

17 April 2024

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DEA&DP REF: 16/3/3/1/F5/25/2028/23

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED): THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A 3.15 MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY ON THE REMAINDER OF FARM BROODKRAAL NO. 154, PIKETBERG (SWARTLAND).

Guillaume Nel Environmental Consultants (GNEC) has been appointed by the Le Roux Group to facilitate the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process required by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) for Basic Assessment for the proposed development of a solar power plant on Farm RE/154, Piketberg, Western Cape.

Project Description

The proposed development entails the development of a solar photovoltaic facility on the remainder of Farm Broodkraal No. 154, Piketberg (Swartland) that will generate approximately 3.15 MW of electricity for the servicing of the existing Broodkraal farm packhouses and coolers for the increase and optimisation of agricultural productivity.

The following infrastructure is proposed:

- Approximately 6912 modules.
- The portrait orientation arrangement of approximately 72 tables in three (3) rows; and
- An approximate clearance height of 600mm.

The development footprint will be approximately 3.6ha in extent.

The proposed development will connect to an existing 11kV powerline and substation for the conveyance of the generated electricity. Existing access to the site will be obtained via the R399 near Wittewater.

Purpose of this letter:

This letter serves to inform you that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) has issued the Le Roux Group (Broodkraal Landgoed (Pty) Ltd) with an Environmental Authorisation (EA) in order for the holder of the EA to continue with the construction of the proposed PV development, with the date of the decision being the 15th of April 2024 (and received by GNEC on the same day).

Please note that the holder of the Environmental Authorisation is:

- Le Roux Group (Broodkraal Landgoed (Pty) Ltd)
- Contact Person: Mr. G. de Beer
- Sandrivier Estate, Route 45, WELLINGTON, 7655
- Tel: (021) 864 1967
- Email: gerrit@lerouxmobile.co.za

Additionally, please also see the contact details of the decision-maker below:

- Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP)
- Directorate: Development Management (Region 1)
- Enquiries: Naadiya Wookey / Keagan-Leigh Adriaanse
- Private Bag X9086, Cape Town, 8000
- Tel: 021 483 5828
- Email: Keagan-Leigh.Adriaanse@westerncape.gov.za

Reasons for decision:

In reaching its decision, the Competent Authority took, inter alia, the following into consideration:

- a) The information contained in the Application Form dated 10 July 2023 and received by the Competent Authority on 14 July 2023 and the BAR and the EMPr received by the Competent Authority on 05 December 2023;
- b) Relevant information contained in the Departmental information base, including, the Guidelines on Public Participation, Alternatives and Exemptions;
- c) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998);
- d) The comments received from interested and affected parties and the responses to these, included in the BAR dated November 2023;

- e) The balancing of negative and positive impacts and proposed mitigation measures; and
- f) No site visits were conducted. The Competent Authority had sufficient information before it to make an informed decision without conducting a site visit.

All information presented to the Competent Authority was taken into account in the consideration of the application for Environmental Authorisation. A summary of the issues that were considered to be the most significant for the decision is set out in ANNEXURE 3: REASONS FOR THE DECISION in the attached Environmental Authorisation.

Appeal procedure:

Should you as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) not agree with the DEA&DP's decision herewith attached, and would like to lodge an appeal, the appeal procedure in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations 2014, detailed on page 8 and 9 of the Environmental Authorisation, needs to be followed.

Should you wish to appeal, an appeal must be lodged with the Appeal Administrator **within 20 calendar days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant (i.e. this letter)**. The prescribed appeal form as well as assistance regarding the appeal process is obtainable from the office of the Appeal Authority at Tel: (021) 483 3721, e-mail: DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za or via the URL <http://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp>.

The appeal form must be submitted by means of one of the following methods:

- By Post: Western Cape Ministry of Local Government, Environmental Affairs
and Development Planning
Private Bag X9186
Cape Town
8000
- By facsimile: (021) 483 4174; or
- By Hand: Attention: Mr. Marius Venter
(Tel: 021 483 3721)
Room 809

8th Floor Utilitas Building, 1 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001

- By e-mail: DEADP.Appeals@westerncape.gov.za

Herewith, please find attached a copy of the Environmental Authorisation which was issued to Le Roux Group (Broodkraal Landgoed (Pty) Ltd). Additional information regarding the appeal procedure is available in the attached Environmental Authorisation. Please note that a copy of the Interested and Affected Party Database can be made available, should an appeal be lodged. Please inform Mrs. Euonell Visagie or Mr. Nardus Bosman (details below) and the I&AP database can be shared. Additional information regarding the reasons for the decision is available in the attached Environmental Authorisation in Annexure 3. Meanwhile, should you have any queries, please feel free to contact us, at:

Tel: (021) 870 1874

Fax: (021) 870 1873

E-mail: eg@gnec.co.za / nardus@gnec.co.za

Yours sincerely,

Euonell Visagie / Nardus Bosman

For GNEC

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