

Annex F

Scoping Report Approval Letter



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APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) AS AMENDED (“NEMA”) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (“EIA”) REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) FOR PROPOSED PV SOLAR POWER FACILITY FOR GOLD FIELDS (SOUTH DEEP MINE), ON THE FARM 347 DOORNPPOORT, IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF WESTONARIA.

The Scoping Report (SR) and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated 06 July 2017 and received by the Department on 06 July 2017 refer.

1. The Department is satisfied that the abovementioned SR and Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment complies with the minimum requirements of Appendix 2(2) and EIA Regulation, 2014 (As Amended) of NEMA.
2. The SR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014.
3. You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the abovementioned SR.

4. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). This includes but is not limited to the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority, Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD), Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Department of Energy, Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the West Rand District Municipality.
5. You are hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 3 of the NEMA with regards to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.
6. Furthermore, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subjected to any permits or authorisations in terms of the provisions of any Specific Environmental Management Acts (SEMAs), proof of such application will be required.
7. You must within 106 days of acceptance of the SR, submit six (3) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy through SAMRAD, of the EIAR/EMPr reports as prescribed in the EIA Regulations, 2014 to this Regional Office.
8. The above mentioned report must be inclusive of any specialist reports and an EMPr which have been subjected to the public participation process of at least 30 days incorporating the comments received, including all comments from the competent authority. Kindly refer to section 24N (2) of NEMA (as amended) and Appendix 2, 4 and 6 of the EIA Regulations for the minimum requirements set for the aforementioned reports. The public participation process should be conducted as stipulated in chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations and taking into considerations any guideline applicable for public participation.
9. Kindly note that acceptance of your SR does not grant you a right to commence with the listed activity applied for. Acceptance simply confirms that your application will be processed further and a recommendation on granting or refusal of an environmental authorisation will be forwarded to the Minister or his delegate for consideration, and the decision will be communicated as stipulated in regulation 4(1) of the EIA Regulations.

