



**SUSTAINABLE
FUTURES ZA**

13 September 2011

Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED KOINGNAAS WIND ENERGY FACILITY,
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/2154)**

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND
INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS**

Just Palm Tree Power has identified a site near the town of Koingnaas within a De Beers mining area for the establishment of a commercial wind energy facility. The facility is proposed to accommodate up to 24 appropriately spaced wind turbines over an extent of approximately 160 hectares for the purpose of electricity generation up to 7 MW. The facility is to be referred to as the **Koingnaas Wind Energy Facility**. The study area for the establishment of the wind energy facility is located within the jurisdiction of the Kamiesberg Local Municipality and comprises farm portion Koingnaas 745. The facility will utilise small turbines with a generating capacity of 300 kW (0.3 MW), each with a hub height of 32m and a rotor diameter of 32m (i.e. each blade up to 16 m in length).

Other infrastructure associated with the wind energy facility is proposed to include:

- » Cabling between the turbines, to be lain underground where practical, which will connect to the existing on-site substation);
- » A short power line (of between 11kV and 66kV) to connect the facility to the Koingnaas Substation;
- » Existing roads will be used as far as possible. However, where required, internal access roads of approximately 6m wide will be constructed between the turbines and the on-site substation.
- » Workshop area for maintenance and storage purposes.

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comprehensive, independent environmental studies must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations. This project has been registered with the National DEA under application reference number **12/12/20/2154**.

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations published in Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, No 107 of 1998), it is a legal requirement that environmental impacts be investigated and assessed for any activity which may have a potentially detrimental impact on the environment. The construction of a wind energy facility with a generating capacity of <20 MW is listed as such an activity. A development of >20ha may require a Scoping and EIA Process to be undertaken. However, due to the siting of this facility within a disturbed diamond mining area (i.e. land which is disturbed and/or transformed), activity 15 of Listing Notice 2 (GN R545) does not apply, and a Basic Assessment Process is applicable.

Just Palm Tree Power has appointed **Savannah Environmental**, as the independent environmental consultants, to undertake the required Basic Assessment process to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures as part of an Environmental Management Programme (EMP). As part of these environmental studies, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process. You and/or the organisation/department which you represent have been identified as an I&AP. Should you have an interest in this project, please register yourself as an I&AP and note your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will form part of the Comments and Response Report that will be included in the Basic Assessment Report which is submitted to the DEA. By submitting your details and comments to Sustainable Futures ZA, you are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries will be noted.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please return the attached reply form to the contact person below:

Please submit your comments to
Shawn Johnston of Sustainable Futures ZA P.O. Box 749, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7701 Tel: 083 325 9965 Fax: 086 510 2537 Email: swjohnston@mweb.co.za

Yours sincerely,

Shawn Johnston
Process Facilitator



**SUSTAINABLE
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28 September 2011

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

A Draft Basic Assessment Report has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is now available for public review. You are invited to review the report at one of the following locations:

- » Kleinsee Tourism Centre (adjacent to museum)
- » Kamiesberg Local Municipality
- » De Beers Mine (Koingnaas Security Gate)
- » www.savannahsa.com

The period for review is **28 September 2011 to 28 October 2011**. Please submit written comment to Sustainable Futures ZA no later than 28 October 2011. Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail.

Please submit your comments to
Shawn Johnston of Sustainable Futures ZA P.O. Box 749, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7701 Tel: 083 325 9965 Fax: 086 510 2537 Email: swjohnston@mweb.co.za

All comments received will be included in the Final Basic Assessment Report, which will be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for review and comment.

PUBLIC FEEDBACK MEETING

All interested and affected parties are cordially invited to attend a public feedback meeting to discuss the proposed project as well as the key findings of the studies completed to date. The meeting is scheduled to take place as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, 11 October 2011
TIME: 17:00 -18:30
VENUE: Goldenfountain Recreational Club- Koingnaas

This is an open meeting and anyone is welcome to attend. Although you are not required to pre-register for the meeting, it would be appreciated if you could confirm your attendance with the undersigned on or before Tuesday, **11 October 2011**.

Yours sincerely,

Shawn Johnston
Process Facilitator

From the desk of Alicia Govender
E-mail: alicia@savannahSA.com



22 September 2011

South African Heritage Resource Association (SAHRA)
PO Box 4637,
Cape Town,
8000
(mgalimberty@sahara.org.za)

Cc: Heritage Northern Cape (Email: jsinthumule@ncpg.gov.za)

ATT: Mariagrazia Galimberty/Jason Sinthumule

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This letter serves to notify SAHRA and Heritage Northern Cape of the proposed project in terms of the requirements of Section 38(1) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act No No 25 of 1999). A Heritage Impact Assessment has been conducted and will form part of the Basic Assessment Report that will be sent to you shortly for comment.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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,

Alicia Govender
(not signed sent via email /fax)

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CELL: 083 984 9288

Vir Aandag: Alicia Govender

Faks: 086 684 0547

17 Junie 2011

Hiermee 'n skrywe om meer inligting te bekom insake u prokek te Koingnaas Windkragaanleg.

Registreer my ook op u databasis.

Ek is in die transportbedryf en alle kontakbesonderhede is bo- aan die skrywe.

By voorbaat dank

Die uwe

G van Wyk

**BASIESE OMGEWINGSEVALUERINGSPROSES: VOORGESTELDE KOINGNAAS
WINDKRAGAAANLEG, NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIE**

OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES REGISTRASIE/KOMMENTAAR VORM

Stuur asb u voltooide registrasie vorm aan: **Shawn Johnston** van **Sustainable Futures ZA**

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Verskaf asseblief u persoonlike kontak besonderhede:

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JOSEPH PETRUS Maritz		
De Boers		
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	Epos:	

Stel u belang om te registreer as 'n belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde party (B&GP)? (Merk met X) JA NEE

Nota: Dit word van u vereis om te registreer as 'n B&GP om alle toekomstige inligting in verband met die Omgewingsimpakevalueringproses te ontvang.

Verduidelik u belangstelling in hierdie projek (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

Ek kan weld en het boiermaker onderinding, doen oost plumbing en wil graag n beter toekomst vir my skeef.

Lys u vrae, opinies of besorghede in verband met hierdie projek (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

Verskaf bykommende kontak besonderhede van addisionele persoon/e wie u beskou as potensiële belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde partye:

Naam & Van:

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Faks:

	Selfoon:	
	E-pos:	

Dui u taal van keuse en korrespondensie aan (Merk met X)

Engels

Afrikaans



Hierdie studie word namens Just Palm Tree Power onderneem (Sien omkeer bladsy vir Engels)

ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED KOINGNAAS WIND ENERGY FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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Please provide your complete contact details:

Name & Surname:	DUDLEY + ALETTA WESBROS		
Organisation & Designation:	NM RESTORATION CC		
Postal Address:	PO. BOX 51 KOINGNAAS		
Telephone:	027 692 3100	Cellphone:	083 305 2569
Fax:	027 692 3100	E-mail:	peebbs@kingsley.co.za

Would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP)? YES NO
(please tick the relevant box)

Note: Please register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the project

Please state your interest in the project (add additional pages if necessary):

NM RESTORATION CC SPECIALIST IN REHABILITATION OF AND RESTORATION OF VEGETATION ON DISTURBED MINING AREAS IN KOINGNAAS + KLOOFZIEB
JOB CREATION FOR AT LEAST 20 MORE LOCALS.
WWW.NMRESTORATION.CO.ZA

Please list your questions, views or concerns regarding the project (add additional pages if necessary):

- 1) NAMAKWA DWARF AODER - HERPETOLOGY.
- 2) VULNERABLE PLANT SPECIES - FENESTRARIA
- 3) HERITAGE SITES.
- 4) GEOLOGICAL STABILITY.

Please provide contact details of other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:	DR BRYAN MARITZ		
Organisation & Designation:	SPECIALISE ECOLOGIST - HERPETOLOGY		
Postal Address:			
Telephone:		Cellphone:	083 560 5067
Fax:		E-mail:	

What is your preferred language of correspondence? (please tick the relevant box)

English
Afrikaans



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NEE

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Verduidelik u belangstelling in hierdie projek (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

Aangesien ek netrench is by De Beers so ± 18^{de} gelede en ek van die omgewing is, wil ek baie graag betrokke raak by die projek. Ek was C&I Technician op myn.

Lys u vrae, opinies of besorghede in verband met hierdie projek (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

- ① Sal daar poste beskikbaar wees vir plaaslike inwoners?
- ② Wanneer begin hierdie projek?

Verskaf bykommende kontak besonderhede van addisionele persoon/e wie u beskou as potensiële belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde partye:

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Korwee van Sand.	
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0278518661	Selfoon: 0722114062
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Organisation & Designation:	Director - Gaia Environmental Services		
Postal Address:	21 Elizabeth lane, Constantia, 7800		
Telephone:	Cellphone:	082 951 4574	
Fax:	(021) 794-6826	E-mail:	Stacey.jordan@gaiainvironmental.co.za

Would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP)? YES NO
 (please tick the relevant box)

Note: Please register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the project

Please state your interest in the project (add additional pages if necessary):

AS a bat biologist, I would like to make sure that these animals which play a key role in ecosystem functioning are adequately considered and monitored in your Environmental Impact Assessment. Impacts of wind energy facilities are GREATEST on bats (Chiroptera).

Please list your questions, views or concerns regarding the project (add additional pages if necessary):

Have you monitored for the presence of bats at the site?
 Has the monitoring covered 12 months, as stated in the Bats & Wind Energy specialist group (BAWESG) guidelines?
 If not, what seasons have been monitored?

Please provide contact details of other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:	Prof. David Jacobs		
Organisation & Designation:	Professor University of Cape Town		
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What is your preferred language of correspondence? (please tick the relevant box) English Afrikaans



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Ravisha Ajodhapersadh

From: Dudley Wessels <peebs@kingsley.co.za>
Sent: 31 October 2011 09:09 AM
To: info@savannahsa.com
Cc: alicia@savannahsa.com
Subject: Proposed Koingnaas Wind Energy Facility

Good day,

As an Interested and affected party to the above mentioned project, I have tried to glean as much info as possible though the EIAR Draft and my comments as follows:

1. What, if any, research studies have been done and by whom, on the insects of the area and how they will be affected by the implementation of the project?
2. Have any studies been undertaken to establish the Noise Pollution and Frequency range, and the effect on the local Fauna and Flora, especially reptiles and insects?
3. No indication as to any office and ablution facilities have been mentioned for the site. What facilities would be used for this?
4. I do have concerns for the impact on Archaeological and Historical sites in the area.

NM Restoration CC is mentioned in the Guideline for Rehabilitation but no contact details are given! NM Restoration is a fully compliable BBEEE company already in the area doing extensive Restoration on the De Beers Namaqualand Mines areas. We have been operational in the area for the past 4 years and have the expertise on Netting and Restoration for the specific area. Only local people are sourced for employment and NMR currently employs 15 staff and hope to increase this to at least 25 over the next couple of years.

NMR is skilled in all aspects of Restoration and is familiar with the plant species as per the DBAR. NMR therefore requests that it should be considered for the Restoration and Rehabilitation of the proposed site.

NM Restoration CC
P.O.Box 51, KOINGNAAS 8249
Tel: 0833052569
Email: peebs@kingsley.co.za

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

I support the establishment of this wind farm and am of the opinion that it will provide employment opportunities for the local population and we look forward to Just Palm Tree Power moving to site and trust that NMR can be of assistance during the project.

Regards

Dudley Wessels

NM Restoration CC
Tel: 0833052569

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Ravisha Ajodhapersadh

From: ShawnJohnston <swjohnston@mweb.co.za>
Sent: 02 November 2011 12:01 PM
To: Christine Da silva
Cc: Alicia Govender
Subject: Re: Koingnaas aanleg - noord Kaap 12/12/20/2154

Dear Christina,

Thank you for your e-mail. I hereby acknowledge receiving it. We welcome your comments and will pass it onto the developer and the Department of Environmental Affairs.

Christina, we are aware of the community of Soebatsfontein. We have spent a afternoon in the town on the 11 October 2011 were we met with Elsabe Steenkamp the ward councillor and Piet Claasen from the Ward Committee.

The power generated at Koingnaas will be fed into the local Eskom grid/network in the Northern Cape and yes Soebatsfontein would benefit from the local grid strengthening in the area.

All additional questions can be sent to Alicia Govender at Savannah Environmental, alicia@savannahsa.com.

Sincerely,

Shawn Johnston
Process Specialist

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On 02 Nov 2011, at 11:46 AM, Christine Da silva wrote:

2 November 2011
Good day Shawn

My name is Christine da Silva, I reside in Soebatsfontein, Kamiesberg Municipality, Northern Cape. I have visited the Savannah website and am getting myself up to date on the project. I notice that Soebatsfontein are not mentioned on any of your information brochures, which is located onlt 32 kilometres from Koingnaas. many of the residents are former De Beers employees and was laid of at the closure of the mines.

I have the interest of the people of Soebatsfontein at heart. I want to please bring their existence under your attention and ask that they also be considered when it comes to employment possibilities. There is approximately 270 people residing in Soebatsfontein and this involves at least 70 households.

The other question I have, is whether Soebatsfontein will also be a beneficiary of the power generated in their region over the next 20 years after the completion of the facility. Soebatsfontein might be small but definitely have the same needs as people from bigger towns, like Kleinsee and Koingnaas and Garies.

I have a copy of the public involvement Process Reply Form with me and will complete it and send it in hoping that it is not too late since no where can I find any cut-off dates, although you mention that correspondence must reach Savannah before relevant dates.

Please accept that I am interested in the project to help uplift the Soebatsfontein community.

Telephonic communication is very difficult as well as internet correspondence. I am currently visiting in Namibia, therefore my ability to correspond via e-mail. I will be returning to Soebatsfontein in next week. E-mail correspondence (thearc55@yahoo.com) will be the most effective at this time and my Namibian number is : +26481 7655422

Thanking you for your reply.

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