

APPENDIX 1: APPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

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Subject: San Kraal WEF (DFFE Reference 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/1 and Phezukomoya (14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/1/AM3) Ref: (2022-01-0022)

Dear Aneesah

The Public Participation (PP) Plan for the Proposed San Kraal WEF (DFFE Reference 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/1 and Phezukomoya (14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/1/AM3), Final Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs) and Final Site-Layouts, refers.

Based on the information provided this Department decided to **approve** the PP Plan for the proposed project. You may proceed with the PP process in accordance with tasks contemplated in the PP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PP Plan, the amended PP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

A copy of the PP Plan and this approval must be submitted as part of the application form when the application is lodged.

Also note that submission of a PP Plan and approval thereof do not negate your responsibility to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Kind Regards

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APPENDIX 4
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE FINAL EMPRS AND PROJECT LAYOUTS

Applicable Project DFFE References:

San Kraal WEF (DFFE Reference 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/1 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/1029/1/AM3)
Phezukomoya WEF (DFFE Reference 14/12/16/3/3/2/1028/1 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/1028/1/AM3)

1 INTRODUCTION

Following receipt of the respective Environmental Authorisations, the Applicants will be submitting the Final Environmental Management Programmes (EMPRs) and Final Site-Layouts (hereon referred to as the "Final Plans") to the competent authority, i.e., the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for written approval prior to commencement of the activity.

As per the respective EAs, the Final Plans must be made available for comments by registered Interested and Affected Parties.

This Public Participation Plan is being submitted together with pre-application meeting request form for the projects to be assigned a case officer.

2 PURPOSE

In accordance with the GN R. 650 of Government Gazette No. 43412, a Public Participation Plan must be approved by the competent authority, in this case the DFFE.

This Public Participation Plan contains proposals on how the consultation with all registered I&APs will be ensured in accordance with Regulation 40(2)(a) to (d) and (3); 41(2)(b)(e); 43 and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

3 AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The Public Participation Plan has been designed to allow the DFFE to comment on the proposed manner in which the relevant guidelines applicable to public participation have been taken into account, and how registered Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) will be notified of the proposed applications which will be subjected to public participation.

The Public Participation Process (PPP) will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), as well as the Public Participation Guidelines in terms of NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014.

The PPP has been designed to ensure reasonable measures to identify I&APs and provide sufficient and accessible information to all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in an objective manner during the advertisement of the Final Plans.

The primary aims of the public participation process are:

- To inform I&APs of the Final Plans;
- To identify issues, comments and concerns as raised by I&APs;
- To promote transparency and an understanding of the project and its potential consequences;

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- To facilitate open dialogue and liaise with all I&APs; and
- To ensure that all I&AP issues and comments are considered before submission of the amended Final Plans to DFFE for approval.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN METHODOLOGY

The sharing of information forms the basis of a Public Participation Process (PPP), with an aim to encourage the public to have meaningful input into the decision-making process.

4.1 PROJECT INITIATION PHASE

4.1.1 Identification of Potential Interested and Affected Parties

The I&AP database of the authorised San Kraal WEF and Phezukomoya WEF EIA and Part II Amendment Process (Arcus, 2018, 2020 and 2021) will be used as a baseline for this process.

The (registered) I&AP database include:

- Landowners and immediately surrounding landowners, including labourers and occupiers;
- Key stakeholders and organs of state; and
- All I&APs who responded to the advertisements and requested to be registered.

The database has been and will be updated throughout the duration of the environmental processes and anyone with an interest in the application process are encouraged to register.

4.2 REVIEW OF THE FINAL PLANS

4.2.1 Notification of the Availability to Review and Comment on the Final Plans

Notifications regarding the availability of the Final Plans for public review and comment will be provided in the following manner:

- Written Notification (English and / or Afrikaans) will be sent to all registered I&APs via e-mail and post (registered mail). If mobile phone numbers are available, SMS notifications will be sent to I&APs and / or land occupiers who does not have a postal or email addresses.
- If written notification cannot be sent to a registered I&AP, notification will be provided telephonically.

The written / telephonic notification will advise I&APs of the following:

- How and where they can access the Final Plans (as detailed in section 4.2.2 below);
- The safety measures to consider when accessing the hard copy of the Final Plans (due to the National COVID-19 Pandemic), such as the precautions to be taken for handling of the document (sanitising / handwashing / wearing of gloves); and
- It will afford all I&APs the opportunity to submit their issues and comments regarding the Final Plans.

I&APs will be encouraged to submit their comments in either of the following manners:

- Electronically (email);
- Telephonically; and/or
- Written letters.

If any I&AP / stakeholder requests a focus group meeting or public participation meeting to be held, such meetings will be arranged by the EAP and will be held via an online meeting platform, such as Skype, Microsoft Teams and / or Zoom or at a suitable public venue. This meeting will be recorded and the meeting minutes will be sent to all attendees for approval before any comments / concerns raised are included in the Comments and Response Report for submission to the DFFE with the Final Plans.

4.2.2 Availability of the Final Plans for Review

A hard copy and electronic copies (CD) of the Final Plans will be made available at the Noupoot Public Library for a period of 30 days. The Final Plans will also be placed online, on the Arcus website: <https://arcusconsulting.co.za/projects/>, for review and comment. All comments received from I&APs on the Final Plans will be recorded and responded to in the Comments and Responses Report, which will be submitted to the DFFE for consideration as part of the Final Plans.

If the library is not open to allow the Final Plans to be displayed, these will be made available at The Don Guesthouse, in the town of Noupoot, Northern Cape Province. Furthermore, Arcus will send the Final Plans via We Transfer or directly in hard copy to I&APs upon request.

A note will be placed on the hard copy regarding the COVID-19 safety measures and / or precautions to be taken for handling of the document (sanitising / handwashing etc.).

Location	Physical Address	Contact person
Hard Copy and CD/USB Location		
Noupoot Library	6 Shaw Street, Noupoot, 5950	Martha Van Eyk 084 243 1609
Alternative Hard Copy and CD/USB Location		
The Don Guesthouse	3 Murray Street, Noupoot, 5950	Lizl De Swardt 071 238 7964
Electronic Copy Locations		
Arcus Website	https://arcusconsulting.co.za/projects/	Aneesah Alwie 021 412 1529
We Transfer	I&APs can request for copies to be sent via online digital portal	Aneesah Alwie 021 412 1529
Comment Submission		
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4.2.2.1 Commenting Period on the Final Plans

The commenting period of the Final Plans discussed in this PP Plan will be made available for a period of 30 days, as per the NEMA 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

4.2.3 Notification of Submission of the Final Plans to DFFE for approval

Notification regarding the submission of the Final Plans to DFFE for approval will be sent to all registered I&APs in the following manner:

- Written Notification (English and / or Afrikaans) will be sent to all registered I&APs via e-mail and post (registered mail).
- SMS notifications will be sent to I&APs and / or land occupiers that have supplied mobile phone numbers and who does not have a postal or email addresses.
- If written notification cannot be sent to an I&AP, notification will be provided telephonically.

4.3 DECISION-MAKING PHASE

4.3.1 Notification of Decision by DFFE

All registered I&APs will be provided with access to the decision and the reasons for such decision. Attention of all registered I&APs will be drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the NEMA National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

Notifications regarding the decision made by the DFFE will be provided in the following manner to all registered I&APs:

- Via e-mail, which will include an attachment of the decision, reasons for the decision, and appeal procedure;
- Via SMS, which will be sent to I&APs and / or land occupiers that have supplied mobile phone numbers and who does not have a postal or email addresses. The SMS will advise the I&AP that access to the decision, reasons for the decision, and appeal procedure must be accessed from the Arcus website: <https://arcusconsulting.co.za/projects/>;
- Via registered mail, which will include a complete hard copy of the decision, reasons for the decision and appeals procedure; and
- Courtesy telephone calls will be made to those who cannot receive access by either of the above-mentioned methods to advise them of the decision made by the DEFF and to confirm if and / or how they wish to receive access to the decision, reasons for decision, and appeal procedure.

I&APs will be provided with access to the decision, reasons for the decision by the DFFE and the process for appeals within 14 days of date of receipt of the decision.