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COMMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT





APPENDIX Q.5 – COMMENT AND RESPONSE REPORT

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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Directorate Biodiversity Conservation			
Lindiwe Victoria Dlamini 16 October 2024 Email	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs M Rabothata and Ms Lindiwe Dlamini (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.</p> <p>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@dff.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges receipt of the email</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p>
Ms Mmatlala Rabothata 12 November 2024 Email	<p>Dear Ms Strong,</p> <p>Kindly find the attached comments from Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation for your attention and implementation.</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges receipt of the email</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p>

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	My apology for the delay on sending this late, I was out of the office.		Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR
Mr Seoka Lekota 8 November 2024 Formal letter	<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PART 2 AMENDMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED KOMATI POWER STATION SOLAR PV FACILITY, BESS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, MPUMALANGA 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 proposed amendments to the Komati Solar PV and BESS Facility are not expected to result in an increase to the significance ratings for the identified potential impacts. The terrestrial and aquatic specialist indicated that the proposed amendments to the project will not change any of the impacts on any aquatic features observed, mitigation measures are still valid.</p> <p>The current Komati SEF development would contribute to approximately 157 ha of habitat loss in an already transformed area, with LOW avifaunal significance, and thus supports the sensitivity rating of the Screening Tool.</p> <p>The Directorate does not have any objections to the proposed amendment provided that all recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the Draft motivational report and specialist studies will be included in the EMPr and adhered to.</p> <p>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>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges receipt of the letter.</p> <p>WSP acknowledge the DFFE Biodiversity Conservation's no objection to this project.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all recommendations and mitigation measures have been recorded in the Final motivational report and specialist studies and have been included in the EMPr and will be adhered to by the Proponent.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p> <p>Appendix P of the Final AR (EMPr)</p>
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)			

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Mthobisi Ngcobo 09 October 2024 Email	Dear Ashlea I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the above-mentioned subject matter thanks.	EAP Response: WSP acknowledges receipt of the email.	Appendix D of the SER Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR
Sabelo Malaza 21 October 2024 Email	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 02 FEBRUARY 2024 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION IN THE STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</p> <p>The Department confirms having received the application for amendment and motivation report of the Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 08 October 2024.</p> <p>Please note that your application for amendment of the environmental authorisation falls within the ambit of amendments to be applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 30 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p> <p>Please note that if any new activities are triggered by the proposed change, a Part 2 amendment process cannot be followed and a new application for EA must be submitted for these activities.</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledges receipt of the email.</p>	Appendix D of the SER Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR
Sabelo Malaza 07 November 2024	COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENT MOTIVATION REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 02	EAP Response:	Appendix D of the SER

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Letter	<p>FEBRUARY 2024 FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE WITHIN THE STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND NKANGALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</p> <p>The Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the above-mentioned project dated 02 February 2024, the application for amendment of the EA and the draft Amendment Motivation Report received by the Department on 08 October 2024, and the acknowledgement letter dated 21 October 2024, refer.</p> <p>The Department has the following comments on the abovementioned amendment application:</p>	WSP acknowledges receipt of the DFFE's comment on the Draft Amendment Report.	Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR
	<p>(a) <u>Specific Comments</u></p> <p>(i) The proposed Solar Farms A1 and A2 appear to encroach into an area that was previously confirmed to be a Seep wetland. Further, section 5.5.4 of the Motivation Report dated October 2024 indicates that the new solar farm expansion area will result in <i>"in loss of additional 24.5 ha of moderately/largely modified seep habitats (Seep 1), contributing to cumulative impacts in terms of direct loss of seep wetlands at the landscape level."</i> This additional clearance constitutes possible listed or specified activities as follows: Listing Notice 1 Activities 12, 19; and Listing Notice 3 Activity 15.</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the proposed Solar Farms A1 and A2 do not encroach into an area that was previously confirmed to be a Seep wetland. This is confirm by the Sensitivity map included in Section 5.7 Figure 5.3 which illustrates the location of the proposed amendment and project infrastructure overlain on the sensitivity map.</p> <p>Furthermore, the text from Section 5.6.4 is noted to be incorrect and is noted to have been included in error and has been corrected I the final report.</p> <p>The specialist statement from the Aquatic specialist included in Appendix O states that <i>"Since the above changes are proposed within the existing site footprint, Aquatic and Wetland impacts (to those assessed in the 2023 studies) are not envisaged."</i></p> <p>WSP confirms that no additional clearance is required as a result of the amendment proposed, and therefore confirm</p>	<p>Section 5.7 (Figure 5.3 of the Final AR</p> <p>Section 5.6.4 of the Final AR</p> <p>Appendix O of the IFnal AR</p>

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		that Listing Notice 1 Activities 12, 19; and Listing Notice 3 Activity 15 will not be triggered by the proposed amendment.	
	(ii) The final Amendment Motivation Report must append the previous specialist studies.	EAP Response: WSP can confirm that the previous specialist studies have been appended to the Final AR as requested.	Appendix E to Appendix O of the Final AR
	(iii) The specialist environmental statements must be revised to include a sensitivity map and a discussion on the comparative impacts of the current approved layout versus the proposed amendments which include cumulative impacts.	EAP Response: WSP can confirm that the specialist environmental statements have been revised to include a sensitivity map (where applicable) and a discussion on the comparative impacts of the current approved layout versus the proposed amendments which include cumulative impacts. WSP can confirm that all the specialists confirm that there are no changes to the impacts associated with the current approved layout versus the proposed amendments. The proposed amendment do not result in any new impacts. This has been highlighted in the Final AR with the addition of Section 5.8 which provided a comparative impact summary (inclusive of cumulative impacts).	Appendix E to Appendix O of the Final AR Section 5.6 of the Final AR Section 5.8 of the Final AR
	(iv) All specialists are required to provide an environmental impact statement for the amended layout.	EAP Response: WSP can confirm that the specialist environmental statements have been revised to include an environmental impact statement for the amended layout as requested.	Appendix E to Appendix O of the Final AR
	(v) The EAP is required to provide a detailed list of all potential amendments to the EA, which should <i>inter alia</i> recommend additional conditions that must be incorporated into the EA, provide amendments to the existing conditions of the EA by way of either removal and/or amendments as informed by the specialist's recommendations.	EAP Response: It can be confirmed that no additional conditions are required to be incorporated in the EA as a result of the proposed amendments. Furthermore, no amendment to existing conditions of the EA by way of either removal and/or amendment are required.	Section 8 of the Final AR

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		A statement to this effect has been included in Section 8 of the Final AR.	
	(vi) The draft EMPr to be submitted with the final Amendment Motivation Report must be updated to include and incorporate all mitigation measures recommended by the specialists.	EAP Response: The mitigation measures recommended by the specialists in the final amendment motivation report are all included in Section 4 of the EMPr.	Section 4 of the EMPr.
	(vii) The applicant is required to comply with Regulation 39 (1) of EIA Regulations 2014, as amended and submit a written consent of the landowners for the amendment application	EAP Response: WSP confirm that a signed Landowner Consent form was submitted to the DFFE in Appendix 5(A) of the Application Form on 08 October 2024 and has therefore complied with Regulation 39 (1) of EIA Regulations 2014.	Appendix 5(A) of the Application Form
	(viii) The EAP is to ensure that all the amendments applied for does not trigger any listed or specified activity as outlined in Regulation 31 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	EAP Response: WSP confirm that the proposed amendments detailed in Section 4 of the Final AR, do not trigger any new listed activities in terms of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended. A statement to this effect is included in Section 3.3 and Section 8 of the Final AR.	Section 3.3 of the Final AR Section 4 of the Final AR Section 8 of the Final AR
	(b) <u>Public participation</u> (i) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final report. This includes but is not limited to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency, the Department of Transport, the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, the Nkangala District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), BirdLife SA, the	EAP Response: The Draft AR was submitted to all the relevant authorities for comment, including but not limited to the following key stakeholders: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy; Mpumalanga Departments of Water and Sanitation; MDARDLEA; Department of Rural Development and Land Reform; DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation; DFFE Directorate: Protected Areas; Mpumalanga Department of Water and Sanitation: Oliphant's Proto-CMA;	Table 3.1 of the SER Appendix D of the SER Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR

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	Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation.	<p>Mpumalanga Department of Social Development; Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport; Mpumalanga Department of Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs; Mpumalanga Heritage Resources Authority; South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); Department of Defence Force Mpumalanga; Nkangala District Municipality; Steve Tshwete Local Municipality; BirdLife South Africa; Endangered Wildlife Trust; South African National Biodiversity Institute; Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency.:</p> <p>All comments received to date have been captured in this CRR in Table 3.1 and included in Appendix D of this report as well as in Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR.</p>	
	(ii) A Comments and Response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final report. The C&R report must incorporate all comments for this application. 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 Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as “noted” is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP’s comments.	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the draft Amendment Report from registered I&APs and organs of state have been included in a comment and response table (Error! Reference source not found.) included in Section 3 and Appendix D of this SER as well as in Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the SER has been submitted as a separate report together with the Final AR.</p> <p>Furthermore, WSP confirms that all comments from I&APs have been copied verbatim and responded to clearly. In addition, the response “Noted” has not been utilised.</p>	<p>Section 3 (Table 3-1) of the SER</p> <p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p>
	(iii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft report from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft Amendment</p>	<p>Section 3 of the SER</p> <p>Appendix B of the SER</p>

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	in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final report. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final report. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.	<p>Report from registered I&APs and organs of state (including those mentioned in this comment) have been included in the final Amendment Report and adequately addressed and responded to.</p> <p>Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders is included in Appendix B of the SER as well as in Appendix Q1 to Q4 in the Final AR.</p>	Appendix Q1 to Appendix Q4 in the Final AR
	(iv) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirm that the Public Participation Process has been conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>SER</p> <p>Section 7 of the Final AR</p>
	(v) The final report must also indicate that this draft report has been subjected to a public participation process.	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>Section 2.3 of the SER and Section 7.3.3 of the Final AR indicates that the Draft AR was subject to a 30-day public participation comment period.</p> <p>All I&APs (as per the existing Komati I&AP database) were notified by WSP of the availability of the DAR for comment. The public review was for a period of 30 days from 08 October 2024 to 08 November 2024. Copies were made available as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hard Copy: Komati Paypoint and Library; ■ Hard Copy: Komati Power Station Entrance; ■ Hard Copy: Hendrina Public Library; ■ Hard Copy: Eastdene Public Library; ■ Hard Copy: Gerard Sekoto Library; ■ Electronic Copy: WSP Website (https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents); and 	<p>Section 2.3 of the SER</p> <p>Section 7.3.3 of the Final AR</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic Copy: WSP Datafree Website (https://wsp-engage.com/) 	
	<p>(c) <u>Layout & Sensitivity Maps</u></p> <p>(i) The final report must include an environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas, buffer areas and features identified during the assessment process.</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas, buffer areas and features identified during the assessment process in included in Section 5.3 and Section 5.7 of the Final AR.</p>	Section 5.3 and Section 5.7 of the Final AR
	<p>(ii) The final report must include a map combining the final layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>Section 5.3 of the Final AR includes a map combining the currently authorised layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.</p> <p>Section 5.7 of the Final AR includes a map combining the final amended layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map.</p>	Section 5.3 and Section 5.7 of the Final AR
	<p>(d) <u>Specialist assessments</u></p> <p>(i) The maps used within the specialist studies must comply with comment c (i) above.</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the maps used within the specialist studies comply with the comment c(i) above.</p>	Appendix E to Appendix O of the Final AR
	<p>(ii) The EAP must provide confirmation that all specialists were provided with the same request of proposed amendments as well as ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following:</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP confirms that all specialists were provided with the same list of proposed amendments.</p>	Appendix E to Appendix O of the Final AR
	<p>(a) 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.</p>	<p>Furthermore, the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies for the original EA process included all the requirements listed below (a – k).</p>	
	<p>(b) 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.</p>	<p>The specialist statements received during the amendment process noted that there are no changes to the impacts associated with the current approved layout versus the proposed amendments. The proposed amendment do not result in any new impacts (on site or cumulatively).</p>	

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	(c) 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.	<p>WSP confirm that all the original assessments (now included in the Final AR as per the DFFE's request above) as well as the Specialist statements are final.</p> <p>No additional studies are recommended.</p> <p>All mitigation measures requested by the specialists are included in the EMP.</p>	
	(d) Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.		
	(e) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.		
	(f) Should specialists recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.		
	(g) 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.		
	(h) 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.		
	(i) Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process.		
	(j) The significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.		

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	(k) A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.		
	(iii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice	EAP Response: The specialists have not specified contradicting recommendations. All recommendations are aligned and are considered practical and able to be implemented.	Section 5.6 of the Final AR Section 6 of the Final AR Section 4 of the EMPr (Appendix P of the Final AR).
	(iv) The specialist must also confirm that the comments raised in this letter with regards to the proposed changes have been taken into account.	EAP Response: WSP can confirm that the comments raised in this letter with regards to the proposed changes were communicated to the specialists and have been taken into account.	Appendix E to Appendix O of the Final AR
	(e) General (i) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines.	EAP Response: WSP can confirm that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines	Section 6 of the Final AR Appendix P of the Final AR
	You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 32(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: <i>"The applicant must within 90 days of receipt by the competent authority of the application made in terms of regulation 31, submit to the competent authority -</i> <i>(a) a report, reflecting—</i> <i>(i) an assessment of all impacts related to the proposed change;</i> <i>(ii) advantages and disadvantages associated with the proposed change; and</i>	EAP Response: WSP take note of Regulation 32(1)(a), the final AR will be submitted to the DFFE within 90 days of receipt by the competent authority of the application made in terms of regulation 31. Furthermore, Regulation 32(1)(b) is also noted. WSP confirm that no be significant changes or new information has been added to the Final AR. The addition of the original Specialist Studies is not considered new information as these studies have previously been in the public domain during the original EA Process and are only	Appendix E to Appendix O of the Final AR



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	<p><i>(iii) measures to ensure avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts associated with such proposed change; and</i></p> <p><i>(iv) any changes to the EMPr;</i></p> <p><i>which report-</i></p> <p><i>(aa) had been subjected to a public participation process, which had been agreed to by the competent authority, and which was appropriate to bring the proposed change to the attention of potential and registered interested and affected parties, including organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the relevant activity, and the competent authority, and</i></p> <p><i>(bb) reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority."</i></p> <p>Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the motivation report 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 32(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 – (b) a notification in writing that the report 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 report, which changes or information was not contained in the report consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in subregulation (1)(a) and that the revised report will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days".</i></p>	<p>appended to the Final AR as a result of the DFFE's direct request in comment a (ii) above.</p>	

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	In the event where subregulation (1)(b) applies, the report, which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority, must be submitted to the competent authority within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority. Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 32 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, 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.	EAP Response: This comment is acknowledged.	-
Bathlakoane Ba Manzimnyama			
John Mokoena 16 October 2024 Letter	<p>PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 02 FEBRUARY 2024 FOR THE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITY, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE KOMATI POWER STATION IN THE STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2456): REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES</p> <p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of this letter is to register Bathlakoane Ba Manzimnyama community Land Trust as Interested and affected Parties.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>Bathlakoane ba Manzimnyama is a clan that lost its land and livestock in the Emalahleni/Middelburg area (Mpumalanga), this happened through systemic reduction of our grandfather's</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>Good morning, John</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p> <p>I can confirm that your comment will be captured in the comment and response report to be included in the final report once the public review period is complete</p> <p>I can confirm that you have been included on the project database.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p>



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	<p>land until the clan was pushed out of the land completely. We participated in the re-opening of land claim process through parliament, and we have a formally lodged and accepted land claim.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>We have claimed Koornfontein 28 IS and other adjacent farms (Land Claim number R/6143/284/7885), so our interest is with respect to the activities that will be taking place on this farm as an adjacent property; these activities will affect us as soon as our land is restored to us. We are interested in economically developing our community through your Social and Labour Plans or the current Mining Charter.</p> <p>We would like to register ourselves as Interested and Affected Parties in this process, because we are part of the Hosting Communities in the target area, we do not object to the amendment.</p> <p>Yours truly,</p> <p>John Fani Mokoena</p> <p>Obo Bathlakoane Ba Manzimnyama</p>		
John Mokoena 17 October 2024 Email	<p>Good day</p> <p>Attached herewith please find our registration as Interested and Affected Parties on this project.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>		Appendix D of the SER Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR
South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)			
Canny Mothapo 08 October 2024 Email	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Thank you for the EIA notification, may you kindly resend the attachments to environment@caa.co.za and delist all other SACAA email addresses on your database. Kindly save and</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>Good afternoon</p> <p>We can confirm that the relevant information has been sent through to environment@caa.co.za.</p>	Appendix D of the SER

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	<p>send your environmental impact analysis reports/meeting requests and request for comments to environment@caa.co.za, going forward please.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Canny Mothapo</p> <p>Database Coordinator</p> <p>Procedure Design & Cartography, Air Navigation Services, Aviation Safety Infrastructure</p> <p>Cell: 011 545 1364 Cell: 083 461 6292 Email: mothapoc@caa.co.za www.caa.co.za</p>	<p>We also confirm that we have also removed all other SACAA email addresses from the Database as requested.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Ashlea Strong</p>	<p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p>
<p>Nrateng Mashiloane</p> <p>10 October 2024</p> <p>Email</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well. SACAA has no comments for the proposed development .The proposed site for the development is outside the vicinity of aviation infrastructure and shows no significant or negative impacts on civil aviation activities and operations within the airport. However, a formal obstacles assessment is required for the proposed as it includes establishment of photovoltaic panels, powerline and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>Kindly lodge an application with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) 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.</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledge that the SACAA has no comments on the proposed development.</p> <p>The proponent is aware of the requirement for a formal obstacle assessment and application process.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p>
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)			
<p>Nokukhanya Khumalo</p> <p>21 October 2024</p>	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Please note that all development applications are processed via our online portal, the South African Heritage Resources</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>Good afternoon.</p> <p>Thank you for your email.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p>

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	<p>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>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.</p> <p>**PLEASE NOTE**</p> <p>An application fee is now required for all section 38 applications. Please ensure that the SAHRIS application contains a proof of payment as per the notice at the following link: https://sahris.org.za/help. A payment of R 2 000.00 for each application is required. Please make separate payments with the specific reference numbers. Applications that do not include a proof of payment will be considered incomplete and will not be processed until proof of payment is provided. Please make use of the SAHRIS Case ID in the payment reference. i.e. 12345/38.8. Please upload the PoP using the "Make an additional submission to an existing case" in the application selector wizard https://sahris.org.za/form/application-selector. The case officer assigned to your case will approve the submission and begin to process the case.</p>	<p>We can confirm that the amendment application is linked to an existing case – and all information has been uploaded to Case ID 19170 accordingly.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Ashlea Strong</p>	<p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p>

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Natasha Higgitt 05 November 2024 Letter	<p>The specialist confirms that the results of the 2023 HIA remain relevant for the amendment application and previously recommended mitigation measures must be adhered to.</p> <p>Final Comment</p> <p>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 Amendment Motivation Report and EMPr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 38(4)a – The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) has no objections to the proposed amendments to the authorised development; ■ 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. No further additional specific conditions are provided for the development; ■ 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 DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660/nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule; ■ 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA DAU (Natasha Higgitt 021 202 8660/nhiggitt@sahra.org.za) must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with this section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule; 	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledge that SAHRA has no objections to the proposed amendments.</p> <p>WSP can confirm that the requirements of Section 38(4)(c) are already included in the EMPr.</p> <p>The WSP confirm that the Final Amendment Report and EMPr will be uploaded on to the SAHRIS Portal as required.</p>	Appendix P of the Final AR



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 38(4)d – See section 51 of the NHRA for offences;■ 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:■ With reference to the mitigation work noted above, a qualified archaeologist must be appointed to undertake the work in terms of the permit applied for as noted above;■ 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;■ The Final Amendment Motivation Report and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;■ The decision regarding the EA Amendment Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application. <p>Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.</p>		
Sirus Power South Africa			
David Nunez 17 October 2024 Email	<p>Dear Ashlea,</p> <p>Can you please register me as an I&AP for the above-mentioned project? Also, do you have a copy of the EA 14/12/16/3/3/2/2456 issued by the department?</p> <p>Thanks and regards,</p> <p>David Nunez</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>Good morning, David</p> <p>I can confirm that you have been added to the project database.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Ashlea Strong</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p>
Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA)			



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Cecilia de Waal 11 October 2024 Email	<p>Dear Ms. Strong</p> <p>The MTPA acknowledge the receipt of your Draft Amendment Report for the Komati Power Station Solar PV Facility, BESS and Associated infrastructure.</p> <p>Our EIA Registration/reference number is: LUA 24/3414(6)</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>Celia de Waal</p>	<p>EAP Response:</p> <p>WSP acknowledge that the Amendment Report was received by the MTPA.</p> <p>No further communication was received form the MTPA.</p>	<p>Appendix D of the SER</p> <p>Appendix Q.5 and Appendix Q.6 of the Final AR</p>