

Royal Haskoning

Sand Draai Solar Farm

For Attention Mr Johan Blignaut

Confirmation of objections that requires urgent attention before final Environmental Impact Assessment is submitted.

1) Road Conditions

The Gariep and Opwag access roads and all other connections from N10, to be used by the contractors for the transportation of laborers, must be ensured to have a permanent surface before any further construction is undertaken. Alternative surfacing options that include tarring, paving and dustaside should be investigated in order to find a permanent solution that will be used for the next 25 years. This will prevent further damage to agricultural production (food), human life, health of people and animals and depreciation of agricultural land due to dust cover etc. **(See Article 9; 11; 21; 22; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 33; 38; of law 108/96 the Constitution of Fundamental Rights that will be imposed on individuals and on a community basis if basic human rights are further ignored and / or threatened.)**

2) Developers

The potential developers (Bokpoort; Sand Draai; Namakwari and Albany) should step into an agreement indicating, that if the developments continue, conditions and commitments will be placed on the table to ensure that access roads will be financed by the projects and that the taxpayer is not burdened with the expenses which will only benefit the developers. Each developer must ensure and contribute the cost of the said upgrading the access roads, as a minimum requirement.

3) Language

The use of English in all the reports, that were made available, is not acceptable in the Northern Cape Province which is a predominantly Afrikaans speaking area. A large percentage of the communities have received no education in English, thus making the reports incomprehensible.

4) ECO Reports

The ECO reports (for Sand Draai) must be provided to the Interested & Affected parties on a monthly basis, as a fundamental right. As stated and must be enforced.

5) Power lines

Mitigation measures must be ensured at power lines for the protection of birds of prey in terms of the Northern Cape Provincial ordinance/regulations. This will ensure the protection of birds of prey, especially Red Listed species.

6) Water Consumption and Purification Plant

An acceptable purification plant should be investigated for hazardous waste (toxic waste) instead of the evaporation pans/dams. This is to reduce water consumption and loss as water is a national strategic resource.

7) Commitments per Minutes

All commitments contained and reflected in the minutes must be included in written agreements. Experience has shown that commitments be given lightly and *bone fides* of the makers are strongly questioned as was experienced with the access roads and businesses where no action was taken.

8) Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 29 February 2016 is being awaited for attention and review. Contact details of Namakwari and Albany developers has been given to Nasi for the purpose of arranging a meeting at Groblershoop to address the access routes and to get a permanent solution.

9) Final Impact Assessment Report

For the review of the final reports, hard copies are required to me before submission to Department of Environmental Affairs in order to ensure that all I&AP interests and comments have been addressed.

Greetings

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For and on behalf of all the affected parties.