



NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS  
PROPOSED RUSTMO2 PV PLANT NEAR BUFFELSPOORT,  
NORTH WEST PROVINCE

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*NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS*

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Momentous Energy, as an independent power producer, has identified a viable site for the proposed establishment of a solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in the North West Province of South Africa. The site is located adjacent to the Marikana Platinum Mine, approximately 20 km south-east of Rustenburg and 10 km north-west of Buffelspoort. The proposed project will be referred to as **RustMo2** and will have maximum generating capacity of 10 MW which will be evacuated into the national electricity grid as part of a power purchase agreement with Eskom and the South African Treasury. This proposed PV facility is proposed as the second phase of a broader development which also includes the project referred to as RustMo1, for which a separate Basic Assessment process has already been undertaken.

In terms of the Environmental Regulations published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998), authorisation is required from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (in consultation with the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism) for the establishment of the proposed installations. In terms of sections 24 and 24D of NEMA, as read with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of GNR543; GNR544; GNR545; and GNR546, a **Basic Assessment Process** is required to be undertaken for the proposed PV plant. The project has been registered with the National DEA under the following application reference number 12/12/20/2283.

**Savannah Environmental** has been appointed as the independent environmental consultants, to undertake the required Basic Assessment Process to identify and assess potential environmental impacts, and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures as part of an **Environmental Management Programme**. As part of this process, interested and affected parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through a public participation process.

You and/or the organisation which you represent have been identified as an I&AP, and should you have an interest in this project, please register yourself and record your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. Please quote the relevant EIA reference (as noted above) in all correspondence. All comments received will form part of the relevant **Comments and Response Report** that will be included in the **Final Basic Assessment Report** which will be submitted to the DEA for review and decision-making. By submitting your details and comments you are ensured that your comments, concerns, or queries will be noted.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below.

Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post, or e-mail.

Please submit your comments to
<b>Bongani Khupe of Savannah Environmental</b> PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157 Fax: 086 684 0547 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bongani@savannahsa.com">bongani@savannahsa.com</a>



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### ***INVITATION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT***

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a Draft Basic Assessment Report has been compiled and is available for public review and comment by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders. You are invited to review and comment on the draft report at the following locations:

Rustenburg Public Library
<a href="http://www.savannahsa.com">www.savannahsa.com</a>

The 30-day period for review is from **18 July 2011 to 16 August 2011**. Please submit written comment to Savannah Environmental no later than **16 August 2011**. All comments received will be included in the Final Basic Assessment Report, which will be submitted to DEA (and the North West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism as commenting authority) for their consideration and decision.

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## ***PUBLIC MEETING***

In order to facilitate comments on the draft Basic Assessment Report, a public meeting will be held during the review period. All interested and affected parties are invited to attend a public meeting:

**DATE: 11 August 2011**  
**TIME: 17:30**  
**VENUE: Rustenburg Public Library, Rustenburg**

The aim of the public meeting is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project (including technical details, project process and timeframes etc.), to provide a summary of the findings of the Basic Assessment undertaken, to invite comment on the proposed project, and to further discuss possible issues of specific concern to you which may need to be addressed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Yours sincerely

Bongani Khupe

## Correspondence with Interested and Affected Parties

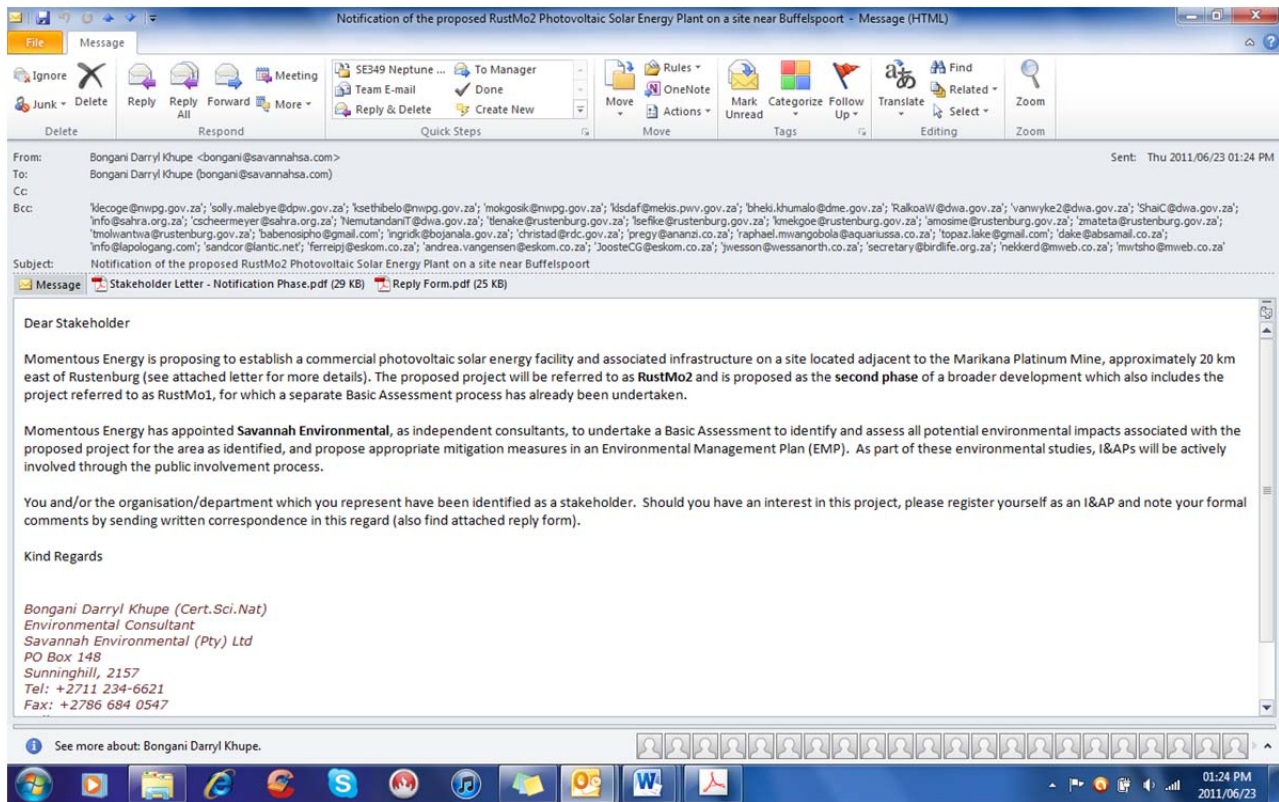


Figure 1: Basic Assessment Notification

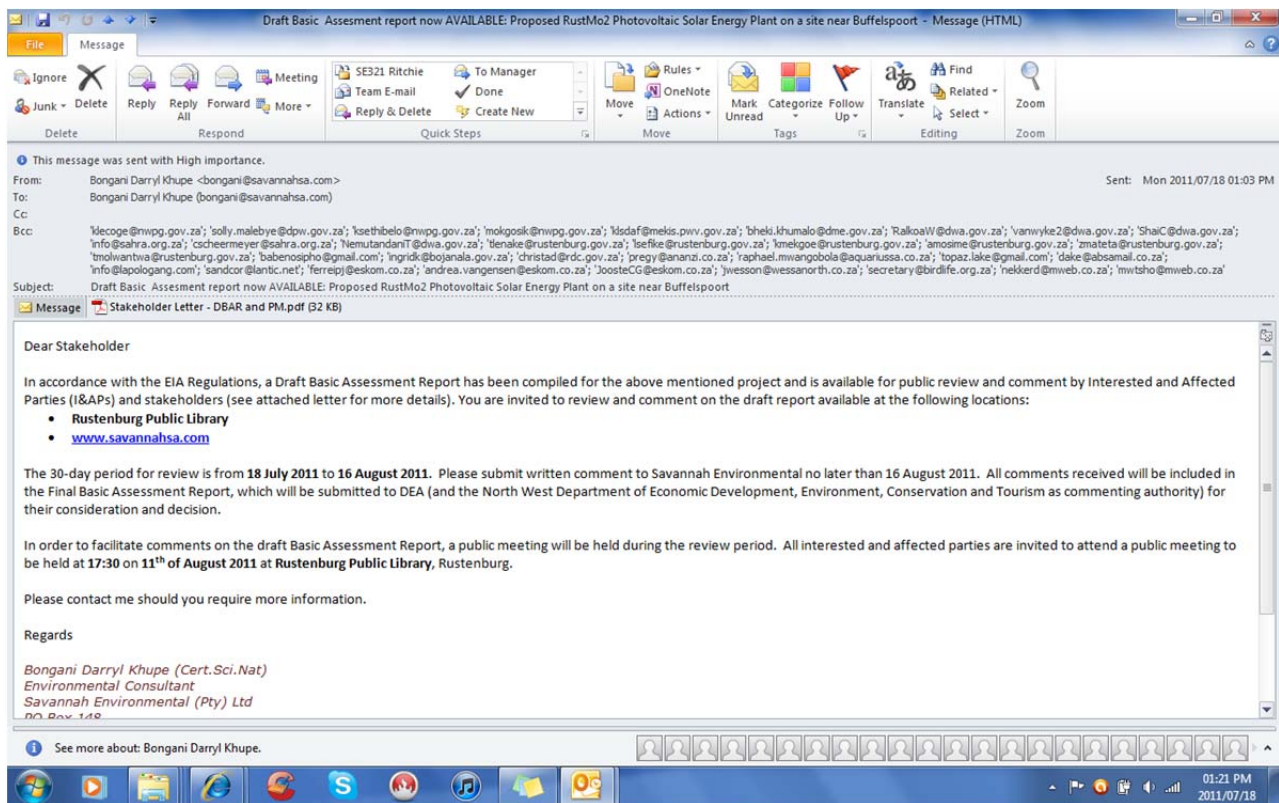


Figure 2: Draft Basic Assessment and Public meeting notification

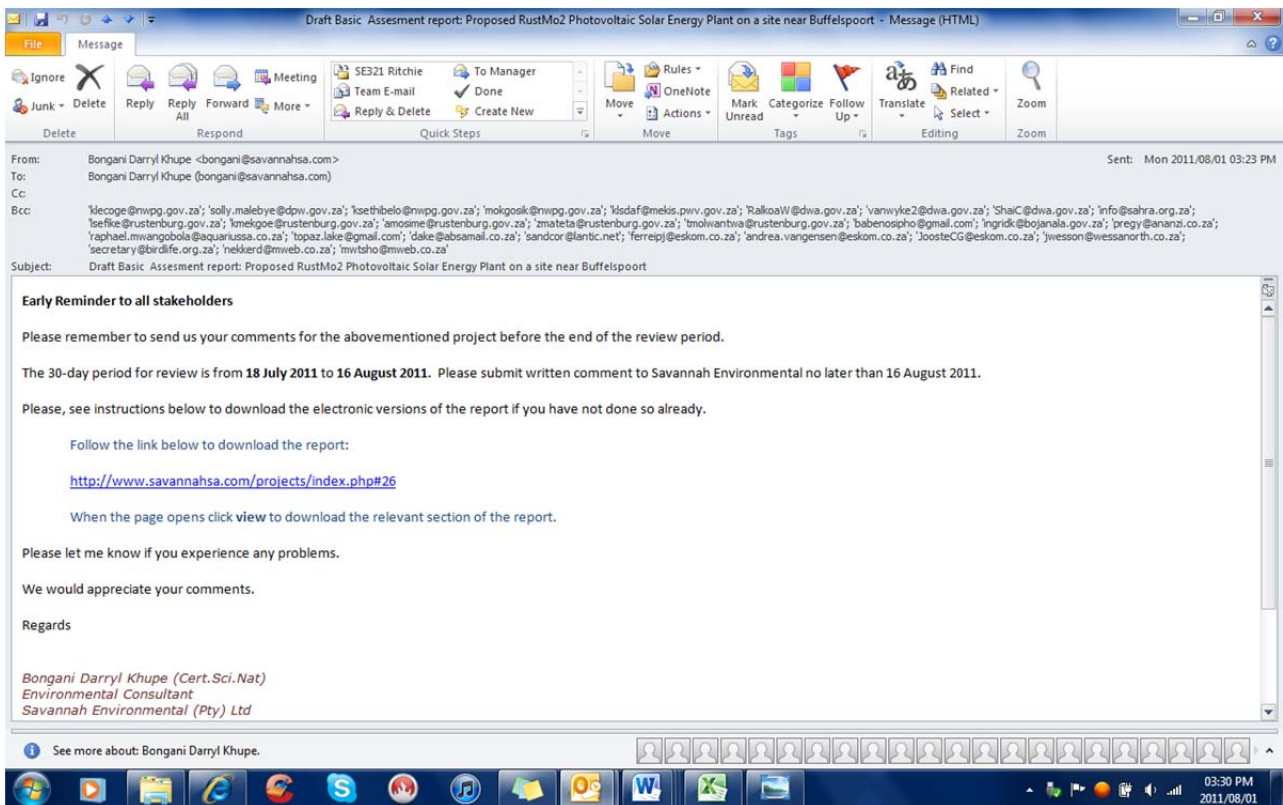


Figure 3: Email reminder for comments 01/08/2011