



**SUSTAINABLE
FUTURES ZA**

PROPOSED NETWORK S28 ENERGY PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANTS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

PUBLIC MEETING

NOTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, 24 November 2011,
Keimoes Hotel, Northern Cape

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Venue: Keimoes Hotel
Date: Thursday, 24 November 2011
Time: 18h00 – 19h00

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Shawn Johnston welcomed all attendees, and then opened the meeting. He proceeded by providing a short description as to the purpose of the meeting.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Name	Organisation & Position
Shawn Johnston	Sustainable Futures ZA - Public Participation Specialist
Tammy Kruger	Savannah Environmental – EIA Consultant
Johannes Titus	Bongazi Security Services
Sampie Beukes	Community & Legal Resources Centre Ward 6 Keimoes
Nathan Afrikaner	Bongazi Security Services
P.M. Nel	Bongazi Security Services
Bester De Kock	Farmer Keimoes
Sterrenberg Bester	NetWorx S28 Energy
Filipe Figueiredo	NetWorx S28 Energy

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

BACKGROUND & TECHNICAL ASPECTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Shawn Johnston provided a brief overview of the objectives of the public meeting for the environmental impact assessments. Tammy Kruger provided an overview of the findings of the draft environmental impact assessments that were conducted.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Question / Comment	Response
Johannes Titus: Will the projects provide jobs for the local community?	Shawn Johnston: Yes, as indicated in the Scoping Phase the developer is compelled to focus on long-term sustainable jobs during the construction and operational phase of the projects.
Johannes Titus: Will Bongazi Security Services be able to tender for the security services on the three projects?	Shawn Johnston: The EIA project team is currently focusing on the environmental impact assessment and the developer will deal with all tender processes when they received preferred bidder status once they have put the three projects forward.
P.M. Nel: Will these projects provide opportunities for the youth.	Sterrenberg Bester: Yes it would, we are investigating the various options for local economic development and empowerment.
Bester De Kock: Will you be using local labour and local accommodation during the construction and operational phases of the projects?	Sterrenberg Bester: Yes we will.
Sampie Beukes: Would it be possible for our communities to put forward certain options or proposals to the developer for community projects?	Sterrenberg Bester: We would welcome your social responsibility ideas, suggestions and proposals. We need to look at a social responsibility programme with the Keimoes and Kakamas communities and would welcome your thoughts on sustainable projects.

WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

Shawn Johnston thanked all the stakeholders for their inputs, advice, and recommendations. He thanked all stakeholders for sharing their indigenous knowledge. He requested that all registered interested and affected parties comment on the draft environmental impact assessment reports.

The meeting closed at 19h00.