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<b>General</b>			
1.	Where will the public meeting be held?	Sarah Cloete, Kamiesberg Local Municipality, focus group meeting held 07 March 2011	A public meeting was held on the 11 October at the Koingnaas Church between 17:00 – 18:30
2.	What is meant by rebate?	Sarah Cloete, Kamiesberg local Municipality, focus group meeting held 07 March 2011	Electricity generated by the Wind Energy Facility is put back into the national grid, and Eskom buys back this electricity at a certain tariff according to an agreed Feed in Tariff).
3.	Register me as an interested and affected party.	Dudley & Aletta Wessels, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	Dudley and Aletta Wessels have jointly been registered as an interested and affected party.
4.	Register me as an interested and affected party.	Joseph Petrus Maritz, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	Joseph Petrus has been registered as an interested and affected party.
5.	Register me as an interested and affected party.	Floris Brand, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	Floris Brand has been registered as an interested and affected party.
6.	Register me as an interested and affected party.	Richard Burden, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	Richard Burden has been registered as an interested and affected party.
7.	Register me as an interested and affected party.	Roderick Joseph Swartbooi, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	Roderick Swartbooi has been registered as an interested and affected party.
8.	Register Dr. Bryan Maritz, specialist ecologist – herpetology as an interested and affected party.	Dudley Wessels, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	Dr Bryan Maritz has been registered as an interested and affected party.
9.	Please register me and Prof. David Jacobs as interested and affected parties.	Stacey Jordaan, GAIA Environmental Services, comment by reply form, 24	Stacey Jordaan and Prof Jacobs have been registered as an interested and affected parties.

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10.	Please register me as an interested and affected party.	Christine Da Silva, comment by e-mail, 02 November 2011	Christina Da Silva has been registered as an interested and affected party.
11.	I will pass all information received from Savannah Environmental onto the park manager and senior staff.	Priscilla Magerman, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011.	Comment noted.
12.	Let our team study the Koingnaas basic assessment report for the proposed wind energy facility. We can then comment once we have reviewed the report. We might have to send it onto senior planners like Sarel Yssel in South African National Parks.	Priscilla Magerman, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011.	Comment noted
13.	Are you meeting with Elsabe Steenkamp the ward councilor for this area?	Priscilla Magerman, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011.	A focus group meeting was held at Soebatsfontein with Ward councillor Elsabe Steenkamp and ward committee member Piet Claasen on 11 October 2011 to discuss the Koingnaas Wind Energy Facility.
14.	We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and clarify the project.	Elsabe Steenkamp, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011, Soetbatsfontein.	Comment noted
<b>Jobs and community benefits</b>			
15.	How would the community benefit from the proposed project?	Sarah Cloete, Kamiesberg Local Municipality, focus group meeting held 07 March 2011	Communities can mostly benefit from the construction phase with the increase in jobs. They would not benefit in terms of getting electricity at a cheaper rate.
16.	Are there any benefits for the municipality?	Sarah Cloete, Kamiesberg Local Municipality, focus	No direct benefits for the municipality have been established through the basic assessment process process.

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17.	I can weld and have boilermaker experience. I'm also a plumber and would like to create a better future for myself.	Joseph Petrus Maritz, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	The developer will develop social responsibility programme and limited amount of jobs would be available in the construction and operational phase. All registered I&APs will receive notification of when the project has been granted environmental authorisation. The contactor awarded the project or developer will be responsible for employment. The project database will be given to the developer who will be advised to send out employment opportunities to all on the database.
18.	I have been retrenched at De Beers about eighteen months ago. I would like to get involved with the project. I was a technician on the mine. Will there be jobs for local residents?	Floris Brand, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	The developer will develop social responsibility programme and limited amount of jobs would be available in the construction and operational phase. All registered I&APs will receive notification of when the project has been granted environmental authorisation. The contactor awarded the project or developer will be responsible for employment. The project database will be given to the developer who will be advised to send out employment opportunities to all on the database.
19.	I can provide sand for the project.	Richard Burden, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	Comment noted.
20.	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	Christine Da Silva, comment by e-mail, 02 November 2011	<i>Shawn Johnston replied on 2 November 2011 as follows:</i> 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 an afternoon

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	<p>brochures, which is located only 32 kilometres from Koingnaas. Many of the residents are former De Beers employees and was laid off 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 has the same needs as people from bigger towns, like Kleinsee and Koingnaas and Garies.</p> <p>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</p>		<p>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, <a href="mailto:alicia@savannahsa.com">alicia@savannahsa.com</a>.</p> <p><i>Christine Da Silva replied:</i> Thank you for the prompt reply. I am delighted to hear that you met with Ms Steenkamp &amp; Mr Claasen. Best Wishes for the completion of the project.</p>

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	<p>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.</p>		
21.	<p>NM Restoration cc is mentioned in the Guideline for Rehabilitation but no contact details are given! NM Restoration is a fully compliable BBBEEE 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration cc, comment by e-mail, 31 October 2011.</p>	<p>This information will be passed onto the developer who will be advised to contact NM Restoration to tender for any rehabilitation work required in the future for the Koingnaas Wind Energy Facility. Local employment is supported by Just Palm Tree Power.</p> <p><i>According to the Basic Assessment Report, the following recommendation is made: "Where reasonable and practical, Just Palm Tree Power should appoint local contractors and implement a 'locals first' policy, especially for semi and low-skilled job categories. However, due to the low skills levels in the area, the majority of skilled posts are likely to be filled by people from outside the area.</i></p>
22.	<p>You need to understand that unemployment is extremely high in the area after the closure of the mines in the Koingnaas area.</p>	<p>Priscilla Magerman, Namakwa National Park comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011.</p>	<p>Comment noted. The developer will develop social responsibility programme and limited amount of jobs would be available in the construction and operational phase</p>

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23.	We are keen to hear more about the benefits of this project to the area. As you know unemployment is extremely high throughout this ward.	Elsabe Steenkamp, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011, Soetbatsfontein.	The developer is currently looking at a social responsibility programme for its project and this will be clarified with the surrounding communities as the project develops.
24.	We would like to meet with the developers of the Koingnaas wind energy facility in the near future to understand what benefits would be made available to the people of Soebatsfontein.	Elsabe Steenkamp, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011, Soetbatsfontein.	Comment noted. Request will be passed on to the developer.
25.	We have large-scale unemployment and social problems, and we need to ensure that our youth are educated. Our community needs to be part of the project.	Piet Claasen, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011, Soetbatsfontein.	We are aware of the social needs of the area and would flag these with the project developer.
26.	We would like to understand how many jobs would be created for local stakeholders in surrounding towns like Soebatsfontein	Piet Claasen, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011, Soetbatsfontein.	<p>The number of jobs for this project needs to be clarified and depends on a successful bid to build and operate the proposed facility.</p> <p>According to the social impact assessment undertaken for the Koingnaas Basic Assessment Process, the construction phase would last ~9 months and create ~83 employment opportunities (all skills levels). The Operational phase would create an estimated 10 permanent employment opportunities</p>
27.	We would be keen to see a process of youth development and assisting youth to attend tertiary education qualifications.	Piet Claasen, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011, Soetbatsfontein.	Comment noted.
28.	Will the developer use local contractors?	Richard Burden, comment by at Koingnaas Public Meeting,	The developer would need to use some local contractors to assist with different aspects of the project.

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29.	I have a transport and registered sand and gravel quarry and would be able to be a supplier.	Richard Burden, comment by at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11October 2011.	Comment noted. Information and contact details will be passed on to the developer.
30.	I am in the transport business, and could be of assistance to the proposed project.	G van Wyk from Gibel Transport, letter received via fax 17 June 2011	Comment noted. Information and contact details will be passed on to the developer.
31.	We are keen to know how many jobs a project like this would create.	Floris Brand, comment by at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11October 2011.	<p>A project of this size would not create a large volume of jobs. However it would provide a small amount of jobs during the construction and operational phase. These would be dependent on the developer becoming a successful bidder.</p> <p>According to the social impact assessment undertaken for the Koingnaas Basic Assessment Process, the construction phase would last ~9 months and create ~83 employment opportunities (all skills levels). The Operational phase would create an estimated 10 permanent employment opportunities</p>
<b>Roads</b>			
32.	Other concerns for the community relate to access. We have extremely bad gravel roads. Will the developer upgrade roads for transporting their wind turbines?	Piet Claasen, comment at focus group meeting, 11 October 2011, Soetbatsfontein.	All access routes to the proposed Koingnaas site will be investigated. The project intends to use existing roads to the site. If necessary, these roads would need to be upgraded to allow the transportation of project components to site.
<b>Timeline</b>			
33.	When will the project start?	Floris Brand, comment by reply form, 11 October 2011.	As soon as the developer receives authorisation to begin with the project. A number of licences and procedures still

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			need to be followed - the environmental authorisation is just one step in the process of obtaining authorisation to construct a facility of this nature.
<b>Ecological Studies</b>			
34.	NM Restoration cc specialise in rehabilitation and restoration of vegetation on disturbed mining areas in Koingnaas and Kleinsee. Job creation for at least 20 more locals. <a href="http://www.nmrestoration.co.za">www.nmrestoration.co.za</a>	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by reply form 12 October 2011.	Comment noted. Information will be passed on to developer.
35.	Concerns about studies: Namakwa dwarf adder – herpetology, vulnerable plant species – Fenestraria, heritage sites, geological stability.	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by reply form 12 October 2011.	Various specialists studies have been undertaken, i.e. fauna; flora; heritage and soils studies. Potential impacts have been assessed and recommendations to mitigate impact on the surrounding environment have been made. A geotechnical study will be undertaken by the developer as part of the technical design phase. All specialist studies appended to the draft and final Basic Assessment Reports (Refer to Appendix D)
36.	As an Interested and affected party to the above mentioned project, I have tried to glean as much info as possible though the Draft BAR and my comments as follows:  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?	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by e-mail, 31 October 2011.	No studies have been undertaken by an insects specialist as it is not expected that there would be any impact in this regard.
37.	Have any studies been undertaken to establish the Noise Pollution and Frequency range, and	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by	Yes, a noise specialist (Morne de Jager from Menco) was appointed to undertake a noise study for the proposed

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	the effect on the local Fauna and Flora, especially reptiles and insects?	e-mail, 31 October 2011.	project. The noise report was appended to the Basic Assessment Report that was out for public review (refer to Appendix D5). A fauna study (Appendix D4) and flora study (Appendix D3) was undertaken and appended to the Draft Basic Assessment Report.
38.	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 on wind energy facilities are greatest on bats (Chiroptera).	Stacey Jordaan, GAIA Environmental Services, comment by reply form, 24 October 2011.	The potential impacts on bats from the proposed development has been considered in the Terrestrial fauna and bat study by Dr. David Hoare as appended as Appendix D4 of the Final Basic Assessment Report.
39.	Have you monitored for the presence of bats at the site?	Stacey Jordaan, GAIA Environmental Services, comment by reply form, 24 October 2011.	The monitoring guidelines referred to are not a legislated requirement. Bat monitoring on site has not commenced. Due to the low probability of bat activity in the area, bat monitoring is not considered necessary on this site.
40.	Has monitoring covered 12 months, as stated in the mast and wind energy specialist group (BAWESG) guidelines? If not, what seasons have been monitored?	Stacey Jordaan, GAIA Environmental Services, comment by reply form, 24 October 2011.	The monitoring guidelines referred to are not a legislated requirement. Bat monitoring on site has not commenced. Due to the low probability of bat activity in the area, bat monitoring is not considered necessary on this site.
41.	Are you aware of how difficult it is to rehabilitate this area after disturbing it?	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11October 2011.	Yes, and Savannah Environmental is aware of the techniques needed to do rehabilitation. Our environmental management programme recommends appropriate rehabilitation methods specific to the Namaqualand area. We would appreciate it if you can comment on the draft basic assessment report and the environmental management programme and advise where possible.
42.	The area has many vulnerable plant species.	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by	Comment noted. This has been covered in the flora report undertaken by Dr. Dave McDonald from Bergwind

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		at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11 October 2011.	Botanical Surveys and Tours (Refer to Appendix D3 of the Draft Basic Assessment Report).
43.	I just wish to stress the importance of using local specialist for rehabilitation. You need to use specialist that know the Namaqualand West Coast Region and how the systems work.	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11 October 2011.	Comment noted. The team welcomes your comments.
44.	Please ensure you use specialists who know the area to do your bird and bat monitoring programme and your rehabilitation in the post construction and operational phase.	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11 October 2011.	Comment noted. Dr Rob Simmons who undertook the bird study (Refer to Appendix D7 of the draft basic assessment report) has recommended pre-construction bird monitoring. Due to the low probability of bat activity in the area, bat monitoring is not considered necessary on this site.
<b>Site Infrastructure &amp; Technical Issues</b>			
45.	No indication as to any office and ablution facilities has been mentioned for the site. What facilities would be used for this?	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by e-mail, 31 October 2011.	In the section of the Basic Assessment Report "Other infrastructure associated with the wind energy facility is proposed to include" it is mentioned that a Workshop area for maintenance and storage purposes will be required. This area may incorporate space for an office and ablution facilities for the operational team which will be a small workforce of up to 10 employees. Temporary ablution facilities (i.e. chemical toilets) will be provided for the construction team.
46.	What is the size of this project?	J.P. Maritz, comment at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11 October 2011.	The proposed Koingnaas Wind Energy Facility is proposed to be up to 7.2 megawatt.
47.	What is the proposed height of the wind turbines	J.P. Maritz, comment at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11 October 2011.	It would be up to 35 meters.

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48.	Where will the turbines be made?	J.P. Maritz, comment at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 31 October 2011.	The turbines would be made in South Africa so the project would therefore have a strong local content component.
49.	Will the project use the lattice tower structures?	Dudley Wessels, comment at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11 October 2011.	Yes, appropriate mitigation measures for birds are proposed in the Basic Assessment report, i.e. netting over the lattice steel towers.
50.	The tower structure needs to be protected against the local climate.	Dudley Wessels, comment at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11 October 2011.	Comment noted.
<b>Grid Connection</b>			
51.	How will the Wind Energy Facility connect to the Eskom grid?	Sarah Cloete, Kamiesberg local Municipality, focus group meeting held 07 March 2011	An 11kV overhead power line will be used to connect the Wind Energy Facility to the Eskom Grid at the Koingnaas Substation.
52.	Where will the project integrate the power generated?	J.P. Maritz, comment at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 31 October 2011.	The project will supply its power to Eskom grid and is proposed to connect to the Koingnaas substation.
<b>Heritage</b>			
53.	I do have concerns for the impact on Archaeological and Historical sites in the area.	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by e-mail, 31 October 2011.	A detailed heritage impact assessment was conducted by Jayson Orton from ACO (Refer to Appendix D1) as well as a palaeontologist study by Dr John Pether (Refer to Appendix D2). Appropriate mitigation measures are recommended in both reports to minimise impacts on heritage found in the area.
54.	Are you aware of the many heritage sites in the area? Has your study looked at heritage sites in the area?	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11 October 2011.	Yes, the team is aware of the heritage sites in the area. The draft basic assessment report clarifies all heritage sites and sensitivity on the site. Please refer to Appendix D1 of the draft basic assessment report.

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55.	Was there any geotechnical studies done for this area	Dudley Wessels, NM Restoration CC, comment by at Koingnaas Public Meeting, 11October 2011.	The developer would be doing their geotechnical studies in conjunction with De Beers as part of the technical design phase.