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All areas outside defined development areas (fenced areas) are
considered no-go areas for construction, apart from linking, linear
structures, like roads and the EGI. The EGI will be applied for and
assessed as part of a separate environmental application.
Internal roads of 4.5 m wide, will be restricted to development areas,
or inter-connect PV footprints and other project facilities. Primary
roads will have a width of 8m and give heavy-vehicle access to each
laydown and the site buildings.
MV cabling to be installed underground within development areas or,
where possible, follow roads indicated as "(wide)". Note that these
"wide" roads are still 4.5 wide roads but have a reserved total width
of 20m to allow trenching for cable routes. The trenching is for up to
33kV cables and no deeper than 1 meter and about 30cm wide with
topsoil re-instatement. Two watercourse crossings will possibly need
conduit for cabling, cables will cross watercourses where the road
crossing occurs
DC cabling will be installed underground within development areas or
attached to PV structures.
Inverters/Transformers and mini-substations are to be distributed
within the development areas.
Building footprints include space for Offices, Operations Control
Room, Workshops, each with parking and ablutions.
Laydown footprints show temporary larger footprints, which will be
reduced to the smaller permanent footprints after construction.
Guard House points will be entry gates and have guard houses up to
200m2 and include parking and ablutions at each.
Accommodation footprints will be larger during construction and a
part will remain permanently for operations phase on-site
accommodation. Accommodations will be shared for the PV and
BESS projects.
These footprints include parking and ablutions.
Watercourse crossings.
- Access roads bridges. There are two existing narrow bridges
on public road S129 that will need upgrading or a second,
temporary low level crossing with culverts for construction
phase heavy vehicles.
- Existing farm access, private road from RAP 1 to PV and
BESS projects 1, 2, and 5-1 may need a low level crossing
for trucks, in case of rain.
<ul> <li>Internal new 4.5m wide road from PV2-1 to PV2-2 and PV5-</li> <li>1 to PV5-1</li> </ul>
1- to PV5-1 Fences/Development areas are outside of highly sensitive areas and
the PV or buildings are set back 7m from fence lines. Along fence
lines, in the 7m gap there will be perimeter 4.5m wide roads. The
fence and road can serve as firebreaks. The position and width of
firebreaks will be determined as part of the detailed design of the
facility
The IPP side of the Collector/Switching On-site Substations are
within the fence of each project (note that this demarcation is
approximate and will be subject to Eskom's requirements)