has been updated throughout the environmental regulatory process (Appendix C). Registration of I&APs has continued throughout the process, and the I&AP database has been updated accordingly, based on comments received.</p> <p>All comments are included in the Comments and Responses Table, and responded to and addressed by the project team, i.e. EAP, Applicant and Specialists as applicable. The Comments</p>

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				South Africa; Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA); Endangered Wildlife Trust; Leads 2 Business and Building Energy South Africa (PTY) Ltd.	and Responses Report have been provided as Appendix C 7 of the Final BAR. Formal Comment has been received from: SAHRA, DFFE, and DFFE: BDC. Correspondence has been from: ESKOM, Department of Water and Sanitation, Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, AgriSA, NRA as well as general stakeholders (IPPs, Landowners and other Interested Parties).
				28 Furthermore, ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft BAR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final BAR.	Formal comments received from DFFE, DFFE: BDC and SAHRA have been addressed in Appendix C 6 of the Public Participation Report in the BAR, and addressed (where necessary) within the respective BAR and EMPr.
				29 Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final BAR. This must indicate that this draft BAR has been subjected to 30 days' public participation process, stating the start and end date of the public participation process (PPP). Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of	A final call for comment was sent to the I&AP Database on 03 September 2021. I&APs were provided further opportunity to comment on the draft reports until 08 September 2021.

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				the attempts that were made to obtain comments.	<p>This correspondence has been included in Appendix C 4 of the BAR.</p> <p>Any comment received during this time has been included in Appendix C 6 and Appendix C 7 of the Public Participation Report.</p>
General					
30				Please also ensure that the final BAR includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 1(3)(1)(q) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.	<p>Please refer to the Executive Summary of the FBAR. This has been included to indicate the period for which the Environmental Authorisation (EA) is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded, as per Appendix 1(3)(1)(q) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.</p> <p>Refer to Executive Summary of the FBAR.</p>
31				<p>You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 19(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: "<i>Where basic assessment must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority –</i></p> <p><i>(a) a basic assessment report, inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and</i></p>	<p>This has been compiled and the DBAR, inclusive of the EMPr and specialist reports was subjected to a public participation process.</p> <p>See Volume I: Section 6.2 and Appendix C: Public Participation.</p>

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				<i>calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which 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”.</i>		
			32	Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the BAR 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 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: “ <i>the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority –</i>		
				<i>(b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be submitted within 140 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 will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days.”</i>	No significant changes were made from the draft to final versions of the report.	The Project Details of the FBAR reflects the changes made from DBAR to FBAR.
			33	Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.	Timeframes stipulated are being adhered to in this application.	n/a
			34	You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental	The Applicant / EAP takes note of this and confirms	n/a

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				Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.	that no activity has / will commence without a positive environmental authorisation.
9	Christoff (Doepie) du Plessis EnviroWorks	16 August 2021 Email	Draft BA Phase	<p>From: Christoff du Plessis To: paulputs Cc: Ashleigh von der Heyden Subject: 3944 Paulputs WEF Amendments & BAR - Registration of XiNa Solar One (RF)(PTY) Ltd as I&AP. Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 7:53:00 AM</p> <p>Good Morning Ashleigh</p> <p>I trust you are well.</p> <p>Enviroworks would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party on behalf of XiNa Solar One (RF)(PTY) Ltd on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Title 1: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility North (RF) (Pty) Ltd; 2. Project Title 2: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility 132kV grid connection, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility North (RF) (Pty) Ltd; 3. Project Title 3: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd; and, 	<p>From: paulputs To: Christoff du Plessis; paulputs Subject: RE: 3944 Paulputs WEF Amendments & BAR - Registration of XiNa Solar One (RF)(PTY) Ltd as I&AP. Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 9:26:48 AM</p> <p>Good Morning Christoff,</p> <p>Doing fantastic thanks for asking. I trust you are well as well? Always nice hearing from other EAPs.</p> <p>Super. You have been registered on our database. Should there be anything that you would like clarity on, I would be happy to set up a meeting to discuss? This way the team can make sure that all comments/concerns are adequately addressed prior to the submission of the final amendments and BAR.</p> <p>Please do let me know. Have a super day.</p>

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				<p>4. Project Title 4: Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection & associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd.</p> <p>We are in process of assessing the impacts that the proposed development will have on the XiNa Solar One Power Generation Facility and will provide comments before the closing date of the Notification Period.</p> <p>Can you please confirm receipt of this email. I hope you find the above mentioned in order, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	
-	<p>Christoff (Doepie) du Plessis</p> <p>EnviroWorks</p>	<p>02 September 2021</p> <p>Email</p>	<p>Draft BA Phase</p>	<p>From: Christoff du Plessis Sent: Thursday, 02 September 2021 16:12 To: paulputs Cc: Elbi Bredenkamp Subject: RE: 3944 Paulputs WEF Amendments & BAR - Registration of XiNa Solar One (RF)(PTY) Ltd as I&AP.</p> <p>Good Day Ashleigh</p> <p>I trust you are well.</p> <p>Apologies for my delayed response, it been crazy on our side.</p> <p>I had a discussion with XiNa Solar One as well as KaXu Solar One, and their main concerns are as follow: We have given it some consideration and would like to raise the following, key concerns being soiling and shading.</p>	<p>From: paulputs Sent: Friday, 03 September 2021 11:07 To: Christoff du Plessis; paulputs Cc: Elbi Bredenkamp Subject: RE: 3944 Paulputs WEF Amendments & BAR - Registration of XiNa Solar One (RF)(PTY) Ltd as I&AP.</p> <p>Good Morning Christoff,</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. I just want to confirm which comments pertain to the WEF amendments, and which comments (if any) pertain to the BAR?</p> <p>If you could please just separate these if they are related to the different applications so that we can best answer you? I need to ensure that your comments are correctly captured across the different applications. Thank you, Ashleigh von der Heyden</p>

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				<p>Shading: Will the developer complete a shading study to ensure that morning solar radiation is not obstructed to the nearby IPP solar facilities.</p> <p>Soiling: Will the developer conduct a dust study during construction as well as conduct continuous mitigation and dust monitoring activities so as to not induce soiling on the nearby solar facilities.</p>	<p><i>It is not clear which application each of these questions applies to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The Amendments for the wind farms (to split into two EAs and increase the turbine sizes)</i> <i>2. The Amendment to split off the EA for the already authorised powerline route,</i> <i>3. The BAR for a powerline route directly to Paulputs Substation.</i> <p><i>Therefore, answers are provided on behalf of all applications for each question wherever applicable.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, it is assumed that "IPP solar facilities" refer to the preferred bidders KaXu CSP, XiNa CSP, Konkoosies 1 PV and Konkoosies 2 PV.</i></p> <p>The wind farms and existing powerline route are approximately 8 km from any of the 'IPP solar facilities'. A shading study should not be necessary.</p> <p>The powerline route directly to Paulputs Substation (the BAR) would travel between XiNa and Konkoosies 2 close to the fence dividing the farm portions, and be over from either facility. The pylons would not be taller than 30m, and be spaced 200-400m apart, and therefore not result in shading for the IPP solar facilities either.</p> <p>Yes, the applicant will implement dust mitigation and minimisation wherever practical to ensure that the development has minimal impact on the nearby solar facilities.</p> <p>Dust suppression and erosion management must be an integrated component of the construction approach as per the Paulputs WEF EMPrs. Please refer to Section 5, 6, 7 and 13.6 of the Paulputs WEF EMPrs (Arcus, 2021 Final Amendment Reports Volume I: Appendix B).</p>

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				<p>Downstream Wind Impacts: The exact setbacks are unclear from the map but will these be clearly defined and will the developer complete a study on the downstream impact of wind and wake effects on the nearby solar facilities to ensure that abnormal wind loading is not induced on the existing solar facility as a result of newly developed wind project. This concern is raised not only for solar collectors but also to understand the impact on Air Cooled Condenser efficiency, if in close proximity.</p> <p>Tx Connection: Will the connection of the nearby solar facility's be interrupted at any point for the connection of the new substation and lines.</p> <p>Road Access: Will the additional traffic during construction impact on normal road use and plant access to the nearby solar facilities.</p> <p>Can you please acknowledge receipt of this email?</p> <p>If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.</p> <p>I hope you have a blessed week. Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete Christoff (Doepie) du Plessis 051 436 0793</p>	<p>The closest wind turbine will be approximately 8 km to the closest IPP solar facility (XiNa CSP).</p> <p>With the nearest turbine being approximately 8 km away, any turbulence caused by wake effects will have long subsided.</p> <p>No, the connection of the current IPP solar facilities would not be interrupted, with the connection of the new substation and lines. No, the access to the wind farms will be from the N14, and so the development should not impact the roads that lead to the nearby solar facilities.</p> <p>Receipt of e-mail was acknowledged, no response from the I&AP was received i.t.o. confirmation on which comment related to which application.</p> <p>The responses provided by the developer / EAP relates to All Applications as applicable to the comment received.</p>
10	Alexia Hlengani UPN DHSWS	21 August 2021 Email	Draft PPP Phase	<p>From: Hlengani Alexia (UPN) To: paulputs Subject: RE: Notification of Resubmission of Application and unchanged Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection and Paulputs South WEF Substation Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021 11:57:19 AM</p> <p>Good day</p>	<p>From: paulputs To: Hlengani Alexia (UPN); paulputs Subject: RE: Notification of Resubmission of Application and unchanged Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection and Paulputs South WEF Substation Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 5:04:02 PM</p> <p>Good Afternoon,</p>

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				<p>Kindly note that the attached doesn't show the locality so that the Department can check if is under Vaal or Orange.</p> <p>Regards Alexia</p>	<p>As per the Notification below, you are directed to view Copies of the Draft Reports (which contain the relevant maps) at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pofadder Library; and • Arcus Website: www.arcusconsulting.co.za/projects. <p>The proposed development occurs within the following catchments within the Nama Karoo ecoregion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D81E Samoep • D81F Kaboep <p>The above-mentioned mainstem catchment systems are short tributaries of the Orange (Gariep) River, which are largely ephemeral alluvial systems</p> <p>Regards,</p>
-	Alexia Hlengani UPN DHSWS	01 September 2021 Email	Draft PPP Phase	<p>From: Hlengani Alexia (UPN) Sent: Tuesday, 31 August 2021 11:16 To: paulputs Subject: RE: Notification of Resubmission of Application and unchanged Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection and Paulputs South WEF Substation</p> <p>Good day</p> <p>Kindly forward the hardcopy due to fact that our internet is on and off.</p> <p>Regards Alexia</p>	<p>From: paulputs Sent: Wednesday, 01 September 2021 10:56 To: Hlengani Alexia (UPN); paulputs Subject: RE: Notification of Resubmission of Application and unchanged Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection and Paulputs South WEF Substation</p> <p>Good Morning, A CD copy can be couriered to you. Please provide a forwarding address. Kindly note however, that the 30 –day I&AP comment period for the project closes tomorrow 02 September. Regards, Ashleigh von der Heyden Senior Environmental Assessment Practitioner</p>