

24 October 2024

To: Identified Interested and Affected Party / Organs of State / Adjacent Landowner

NOTIFICATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: THE PROPOSED SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY FOR LACTALIS FACTORY ON FARMS RE/695 AND RE/26/174, BONNIEVALE
DEA&DP NOI REFERENCE NUMBER: 16/3/3/6/7/1/B1/4/1354/24

Dear Sir / Madam

Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, and the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, as amended as well as the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998).

The Applicant (Energy Partners Power (Pty) Ltd) is proposing the development of a Solar Renewable Energy Facility (SEF) and associated infrastructure on Farms RE/695 and RE/26/174 in Bonnievale, Western Cape. These properties constitute "the site". A locality plan is included as Figure 1.

The proposed maximum export capacity of 7.74 MW will be for the sole use of the Lactalis dairy factory in Bonnievale.

In addition to the solar field, the project will include a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), two internal mini substations ("minisubs") and a 11.5 kV underground transmission line to connect the SEF to the factory's incoming electrical infrastructure. The total development footprint measures approximately 13 ha. Existing gravel access roads off Malherbe Street will be used to access the solar field and transmission line.

Specialists were involved to determine the site sensitivities and inform the appropriate development footprint on site. The proposed development footprint as adjusted to accommodate specialist inputs is shown in Figure 2.

The proposed installation triggers the Listed Activities in terms of NEMA that require Environmental Authorisation before the project may commence. The following listed activities applies:

- NEMA and 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended: Listing Notice 1 (GNR 327 of 2014, as amended): Activities 1, 12, 27 and 28
- NEMA and 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended: Listing Notice 3 (GNR 324 of 2014, as amended): Activity 12.

The project also requires registration against the General Authorisation for Section 21(c) and (i) activities in terms of the National Water Act (36 of 1999).

A Basic Assessment environmental process is underway to apply for Environmental Authorisation. Ingrid Eggert of In Clover Environmental Consulting has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner for the project.

Report availability: The Draft Basic Assessment Report, Environmental Management Programme and related documentation will be available for comment from **25 October 2024 – 25 November 2024**. The documentation can be reviewed at the Bonnievale Public Library (16 van Zyl Street, Bonnievale). Alternatively it is available in an electronic format by accessing the following Google Drive link <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wJ6yKk2pkwIPRta2WlY6cOrS3o7VkQcl?usp=sharing> or it can be requested in an electronic format (CD) from the contact details provided below. A comprehensive Executive Summary will also be available as a stand-alone download for those parties with limited data.

Your opportunity to be involved: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will have the opportunity to participate in the process by reviewing and commenting on the environmental reporting. Should you, or your organisation, wish to register as an I&AP and provide comment on the project documentation, kindly do so in writing by providing your name and contact details (postal address, telephone/fax numbers and email address) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest you may have in the application, to the contact details below. A comment box is available at the library should I&APs wish to leave handwritten comments.

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The DEA&DP NOI Reference (16/3/3/6/7/1/B1/4/1354/24) should be quoted in your correspondence. With regards to the Protection of Personal Information, please note that we are required by environmental legislation to process the personal information submitted to us as part of public participation processes. Therefore, by taking part in this process, you consent to your contact details and correspondence being made available to the environmental authorities, and for your name and opinions / comments to be distributed in the public realm, as required by NEMA.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should any further information or clarification be required.

Yours faithfully



Ingrid Eggert
Environmental Assessment Practitioner

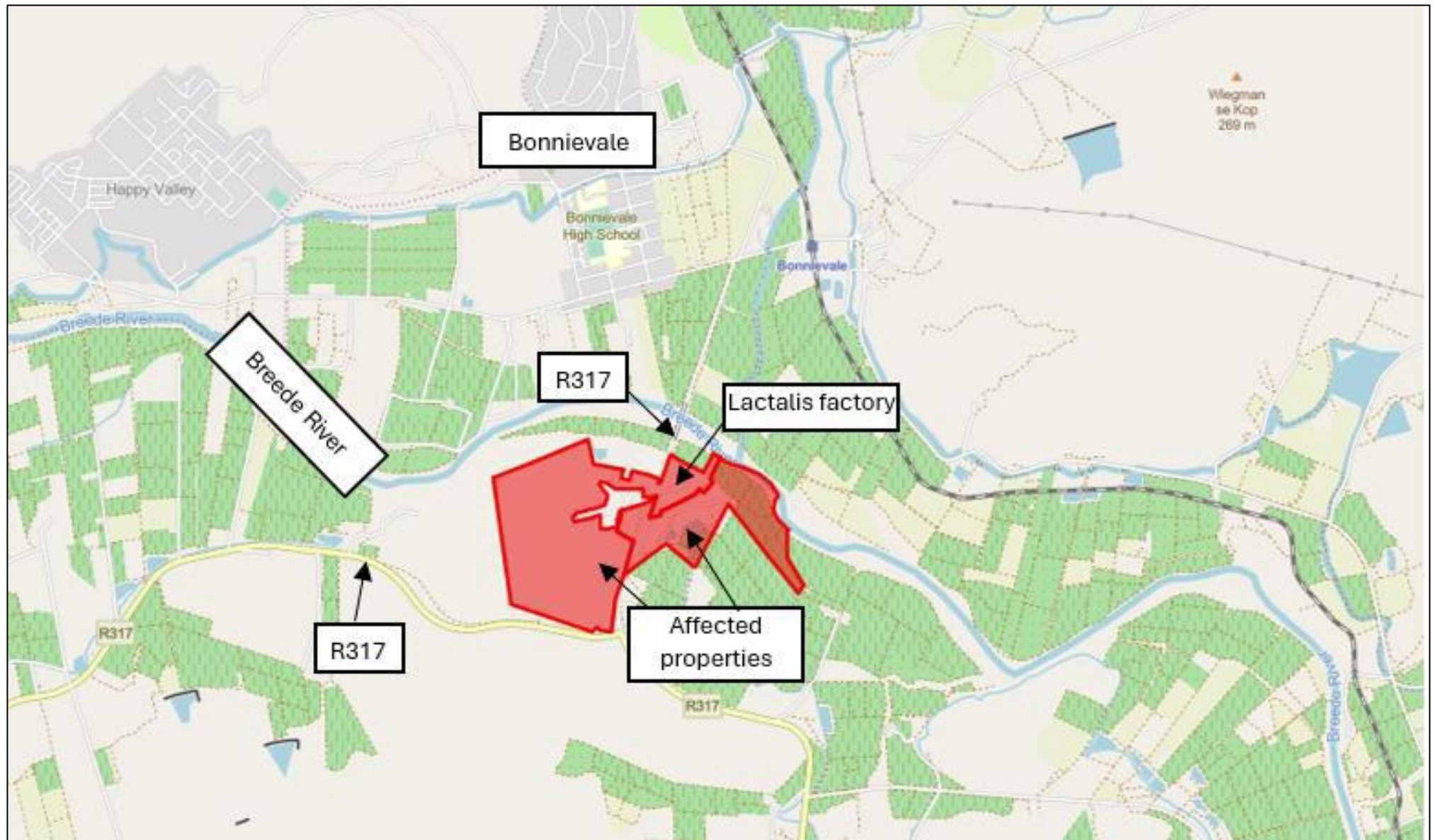


Figure 1: Locality map showing affected properties in red in relation to Bonnievale and other key features (created using Cape Farm Mapper, 2024)

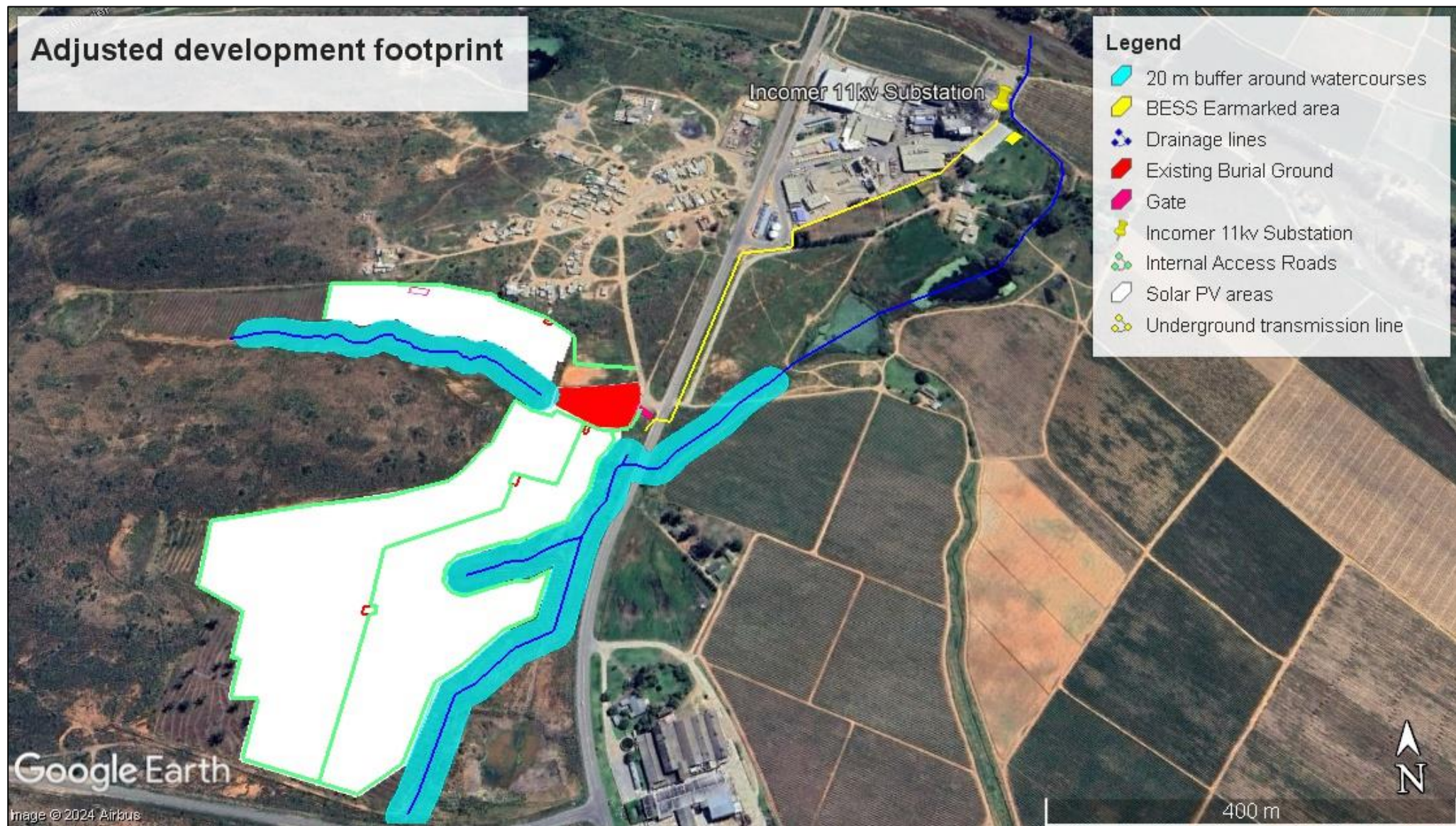


Figure 2: Proposed development footprint adjusted to accommodate environmental sensitivities (created using Google Earth)

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Complete the form below and add additional pages, should this be required. Registrations / comments must reach the environmental consultant by no later than the **25 November 2024**, by one of the following means:



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