

Annex C18

## Comments and Response Report

Table 1.1 Comment and Response Report

Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
1	Emmi Ren	Email	Private Citizen	17/05/2017	Registration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I would like to register as an IAP for this project.</li> <li>2. Can you please let me know how far the EIA is and when there will be documents to look at?</li> <li>3. I would also like to know why you say approval is needed from the National Department of Mineral Resources.</li> <li>4. What is the jurisdiction of the National Department with regards to solar plants?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted.</li> <li>2. ERM will notify all registered I&amp;APs once the Draft EIA has been released for public review.</li> <li>3. Please refer to Section 1.2 of the Scoping report.</li> <li>4. The Solar plant falls within a mining right and is directly related to the primary processing of a mineral or resource. Thus the DMR has jurisdiction over this application.</li> </ol>
2	Mariette Lieferink	Email	Federation for a Sustainable Environment	25/05/2017	Registration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We kindly request you to register the FSE as an Interested and Affected Party.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted, the FSE has been registered.</li> </ol>
3	Mariette Lieferink	Email	Federation for a Sustainable Environment	26/05/2017	Comment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I thank you for the invitation to the Public Meeting. I intend to attend the meeting.</li> <li>2. Kindly advise regarding the format of the meeting. Will there be presentations by the specialists?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted.</li> </ol>
4	Serah Masala Muobeleni	Email	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	29/05/2017	Registration & Comment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries within the sub directorate Land Use Administration would like to register as an interested and affected party.</li> <li>2. In order to comment formally an application should be lodged.</li> <li>3. If the property in question is still within the provisions of the Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act 1970, (Act 70 of 1970), a formal application should be lodged with this department.</li> <li>4. The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted</li> <li>2. The application has been logged with the DMR on 22 April 2017.</li> <li>3. Noted</li> <li>4. Enel Green Power is currently in the process of consultation with DAFF</li> </ol>

Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
						and Fisheries is the custodian regarding such land. Therefore kindly verify if the land in question is excluded from the provisions of the Act.	
5	Wanda Madikizela	Email	Militha Concepts	06/06/2017	Registration	1. I will be MMC Dumile Sithole's guest from RandWest City Local Municipality.	1. Noted.
6	Podesta Rammutle	Comment Form	MKMVA Rand West City	07/06/2017	Questions and comments	<p>1. How will the project manage biodiversity?</p> <p>2. How will soil erosion be managed on the site?</p> <p>3. How will the solar panels be managed once the Life of Mine is finished?</p> <p>4. What types of solar panels are being used?</p> <p>5. How will the public benefit from the project in terms of job creation?</p> <p>6. Rand West Stakeholders Forum does not represent all stakeholders and the project must consider this.</p>	<p>1. A biodiversity specialist study has been included in the proposed scope of work. Impacts on biodiversity will be identified and mitigated and managed through the application of the mitigation hierarchy.</p> <p>2. A Soils, land use and land capability specialist study has been included in the proposed scope of work. Impacts on soils, land use and land capability will be identified and mitigated and managed through the application of the mitigation hierarchy.</p> <p>3. The Life of mine is an estimated 70 years. The solar panels have an estimated product life of 25 year. At the end of the 25 year period Enel Green Power and Gold Fields will negotiate to either extend the life of the project or decommission the project. This will be determined based on numerous factors such as available technology, energy demand and pricing, etc.</p> <p>4. Please refer to Section 3.3.1.</p> <p>5. The contractor has just been appointed; therefore, this information will only be available at the EIA phase of the project.</p> <p>6. Noted.</p>
7	Alfred leboru	Comment Form	Bambanani programme of Development	07/06/2017	Questions and comments	1. Could the consultants, Enel and the Mine come and speak to local students about careers and studying further?	1. Thank you for this suggestion, the project team will take this under consideration.
8	Sipho	Comment	Rand West City	07/06/2017	Questions and	1. When are we building houses for the	1. The South Deep Solar Project does not

Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
	Matakane	Form	MMC		comments	Mine's employees?	include the development of housing for mining employees.
9	Dumile Sithole	Comment Form	Rand West City local Municipality	07/06/2017	Questions and comments	1. When will the construction take place?	1. The current projected start date for construction is the second quarter of 2018.
10	Phyllistas Mmakola	Comment Form	Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries	07/06/2017	Questions and comments	1. How big is the affected area? 2. How is topsoil going to be managed? 3. How will soil erosion be prevented? 4. How long will the construction phase be? 5. Have the authorities done a site inspection? 6. DAFF would like to perform a site inspection?	1. The affected area is approximately 130 ha. 2. The management of topsoil will be defined by the soils specialist as part of the specialist study. 3. The management of erosion will be defined by the soils specialist as part of the specialist study. 4. Construction will take approximately 8 - 10 months. 5. No. 6. Noted, please contact the EAP in this regard.
11	Wanda Madikizela	Comment Form	Militha Concepts	07/06/2017	Questions and comments	1. How did Enel get awarded the project? Was it a tender? 2. How can community business leaders get involved and benefit from the project? 3. What will the number of skilled and unskilled labour be? 4. What is the anticipated project start date? 5. Will there be training programmes - what will the training programmes entail?	1. The project was awarded through an open tender process. 2. The consultation with the community, business leaders and all relevant stakeholders is ongoing. EGP and Gold Fields will in these consultation engagements map out and communicate on how the community can be involved. 3. This is currently unknown and will be determined during the EIA Phase. 4. The anticipated project start date for construction is the third quarter of 2018. However, this is subject to change. 5. EGP is currently conducting a Needs Analysis. Training programmes which will be required (if any) will be identified during this phase. These will be communicated during the consultation engagements
12	Moses	Comment	Rand West local	07/06/2017	Questions and	1. Will there be a Waste management Plan	1. Yes.

Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
13	Mokwana Jaco Taute	Form Comment Form	Municipality Farm Elandsfontein No.4	27/06/017	comments Questions and comments	developed for this project? 1. There is concern that the solar panels, copper cables and other project equipment will attract criminals. How will the project manage security? 2. How will the developer ensure that security is maintained throughout the life of the project? 3. Adjacent farm owners request that they are considered in the construction and operation of the power plant, maybe in the form of contracts of employment 4. How does the project intend to manage fires - Note that Mr Taute is of the opinion that a 5m fire break is insufficient. 5. Will sunlight be reflected off the panels towards the homesteads where farmers live? If so, how will the project deal with this?	1. The project site will be fenced off with a perimeter fence and fulltime security guards. There will be other surveillance equipment installed. 2. There will be a security service company for construction and operation phase. The cost of maintaining nsecurity for the life of the project is integrated into the project financial model. 3. This is noted by EGP and will be considered when sourcing local contractors. Operations and maintenance is typical undertaken by O&M contractors. Enel encourages all eligible suppliers to register as vendors with EGP during operation phase. 4. All relevant legislation regarding firebreaks will be taken into consideration in the Environmental Management Programme for the project. 5. The panels ae designed to absorb sunlight and not deflect it. Glint and glare impacts will be assessed in the EIA phase and linked to the Visual Impact Assessment.
14	Albat Nicholson	Comment Form	Farmer - Doornpoort	27/06/2017	Questions and comments	1. If the current land users are stopped from using this land for grazing, they will resort to using mine and Jaco's land. How will the project manage that? 2. When the panels are cleaned, will detergent be used? If so, how will the contaminated runoff be prevented from flowing into nearby water courses?	1. This concern is noted. EGP and Gold Fields are in discussions with the users of the land and will towards devising a solution to this. 2. The panels are cleaned with water only, no detergent will be used.
<b>EIA Public Meeting - Westonaria Community Hall</b>							
15	Zahir Sheik	Public meeting - Comment	Hillshaven Home Owners	13/09/2017	Questions	1. What is the life span of the panels? 2. What impact will be caused by the	1. The solar panels have a product life of 25 years.

Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
		Form	Association			disposal of these panels?	2. The project has a waste management plan that deals with the responsible disposal of broken or decommissioned solar panels.
16	Tebogo Makolwane	Public meeting - Comment Form	Rand West Stakeholders Forum	13/09/2017	Questions and Comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How will the community benefit from the project</li> <li>2. Will there be a skills development programme?</li> <li>3. How will the project empower local SMME's?</li> <li>4. Would it be possible to supply the community with the solar energy as well?</li> <li>5. When will the project construction start?</li> <li>6. We request that the developer keep constant communication with the community, and to notify the community prior to the construction activities starting.</li> <li>7. Will the Developer and Proponent be contributing the 30% local beneficiation?</li> <li>8. We are happy about the transparency in this project and that the developer is present in the meeting.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. During the construction phase, there will be community development projects, skills development programme, creating of jobs for locals. During the operational phase, there will be minimal employment sourced from the community.</li> <li>2. There will be some level of skills development in line with the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment legislation, currently such initiatives are under investigation..</li> <li>3. The financial model for this project is based on quotations/estimates from specialised suppliers. Goldfields will share SMME database with EGP. EGP will include local SMME's in tenders where possible.</li> <li>4. No, this is a private project.</li> <li>5. Currently the project start of the project is the second quarter of 2018.</li> <li>6. Noted.</li> <li>7. It is important to differentiate between the Mining Charter requirements for mines and this solar project's contribution to local beneficiation. Gold Fields have an obligation as per the current Mining Charter, this obligation is not directly passed through to the solar project, however indirectly the solar project will contribute to Gold Fields achieving its mining charter requirements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procuring goods from BEE-complaint suppliers</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
17	Cecilia Mollo	Public meeting - Comment Form	Genesis Foundation	13/09/2017	Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since there is a high unemployment rate with the women in the WRDM, will the project make it a priority to employ women during the course of the project?</li> <li>2. The big issue in the project is not HIV/AIDS, it is Cancer. This is due to the mining impacts in the area. Will there be support for oncology considered in this area?</li> <li>3. Was it one grave that was found on site?</li> <li>4. How will this grave be dealt with, and will the family be notified of its relocation?</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The solar project will procure local goods and services (about 30-40% of the construction input will be sourced locally).</li> <li>• Mine community development. The Mine in collaboration with EGP RSA will be rolling out community projects. These initiatives are currently under investigation.</li> <li>• Local job creation during the construction and operational phase of the solar project</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Noted, thank you.</li> <li>1. Preferential procurement as per the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment legislation in South Africa has been considered for both the construction and operations phase, this means preference is given to employ and procure from women-owned suppliers, to the extent that such skills/ services/goods are available locally.</li> <li>2. The project has undertaken a community needs assessment, which will highlight the priority areas.</li> <li>3. Yes, one grave was found on site. This is the grave of Elizabeth Gezina Prinsloo.</li> <li>4. There are various alternatives considered for dealing with the grave; either it will be relocated, where a legislated process will be undertaken and full transparency where the family is concerned is important. Alternatively, EGP is looking at ways of constructing around the grave, without disturbing it.</li> </ol>
18	Papi Qoba	Public meeting	SANCO	13/09/2017	Comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You need to adjust the EIA Process</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The EIA timelines presented are in</li> </ol>

Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
		- Comment Form				deadlines, they are too long. The project can be approved quicker. 2. Please keep communication open. Continue to engage with the community should there be anything new on the project.	accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (1998, as amended). 2. Noted.
19	Khethani Bonisoa	Public meeting - Comment Form	Rand West Stakeholders Forum	13/09/2017	Comments	1. Make sure that the project is compliant and addresses all the impacts found. More especially, the impact of the loss of grazing land for cattle grazers needs to be dealt with accordingly. 2. Make sure that the community is always informed of the progression of the project.	1. Noted. This has been addressed in the impact assessment. Advanced communication with communities using ecosystem services must be undertaken so that they can find alternative sources of grazing and fuel wood before these services are severely disrupted and enable the maximum use of services to be lost. 2. Noted.
20	William O. Mathe	Public meeting - Comment Form	Rand West Stakeholders Forum	13/09/2017	Questions and Comments	1. I would like to get a booklet or pamphlet with information about the project. It is difficult to see the projector screen. 2. You should consider presenting future the stakeholder engagement meetings in local languages. 3. People with disabilities need to be considered when you run future meetings.	1. A copy of the Non-technical summary was handed to the stakeholder. 2. We will take note of that for our future public meetings. Thank you. 3. This is noted, thank you.
21	Mxolisi Gqeba	Public meeting - Comment Form	Gqeba Trading	13/09/2017	Questions and Comments	1. Gqeba Trading has an operation close to the Mine; would it be possible to supply solar power to us and to the rest of the community? 2. Will the Developer be using the same suppliers on the Mine's database, or will they find their own suppliers - preferably local suppliers? 3. It is suggested that the Developer manufacture their own solar panels	1. The solar plant is proposed to only supply the Mine. None of the solar power will be connected to the grid. 2. The project proponent has the mines database and its own database, local suppliers will be considered if suitable to provide services to the project. 3. This suggestion is noted; however this is not part of EGP's business model.
22	Puleng Brenda Chabane	Public meeting - Comment Form	Thusanang Community Forum	13/09/2017	Questions and Comments	1. 30% local beneficiation needs to be considered as the local community needs to benefit from this project. 2. It is important that the Developer	1. It is important to differentiate between the Mining Charter requirements for mines and this solar project's contribution to local



Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
						considers using local suppliers.	beneficiation. Gold Fields have an obligation as per the current Mining Charter, this obligation is not directly passed through to the solar project, however indirectly the solar project will contribute to Gold Fields achieving its mining charter requirements by:
						3. Skills transfer - has the Mine made any movements to enable the locals to develop the necessary skills to enable them to be involved in the project? How do we ensure that the people are technologically aligned with the imported infrastructure?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procuring goods from BEE-complaint suppliers</li> <li>• The solar project will procure local goods and services (about 30-40% of the construction input will be sourced locally).</li> <li>• Mine community development. The Mine in collaboration with EGP RSA will be rolling out community projects. These initiatives are currently under investigation.</li> <li>• Local job creation during the construction and operational phase of the solar project</li> </ul>
						4. It should be noted that the locals are not just here to be labourers, they need to be empowered.	2. Noted.
							3. The EGP training programme in South Africa, is currently providing instruction to approximately 1,000 learners per year. Each month, the training programme accommodates up to 100 trainees in the PV retail field. Enel Green Power's training courses are free and provide in tuition for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Technicians</u> This includes electricians, apprentices, young graduates and the unemployed. This training is primarily geared to provide technical expertise and skills to install PV systems, both residential</li> </ul>

Ref.	Name	Type	Organisation	Date Received	Category	Comment	Response
							<p>and commercial, for those that are grid-connected and those that are off-grid. Experience and training is also provided in the areas of maintenance post installation, as well as in the basics of managerial skills and trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Sellers</u> This includes training for young graduates who desire to expand their managerial and business skills, including how to manage a negotiation for the construction of a PV system. Training will also provide foundational technical skills to participants.</li> <li>• <u>Entrepreneurs</u> This includes training given to managers of power companies, commercial agencies and aspiring entrepreneurs so as to accentuate their technical skills as well as their managerial or trade- related skills.</li> </ul> <p>EGP will make reasonable efforts to include the locals in the above mentioned training programmes.</p>
23	Sammy Dladla	Public meeting - Comment Form	SANCO	13/09/2017	Question	1. How will the project account for the potential negative impacts associated with changing the grazing land for the cattle grazers?	<p>4. Noted.</p> <p>1. The proponent to engage with the cattle owners to inform them that the land will no longer be available for grazing and to investigate the possibility of providing suitable alternative land to graze cattle.</p>
24	Tonderayi Gumunyu	Public meeting - Comment Form	Eskom	13/09/2017	Questions	1. Will the project affect the 40kv transmission line that Eskom has close to this site? We would like to get some shapefiles of the project servitude	<p>1. Current planning reflects that it will not impact this line. This will be double checked.</p>