

ILANGA LETHEMBA PV SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT: I&APs & STAKEHOLDERS

Comments Received

No.	Issue	Raised by	Response
General			
1	The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development has registered as an interested and affected party (I&AP – J Roux).	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by e-mail, 10 October 2011.	You have been registered on the database.
Soils and Agricultural Potential			
2	The farm described as Portion 3 of Paarde Valley 145, 2778 hectares in size, is situated in a live stock carrying capacity area of 22 hectares per live stock unit (LSU). The solar development will permanently affect an area of 787 ha. Calculated at the official carrying capacity rate, the remaining 1991hectares should be able to support 90,5 LSU's and will therefore still be considered an economical unit.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by e-mail, 10 October 2011.	Comment noted.

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3	<p>The solar development will have a permanent effect on the natural vegetation as a result of the expected life span of 20 years of the solar panels. The influence of reduced sunlight, rainfall etc. will most certainly have a negative effect on the composition and performance of the natural vegetation as a result of their reaction to these conditions. Exactly to what extent the vegetation will be effected is not clear. The applicable potential impacts, as described in the Scoping Report as follows:</p>	<p>Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by e-mail, 10 October 2011.</p>	<p>Loss of natural vegetation on site has been found to be of low to medium significance.</p>
4	<p>Impact 1: Natural vegetation being destroyed</p> <p>If all natural vegetation is destroyed the land will be prone to soil erosion. This department has to form part of the planning and construction phases in order to determine the appropriate conservation methods and works needed to prevent erosion. These soils are very likely to enhance soil erosion if natural vegetation is destroyed.</p>	<p>Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by e-mail, 10 October 2011.</p>	<p>Loss of natural vegetation on site has been found to be of low to medium significance.</p> <p>However, the vegetation on site will not be unnecessarily removed as the support structures will be rammed into the ground to avoid and ground clearing.</p>
5	<p>Impact 6: Infestation – alien invader plants</p> <p>The micro climate and available sunlight will be changed by the solar panels. Vegetation will be destroyed (Impact 1) and or the establishment and spread of weeds and alien invader plants will occur. A monitoring programme has to be identified as part of an environmental management plan in order to detect weeds and alien plants that may cause a treat to the natural vegetation and surrounding areas.</p>	<p>Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by e-mail, 10 October 2011.</p>	<p>Measures to control the spread of alien vegetation have been included in the draft Environmental Management Programme.</p>

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6	Johannes Roux: I am concerned about CARA, the soil conservation act.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	They have been taken into consideration during the EIA process
7	Johannes Roux: I need to know if the remainder of the site will still be a valuable economic unit for farming.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Yes the farm will remain an active farming unit. We can provide you with the property details and the size of the proposed footprint. All the details you require are in the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report. Bongani Khupe: I have a CD copy of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report for you.
8	Johannes Roux: I need to provide you with our department's inputs on your project	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: We welcome your comments on the findings of the Environmental Impact assessment.
9	Johannes Roux: I am concerned about the botanical study that was done and would like to understand what type of change will occur on vegetation and grazing.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Bongani Khupe: An Ecological Impact Assessment was conducted and the report is also on the CD to be provided to you.

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10	Johannes Roux: I foresee a possible transformation of the vegetation over a 20-30 year period.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Bongani Khupe: there will be some transformation but the significance of the impact is discussed in the draft EIA report
11	Johannes Roux: Food security is a major concern for our Department. If arable land is used for other uses other than agriculture we need to clarify such projects.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Bongani Khupe: All current irrigation areas were identified as no go areas and the proposed facility has avoided them. The rest of the site has been found to be of low agricultural potential.
12	Johannes Roux: We are concerned about soil conservation. The construction and operational phase of such a project is of concern. I need to look at the topography, the road layout, under ground cabling layout and if any soil erosion would occur.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: Please review the report and comment on the draft environmental impact assessment report.
13	Johannes Roux: I would like to review the environmental management programme for the project.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Bongani Khupe: We would welcome your comments on the draft Environmental Management Programme.

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14	Bongani Khupe: Please note that some existing infrastructure would be used for the construction and operational phase such as internal roads and some buildings.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Comment noted.
15	Johannes Roux: Are you aware of the process you need to follow with the National Department of Agriculture?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Bongani Khupe: Yes we are aware and we submit all reports to the National Department of Agriculture for comments.
16	Johannes Roux: I am also concerned about the rezoning, will you be rezoning?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We will liaise with your department about the rezoning application.
17	Johannes Roux: Does your project have an agricultural land reform and rural development component?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We would explore both the land reform and rural development on future projects.

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18	Johannes Roux: What is the lifespan of your project?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: It would be about 20 years. The solar panels have a lifespan of about 25 years. We would like to ensure our projects are sustainable beyond the 20 year period. If government indicate we can continue we would, if not then we need to remove the facility and rehabilitate the farm site.
19	Johannes Roux: What is the timeframe for the environmental impact assessment?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: The public review period ends on 17 October 2011. We would like to receive your comment by the 17 October 2011
20	Johannes Roux: By when will you receive your environmental authorization?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: The Department of Environmental Affairs will take a hundred and five days to provide Savannah Environmental and Solar Capital with a decision. This will be communicated to all registered interested and affected parties to review and to declare if they wish to appeal the decision.
21	Johannes Roux: What comes next after the environmental impact assessments are completed?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We are busy with numerous parallel applications such are land rezoning.

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22	Johannes Roux: Who will do the rezoning for you?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We are currently using Macro Plan to do our entire project rezoning applications.
23	Johannes Roux: Our Department would need to comment on the rezoning application. Please inform your consultants to talk to us as well.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: Comment noted.
24	Sonwabile Nkondeshe: How wide are the proposed buffers around the water courses?	Sonwabile Nkondeshe: Department of Environment and Nature Conservation Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Bongani Khupe: It is about 50 meters and it has been included in the Environmental Management Programme.
25	Sonwabile Nkondeshe: We will review and comment on your projects within the Pixley ka Seme district municipal area.	Sonwabile Nkondeshe: Department of Environment and Nature Conservation Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: Comment noted.

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26	Johannes Roux: Is there any overlapping of applications in the area.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: No there would not be overlap as each project has its reference number and the developer would clarify with landowners weather they have been signed up with any other independent power producers.
27	Johannes Roux: So you are leasing the land. Have you ever though of purchasing the land reform the farmers and use the portion for your solar facility and give the rest up for land reform. We are battling to find subtle land for land reform.	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Comment noted. We are looking at various options within Solar Capital. That would be something to consider.
28	Henry Rich: What do the independent power producers register a contract across the entire farm and not on the footprint they require to erect the plant on? Henry Rich: You need to clarify this matter as you can apply to the minister for miniterial consent	Henry Rich, individual, comment at public meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Our lease is based on legal advice from our legal tean and the banks legal teams.
29	Viki Ferreira: It seems that it is all about competition that this practice has emerged. Keeping your competitors out.	Viki Ferreira, individual, comment at public meeting, 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: Comment noted. Mercia Grimbeek: Variuos options for leasing exist, the common practice is to lease the entire farm area over the lifespan of the project.
Project Development			
30	Hannes van Zyl: How long will it take to develop all four phases of this proposed project?	Hannes van Zyl, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Phase one would be 12-18 months and phase two would be another 12 months. If we secure all bids, our projects can be built in parallel.

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Land Reform			
31	<p>Most of the applications for solar development are situated in the Pixley ka Seme District and this District will most probably develop as the solar energy hub in the province. All the prospective developers will contribute in the form of incentives as reward to land owners.</p> <p>Since land reform and rural development is a priority of the Government of South Africa, the opportunity to constructively contribute towards rural development and job creation is evident. It is suggested that all prospective bidders clearly indicate the nature and extent of these incentives, as well as how it can be linked to land reform, rural development and job creation as part of an implementation strategy.</p> <p>An opportunity to acquire land prior to development as part of a land reform strategy where private land is identified for development should also be realized. Models must be developed where the exit strategy will ensure and enhance the land reform</p>	<p>Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by e-mail, 10 October 2011.</p>	<p>Comment noted</p>
32	<p>Johannes Roux: I think independent power producers need to look at land reform and environmental stewardship programmes in partnership with the Department of Agriculture. Land reform is too low on the agenda.</p>	<p>Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.</p>	<p>Shawn Johnston: Comment noted.</p>

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33	<p>Andre Theron: I am concerned of the impact solar energy facilities would have on farm areas over 20 years, especially covering areas and changing the vegetation type. The projects will change the composition of the veld type and ecosystem as we know it. The ecology will be changed. Once it has been changed it would be impossible to rehabilitate the footprint back to natural veld. Karoo veld grows extremely slow and recovers very slowly over a 50-year period. So this is a burning issue for me.</p>	<p>Andre Theron, De Aar Agri, comment at public meeting, 27 September 2011.</p>	<p>Shawn Johnston: Let's note this concern for the Environmental Management Programme. The Department of Agriculture has raised these concerns as well. The environmental impact assessment will clarify these questions with inputs from stakeholders, farmers and specialist.</p> <p>Bongani Khupe: I would like stakeholders to review the vegetation and soils studies. The specialists have indicated that the vegetation on the proposed footprint is regarded as degraded and least threatened. These areas are overgrazed and do not have high agricultural potential at all.</p>
34	<p>Craig Ferreira: Will your construction site be cut and fill operation?</p>	<p>Craig Ferreira, individual, comment at public meeting, 27 September 2011.</p>	<p>Mercia Grimbeek: No it will not be graded. We have gone for flat sites. All construction will be manual and we intend using existing access roads into and on the site.</p>
Footprint			
35	<p>Johannes Roux: How many megawatts will your project generate?</p>	<p>Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.</p>	<p>Mercia Grimbeek: We are looking at a 300 mega watt PV solar energy facility with 75 MW developed in the first phase.</p>

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36	Johannes Roux: How high will the solar panels be?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: They will be less than 2 meters.
37	Johannes Roux: Are the panels hail proof?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: The panels are made of high quality materials, however if they are damaged, they will be replaced. Our organisation has an excellent relationship with panel suppliers.
38	Sonwabile Nkondeshe: How close is the nearest homestead to the project?	Sonwabile Nkondeshe: Department of Environment and Nature Conservation Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: About one kilometer.
39	Andre Theron: What is the footprint of each phase?	Andre Theron, De Aar Agri, comment at public meeting, 27 September 2011.	Bongani Khupe: Phase 1 is 220 ha, phase 2 is 210 ha, phase 3 is 195 ha and phase 4 is 155 ha.
40	Andre Theron: So it's a quarter of the farm.	Andre Theron, De Aar Agri, comment at public meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Yes it is.
Heritage			

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41	Craig Ferreira: What does the heritage sites contain?	Craig Ferreira, landowner De Aar, comment at public meeting, 27 September 2011.	Bongani Khupe: It consists of various stone age tools. Some are no go areas while some require permits for removal.
Social, Jobs and Labour			
42	Johannes Roux: Who will do the maintenance?	Johannes Roux: Control Engineering Technician, SRM Unit Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: All maintenance will be done manually and it will be done by Solar Capital.
43	Thato Molefe: We are keen to see job creation and training on these projects.	Thato Molefe: DEA Northern Cape Province, comment by at focus group meeting , 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Jobs would be created during the construction and operation phase of the project. We are developing our social development programme. It is a parallel process in developing the project. As part of our bidding process we would have to provide government with numbers and we are finalising how we would achieve the necessary targets. We have done a great deal of research and we are partnering with numerous projects and organisations. The process is quite stringent and we are looking at 70% local jobs and 30% from outside the area.

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44	Sindisile Madyo: Can you please clarify how your community beneficiation and trust process?	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We are in a process of establishing a community trust. This will be done with key partners in the area of each project. The trust needs to be formed before Solar Capital goes into the bid process. We will form two community trusts within the Pixley ka Seme District and we will get the relevant community members to serve on those trust. We have two projects within your district, the first being Ilanga Lethemba in De Aar and the second be Ramaphele near Ritchie within the Siyanama Local Municipal Area. We working on a 5% input from local communities on the trust. We are looking at engaging a host of local stakeholders and the local and district municipalities in the process.
45	Sindisile Madyo: We are looking at partnerships with independent power producers in the area. We are keen in developing a energy hub within the Pixley ka Seme District Municipality.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We would be looking a various stakeholder groups and partnerships and would liaise with both the Emthanjeni and Pixley ka Seme Municipalities.
46	Sindisile Madyo: We are keen to hear about the provision of labour for various energy projects.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We are looking at large scale labour intensive projects. About 80% of our labour would be local. Focussing on skilled and unskilled labour. The remaining 10% would be skilled management and international specialists. We would look at the town of De Aar and areas in 50km radius to draw our labour from.
47	Sindisile Madyo: So your project would cover which towns?	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: It would be Hanover, Britstown and De Aar

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48	Sindisile Madyo: Have you done an analysis of utilising migrant labour and the implications on local municipal services?	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Yes we have and we need to submit it as part of our bidding application. We are also looking at a range of partnership base programmes.
49	Sindisile Madyo: What will job creation entail?	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We are looking at job creation in the construction phase, the operation phase and the building of manufacturing plant to service the solar energy industry in South Africa. We are looking at a number of other programmes like a technical school to service the solar energy industry.
50	Sindisile Madyo: I am impressed with the Solar Capital approach and I am interested in the other downstream opportunities for establish support services.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Yes we are looking at a sustainable model to support all downstream and services industries to support the solar energy industry in the area.
51	Sindisile Madyo: We are keen to develop a vision with the renewable energy industry for Pixley ka Seme District. So we await and see which projects will be approved within the district.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: Comment noted.
52	Sindisile Madyo: Integrated planning in the district would be a crucial aspect to address. We want to forge longterm sustainable partnerships with independent power producers.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: Comment noted.

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53	Sindisile Madyo: Integrated planning in the district would be a crucial aspect to address. We want to forge longterm sustainable partnerships with independent power producers.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: This was a point raised by Johannes Roux at the Department of Agriculture. Mercia Grimbeek: We need to look at various partnerships and to see how land reform can be achieved in South Africa.
54	Sindisile Madyo: We are also looking at creating a biofuels and renewable energy hub in the area. We need to ensure energy security for development projects within Pixley ka Seme.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: Comment noted.
55	Sindisile Madyo: We will comment on your De Aar and Ramaphele projects.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment at focus group meeting, 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: Comment noted.
56	Hannes van Zyl: How many staff will be involved in construction and operations?	Hannes van Zyl, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: During peak construction about 700-800 people on site for a 75MW facility. This would be at the peak of construction. It starts out with small numbers, it then increase at peak and scales down into the operations phase.
57	Hannes van Zyl: How many permanent jobs will be available during the operations phase for the entire project?	Hannes van Zyl, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Approximately 55-75 per phase.
58	Hannes van Zyl: Have you consulted with all surrounding landowners?	Hannes van Zyl, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	Shawn Johnston: The farmers and surrounding landowners have been informed through De Aar Agri, by registered letter, by the landowner who distributed the background information document and by the consulting team. The social impact assessment team would have also interviewed the surrounding landowners around the project.

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59	Gregory Afrika: Who will be employed on the project if it's developed?	Gregory Afrika, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: Government indicated that we need to use a large local labour content. Our bid will be evaluated on local content. Local content consist of people from the local community. Local community is the closest town to the project or communities in a 50km radius of the project. We need to look at a minimum of 70% local and 30 % external. There has been emence pressure from government on independent power producers to focus on skills transfer. To succeed our bid need to demonstrate active local community involvement and partnership projects.
60	Edmund MacClean: What will Solar Capitals financial impact be in the De Aar area?	Edmund MacClean, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: We are committed to a 20 year operational phase. So Solar Capital would have a 20 year investment in power generations in the area, it will employ and uplift local people in area over a 20 year period. So Solar Capital are looking at numerous programmes, power generation and developing a sustainable community in De Aar. We would have to report on our targets and we would be evaluated in what we achieve. We need to focus on social development and creating sustainable employment in the community.
61	Edmund MacClean: Can I purchase shares in the energy facility?	Edmund MacClean, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: At this stage no shares will be available to the public.

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62	D.T. Bantu: I support the project. I would like to see Solar Capital communicate with the broader De Aar community about the project.	D.T. Bantu, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	<p>Shawn Johnston: We have been engaging with the community as far as we can. However, once Solar Capital has secured all their permits and a positive environmental authorisation they will engage the broader community further.</p> <p>Mercia Grimbeek: We are talking to and informing the local community and will be forging partnerships and developing a communication strategy once we know what we have. We intend to taking the De Aar community along on the journey as this project develop.</p>
63	Hannes van Zyl: Once you have completed the four phases of the project, will you have permanent staff living on site?	Hannes van Zyl, individual, comment at public meeting 27 September 2011.	Mercia Grimbeek: No one will live on site. The project will have security fencing, cameras, controlled access and permanent security personnel on site. Workers will be bussed in and out of the site on a daily basis.
Pixley ka Seme District Municipality Renewable Energy Strategy			
64	Sindisile Madyo: The district embraces its comarative and competitive advantanges around alternative energy investmens as a means of ensuring that we become a renewable energy hub. Main object being growth and development.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment by fax, 05 October 2011.	Comment noted.
65	Sindisile Madyo: Impacts on jobs, lifespan, empowerment of locals in terms skills and social benefits. Level of commitment to good corporate citizenship.	Sandisile Madyo: Local Economic Development Manager, comment by fax, 05 October 2011.	Comment noted.