

Appendix J.4

SITE NOTICE





NOTICE OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE MERAFONG PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (SEF) AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (INCLUDING ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE) WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MERAFONG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, IN THE WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE.

Notice is given in terms of:

- **Government Notice (GN) 4558 of 27 March 2024 of a registration in terms of the Solar Exclusion Norm and Exclusion of Identified Activities Associated with the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic Facilities from the Requirement to Obtain an Environmental Authorisation.**
- **Government Notice (GN) 2313 of 27 July 2022 of a registration in terms of the Standard for the Development and Expansion of Powerlines and Substations within Identified Geographical Areas and the Exclusion of this Infrastructure from the Requirement to obtain an Environmental Authorisation**

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Merafong Energy (Pty) Ltd (Merafong) proposes to establish a 140MW Solar Energy facility (SEF) and related infrastructure (including electrical grid infrastructure) within the Merafong Local Municipality and West Rand District Municipality, Gauteng Province. The facility SEF and the electrical grid infrastructure will be subject to the Norms / Standards for Exclusion of Environmental Authorisation (EA) as referenced above. The project is located within the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor.

Proponent	Project	Technology	Process	Affected Farm Portions
Merafong Energy (Pty) Ltd	Merafong SEF and associated infrastructure	Solar	Registration Application for the Exclusion from EA for Solar PV facility in terms of GN 4558 of 27 March 2024	Driefontein 355 - Portions 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15 Smallplaats 353 Vlakplaats 112
Merafong Energy (Pty) Ltd	Merafong 132kV Loop-in Loop-out (LILO) overhead powerline and Eskom Substation	Electrical Grid Infrastructure	Registration Application for the Exclusion from EA for the electrical grid infrastructure in terms of GN 2313 of 27 July 2022	

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

The proposed project will be subject to the “Norm for the Exclusion of the Development and Expansion of Solar Photovoltaic Facilities in Areas of Low or Medium Environmental Sensitivity” as well as the “Standard for the Development and Expansion of Powerlines and Substations within Identified Geographical Areas” which have been prepared to provide rules under which activities associated with the development and expansion of Solar PV and Electrical Grid Infrastructure identified in terms of section 24(2)(a) and (b) of NEMA and contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 1, 2 or 3 of 2014, promulgated under section 24(5) of the NEMA, are excluded from the requirement to obtain an environmental authorization prior to commencement, while meeting the objectives of the NEMA.


The Registration Application will be submitted to the **Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)**, the Competent Authority.

REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent EAP by the Proponent, to manage the registration process. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the proposed projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the process. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below.

REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Site Sensitivity Verification Reports (SSVRs) and Environmental Management Programmes (EMPr)s have been prepared and have been made available for your review and comment as required in terms GN 4558 of 27 March 2024 and GN 2313 of 27 July 2022 from **06 June 2025 – 07 July 2025** at the following locations:

Name of Public Place	Address	Name of Public Place	Address	FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Public Participation Office; WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd; Tel: 011 254 4800; E-mail: pp@wsp.com	Or scan the QR code
Carletonville Library	33 Beryl St, Carletonville, 2499	WSP Website	https://www.wsp.com/en-za/services/public-documents		
Fochville Library	24 Froneman St, Fochville, 2515	WSP Data Free Website	https://wsp-engage.com/		
Protection of Personal Information: WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I&AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I&AP and storing of your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP will use these details to contact you about other relevant projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I & AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.					

