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14 October 2020  
Ref: JMO637/04

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

Via post / email

**RE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED HOTAZEL 2 ON REMAINING EXTENT (PORTION 0) OF THE FARM YORK A 279, AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 11 OF FARM YORK A 279, REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 3 OF THE FARM YORK 279 AND THE REMAINING EXTENT (PORTION 0) OF THE FARM HOTAZEL 280 SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF HOTAZEL IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

*DEFF Reference No. :* 2020-09-0019

*DEFF Case Officer: :* Mathlodi Mogorosi

**Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd. (Cape EAPrac)** has been appointed by the applicant, as independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), to facilitate the Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998) and 2014 EIA Regulations for the proposed **proposed HOTAZEL 2** and associated infrastructure on the abovementioned properties.

The Applicant intends to develop **100MW<sub>ac</sub> (megawatt) Photovoltaic (PV) solar power development**, on the Remaining Extent (Portion 0) of the farm York A 279, situated in the District of Hotazel in the Northern Cape Province. The electricity to be generated by the solar photovoltaic panels will be fed into the national grid via the **Eskom Hotazel Sub-Station**. Associated infrastructure will thus include a **132kV distribution line**, as well as an on-site substation, auxiliary buildings, access and internal roads, perimeter fencing etc. A Locality and preliminary site layout plan is also attached to this notification letter.

The procedures for S&EIR process in terms of the 2014 Regulations (as amended) are being followed for this project. The following activities may be applicable:

Activity No(s):	Basic Assessment Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended	Portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
GN R983 Activity 11:	The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity- (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts.	Hotazel 2 is located outside an urban area and will connect to the national electricity via the Eskom Hotazel substation. The proposed distribution infrastructure includes the construction of an on-site substation/ collector switching station and a 132kV overhead power line.
GN R984 Activity 28:	Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development: (i) will occur inside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 5 hectares; or (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be	The proposed site is currently utilised for agricultural purposes. The Hotazel 2 facility is considered as a commercial use and will have a total footprint of approximately 230 ha.

Activity No(s):	Basic Assessment Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 1 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended	Portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
	developed is bigger than 1 hectare; excluding where such land has already been developed for residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional purposes.	
GN R983 Activity 24:	The Development of a road – (ii) with a reserve wider than 13.5m or where no road reserve exists where the road is wider than 8m.	A new road will be constructed to access Hotazel 2. The access road will have a width of 8m but with the inclusion of side drains will exceed a total width of more than 8m.
GN R983 Activity 56:	The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre – (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres	The existing roads will be widened by more than 6m in certain sections.
Activity No(s):	Scoping and EIA Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 2 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended	Portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
GN R984 Activity 1:	The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs- within an urban area; or On existing infrastructure.	The proposed Hotazel 2 facility comprises a renewable energy generation facility, which will utilise PV technology, and will have a net generation capacity of up to 100MW. The facility does not occur within an urban area or on existing infrastructure.
GN R984 Activity 15:	The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for- (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.	Hotazel 2 will have a maximum footprint of 230ha and as such exceeds the threshold defined in this activity.
Activity No(s):	Basic Assessment Activity(ies) as set out in Listing Notice 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended	Portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
	NO Activities in terms of Regulation 985.	

**NOTE:** Basic Assessment as well as Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Activities are being triggered by the proposed development and as such, the Environmental Process will follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process.

As a registered interested and affected party, you are hereby notified that the Draft Scoping Report (SR) is available for review and comment from **14 October 2020 – 16 November 2020**.

A digital copy of the Draft Scoping Report is available on the Cape EAPrac website at: [www.cape-eaprac.co.za](http://www.cape-eaprac.co.za).

In accordance with the approved public participation plan, the Draft Scoping Report and all appendices are also available on the dedicated download link below.

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Please submit your full contact details and any comments you may have to Cape EAPrac (contact details below) on or before **16 November 2020**:

Cape EAPrac		
<b>ATTN: Mr Dale Holder</b>		
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Upon completion of this 30-day comment period, comments received will be considered and feedback provided, after which the comments and responses will be included in the Final Scoping Report (SR) that be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs for decision making.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office directly.

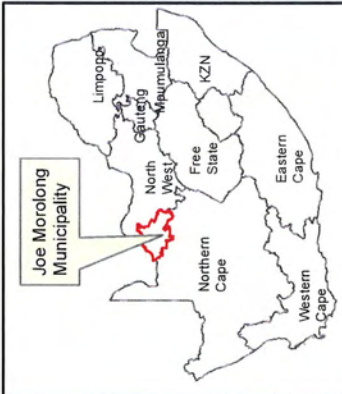
Sincerely,



Mr Dale Holder  
For Cape EAPrac

*In the event that you or your organization have been wrongly identified as a stakeholder, or in the event that the responsibility of providing comment on this application lies with another party within your organization, either forward this notice to them or notify Cape EAPrac within one week of receiving this notice of the correct party that should be informed. Should you be aware of any relevant legislation that needs to be complied with, in addition to this process, please inform us of such as soon as possible. Should you be aware of any party that may not be able to effectively participate in this environmental process due to illiteracy, disability or any other disadvantage, please contact Cape EAPrac during office hour and we shall assist where required.*

# LOCATION PLANS



## Hotazel Solar 2 Remaining Extent of Farm York A 279

**Legend**

- H2\_Grid\_Corridor
- Remaining Extent of 279
- Remaining Extent of 280
- Portion 3 of 279
- Portion 11 of 279
- H2\_Site boundary
- MAIN ROAD
- Railway Lines

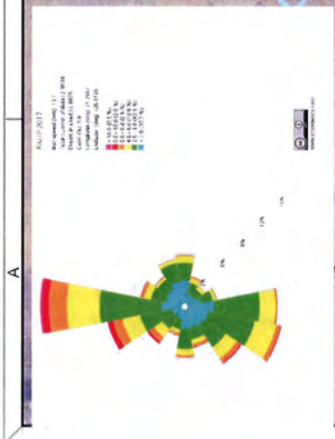
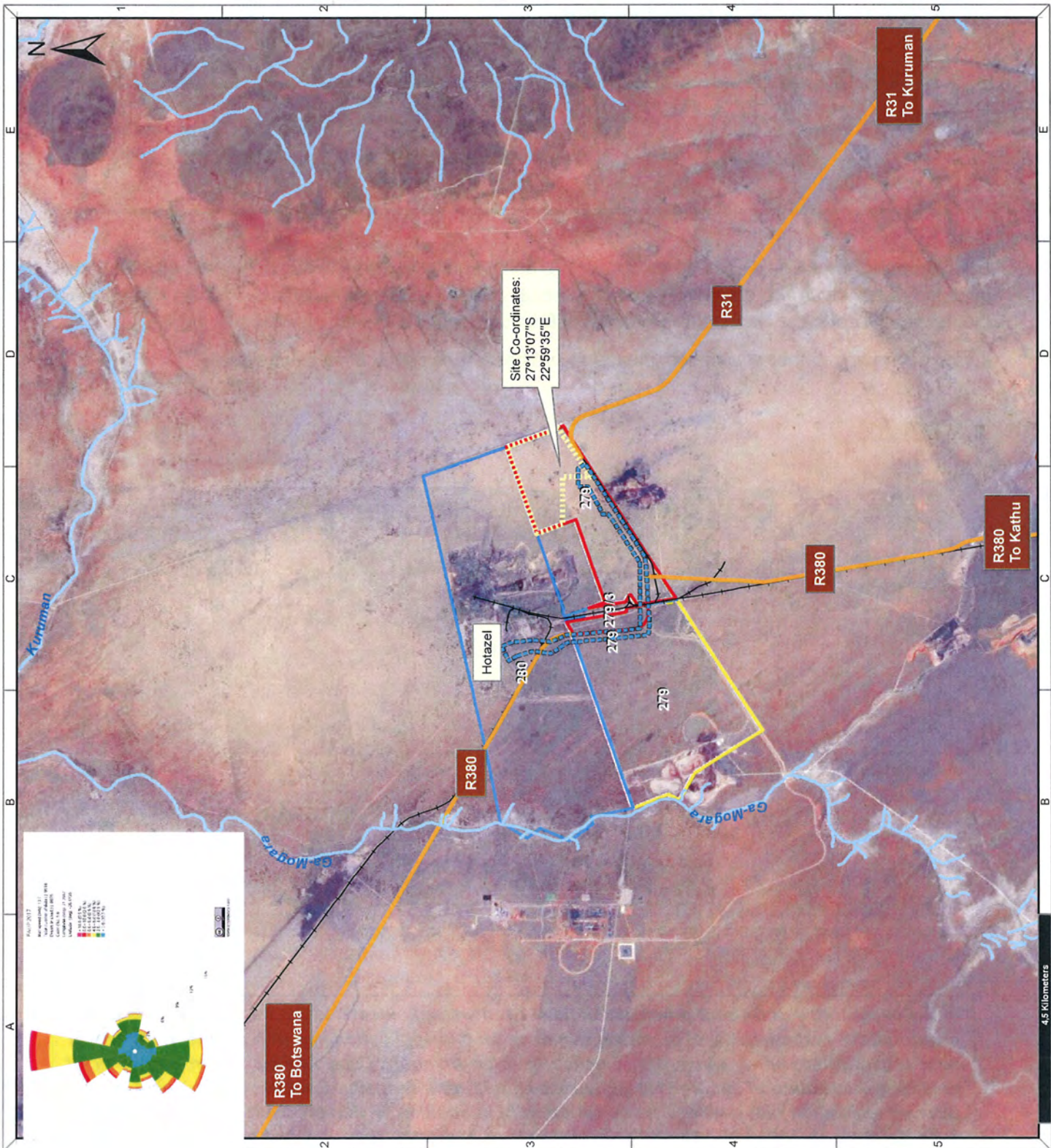
**Notes**

- Map Scale is 1: 80 000 when printed on A3
- Aerial image courtesy of Google Earth Pro 2020
- Imagery date May 2015
- Wind data courtesy of Metar 2017
- Nearest Metar station is Upington (FAUP) approx. 210kms south west

Kilometers  
0 0.75 1.5 3 4.5 6

Map Drawn By:	Date	Reference
Melissa Mackay	2020/06/24	JMO637

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# 1:50 000 TOPOGRAPHICAL PLANS



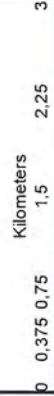
## Hotazel Solar 2 Remaining Extent of Farm York A 279

### Legend

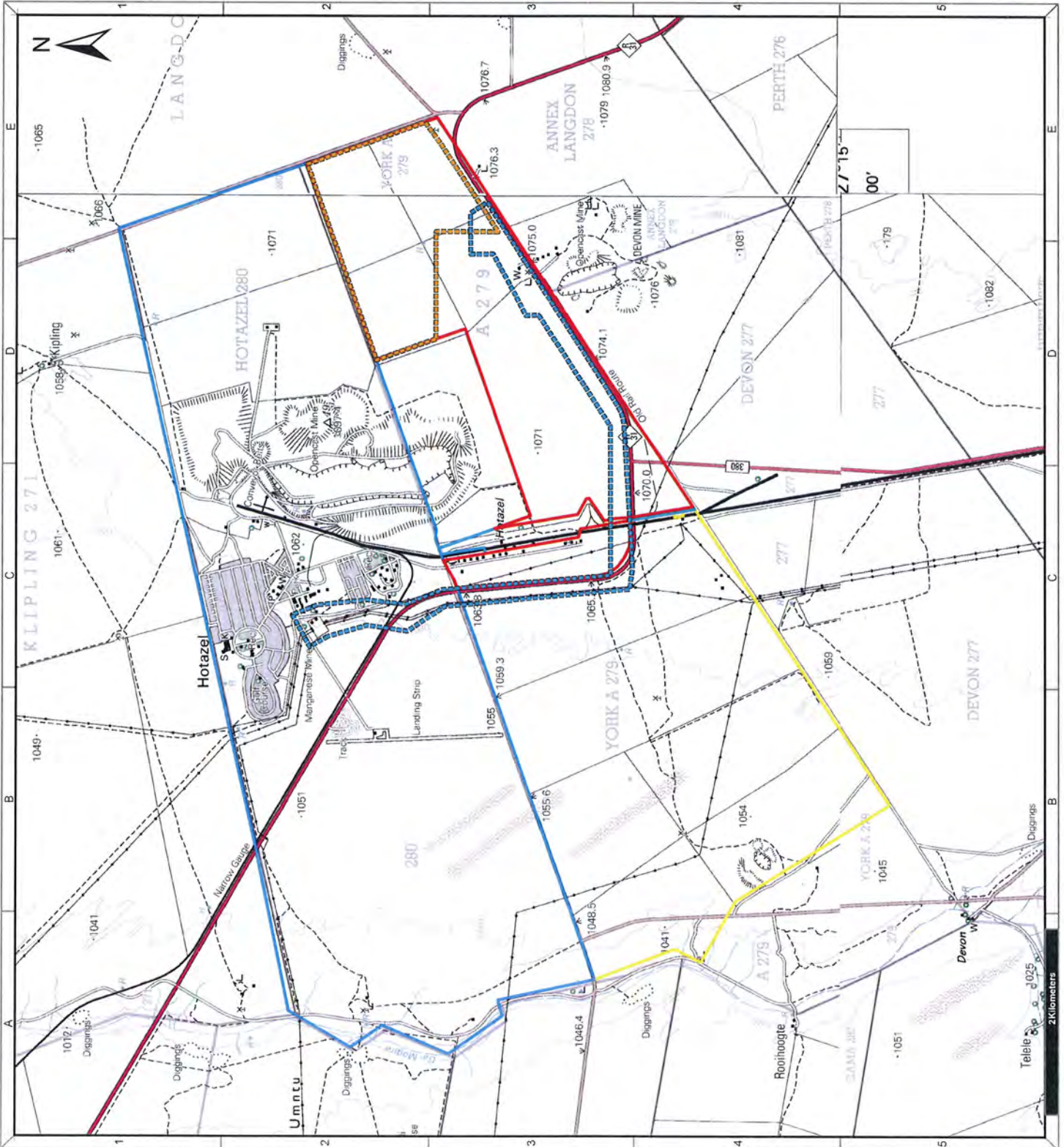
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- H2\_Site boundary
- Remaining Extent of 279
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- Portion 3 of 279
- Portion 11 of 279

### Notes

- Map Scale is 1: 40 000 when printed on A3
- Topographical data courtesy of Surveyor General
- Imagery date 2010 and 2013



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**KEY**

**Existing infrastructure**

- Remainder of Farm York A 279
- Farm Boundaries
- Roads
- Railways
- Eskom Hotazel Substation
- Eskom 132 kV Line
- Eskom 66 kV Line

**Proposed Layout Components**

- Site Boundary
- PV Array
- Internal Road Network
- Access Road to Site
- Laydown Area
- O&M Block
- On-site and/or Collector Substation
- Grid Connection Corridor

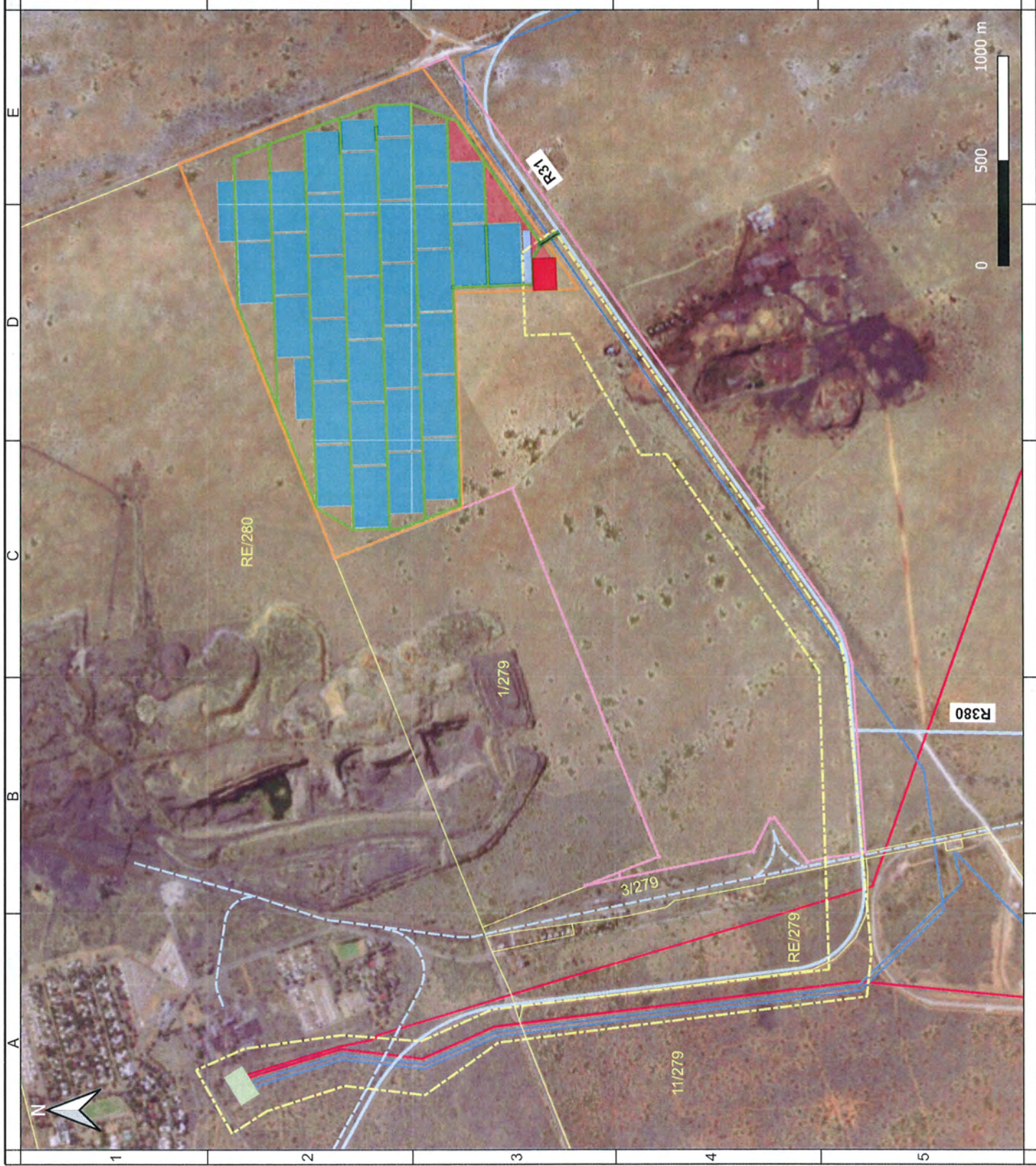
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Description	By	Date	Rev

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Project  
**Hotazel Solar 2**

Title  
**Solar Park Layout**

File	-
Project code	9313
Drawing No	01
Date	06/04/2020
Scale	As Shown
Drawn	VJ



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**Subject:** Notification of availability of Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Hotazel 2 PV Development near Hotazel in the Northern Cape.  
**Attachments:** JMO637.04 DSR Notifications Hotazel 2.pdf

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Kind Regards,

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