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Date: 09 October 2025

To: Mr. Holder

CC:

DFFE Reference Number	DFFE Case Officer	Email	Proponent
14/12/16/3/3/2/2698	Ms Zamalanga Langa	zlanga@dfre.gov.za	Bethel Solar PV (Pty) Ltd
14/12/16/3/3/2/2699	Mr Lunga Dlova	ldlova@dfre.gov.za	Draailoop Solar PV (Pty) Ltd
14/12/16/3/3/2/2700	Ms Makhosazane Yeni	MYeni@dfre.gov.za	Klipput Solar PV (Pty) Ltd
14/12/16/3/3/2/2701	Ms Thulisile Nyalunga	Tnyalunga@dfre.gov.za	Makoppa Solar PV (Pty) Ltd

RE: FORMAL RESPONSE TO FINAL EIA AND EMP SUBMISSION FOR THE BETHEL, DRAAIILOOP, KLIPPUT AND MAKOPPA SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENTS

1. Acknowledgement of Correspondence

1.1 The Chatleka Communal Property Association (hereinafter referred to as "the CPA") hereby acknowledges receipt of your correspondence and accompanying links to the Final Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports and Environmental Management Programmes (EMPRs) for the above-mentioned proposed developments.

1.2 The CPA also notes the summary of engagements outlined in your correspondence between Cape EAPrac, yourself, and our members in their capacity as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).

2. Limited Access to Electronic Communication

- 2.1 The CPA wishes to place on record that the majority of its beneficiaries are illiterate and reside in rural areas and do not have access to reliable internet, email, or other forms of electronic communication.
- 2.2 Consequently, the method of engagement adopted by Cape EAPrac — relying primarily on electronic communication and online document dissemination, in English — effectively excluded the majority of affected community members from meaningful participation in the EIA process.
- 2.3 This exclusion constitutes a material procedural deficiency, inconsistent with the principles of fair, transparent, and inclusive public participation as contemplated in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

3. Failure to Engage the Community in an Appropriate Manner

- 3.1 It is both prudent and a legal expectation that engagement with the CPA and its members should be conducted in person, in a manner, form, language, and at a venue that is appropriate and accessible to the affected community.
- 3.2 It is deeply regrettable that such in-person engagement did not occur, particularly given the CPA's direct proximity to the proposed project areas and its status as a directly affected landholding community.

4. Reasonable Expectation of Direct Consultation

- 4.1 As a neighbouring community to the proposed developments, the CPA had a legitimate and reasonable expectation that Cape EAPrac, as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), would undertake special efforts to meet with the CPA and its members in person.
- 4.2 The undersigned and other registered I&APs from the CPA cannot reasonably represent the full breadth of community views, concerns, and perspectives.
- 4.3 Only through a properly constituted public meeting convened within the community could these diverse and affected voices have been adequately

ventilated and formally recorded for consideration in the environmental process.

5. Request for Corrective Action

5.1 In view of the deficiencies outlined above, the CPA respectfully requests that Cape EAPrac and the competent authority reconsider the submission of the Final EIA and EMP_r reports.

5.2 The CPA urges that the process be paused to allow for a proper, meaningful, and accessible public consultation with the Chatleka CPA and other affected CPAs in the surrounding area.

5.3 This step is critical to ensure that community concerns, heritage sensitivities, and socio-economic expectations are appropriately reflected in the final environmental record prior to any further review or decision-making.

6. Reservation of Rights

6.1 The CPA hereby reserves all rights available to it under NEMA and related legislation to appeal, review, or otherwise challenge any decision that may be made on the basis of the current EIA process.

6.2 This reservation is based on grounds of inadequate, procedurally unfair, and exclusionary public participation, particularly as it pertains to a community whose ancestral lands — including burial sites of cultural and spiritual significance — fall within the proposed project footprint.

7. Principle of True and Meaningful Engagement

7.1 True and meaningful consultation is not a procedural formality; it is a cornerstone of environmental justice, community respect, and ethical project development.

7.2 For a project of this magnitude and sensitivity, the least that could have been done was for the EAP and project proponents to meet the affected community face-to-face, to listen, explain, and understand the implications of the development on their ancestral land.

7.3 The Chatleka CPA community expresses deep disappointment with the conduct of the current process and hereby appeals to Cape EAPrac to take corrective measures in good faith.

8. Intention to Escalate the Matter

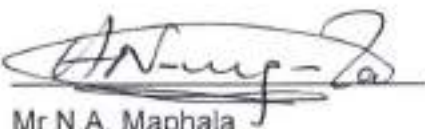
8.1 The CPA further wishes to place on record its intention to register a formal complaint with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) concerning the inadequacy of public participation in the current process.

Conclusion

The Chatleka CPA urges Cape EAPrac, the project proponents and all relevant authorities to take immediate steps to rectify the procedural shortcomings by engaging the affected communities in a fair, inclusive, and culturally appropriate manner before proceeding further.

We trust that this matter will receive your urgent and serious attention, and we look forward to your written response indicating how these concerns will be addressed.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N.A. Maphala

Acting Chairperson,

Chatleka Communal Property Association (CPA)

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Francois Byleveld

From: Motz Ntimo <motzntimo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 09 October 2025 12:04
To: Francois Byleveld; Dale Holder
Cc: jalinetworking682@gmail.com; Sylvia Mdaka; kiltonm12@gmail.com; RICHARD MALEFO; zlanga@ddfe.gov.za; Idlova@ddfe.gov.za; MYeni@ddfe.gov.za; Tnyalunga@ddfe.gov.za; Motsheva Matimolane
Subject: Re: EIA Process - Chatleka CPA Concerns and Request for Proper Community Engagement
Attachments: Formal response to final EIA and EMP submission by EAPRAC - Chatleka CPA.pdf

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Dear Mr. Holder / Byleveld,

Please find attached the *Chatleka Communal Property Association's* formal response to the **Final Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** and **Environmental Management Programme (EMP)** submissions for the proposed **Bethel, Draailoop, Klipput, and Makoppa Solar PV Developments**.

The letter outlines our serious concerns regarding the adequacy of public participation and the lack of meaningful community engagement during the EIA process. We respectfully request that Cape EAPrac and the competent authority reconsider the submission of the Final EIA and EMP reports to allow for proper, inclusive consultation with the affected community.

We trust that this correspondence will receive your urgent attention, and we look forward to a formal written response outlining how these concerns will be addressed.

Kind regards,

Motsheva Matimolane (083 467 6947)

On behalf of:

Mr. N.A. Maphala

Acting Chairperson

Chatleka Communal Property Association (CPA)

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On Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 4:52 AM Motz Ntimo <motzntimo@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Dale Holder & Francois Byleveld,

I trust this correspondence finds you well.

I write to you in my personal capacity and as a member of Chatleka CPA extended EXCO, though informed by extensive consultations with members of the Chatleka Communal Property Association, regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed developments adjacent to our communal lands. While I acknowledge the efforts undertaken by Cape EAPrac in the execution of this project, I am compelled to articulate, as I have done previously, serious concerns, that have emerged regarding the adequacy and appropriateness of the public

participation process.

Identification of Fundamental Procedural Deficiencies

It is necessary to state plainly that the methodology employed for community engagement in this matter has created substantive procedural deficiencies. The predominant reliance upon electronic communication (in English) —including email correspondence, online document repositories, and digital platforms—has effectively precluded meaningful participation by the majority of Chatleka CPA beneficiaries.

You should be apprised that the Chatleka CPA serves a predominantly rural community where the vast majority of beneficiaries lack access to reliable internet connectivity and email facilities. This digital divide is not merely an inconvenience; it constitutes a material barrier to participation that undermines the foundational principles of fair, transparent, and inclusive public consultation as contemplated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The exclusion of our elders and other community members—individuals who possess invaluable knowledge concerning ancestral lands, heritage sites, and burial grounds—represents a failure to achieve the standard of meaningful public participation that the legislative framework demands.

Reasonable Expectations of Appropriate Engagement

It is submitted that there existed a legitimate and reasonable expectation that Cape EAPrac, in its capacity as Environmental Assessment Practitioner, would recognize the particular circumstances attendant to engagement with a Communal Property Association. Unlike disparate stakeholders distributed across wide geographic areas, the Chatleka CPA constitutes a cohesive, land-holding community situated in immediate proximity to the proposed development sites.

Given this context, it was both reasonable and prudent to expect that engagement would be conducted through in-person consultation, in an appropriate manner, form, and language, and at a venue accessible to affected community members. The convening of a public meeting within the community was not merely desirable; it was the appropriate and legally expected forum for this engagement.

It must be emphasized that the participation of a limited number of individuals as registered Interested and Affected Parties, responding via electronic correspondence, cannot and should not be construed as adequate consultation with the Chatleka CPA as an institutional entity or with its broader membership. Individual participants cannot reasonably be expected to represent the full spectrum of community perspectives, concerns, cultural sensitivities, and socio-economic considerations.

Heritage and Cultural Significance

The proposed development affects land that holds profound spiritual, cultural, and historical significance to the Chatleka community. This is not abstract heritage identified through desktop assessments; these are living connections to ancestral lands, including burial sites of cultural and spiritual importance.

The principles of environmental justice and constitutional imperatives regarding public participation demand substantive engagement—particularly where projects impact communities with deep-

rooted connections to the land in question. Meaningful consultation transcends procedural formality; it constitutes a cornerstone of environmental justice, community respect, and ethical project development.

Forthcoming Formal Communication

I wish to advise you that formal correspondence will shortly be issued by the CPA's Acting Chairperson, articulating the institution's official position on these matters. That communication will formally address the procedural shortcomings identified and will request specific corrective action from Cape EAPrac and the competent authority.

The formal correspondence will request:

1. A moratorium on the current process to permit proper, in-person community consultation;
2. The convening of public meetings within the Chatleka CPA and other affected Communal Property Associations in the surrounding area;
3. Engagement conducted in an appropriate manner, form, language, and venue ensuring genuine accessibility for all affected community members;
4. Proper documentation and substantive incorporation of community concerns, heritage sensitivities, and socio-economic considerations into the environmental record prior to any further decision-making.

Appeal for Amicable Resolution

Notwithstanding the serious nature of these concerns, I write to you first in the hope that Cape EAPrac will recognize the merit in addressing these deficiencies proactively and in good faith. There remains an opportunity for corrective measures to be implemented in a spirit of cooperation rather than confrontation.

I respectfully submit that meeting with our community—in person, within our communal setting—represents not an onerous additional burden but rather the fulfillment of a fundamental obligation. The investment of time and resources in proper consultation at this juncture will serve the interests of all parties by ensuring procedural integrity and by potentially avoiding protracted disputes in subsequent stages of the process.

Notice of Intended Actions

In the interests of transparency and in accordance with principles of good faith engagement, I must inform you of the following intended actions:

1. The CPA intends to lodge a formal complaint with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment concerning the inadequacy of public participation in the current EIA process;
2. The CPA reserves all rights available under NEMA and related legislation to appeal, review, or otherwise challenge any decision rendered on the basis of the current procedurally deficient process, on grounds of inadequate, procedurally unfair, and exclusionary public participation.

These actions should not be interpreted as indicative of an adversarial posture, but rather as the exercise of legitimate rights and the discharge of responsibilities owed to community members whose interests we are duty and morally-bound to protect.

Preference for Constructive Resolution

I wish to emphasize that the CPA's preference—and I believe this sentiment is widely shared within our community—is for an amicable resolution that respects both the legitimate objectives of the development proponents and the fundamental rights of our community to meaningful participation in decisions affecting our ancestral lands.

The procedural shortcomings identified are serious but not irreparable. What is required is acknowledgment of the deficiencies, a commitment to corrective action, and the implementation of proper, culturally appropriate community engagement before the process proceeds further.

Request for Response

I would be grateful to receive your written response at your earliest convenience, indicating:

1. Your acknowledgment of receipt of this correspondence;
2. Your preliminary views on the concerns raised herein;
3. Any proposed steps toward addressing the identified deficiencies; and
4. Your availability or that of Cape EAPrac representatives to discuss these matters further.

The Chatleka CPA community stands ready to engage constructively and in good faith, provided we are afforded a fair, appropriate, and accessible opportunity to participate meaningfully in this process.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and await your response.

Yours faithfully,

Motshewa Matimolane
Member of Chatleka CPA Extended EXCO
Cell: 0834676946

On Mon, 06 Oct 2025 at 14:29, Francois Byleveld <francois@cape-eaprac.co.za> wrote:

Dear registered, interested and affected party,

RE: NOTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED BETHEL SOLAR PV, DRAAILOOP SOLAR PV, KLIPPUT SOLAR PV AND MAKOPPA SOLAR PV LOCATED SOUTH OF LOUIS TRICHARDT IN THE MAKHADO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, VHEMBE DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

Kindly note the following Final Environmental Impact Reports have been submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for decision making.

PROJECT	APPLICANT	PROPERTIES	DFFE Reference Number
Bethel Solar PV	Bethel Solar PV (Pty) Ltd	- Farm 431 - Remainder of Farm 466	14/12/16/3/3/2/2698
Draailoop Solar PV	Draailoop Solar PV (Pty) Ltd	- Portion 1 of Farm 425, - Remainder of Farm 430 - Farm 431	14/12/16/3/3/2/2699
Klipput Solar PV	Klipput Solar PV (Pty) Ltd	- Portion 1 of Farm 425 - Portion 1 of Farm 466 - Remainder of Farm 466	14/12/16/3/3/2/2700
Makoppa Solar PV	Makoppa Solar PV (Pty) Ltd	Portion 1 of Farm 465	14/12/16/3/3/2/2701

Copies of the Final EIR and Comments and Responses reports can be provided on written request from any I&AP.

Kind regards/Vriendelike groete

Francois Byleveld

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From: Francois Byleveld

Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 11:22

To: Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>

Subject: Notification of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Reports for the proposed Bethel Solar PV, Draailoop Solar PV, Klipput Solar PV and Makoppa Solar PV - Limpopo Province

Dear Registered and Potential Interested and Affected Party,

RE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED BETHEL SOLAR PV, DRAAILOOP SOLAR PV, KLIPPUT SOLAR PV AND MAKOPPA SOLAR PV LOCATED SOUTH OF LOUIS TRICHARDT IN THE MAKHADO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, VHEMBE DISTRICT, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

Kindly find the attached notification regarding the Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Reports for the following projects:

PROJECT	APPLICANT	PROPERTIES	SCOPE OF APPLICATION
Bethel Solar PV	Bethel Solar PV (Pty) Ltd	- Farm 431 - Remainder of Farm 466	240 Megawatt (MW) Solar PV Development and associated infrastructure, including grid connection infrastructure.
Draailoop Solar PV	Draailoop Solar PV (Pty) Ltd	Portion 1 of Farm 425,	240 Megawatt (MW) Solar PV Development and associated

PROJECT	APPLICANT	PROPERTIES	SCOPE OF APPLICATION
		- Remainder of Farm 430 - Farm 431	infrastructure, including grid connection infrastructure.
Klipput Solar PV	Klipput Solar PV (Pty) Ltd	- Portion 1 of Farm 425 - Portion 1 of Farm 466 - Remainder of Farm 466	240 Megawatt (MW) Solar PV Development and associated infrastructure, including grid connection infrastructure.
Makoppa Solar PV	Makoppa Solar PV (Pty) Ltd	Portion 1 of Farm 465	75 Megawatt (MW) Solar PV Development and associated infrastructure, including grid connection infrastructure.

Should you have any comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Reports for these projects, kindly provide these in writing to Cape EAPrac by no later than 22 September 2025.

Digital copies of the documents are available at the following locations:

Cape EAPrac website	www.cape-eaprac.co.za
Dropbox Link	https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/0p6kfamqzspw3awdwb27w/AI0M8MYvLW782svS1zUeKhM?rlkey=tmkz7wcic6avfkf0c9o6ljnuy&st=5gs9

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Francois Byleveld

From: Motz Ntimo <motzntimo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 09 October 2025 16:59
To: Dale Holder
Cc: Francois Byleveld; jalinetworking682@gmail.com; Sylvia Mdaka; kiltonm12@gmail.com; RICHARD MALEFO
Subject: Re: Request for Intervention and Corrective Action – Inadequate Public Participation in the Bethel, Draailoop, Klipput, and Makoppa Solar PV EIA Processes

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Dear Dale,

Thank you for the acknowledgement of receipt of our letter.

We shall await your formal response to this matter including but not limited to:

1. Your preliminary views on the concerns raised herein;
2. Any proposed steps toward addressing the identified deficiencies; and
3. Your availability or that of Cape EAPrac representatives or the applicant to discuss these matters further.

The Chatleka CPA community stands ready to engage constructively and in good faith, provided we are afforded a fair, appropriate, and accessible opportunity to participate meaningfully in this process.

I thank you for your attention to this matter

Regards
Motshewa Matimolane
083 467 6947

On Thu, 09 Oct 2025 at 16:30, Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za> wrote:

Dear Motshewa.

I can confirm that your attached and below communication to the DFFE has been received by our office.

We are in the process of reviewing the content of the submission in conjunction with the Applicant.

Kind Regards,

Dale Holder

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONER

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From: Motz Ntimo <motzntimo@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, 09 October 2025 13:23

To: Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>; Francois Byleveld <francois@cape-eaprac.co.za>

Subject: Fwd: Request for Intervention and Corrective Action – Inadequate Public Participation in the Bethel, Draailoop, Klipput, and Makoppa Solar PV EIA Processes

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Good day Dale / Francois,

Please take note of this communication to DFFE with regard to Chatleka CPA's concerns with the public participation process.

We hope that we can resolve this issue amicably.

Regards

Motshewa

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From: **Motz Ntimo** <motzntimo@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 12:19 PM

Subject: Request for Intervention and Corrective Action – Inadequate Public Participation in the Bethel, Draailoop, Klipput, and Makoppa Solar PV EIA Processes

To: <zlanga@dffe.gov.za>, <ldlova@dffe.gov.za>, <MYeni@dffe.gov.za>, <Tnyalunga@dffe.gov.za>

Cc: Sylvia Mdaka <sylvia.mdaka@gmail.com>, <kiltonm12@gmail.com>, <jalinetworking682@gmail.com>, RICHARD MALEFO <Malefotrans@gmail.com>, Motshewa Matimolane <MotshewaMatimolane@gmail.com>

Dear Case Officers,

I write to you on behalf of the Chatleka Communal Property Association (CPA) regarding the Final Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Programme (EMP) submissions for the following proposed developments south of Louis Trichardt, within the Makhado Local Municipality:

- Bethel Solar PV (Pty) Ltd — DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2698
- Draailoop Solar PV (Pty) Ltd — DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2699
- Klipput Solar PV (Pty) Ltd — DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2700
- Makoppa Solar PV (Pty) Ltd — DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2701

Please find attached our formal letter of response to Cape EAPrac, dated 09 October 2025, which comprehensively outlines the CPA's concerns regarding the procedural integrity and fairness of the EIA process.

1. Lack of Meaningful Public Participation

The CPA wishes to place on record that the consultation process conducted by Cape EAPrac was materially deficient. The process relied almost entirely on electronic communication and online documentation, which effectively excluded the majority of Chatleka CPA beneficiaries—most of whom are rural residents without reliable internet access or proficiency in English.

This exclusion contradicts the principles of inclusivity and procedural fairness enshrined in the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

2. Expectation of Direct Community Engagement

As a landholding community directly bordering the proposed project areas, the Chatleka CPA had a legitimate and reasonable expectation of in-person consultation. No such engagement occurred. The community was never afforded a properly constituted meeting where concerns could be raised, understood, or documented.

Given the scale and potential impact of these developments—on land use, livelihoods, and cultural heritage sites—this omission is of serious concern.

3. Request for DFFE Oversight and Corrective Measures

In light of these procedural deficiencies, we respectfully request the Department's intervention to ensure that:

The Final EIA and EMP submissions for the above-listed projects are not accepted for decision-making until proper, inclusive public participation has been undertaken;

Cape EAPrac is directed to convene an in-person public consultation meeting within the Chatleka CPA area, facilitated in an appropriate language and manner; and

The rights and voices of rural and historically disadvantaged communities are upheld in accordance with the principles of environmental justice and equitable governance.

4. Reservation of Rights

The Chatleka CPA reserves all rights available under NEMA and related legislation to appeal, review, or challenge any decision made on the basis of an exclusionary or procedurally flawed process.

We submit this correspondence in good faith, seeking a constructive resolution that ensures transparent, fair, and culturally appropriate engagement before any environmental authorisation is issued.

5. Conclusion

We trust that the Department will treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves and provide formal written feedback indicating the steps to be taken to rectify the identified shortcomings.

We further request acknowledgment of receipt of this correspondence and confirmation that our concerns will be duly considered in the environmental decision-making process.

Kind regards,

Motshewa Matimolane (0834676947)

on behalf of:

Mr. N.A. Maphala

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Attachment:

Chatleka CPA – Formal Response to Final EIA and EMP Submission (09 October 2025)

Francois Byleveld

From: Dale Holder
Sent: Friday, 10 October 2025 07:49
To: Motshewa Matimolane
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission of Final Environmental Impact Reports for the proposed Bethel Solar PV, Draailoop Solar PV, Klipput Solar PV and Makoppa Solar PV - Limpopo Province

Good Morning Motshewa

I have put it on a sharepoint and given your email permissions to access.

You should have received a link directly from the sharepoint. Please see link below – I think you will first need to accept the invite in the invite from sharepoint.

 [Final EIR POPIA](#)

Please let me know whether you are able to access, otherwise I will make another plan.

Kind Regards,

Dale

Dale Holder
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From: Motshewa Matimolane <motshebammatimolane@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 10 October 2025 07:42
To: Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission of Final Environmental Impact Reports for the proposed Bethel Solar PV, Draailoop Solar PV, Klipput Solar PV and Makoppa Solar PV - Limpopo Province

Hi Dale,

I'm struggling to access the document through the provided link - it returning an error message. Kindly please try another means of making the available perhaps through your website or sharepoint.

Regards
Motshewa

On Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 11:59 AM Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za> wrote:

Dear Mr Matimolane

Thank you very much for your email below.

Please find link below to a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Reports and Final Environmental Management Programmes for the proposed Bethel, Draailoop, Klipput and Makoppa Solar PV Developments. Please note that the public participation information (inclusive of the comments and responses report) is included in Appendices F1 – F7 of the respective Final Environmental Impact Reports.

- Bethel Solar PV Final Environmental Impact Report: <https://we.tl/t-kUQDteepa2>
- Draailoop Solar PV Final Environmental Impact Report: <https://we.tl/t-UtvlAtrtDf>
- Klipput Solar PV Final Environmental Impact Report: <https://we.tl/t-fMWa0kpc8l>
- Makoppa Solar PV Final Environmental Impact Report: <https://we.tl/t-xWBKV0x4fq>
- Bethel Solar PV Final Environmental Management Programme: <https://we.tl/t-Yaon2tQDAA>
- Draailoop Solar PV Final Environmental Management Programme: <https://we.tl/t-V0zFUphWyR>
- Klipput Solar PV Final Environmental Management Programme: <https://we.tl/t-8W4HHtyb9g>
- Makoppa Solar PV Final Environmental Management Programme: <https://we.tl/t-YQVNkVbMpc>

For ease of reference, please find the below summary of engagement between Cape EAPrac (The Environmental Assessment Practitioners in respect of these applications) and yourself (hereafter referred to as the “I&AP”).

1. 15 March 2025 - Registered as an I&AP via the Cape EAPrac Website. This registration was in a personal capacity.
2. 22 April 2025 – Cape EAPrac confirmed registration of I&AP in writing.
3. 24 April 2025 – I&AP notified of availability of Draft Scoping Reports for review and comment.
4. 02 May 2025 – I&AP confirmed that he had downloaded Draft Scoping Report for Draailoop PV, Klipput PV and Makoppa PV but was unable to download the Draft Scoping Report for Bethel PV. I&AP requested that the Chatleka CPA and parties in copy be registered as I&AP’s.
5. 02 May 2025 – Cape EAPrac registered the Chatleka CPA and all parties in copy as I&AP’s.

6. 03 May 2025 – I&AP provided formal comment on the Draft Scoping Report for Draailoop PV.
7. 03 May 2025 – I&AP confirmed that the comment submitted on Draailoop PV is applicable to all 4 Projects (i.e. Bethel PV, Draailoop PV, Klipput PV and Makoppa PV).
8. 05 May 2025 - Cape EAPrac acknowledged receipt of the I&AP comment of 03 May 2025.
9. 05 May 2025 – Cape EAPrac provided I&AP with copy of Draft Scoping Report for Bethel PV.
10. 19 June 2025 – The Social Specialist responded to the I&AP confirming that the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) report will clearly record the current status of the land claims in relation to the project properties. The Social Specialist furthermore confirmed that it falls outside the scope and competency of the SIA to assess or comment on the land claims.
11. 22 June 2025 – The I&AP addressed an email to the Social Specialist requesting a comprehensive and substantive response to all the issues raised in the letter. The Social Specialist provided this request to the EAP.
12. 30 June 2025 - The Social Specialist responded to the I&AP thanking him for the comments submitted to on the Social Scoping Report (03 May 2025). The social specialist reiterated that the SIA Report will acknowledge the land claim on Draailoop 430 LS by the Chatleka CPA and other project related land claims. The SIA Report will also identify potential opportunities for local communities associated with the construction and operation of the proposed solar projects. The social specialist furthermore that the land claim process is separate to the EIA process and that while the EIA and SIA will clearly acknowledge the current land claims, it falls outside the scope of the EIA and SIA to assess and or comment on the land claims.
13. 22 August 2025 – Chatleka CPA was notified of the Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Reports for review and comment. These Draft Environmental Impact Reports included the comprehensive responses to all of the comments in the letter of 05 May 2025.

During the comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (which included the comprehensive response to the comment of 05 May 2025), no further comment was received from the CPA, nor was a public meeting requested by the CPA or any other I&AP. A public meeting was therefore not held in respect of these environmental applications, but may still take place as part of future regulated processes for the development of these projects.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any further comments in this regard.

Sincerely,

Dale Holder

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONER

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Sent: Tuesday, 07 October 2025 18:26

To: Francois Byleveld <francois@cape-eaprac.co.za>

Cc: Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>; Kilton Dipodumo <kiltonm12@gmail.com>; Sylvia Mdaka <sylvia.mdaka@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Notification of Submission of Final Environmental Impact Reports for the proposed Bethel Solar PV, Draailoop Solar PV, Klipput Solar PV and Makoppa Solar PV - Limpopo Province

Good day,

Please send us copies of the Final EIR and Comments and Responses reports (for all four farms/projects).

As registered I&AP we never received any invite to a public meeting to fully ventilate our issue. Please advise if such meetings were held. Please provide us with full details of the public participate process that was undertaken.

Regards

Motshewa

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Regards
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Attention: Dale Holder
Per email: dale@cape-eaprac.co.za

MTN REF: **MTNSF/034/09/25**

23 October 2025

Dear Sirs

RE: Bethel Solar PV (Pty) Ltd

We refer to your Solar Farm Infrastructure application in respect Bethel Solar PV (Pty) Ltd, the proposed Bethel Solar PV, Draailoop Solar PV, Klipput Solar PV and Makoppa Solar PV located South of Louis Trichardt in the Makhado Local Municipality, Vhembe District, Limpopo Province.

Affected land properties:

POWERLINE ALTERNATIVE 1		
Remainder of Farm 466	Portion 1 of Farm 466	Portion 1 of Farm 425
Portion 2 of Farm 425	Remainder of Farm 424	Portion 2 of Farm 470
Farm 1211	Remaining Extent of Portion 2 of Farm 472	Farm 1209
Portion 1 of Farm 473		
POWERLINE ALTERNATIVE 2		
Remainder of Farm 466	Farm 431	Portion 1 of Farm 425
Remainder of Farm 430	Remainder of Farm 426	Portion 2 of Farm 425
Remainder of Farm 423	Portion 1 of Farm 423	Portion 1 of Farm 424
Remainder of Farm 420	Farm 1211	Remainder of Farm 418
Remainder of Farm 1210	Farm 1209	Portion 1 of Farm 473

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POWERLINE ALTERNATIVE 3		
Remainder of Farm 466	Portion 1 of Farm 466	Farm 431
Portion 1 of Farm 425	Portion 2 of Farm 425	Remainder of Farm 426
Remainder of Farm 423	Portion 1 of Farm 423	Portion 1 of Farm 424
Remainder of Farm 420	Remainder of Farm 424	Farm 1211
Portion 2 of Farm 470	Remaining Extent of Portion 2 of Farm 472	Farm 1209
Portion 1 of Farm 473		

MTN has conducted an analysis of your project in relation to its network and we advise that there is no related impact. Accordingly, we wish to inform you that your application has been **approved**. Kindly note that this approval is granted for a period of 12 months whereafter, a new renewal application must be submitted.


Aaron Pillay (Oct 24, 2025 12:07:37 GMT+2)

Aaron James Pillay
Manager - Site Acquisition and Regional Support Services

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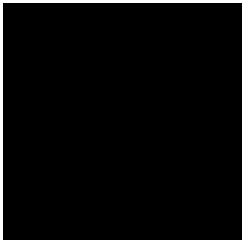
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Francois will see that they should communicate with Chatleka CPA community every thing they intend to doon our farms.

Thanks so much

Malefo

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On Thu, 09 Oct 2025, 04:52 Motz Ntimo, <motzntimo@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Dale Holder & Francois Byleveld,

I trust this correspondence finds you well.

I write to you in my personal capacity and as a member of Chatleka CPA extended EXCO, though informed by extensive consultations with members of the Chatleka Communal Property Association, regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment process for the proposed developments adjacent to our communal lands. While I acknowledge the efforts undertaken by Cape EAPrac in the execution of this project, I am compelled to articulate, as I have done previously, serious concerns, that have emerged regarding the adequacy and appropriateness of the public participation process.

Identification of Fundamental Procedural Deficiencies

It is necessary to state plainly that the methodology employed for community engagement in this matter has created substantive procedural deficiencies. The predominant reliance upon electronic communication (in English) —including email correspondence, online document repositories, and digital platforms—has effectively precluded meaningful participation by the majority of Chatleka CPA beneficiaries.

You should be apprised that the Chatleka CPA serves a predominantly rural community where the vast majority of beneficiaries lack access to reliable internet connectivity and email facilities. This digital divide is not merely an inconvenience; it constitutes a material barrier to participation that undermines the foundational principles of fair, transparent, and inclusive public consultation as contemplated under the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The exclusion of our elders and other community members—individuals who possess invaluable knowledge concerning ancestral lands, heritage sites, and burial grounds—represents a failure to achieve the standard of meaningful public participation that the legislative framework demands.

Reasonable Expectations of Appropriate Engagement

It is submitted that there existed a legitimate and reasonable expectation that Cape EAPrac, in its capacity as Environmental Assessment Practitioner, would recognize the particular circumstances attendant to engagement with a Communal Property Association. Unlike disparate stakeholders distributed across wide geographic areas, the Chatleka CPA constitutes a cohesive, land-holding community situated in immediate proximity to the proposed development sites.

Given this context, it was both reasonable and prudent to expect that engagement would be conducted through in-person consultation, in an appropriate manner, form, and language, and at a venue accessible to affected community members. The convening of a public meeting within the community was not merely desirable; it was the appropriate and legally expected forum for this engagement.

It must be emphasized that the participation of a limited number of individuals as registered Interested and Affected Parties, responding via electronic correspondence, cannot and should not be construed as adequate consultation with the Chatleka CPA as an institutional entity or with its broader membership. Individual participants cannot reasonably be expected to represent the full spectrum of community perspectives, concerns, cultural sensitivities, and socio-economic considerations.

Heritage and Cultural Significance

The proposed development affects land that holds profound spiritual, cultural, and historical significance to the Chatleka community. This is not abstract heritage identified through desktop assessments; these are living connections to ancestral lands, including burial sites of cultural and spiritual importance.

The principles of environmental justice and constitutional imperatives regarding public participation demand substantive engagement—particularly where projects impact communities with deep-rooted connections to the land in question. Meaningful consultation transcends procedural formality; it constitutes a cornerstone of environmental justice, community respect, and ethical project development.

Forthcoming Formal Communication

I wish to advise you that formal correspondence will shortly be issued by the CPA's Acting Chairperson, articulating the institution's official position on these matters. That communication will formally address the procedural shortcomings identified and will request specific corrective

action from Cape EAPrac and the competent authority.

The formal correspondence will request:

1. A moratorium on the current process to permit proper, in-person community consultation;
2. The convening of public meetings within the Chatleka CPA and other affected Communal Property Associations in the surrounding area;
3. Engagement conducted in an appropriate manner, form, language, and venue ensuring genuine accessibility for all affected community members;
4. Proper documentation and substantive incorporation of community concerns, heritage sensitivities, and socio-economic considerations into the environmental record prior to any further decision-making.

Appeal for Amicable Resolution

Notwithstanding the serious nature of these concerns, I write to you first in the hope that Cape EAPrac will recognize the merit in addressing these deficiencies proactively and in good faith. There remains an opportunity for corrective measures to be implemented in a spirit of cooperation rather than confrontation.

I respectfully submit that meeting with our community—in person, within our communal setting—represents not an onerous additional burden but rather the fulfillment of a fundamental obligation. The investment of time and resources in proper consultation at this juncture will serve the interests of all parties by ensuring procedural integrity and by potentially avoiding protracted disputes in subsequent stages of the process.

Notice of Intended Actions

In the interests of transparency and in accordance with principles of good faith engagement, I must inform you of the following intended actions:

1. The CPA intends to lodge a formal complaint with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment concerning the inadequacy of public participation in the current EIA process;
2. The CPA reserves all rights available under NEMA and related legislation to appeal, review, or otherwise challenge any decision rendered on the basis of the current procedurally deficient process, on grounds of inadequate, procedurally unfair, and exclusionary public participation.

These actions should not be interpreted as indicative of an adversarial posture, but rather as the exercise of legitimate rights and the discharge of responsibilities owed to community members whose interests we are duty and morally-bound to protect.

Preference for Constructive Resolution

I wish to emphasize that the CPA's preference—and I believe this sentiment is widely shared within our community—is for an amicable resolution that respects both the legitimate objectives of the development proponents and the fundamental rights of our community to meaningful participation in decisions affecting our ancestral lands.

The procedural shortcomings identified are serious but not irreparable. What is required is acknowledgment of the deficiencies, a commitment to corrective action, and the implementation of proper, culturally appropriate community engagement before the process proceeds further.

Request for Response

I would be grateful to receive your written response at your earliest convenience, indicating:

1. Your acknowledgment of receipt of this correspondence;
2. Your preliminary views on the concerns raised herein;
3. Any proposed steps toward addressing the identified deficiencies; and
4. Your availability or that of Cape EAPrac representatives to discuss these matters further.

The Chatleka CPA community stands ready to engage constructively and in good faith, provided we are afforded a fair, appropriate, and accessible opportunity to participate meaningfully in this process.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and await your response.

Yours faithfully,

Motshewa Matimolane
Member of Chatleka CPA Extended EXCO
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Good day

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Hi Chantell

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Regards

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