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From: Azrah Essop <AEssop@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 November 2023 10:52
To: Dale Holder
Subject: RE: 2023-11-0025

Just to clarify, it does go to EIA Applications. I'm sure the method is in the submission document, can't recall the exact details.

Please add a cover letter and reference to the pre-app request and reference number.

You may use this email as confirmation that no meeting is required.

Regards

Ms. Azrah Essop

Environmental Officer: Priority Infrastructure Projects
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From: Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:45 AM
To: Azrah Essop <AEssop@dffe.gov.za>
Subject: RE: 2023-11-0025

Thank you Azrah.

I really appreciate the advice.

Just one question, do I send the request to you directly, or via EIA applications?

Kind regards/Vriendelike groete

Dale Holder

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From: Azrah Essop <AEssop@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:14 AM
To: Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>
Subject: RE: 2023-11-0025

Morning Dale

Yes, for combination applications, you have to submit a request to the Department, we deliberate and issue you with approval (or refusal) which will have further guidance on format of submitting etc.

Since our system is online, you will have to duplicate the submissions i.e. if it is one report (incl appendices) and 1 application form, it will have to be duplicated for the 5 projects.

Usually we ask for separate reports, especially specialist studies, to prevent confusion especially with project specific findings. The reports must look at the projects individually and as a whole as part of the cluster.

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Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 4:05 PM
To: Azrah Essop <AEssop@dffe.gov.za>
Subject: RE: 2023-11-0025

Good Afternoon Azrah

I am glad to be working with you on this project.

I would very much appreciate it if we could have a pre-application meeting on this project as I would like to get the Department's guidance whether there is an opportunity to submit a single application in terms of Regulation 11(4).

Much appreciated,
Dale

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From: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 11:26 AM

To: Azrah Essop <AEssop@dffe.gov.za>

Cc: Lerato Mokoena <LMOKOENA@dffe.gov.za>; Wayne Hector <WHECTOR@dffe.gov.za>; Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>

Subject: 2023-11-0025

Dear Azrah.

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

Type of Application: Pre-Application Meeting Request;

Reference Number: 2023-11-0025;

Date Received: 22/11/2023;

Action Required: Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set

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From: Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>

Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 9:19 AM

To: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>

Subject: Request for Pre Application Meeting Vanderkloof Solar.

Dear EIA Applications.

Kindly find the attached request for pre application meeting, and the required appendices, for the proposed Vanderkloof solar in the Free State Province.

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Attachments: 6. App 6_Screening Tool Report.pdf; 1. Request for Pre-Application Meeting - Van Der Kloof Solar.pdf; 3. App 2_Landowners Contact Details.pdf; 4. App 4_SG Codes.pdf; 5. App 5_Locality Map 1_250000.pdf; 2023-11-0025 DB Output.pdf

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PER E-MAIL

Dear Mr Holder

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A COMBINED APPLICATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 11(4) AND THE ISSUING OF FIVE (5) ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS IN TERMS OF REGULATION 25(1) AND (2) OF THE EIA REGULATIONS, 2014, AS AMENDED FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE VANDERKLOOF SOLAR PV PROJECTS AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM 113, REMAINDER OF FARM 634, FARM 39, REMAINDER OF FARM 253, REMAINDER OF FARM 1132, PORTION 1 OF FARM 1132 AND FARM 654 IN THE LETSEMENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE XHARIEP DISTRICT OF THE FREE STATE PROVINCE

Your correspondence requesting permission to undertake a combined application process in terms of Regulation 11(4) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, for the abovementioned projects, received by the Department on 13 December 2023, refers.

The Department hereby **grants** permission to undertake a combined application process in terms Regulation 11(4) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, as per the proposed process outlined in your request and supporting motivation. The following is important to note for the proposed application:

1. In terms of Regulation 11(5), that the total amount payable for the application fee with be **fifty thousand rands (R50 000.00)** for the combined Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment applications.
2. Please take note of GNR 4143, which was gazetted on the 04 December 2023, which requires a letter of consent from Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd if the proposed development is within a specific radius of a main electricity transmission or distribution substation. Should this gazette apply to the proposed development, please ensure the necessary documents are included.
3. The EMPRs must be submitted separately **per** facility and not packaged into one document i.e. the PV facility and associated infrastructure EMPr and the substation generic EMPr. Ensure that the generic EMPrs are signed by the appropriate signatories.
4. Whilst it is ideal that separate specialist reports are submitted per facility, it is noted that the applicant intends to submit 1 consolidated report per identified specialist discipline. This approach is accepted i.e. the submission of 1 consolidated specialist report, on condition that distinct, clearly written assessments and sections are provided per facility, with the report incorporating a cumulative assessment which includes the

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proposed cluster as well as neighbouring developments within a 30km radius. Mitigation measures must also be project specific where applicable.

5. A comparison table must be included which compares all five facilities in terms of characteristics, location, infrastructure etc.
6. Mapping must include maps per facility e.g. locality, layout, sensitivity as well as cumulatively with the other proposed developments within the cluster.
7. The scoping and impact assessment reports may be submitted as one consolidated report, with distinct and clear sections dedicated to each facility.
8. Note for online submissions, one upload per project is required. This means that one upload must occur per project and contain the application form, report and associated specialist reports and documents. Include a cover letter which includes this approval for the cluster application. Failure to do this will result in your online submission being rejected.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Signed by: Mr Coenrad Agenbach
Designation: Acting Director: Prioritised Infrastructure Projects
Date: 13 December 2023