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**From:** Matlhodi Mogorosi <MMOGOROSI@dffe.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 April 2025 08:38  
**To:** Dale Holder  
**Cc:** Thabile Sangweni; Sindiswa Dlomo; jacobs@wkn-windcurrent.com; Samsodien, Zara; Francois Byleveld  
**Subject:** RE: 2025-02-0012

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Dear Dale,

The minutes for the above-mentioned meeting have been reviewed and the Department is satisfied that the discussions were appropriately captured.

Regards

Matlhodi Mogorosi  
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
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Directorate: National Infrastructure Development  
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**From:** Dale Holder <dale@cape-eaprac.co.za>  
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**Subject:** RE: 2025-02-0012

Dear All

Kindly find attached minutes for the meeting held on 13 February 2025.

We intend submitting the application and draft scoping report shortly.

Should you have any comments on the minutes, please provide these to us by Friday 25 April 2025.

Kind Regards,

**Dale Holder**  
**SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTITIONER**  
**Cape EAPrac**  
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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Dale Holder  
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**To:** Matlhodi Mogorosi; Francois Byleveld  
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**Subject:** 2025-02-0012

**When:** Thursday, 13 February 2025 11:00-12:00 (UTC+02:00) Harare, Pretoria.

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Dear Mathlodi

Thank you very much for confirming the Department's availability for the pre application meeting for the Benya Solar project in Limpopo.

Kindly find calendar invite for the meeting at 11:00 on Thursday 13 February 2025.

Kind Regards,

Dale

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**From:** Matlhodi Mogorosi <[MMOGOROSI@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:MMOGOROSI@dfpe.gov.za)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 06 February 2025 12:06

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**Subject:** RE: 2025-02-0012

Dear Dale,

Your request for a pre-application meeting refers.

Kindly schedule the meeting for 13 February 2024 at 11:00am, on MS Teams. Please send the invitation as a calendar invite with the link included.

Regards

Matlhodi Mogorosi

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**From:** EIA Applications <[EIAApplications@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:EIAApplications@dfpe.gov.za)>  
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**Subject:** 2025-02-0012

Dear Matlhodi.

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

**Type of Application:** Pre-Application Meeting Request;  
**Reference Number:** 2025-02-0012;  
**Date Received:** 05/02/2025;  
**Action Required:** Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set

**EIA Applications**  
Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 05 February 2025 15:15  
**To:** EIA Applications <[EIAApplications@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:EIAApplications@dfpe.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** Submission of pre-application meeting request proposed Benya PV in the Limpopo province.

Dear EIA Applications,

Kindly find the attached pre-application meeting request for the proposed Benya PV development in the Limpopo province.

Kind regards/Vriendelike groete

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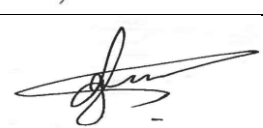
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MEETING SUMMARY	Project Name:	Benya Solar PV and Grid Connection Infrastructure.
	Reference Number:	2025-02-0012
	Date:	Monday, 13 February 2023
	Time:	11:00 am
	Location:	Via MS Teams
ATTENDEES:	Mathlodi Mogorosi – Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Thulisile Nyalunga – Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Thabile Sangweni - Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Sindiswa Dlomo - Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Dale Holder – Cape EAPrac (EAP) Francois Byleveld – Cape EAPrac (EAP) Stephan Jacobs – WKN Windcurrent (Applicant) Zara Samsodien – WKN Windcurrent (Applicant)	
NON-ATTENDING INVITEES:	None	
MEETING MEMO		
Dale Holder	Welcomed & introduced all attendees	
Dale Holder	Shared Screen and commenced with presentation.	
Dale Holder	Confirmed project location as follows: <b><u>Province</u></b> Limpopo, South Africa <b><u>District</u></b> Waterberg District <b><u>Local Municipality</u></b> Thabazimbi Local Municipality (closest town is Dwaalboom situated 22km East) <b><u>Properties</u></b> Remainder of Farm 198 (Solar PV) & Farm 216 (Grid Connection) *Site not within any of the REDZs or EGI Strategic Corridors <b><u>Provincial Environmental Authority</u></b> Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment & Tourism	
Dale Holder	Confirmed that the proposed project consists of an up to 300 MW Solar PV Development with Associated Infrastructure, including a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), on Remainder of Farm 198.	
Dale Holder	In addition to the Solar PV and associated infrastructure (including BESS), the applicant will also be applying for grid connection infrastructure, including an up to 132 kV on-site substation & power line to connect the Benya Solar PV Facility to the Eskom National Electricity Network (via LILO connection) On Farm 216.	
Stephan Jacobs	Confirmed the EAPs description of the project.	
Sindiswa Dlomo	Requested confirmation that the DFFE is the competent authority on this application.	
Dale Holder	Confirmed that the DFFE is the competent authority on this application. It is proposed that the project will be bid into the REIPPPP, as contemplated in the IRP. The project furthermore includes generation exceeding 100 MW, as identified in IQ/2023/253.	

Dale Holder	<p>Presented the outcome of the Screening Tool Report and confirmed that input from the following specialists will be obtained as part of the S&amp;EIA process/application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agricultural Assessment</li> <li>- Aquatic Biodiversity Assessment</li> <li>- Avifaunal Assessment</li> <li>- Heritage/Archaeology Assessment</li> <li>- Palaeontology Assessment</li> <li>- Social Assessment</li> <li>- Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment (Inclusive of Botanical and Faunal)</li> <li>- Visual Assessment</li> <li>- Civil Aviation Compliance Statement (to be completed by the EAP)</li> <li>- Geotechnical Assessment (Will only be done at EIR stage)</li> </ul>
Mathlodi Mogorosi	<p>Noted that the Scoping report must confirm which studies will be in the form of compliance statements and which will be impact assessments.</p>
Dale Holder	<p>Mathlodi Mogorosi's comment was noted. The outcome of the site sensitivities in the SSVR's currently being undertaken by the specialists will inform the level of study to be undertaken. This will be presented in the plan of study for EIR.</p>
Dale Holder	<p>Confirmed that the applicant intends to request permission in terms of Regulation 11(1) to undertake a single application for the Benya Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Facility &amp; Benya Electrical Grid Connection.</p>
Dale Holder	<p>Confirmed that the proposed approach for the Regulation 11 application is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submission of 2x separate application forms (with associated application fee payments).</li> <li>- Submission of a consolidated Draft Scoping Report which clearly indicates where findings are specific to either the solar PV facility or grid connection infrastructure.</li> <li>- Submission of a consolidated DEIR. The DEIR will include separate assessments for the two proposed components and will clearly indicate where findings, impacts and mitigation measures/recommendations are specific to either the solar PV facility or grid connection infrastructure.</li> <li>- Submission of an EMP<sub>r</sub> for the Solar PV Facility and Associated Infrastructure.</li> <li>- Submission of Generic EMP<sub>r</sub>s for the Substation and Power Line Infrastructure.</li> <li>- Submission of consolidated specialist reports. Impacts for the Solar PV Facility and Grid connection infrastructure to be assessed separately and the reports will clearly indicate where findings, impacts and mitigation measures/recommendations are specific to either the solar PV facility or grid connection infrastructure.</li> </ul>
Mathlodi Mogorosi	<p>Confirmed that the request in terms of Regulation 11 must be submitted to the Department in writing and that a written response must be obtained from the Department.</p>
Dale Holder	<p>Enquired whether this request must be submitted via EIA applications or directly to the DFFE Case officer.</p>
Mathlodi Mogorosi	<p>Confirmed that this request can be submitted to the DFFE case officer directly.</p>
Dale Holder	<p>Confirmed that the following key stakeholders have been registered as I&amp;AP's and will be given an opportunity to provide comments:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment &amp; Tourism (LDEDET)</li><li>- National Department of Agriculture (DALRRD)</li><li>- South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA)</li><li>- Limpopo Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (LIHRA)</li><li>- Limpopo Department of Water and Sanitation (and relevant catchment management agency)</li><li>- Limpopo Department of Transport</li><li>- SANRAL</li><li>- Waterberg District Municipality</li><li>- Thabazimbi Local Municipality</li><li>- BirdLife South Africa</li><li>- Vulpro</li><li>- Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)</li><li>- Adjacent and Affected landowners</li></ul>	
Mathlodi Mogorosi	The DFFE Conservation and Biodiversity Directorate must also be included as an I&AP/stakeholder.	
Dale Holder	Confirmed that the DFFE Conservation and Biodiversity Directorate will also be included as an I&AP/stakeholder and be given an opportunity to provide comments.	
Dale Holder	Confirmed that the meeting minutes and presentation would be included in the application.	
Dale Holder	No further comments or questions. Concluded meeting.	
DECISIONS MADE/ACTION ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cape EAPrac (EAP) to submit request in terms of Regulation 11 to Mathlodi Mogorosi.</li><li>2. Meeting Minutes to be submitted to the DFFE for review and approval.</li><li>3. Meeting Minutes and presentation to be appended to the application.</li></ul>	
ISSUES IDENTIFIED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No specific issues identified or raised during the meeting.</li></ul>	
APPENDICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Meeting Presentation.</li></ul>	
Acceptance of Minutes		
PARTY	Signature	Date
CAPE EAPRAC (EAP)		14 April 2025
WKN WINDCURRENT (APPLICANT)		15 April 2025
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (DFFE)		