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ABBREVIATIONS

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
CA	Competent Authority
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs (now DFFE)
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
EO	Environmental Officer (Contractor)
ER	Employer's Representative
ESCO	Environmental Site Compliance Officer
kV	Kilovolt
MVA	Megavolt Amperes
MW	Megawatt
NCC	NCC Operations
NCR	Non-Compliance Report
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998)
NWA	National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998)
OHPL	Overhead Power Line
SDC	Safe Disposal Certificate
SHE	Safety, Health, and Environment
SS	Substation
TBC	To Be Confirmed

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

NCC Operations (Pty) Ltd ("NCC") was appointed by **Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd** to provide a suitably experienced independent **Environmental Control Officer ("ECO")** for the construction phase of the Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection. The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection received an Environmental Authorisation ("**EA**") DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2929 on 06 June 2024. The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection consists of an on-site 33/132 kV switching station, a 132 kV **Overhead Powerline ("OHPL")**, and the expansion footprint at the existing Eskom Alpha 765/400 kV Substation. The Tournée Solar Park consisting of two solar PV facilities, each with a generating capacity of 150 MW will connect to the National Eskom grid through the Alpha Substation. The Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility and Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility were authorised in a separate EA.

The ECO has the responsibility of ensuring the mitigation/ rehabilitation measures and conditions referred to in the Environmental Authorisation are implemented, as well as ensuring compliance with the requirements of the **Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")**. This report provides an insight into the overall compliance performance and a summary of other environmental concerns and potential environmental risks through observations during site inspections.

This report is based on the following environmental conditions or requirements:

- a) Environmental Authorisations
 - 1) Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection:
 - a. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929
 - b. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929/AM1
- b) Environmental Management Programmes
- c) Relevant environmental legislation.
- d) All other environmental permits, licenses, and authorisations.

The notification of commencement of construction was submitted to the DFFE for Tournée Powerlines (RF) (Pty) Ltd on the 26 August 2025.

This report addresses conditions set out in the EA which states the ECO as part of their duties: *"The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted, and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO."*

As per the roles and responsibilities in the **Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection. ("TSPGC")** EMPr, the primary role of the ECO will be to monitor the construction activities and ensure that the mitigation measures of the EMPr and EA are implemented. This report also includes an audit checklist for the VSP EA as follows:

1) Tournee 1 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)

A summary of the various environmental requirements i.e. the audit criteria relating to the overall project is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of environmental requirements / criteria relating to the overall project.

Components of overall project	Environmental requirements / criteria			
	DFFE EA Ref No.	Issue date	Approved EMPr (Compiled by)	Date
Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection	14/12/16/3/3/2/2929	06 June 2024	Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd	September 2025

This report represents the monitoring for the Construction Phase. The responsibility of enforcement of the conditions of the EAs and EMPs lies with the Project and Project Manager, while the **Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment ("DFFE") Environmental Management Inspectorate ("EMI")** may also enforce existing and potentially new conditions through compliance notices.

An **Environmental Site Compliance Officer ("ESCO")** has been appointed by the holder of the EA to monitor the project compliance onsite on a full-time basis on behalf of the EA holder. The responsibilities of the ESCO includes:

- Monitoring conditions of the **Basic Assessment Reports ("BARs")**, **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**, EAs and the EMPs.
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.
- Approving method statements (reviewed by the ECO and co-approved by Site Manager).
- Remaining employed until the completion of the construction activities.
- Reporting to the Project Manager, including all findings identified onsite.
- Reporting any significant findings to the ECO.
- Preparing and submitting monthly reports to the ECO and Project Manager.
- Monitoring compliance by the Contractor.

In addition, the ESCO will:

- Undertake daily inspections of the site and surrounding areas.

- Audit compliance with the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation.
- Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation are not followed.
- Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible; and
- Ensure that activities onsite comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

1.2 Audit Scope and Purpose

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) the holder of an environmental authorisation must, for the period during which the EA and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, remain valid —

- a) Ensure that the compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, is audited; and*
- b) Submit an environmental audit report to the relevant competent authority.*

The purpose of this environmental audit is to verify compliance to the overarching environmental requirements specified as conditions of the EAs and EMPrs, and report on the extent to which the objectives of the EMPrs and are being achieved.

1.3 Monitoring Frequency and Reporting

The monitoring and reporting frequency by the ECO are monthly and this monitoring report, an audit site inspection was undertaken on the 3rd of December 2025 after which this report was compiled which serves to document and audit. This report covers the monthly reporting for the month of December 2025.

2 AUDITOR BACKGROUND

NCC is a multi-disciplinary environmental consulting company based in South Africa which adopts a 'values driven' approach with a common purpose to conserve and create sustainable environments that enable people, planet and business to thrive. We are a trusted partner to major engineering and construction firms, mines, parastatals, film, sports and event production companies, municipalities, provincial and national government, and conservation organisations. Drawing on our years of experience on a wide range of projects, NCC works with our clients to develop, implement, and monitor customised services that add real value.

The auditor, **Jennipher Sakaunda**, is a senior environmental consultant with more than 14 years' experience currently employed with NCC. Jennipher Sakaunda has experience in several environmental fields including environmental compliance monitoring and auditing, due diligence assessment, environmental impact and risk assessment, and compilation of environmental management plans/programmes.

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3 GENERAL (NOTABLE EVENTS)

Construction work activities underway during the reporting period (December 2025) included the following:

- Various subcontractors onboarding and medicals.

3.1 General Outstanding matters

Any major outstanding matters are to be recorded and summarised in the Concerns Register (**Annexure A**). The register makes provision for the number of concerns noted and distinguishes between the number of outstanding or open items and closed-out items.

Any unresolved conditions will roll-over to the next reporting period and will be removed once resolved.

3.2 Audits (Internal and External)

Internal audits are undertaken monthly by the Red Rocket ESCO. This ECO Audit was undertaken on the 03rd of December 2025. Audit tables/checklists are attached to this report. The ECO undertakes external monthly audits.

4 WASTE MANAGEMENT

During the reporting period, only general waste was generated on site. As construction activities have not yet commenced, the waste produced is limited to office waste such as paper and plastics. Based on the information received from the contactor, Confianza Projects will handle general waste onsite. The service providers dispose the general waste at Lekwa Local Municipality waste disposal site-Licence number: **12/9/11/L1/09/6**. No waste has been disposed at the landfill site yet.

4.1 Hazardous waste

Since no construction activities have commenced there currently no hazardous waste stored or generated on site. The appointment of a hazardous waste service provider is being coordinated and is pending the issuance of a request for quotation to local SMMEs.

4.2 Wastewater

The site office is equipped with an existing functional running toilet, and additional mobile toilets are available. There is an existing conservancy tank onsite to cater the sewerage needs site. The appointment of a wastewater service provider is being coordinated and is currently pending the issuance of a request for quotation to local SMMEs. The appointed service provider will dispose the wastewater at the Pixely Ka Seme Local Municipality wastewater treatment facility (Amersfoort WWTP) - Licence No: **08/C11/E/FG/2837**.

5 PROTECTIVE MEASURES

5.1 General

Protective measures have been deployed to mitigate environmental impacts or prevent impacts from occurring which includes:

- Security guards are present on the site, with access control in place.
- Induction training is conducted for all persons working and visiting the site.
- Snake gaiters are provided.
- Spill kits are available on site.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

6.1 Conservation of Flora and Fauna

A permit to clear the site and relocate species of concern was received from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency Ref Number **2924/2925**. Alien vegetation such as the *Cirsium vulgare* a Category 1b species under NEMBA (Act No. 10 of 2004) are scattered on the construction areas. The contractor must monitor affected areas to ensure alien vegetation does not spread to other areas that are not yet affected and to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Mora Ecological Services (Pty) Ltd was appointed to conduct search and rescue operations on site. The operation was carried out on the 10th of November 2025, with the relocation and demarcation of the receptor area completed on 17th November 2025 as per the floral search, rescue & relocation plan.

6.2 Water Management

Water needs for the site are currently met from a borehole already onsite which does not form part of the approved borehole. This borehole onsite is not included in the WUL. The project has two Water use Licence Reference No: **10/C11H/ACI/15143** and **10/C11H/ACI/15144** for BH3 and BH5 respectively that allows for abstraction of 38 200m³ of water annually from the each of the boreholes during the construction phase. Abstraction on water has not commenced on these boreholes. A GA was issued for the powerline in terms of section 21 C & I for the powerlines crossing the watercourses and wetlands.

6.3 Soil Management

N/A

6.4 Stormwater and Erosion onsite

The contractor's **Stormwater Management Plan ("SWMP")** was approved and will be implemented to address erosion and water ponding on the roads and PV area once construction commences.

7 INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

7.1 Access Roads

The project team is using existing farm roads for current construction activities until such time as the project access roads and internal roads have been constructed. Erosion and water ponding were observed on the access roads. Maintenance of the access roads must be done on a regular basis.

7.2 Fences, Gates, and Barricading

As construction activities have not commenced the construction area has not been fence, however the farm is secured. There are security personnel manning the access gates.

7.3 Buildings and Structures

An existing farm building is being used as the site office, with one toilet and conservancy tank to manage sewer onsite.

8 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Any complaints from the public are to be recorded on complaints register maintained by the Contractor whose responsibility it is to track and resolve the complaints/issues that are raised. In addition, the box for receiving internal grievances must be present at the main site office facility which allows for project staff to bring to the attention of the project management team any comments and or concerns.

9 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND TRAINING

The contractor has undertaken Toolbox talks for the month of December 2025 covering the following topics:

- Site induction
- No-go areas
- Environmental induction.

10 HERITAGE

Two heritage sites have been identified onsite; the contactor must ensure that a 50m buffer must maintained around the sites. In the event of any unknown artefacts being uncovered during construction, the ESCO and Project Manager must be informed immediately who must then instruct work to be stopped in the immediate area and then promptly report the discovery/finding to the ECO, a heritage specialist and the relevant heritage authority to investigate and confirm if such discovery is in fact a heritage artefact of any significance. No activities impacting upon any heritage sites were reported during this reporting period.

11 WARNING & NCRS

No NCR reports were issued by the ECO in the month of December 2025.

12 REHABILITATION

N/A

13 INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

All environmental related events, incidents and accidents are to be reported directly to the ECO and kept on a central register and included in the monthly report. No environmental incidents that are reportable under Section 30 of the NEMA occurred in December 2025. A register of environmental incidents is attached as **Annexure C**.

14 MEETINGS AND OTHER CORRESPONDANCE

The ECO conducted the monthly site visit on the 3rd of December 2025 with observations documented in this report. Monthly ECO compliance reports are submitted to the Department (**DFFE**) by the ECO.

15 AUDIT METHODOLOGY

This section provides an overview of the methods employed in making observations and providing recommendations and conclusions derived from the audit procedures undertaken.

15.1 Audit Process

The site visit, data reviews and report drafting were undertaken by the ECO/auditor. The audit included the following procedures:

- **Site Inspections.** The areas and aspects covered during the inspections with concurrent discussions with the ESCO and site-based representatives of the EA holder included *inter alia*:
 - i. Access control to the sites.
 - ii. Ecologically sensitive areas, where applicable.
 - iii. Waste management.
 - iv. Incident and complaints management.
 - v. Landowner relations.
 - vi. Infrastructure management.
 - vii. Environmental Awareness.
 - viii. Record-keeping and document control.
 - ix. Stormwater and Erosion management
- **Documentation review.** This included:
 - i. A review of the EAs, EMPs and where applicable, method statements.
 - ii. A review of previous audit reports, records, observations, and findings.
 - iii. A review of any remedial and/or protective measures implemented.
 - iv. Identification, if applicable, any gaps requiring action and/or rectification.
- **Audit Report compilation.** This included:
 - i. Recording any observations and findings identified during the audit.
 - ii. Providing recommendations relating to improvement or non-compliance, if and where applicable.

15.2 Observation and Recommendation Determination

Observations and subsequent recommendations were based on and are limited to the following:

- i. Available documentation and records viewed or received prior, subsequent, or during the site visit.
- ii. Observations made during the period that the ECO/auditor was on site; and
- iii. Information received from both direct and cross-referenced discussions with permanent site-based staff.

15.3 Findings

Any key findings highlighted in this report will indicate areas and/or aspects that require improvement or rectification. The purpose of summarising the findings is to allow the EA holder to identify common management challenges that effect the level of compliance to the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs.

Where findings and recommendations pertaining are deemed significant through compliance status or performance, they are documented as specific issues in the report. All site-specific observations are recorded in the corresponding audit checklist tables.

15.4 Audit Tables and Compliance Ratings

The audit table captures observations and recommendations made in relation to the conditions stipulated in the EAs and EMPrs. It provides the reader with more detailed information in terms of what the stipulated requirements are in relation to the organisation's assessed current compliance status, according to the observations recorded by the auditor.

Ratings are calculated based on a scoring system whereby each auditable condition is provided with a score as highlighted in **Table 3** below.

Table 4: Compliance rating and scoring.

Status	Compliance Rating		Description
	Abbreviation	Scoring	
<i>Compliant</i>	C	2	<i>No improvements required</i>
<i>Partially Compliant</i>	PC	1	<i>Minor improvements required</i>
<i>Non-Compliant</i>	NC	0	<i>Major improvements required</i>
<i>Work in Progress</i>	WiP	-	<i>Environmental management measures are underway but not yet fully implemented or verified, requiring further monitoring and assessment.</i>
<i>Not Applicable / Not Audited</i>	NA	-	<i>No improvements required and / or the condition is either not, not yet or no longer relevant at the time of the audit</i>
<i>Informative</i>	info	-	<i>These relate to informative elements that provide either useful information or are descriptive in the explanation and understanding of statements or concepts in the audit criteria</i>

Each condition has been ascribed a colour-coded status indicator of Compliant (green), Partially Compliant (orange), major-compliant (red), Not Auditable/Audited (grey), Work in Progress (light red) and Informative (blank/white) to assist the reader in determining aspects that require attention to improve on compliance achieved, if and where applicable. No compliance scoring is attributed any of the audit criteria information pertaining to the following three audit status symbols, namely 'NA', 'WiP', and 'info' as they were either not auditable and/or were not applicable/relevant at the time the audit was undertaken. In other words, they are excluded from the overall compliance rating calculations.

An overall compliance rating is calculated as a percentage to provide the reader with an overview of compliance to the relevant audit criteria however each condition should be considered on its own merits as the ratings do not necessarily portray the severity or impact of the reported finding relating to a condition.

16 ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The ECO compliance audit and associated report are based upon the assumptions that:

- i. Documentation provided to the ECO/auditor is factual and true.
- ii. The audit is based purely on the conditions as stipulated in the EAs and EMPs.
- iii. The construction phase is currently underway and operational phase activities are not applicable.
- iv. Documentation / reports were randomly sampled / reviewed in order to accommodate time constraints.
- v. Where visual observations were not possible either due to physical access constraints or safety constraints, the ECO/auditor used other means to determine compliance, either through requesting written evidence provided by contractors / service providers who service the site or via interviews with technical site-based staff.

17 CONSULTATION PROCESS

The approach of consultation followed during the environmental audit was based on written (email) and telephonic correspondence between the ECO/auditor and the Environmental Site Compliance Officer which also includes consultation and communication with the EA holder and competent authority in terms of report submission.

18 FINDINGS

Findings are listed in the attached checklists, and it should be noted that findings should be considered individually in the context of the full audit and each condition and associated rating.

The following findings were noted onsite:

- General waste is improperly disposed a nearby garage.

Based on the outcomes of the audit it was established that the objectives of the EAs and EMPs were achieved in terms of:

- Sufficiently providing for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity on an on-going basis.*
- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of environmental authorisation and EMPs.*

18.1 Minor improvements required.

- N/A

18.2 Major improvements required.

- Appoint a service provider for waste management.

19 AUDIT SUMMARY

In terms of the findings and results of the **December 2025** ECO audit, the project achieved an overall **96.00 % compliance** rating with the conditions of the EAs and EMPs.

Table 4: Compliance Scoring

No.	Audit criteria	Compliant (C)	Partially Compliant (PC)	Major-non-Compliant (NC)	Work in Progress	Normative (info)	Not Applicable / Not Audited (NA)	Percentage Score
1	Environmental Authorisation for Tournee Grid Connection (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	19	1	0	1	23	9	(98%)
3	Generic EMPs for Tournee OHPL (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	26	1	1	0	169	161	(95%)
4	Generic EMPs Tournee 2 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	10	1	0	1	12	197	(95%)
Overall total no. conditions		55	3	1	2	204	367	
Audited conditions		110	3	0	-	-	-	(Potential max score)
Overall Compliance Rating Calculation (%)		96.00%						

20 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings identified the following is recommended:

- Service providers must be appointed for general waste, wastewater and hazardous waste to service the site.

21 CONCLUSION

The contractor must ensure that systems and resources to monitor and manage environmental risks and impacts adequately are in place. Resources and personnel to train employees on the contents of the EMPs must be made to ensure that the project runs effectively and efficiently with minimal impact to the biophysical and socio-economic environment.

In general, the EMPs are effective in their current format in terms of content and relevance and there are no major shortcomings. The EMPs sufficiently provides for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with this project.

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ANNEXURE A – CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS REGISTER

Open Concerns/Complaint

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Suggested Due Date ¹	Proposed Corrective Action	Status	Closure status

**The concerns register is updated once the ECO is present on site.*

Closed Concerns

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Due Date suggested by ECO	Corrective Action Taken	Outcome	Closure status

ANNEXURE B - NCR REGISTER

Ref No.	Originator	Dated Issued	Description	Proposed Corrective Action	Closure Status	Closure Date	Further Action Required

ANNEXURE C - INCIDENT REGISTER

Date	Type	Impact	Description of Incident	Volume	Remedial Action	
	Chemical Spill/ Sewage/ Waste/ Fauna &Flora/ Fire/ Water/ Administrative/ Other	Water pollution/ Soil pollution/ Air pollution/ Erosion/ Biodiversity etc.	What, Where, When, How, Why did it happen?		Immediate Corrective Actions	Preventative measures

ANNEXURE D – PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Chemical toilets onsite



Figure 2: Heritage site



Figure 3: Muddy access road.



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Figure 5: Alien Vegetation onsite



Figure 6: Site access gate



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ABBREVIATIONS

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
CA	Competent Authority
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs (now DFFE)
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
EO	Environmental Officer (Contractor)
ER	Employer's Representative
ESCO	Environmental Site Compliance Officer
kV	Kilovolt
MVA	Megavolt Amperes
MW	Megawatt
NCC	NCC Operations
NCR	Non-Compliance Report
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998)
NWA	National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998)
OHPL	Overhead Power Line
SDC	Safe Disposal Certificate
SHE	Safety, Health, and Environment
SS	Substation
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TSF	Temporary Site Facility

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

NCC Operations (Pty) Ltd ("NCC") was appointed by **Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd** to provide a suitably experienced independent **Environmental Control Officer ("ECO")** for the construction phase of the Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection. The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection received an Environmental Authorisation ("**EA**") DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2929 on 06 June 2024. The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection consists of an on-site 33/132 kV switching station, a 132 kV **Overhead Powerline ("OHPL")**, and the expansion footprint at the existing Eskom Alpha 765/400 kV Substation. The Tournée Solar Park consisting of two solar PV facilities, each with a generating capacity of 150 MW will connect to the National Eskom grid through the Alpha Substation. The Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility and Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility were authorised in separate EAs.

The ECO has the responsibility of ensuring the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and conditions referred to in the Environmental Authorisation are implemented, as well as ensuring compliance with the requirements of the **Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")**. This report provides an insight into the overall compliance performance and a summary of other environmental concerns and potential environmental risks through observations during site inspections.

This report is based on the following environmental conditions or requirements:

- a) Environmental Authorisations
 - 1) Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection:
 - a. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929
 - b. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929/AM1
- b) Environmental Management Programmes
- c) Relevant environmental legislation.
- d) All other environmental permits, licenses, and authorisations.

The notification of commencement of construction was submitted to the DFFE for Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd on the 26 August 2025.

This report addresses conditions set out in the EA which states the ECO as part of their duties: *"The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted, and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO."*

As per the roles and responsibilities in the **Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection ("TSPGC")** EMPr, the primary role of the ECO will be to monitor the construction activities and ensure that the mitigation measures of the EMPr and EA are implemented. This report also includes an audit checklist for the VSP EA as follows:

- 1) Tournée 1 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)

A summary of the various environmental requirements i.e. the audit criteria relating to the overall project is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of environmental requirements / criteria relating to the overall project.

Components of overall project	Environmental requirements / criteria			
	DFFE EA Ref No.	Issue date	Approved EMPr (Compiled by)	Date
Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection	14/12/16/3/3/2/2929	06 June 2024	Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd	September 2025

This report represents the monitoring for the Construction Phase. The responsibility of enforcement of the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs lies with the Project and Project Manager, while the **Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment ("DFFE") Environmental Management Inspectorate ("EMI")** may also enforce existing and potentially new conditions through compliance notices.

An **Environmental Site Compliance Officer ("ESCO")** has been appointed by the holder of the EA to monitor the project compliance onsite on a full-time basis on behalf of the EA holder. The responsibilities of the ESCO includes:

- Monitoring conditions of the **Basic Assessment Reports ("BARs"), Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**, EAs and the EMPrs.
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.
- Approving method statements (reviewed by the ECO and co-approved by Site Manager).
- Remaining employed until the completion of the construction activities.
- Reporting to the Project Manager, including all findings identified onsite.
- Reporting any significant findings to the ECO.
- Preparing and submitting monthly reports to the ECO and Project Manager.
- Monitoring compliance by the Contractor.

In addition, the ESCO will:

- Undertake daily inspections of the site and surrounding areas.
- Audit compliance with the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation.
- Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation are not followed.
- Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible; and
- Ensure that activities onsite comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

1.2 Audit Scope and Purpose

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) the holder of an environmental authorisation must, for the period during which the EA and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, remain valid —

- a) Ensure that the compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, is audited; and*
- b) Submit an environmental audit report to the relevant competent authority.*

The purpose of this environmental audit is to verify compliance to the overarching environmental requirements specified as conditions of the EAs and EMPrs, and report on the extent to which the objectives of the EMPrs and are being achieved.

1.3 Monitoring Frequency and Reporting

The monitoring and reporting frequency by the ECO are monthly and this monitoring report, an audit site inspection was undertaken on the 19th of January 2026 after which this report was compiled which serves to document and audit. This report covers the monthly reporting for the month of January 2026.

2 AUDITOR BACKGROUND

NCC is a multi-disciplinary environmental consulting company based in South Africa which adopts a 'values driven' approach with a common purpose to conserve and create sustainable environments that enable people, planet and business to thrive. We are a trusted partner to major engineering and construction firms, mines, parastatals, film, sports and event production companies, municipalities, provincial and national government, and conservation organisations. Drawing on our years of experience on a wide range of projects, NCC works with our clients to develop, implement, and monitor customised services that add real value.

The auditor, **Jennipher Sakaunda**, is a senior environmental consultant with more than 14 years' experience currently employed with NCC. Jennipher Sakaunda has experience in several environmental fields including environmental compliance monitoring and auditing, due diligence assessment, environmental impact and risk assessment, and compilation of environmental management plans/programmes.

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3 GENERAL (NOTABLE EVENTS)

Earthworks for the Temporary Site Facility (“TSF”) are underway during the reporting period (January 2026).

3.1 General Outstanding matters

Any major outstanding matters are to be recorded and summarised in the Concerns Register (**Annexure A**). The register makes provision for the number of concerns noted and distinguishes between the number of outstanding or open items and closed-out items.

Any unresolved conditions will roll-over to the next reporting period and will be removed once resolved.

3.2 Audits (Internal and External)

Internal audits are undertaken monthly by the Red Rocket ESCO. This ECO Audit was undertaken on the 19th of January 2026 Audit tables/checklists are attached to this report. The ECO undertakes external monthly audits.

4 WASTE MANAGEMENT

The contractor must make provision for waste avoidance, minimisation, and separation of waste where possible through recycling efforts. Waste management awareness must be done on an ongoing basis and must be provided through toolbox talks and awareness posters. Colour-coded waste bins have been provided on site to support effective waste segregation. During the reporting period, only general waste was generated onsite, and is handled by Confianza Projects and transported by a company called Averda. The service providers disposed the general waste at Lekwa Local Municipality waste disposal site-Licence number: **12/9/11/L1/09/6**.

4.1 Domestic/ General Waste

A total of 80 kg of general waste was generated on site in the month of January 2026 constituting mostly of paper from the offices. A total of 80 kg of waste was disposed at the Standerton Landfill site. Waste bins must be placed in areas where each team will be working, at the end of the day waste is collected and placed at the laydown areas for temporary storage. Proof of disposal must be made available on request.

4.2 Hazardous waste

No hazardous waste was stored or generated on site in January 2026.

4.3 Wastewater

The site office is equipped with an existing functional running toilet, and additional mobile toilets are available at the site office. There is an existing conservancy tank onsite to cater the sewerage needs site Chemical toilets have been provided at the construction area.

Slindile Okuhle Civil and Construction was appointed to supply the chemical toilets while Motemo Group transports the sewage and disposes it at Pixely Ka Seme Local Municipality wastewater treatment facility (Amersfoort WWTP) - Licence No: **08/C11/E/FG/2837**. Proof of disposal is available onsite. As works commence onsite the contractor must ensure ablutions are within walking distance of the working areas.

5 PROTECTIVE MEASURES

5.1 General

Protective measures have been deployed to mitigate environmental impacts or prevent impacts from occurring which includes:

- Security guards are present on the site, with access control in place.
- Induction training is conducted for all persons working and visiting the site.
- Snake gaiters are provided.
- Spill kits are available on site.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

6.1 Conservation of Flora and Fauna

A permit to clear the site and relocate species of concern was received from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency Ref Number **2924/2925**. Alien vegetation such as the *Cirsium vulgare* a Category 1b species under NEMBA (Act No. 10 of 2004) are scattered on the construction areas. The contractor must monitor affected areas to ensure alien vegetation does not spread to other areas that are not yet affected and to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

6.2 Water Management

Water needs for the site are currently met from a borehole already onsite which does not form part of the approved borehole. This borehole onsite is not included in the WUL. The project has two Water use Licence's (Reference No: **10/C11H/ACI/15143** and **10/C11H/ACI/15144**) for BH3 and BH5 respectively that allows for abstraction of 38 200m³ of water annually from the each of the boreholes during the construction phase. Abstraction on water has not commenced on these boreholes. The powerline as a General Authorisation approved in terms of Section 21 c & l to allow development with watercourses.

6.3 Soil Management

Topsoil has been stockpiled along the newly constructed road and where the TSF is being developed. The contractor must ensure that the stockpiles height does not exceed 2m and alien vegetation monitoring is done.

6.4 Stormwater and Erosion onsite

The contractor's **Stormwater Management Plan ("SWMP")** was approved and will be implemented to address erosion and water ponding on the roads and PV area once construction commences.

7 INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

7.1 Access Roads

The project team is using existing farm roads for current construction activities until such time as the project access roads and internal roads have been constructed. Erosion and water ponding were observed on the access roads. Maintenance of the access roads must be done on a regular basis.

7.2 Fences, Gates, and Barricading

The construction area has not been fenced; however, the farm is secured. There are security personnel manning the access gates.

7.3 Buildings and Structures

An Existing building is used as the site office, with one toilet and a conservancy tank is used to manage sewer onsite.

8 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Any complaints from the public are to be recorded on complaints register maintained by the Contractor whose responsibility it is to track and resolve the complaints/issues that are raised. In addition, the box for receiving internal grievances must be present at the main site office facility which allows for project staff to bring to the attention of the project management team any comments and or concerns.

9 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND TRAINING

The contractor has undertaken Toolbox talks for the month of January 2026 covering the following topics:

- Site induction
- No-go areas
- Environmental induction.

10 HERITAGE

Two heritage sites have been identified onsite; the contractor must ensure that a 50m buffer must be maintained around the sites. In the event of any unknown artefacts being uncovered during construction, the ESCO and Project Manager must be informed immediately who must then instruct work to be stopped in the immediate area and then promptly report the discovery/finding to the ECO, a heritage specialist and the relevant heritage authority to investigate and confirm if such discovery is in fact a heritage artefact of any significance. No activities impacting upon any heritage sites were reported during this reporting period.

11 WARNING & NCRS

No NCR reports were issued by the ECO in the month of January 2026.

12 REHABILITATION

N/A

13 INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

All environmental related events, incidents and accidents are to be reported directly to the ECO and kept on a central register and included in the monthly report. No environmental incidents that are reportable under Section 30 of the NEMA occurred in January 2026. A register of environmental incidents is attached as **Annexure C**.

14 MEETINGS AND OTHER CORRESPONDANCE

The ECO conducted the monthly site visit on the 19th of January 2026 with observations documented in this report. Monthly ECO compliance reports are submitted to the Department (**DFFE**) by the ECO.

15 AUDIT METHODOLOGY

This section provides an overview of the methods employed in making observations and providing recommendations and conclusions derived from the audit procedures undertaken.

15.1 Audit Process

The site visit, data reviews and report drafting were undertaken by the ECO/auditor. The audit included the following procedures:

- **Site Inspections.** The areas and aspects covered during the inspections with concurrent discussions with the ESCO and site-based representatives of the EA holder included *inter alia*:
 - i. Access control to the sites.
 - ii. Ecologically sensitive areas, where applicable.
 - iii. Waste management.
 - iv. Incident and complaints management.
 - v. Landowner relations.
 - vi. Infrastructure management.
 - vii. Environmental Awareness.
 - viii. Record-keeping and document control.
 - ix. Stormwater and Erosion management
- **Documentation review.** This included:
 - i. A review of the EAs, EMPs and where applicable, method statements.
 - ii. A review of previous audit reports, records, observations, and findings.
 - iii. A review of any remedial and/or protective measures implemented.
 - iv. Identification, if applicable, any gaps requiring action and/or rectification.
- **Audit Report compilation.** This included:
 - i. Recording any observations and findings identified during the audit.
 - ii. Providing recommendations relating to improvement or non-compliance, if and where applicable.

15.2 Observation and Recommendation Determination

Observations and subsequent recommendations were based on and are limited to the following:

- i. Available documentation and records viewed or received prior, subsequent, or during the site visit.
- ii. Observations made during the period that the ECO/auditor was on site; and
- iii. Information received from both direct and cross-referenced discussions with permanent site-based staff.

15.3 Findings

Any key findings highlighted in this report will indicate areas and/or aspects that require improvement or rectification. The purpose of summarising the findings is to allow the EA holder to identify common management challenges that effect the level of compliance to the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs.

Where findings and recommendations pertaining are deemed significant through compliance status or performance, they are documented as specific issues in the report. All site-specific observations are recorded in the corresponding audit checklist tables.

15.4 Audit Tables and Compliance Ratings

The audit table captures observations and recommendations made in relation to the conditions stipulated in the EAs and EMPrs. It provides the reader with more detailed information in terms of what the stipulated requirements are in relation to the organisation's assessed current compliance status, according to the observations recorded by the auditor.

Ratings are calculated based on a scoring system whereby each auditable condition is provided with a score as highlighted in **Table 3** below.

Table 4: Compliance rating and scoring.

Status	Compliance Rating		Description
	Abbreviation	Scoring	
Compliant	C	2	No improvements required
Partially Compliant	PC	1	Minor improvements required
Non-Compliant	NC	0	Major improvements required
Work in Progress	WiP	-	Environmental management measures are underway but not yet fully implemented or verified, requiring further monitoring and assessment.
Not Applicable / Not Audited	NA	-	No improvements required and / or the condition is either not, not yet or no longer relevant at the time of the audit
Informative	info	-	These relate to informative elements that provide either useful information or are descriptive in the explanation and understanding of statements or concepts in the audit criteria

Each condition has been ascribed a colour-coded status indicator of Compliant (green), Partially Compliant (orange), major-compliant (red), Not Auditable/Audited (grey), Work in Progress (light red) and Informative (blank/white) to assist the reader in determining aspects that require attention to improve on compliance achieved, if and where applicable. No compliance scoring is attributed any of the audit criteria information pertaining to the following three audit status symbols, namely 'NA', 'WiP', and 'info' as they were either not auditable and/or were not applicable/relevant at the time the audit was undertaken. In other words, they are excluded from the overall compliance rating calculations.

An overall compliance rating is calculated as a percentage to provide the reader with an overview of compliance to the relevant audit criteria however each condition should be considered on its own merits as the ratings do not necessarily portray the severity or impact of the reported finding relating to a condition.

16 ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The ECO compliance audit and associated report are based upon the assumptions that:

- i. Documentation provided to the ECO/auditor is factual and true.
- ii. The audit is based purely on the conditions as stipulated in the EAs and EMPs.
- iii. The construction phase is currently underway and operational phase activities are not applicable.
- iv. Documentation / reports were randomly sampled / reviewed in order to accommodate time constraints.
- v. Where visual observations were not possible either due to physical access constraints or safety constraints, the ECO/auditor used other means to determine compliance, either through requesting written evidence provided by contractors / service providers who service the site or via interviews with technical site-based staff.

17 CONSULTATION PROCESS

The approach of consultation followed during the environmental audit was based on written (email) and telephonic correspondence between the ECO/auditor and the Environmental Site Compliance Officer which also includes consultation and communication with the EA holder and competent authority in terms of report submission.

18 FINDINGS

Findings are listed in the attached checklists, and it should be noted that findings should be considered individually in the context of the full audit and each condition and associated rating.

The following findings were noted onsite:

- No bins were provided for employees working at the TSF area.
- A container to put cigarette stubs was not provided for at the TSF area.

Based on the outcomes of the audit it was established that the objectives of the EAs and EMPrs were achieved in terms of:

- Sufficiently providing for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity on an on-going basis.*
- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of environmental authorisation and EMPr.*

18.1 Minor improvements required.

- Provide bins for the TSF area to manage waste.
- Provide a container to put cigarette buds at the TSF area.

18.2 Major improvements required.

- N/A

19 AUDIT SUMMARY

In terms of the findings and results of the **January 2026** ECO audit, the project achieved an overall **98.00 % compliance** rating with the conditions of the EAs and EMPs.

Table 4: Compliance Scoring

No.	Audit criteria	Compliant (C)	Partially Compliant (PC)	Major-non-Compliant (NC)	Work in Progress	Normative (info)	Not Applicable / Not Audited (NA)	Percentage Score
1	Environmental Authorisation for Tournee Grid Connection (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	20	1	0	1	23	8	(98%)
2	Generic EMPs for Tournee OHPL (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	48	2	0	0	186	122	(98%)
3	Generic EMPs Tournee 2 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	49	2	0	0	26	142	(98%)
Overall total no. conditions		117	3	0	1	237	272	
Audited conditions		234	3	0	-	-	-	(Potential max score)
Overall Compliance Rating Calculation (%)		98.00%						

20 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings identified the following is recommended:

- Provide bins for the TSF area to manage waste.
- Provide a container to put cigarette buds at the TSF area.

21 CONCLUSION

The contractor must ensure that systems and resources to monitor and manage environmental risks and impacts adequately are in place. Resources and personnel to train employees on the contents of the EMPs must be made to ensure that the project runs effectively and efficiently with minimal impact to the biophysical and socio-economic environment.

In general, the EMPs are effective in their current format in terms of content and relevance and there are no major shortcomings. The EMP's sufficiently provides for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with this project.

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ANNEXURE A – CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS REGISTER

Open Concerns/Complaint

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Suggested Due Date ¹	Proposed Corrective Action	Status	Closure status

**The concerns register is updated once the ECO is present on site.*

Closed Concerns

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Due Date suggested by ECO	Corrective Action Taken	Outcome	Closure status

ANNEXURE B - NCR REGISTER

Ref No.	Originator	Dated Issued	Description	Proposed Corrective Action	Closure Status	Closure Date	Further Action Required

ANNEXURE C - INCIDENT REGISTER

Date	Type	Impact	Description of Incident	Volume	Remedial Action	
	Chemical Spill/ Sewage/ Waste/ Fauna &Flora/ Fire/ Water/ Administrative/ Other	Water pollution/ Soil pollution/ Air pollution/ Erosion/ Biodiversity etc.	What, Where, When, How, Why did it happen?		Immediate Corrective Actions	Preventative measures
15/01/2026	Flora	Biodiversity	Unauthorised mechanical grass cutting within a demarcated 32 m watercourse no-go area.	N/A	Service provider instructed to cease all activities within demarcated no-go areas.	A Toolbox talk to reinforce environmental awareness, restrict activities within the 32m Zone of Restriction, and improve control of external service providers.

ANNEXURE D – PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Chemical toilets onsite



Figure 2: Smoking area without a container to put cigarette buds.



Figure 3: Drip trays in use.



Figure 4: TSF site.



Figure 5: Spill Kit at the TSF area.



Figure 6: Access road to the TSF area.



Figure 7: Stockpiles topsoil at the TSF.

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ECO MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT

Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection within the
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I, Jennipher Sakaunda, as duly authorised representative of NCC Operations (Pty) Ltd ("**NCC**"), hereby confirm my independence (as well as that of NCC) as an auditor and declare that neither I nor NCC have any interest, be it business, financial, personal or other, in any proposed activity, application or appeal in respect of which Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd as appointed NCC as Environmental Control Officer ("**ECO**"), other than fair remuneration for work performed, specifically in connection with the Environmental Authorisations and Environmental Management Programmes. I further declare that I am confident in the results of the audit undertaken and the findings as a result of it – as are described in this report.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
CA	Competent Authority
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs (now DFFE)
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
EO	Environmental Officer (Contractor)
ER	Employer's Representative
ESCO	Environmental Site Compliance Officer
kV	Kilovolt
MVA	Megavolt Amperes
MW	Megawatt
NCC	NCC Operations
NCR	Non-Compliance Report
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998)
NWA	National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998)
OHPL	Overhead Power Line
SDC	Safe Disposal Certificate
SHE	Safety, Health, and Environment
SS	Substation
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TSF	Temporary Site Facility

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

NCC Operations (Pty) Ltd ("NCC") was appointed by **Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd** to provide a suitably experienced independent **Environmental Control Officer ("ECO")** for the construction phase of the Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection. The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection received an Environmental Authorisation ("**EA**") DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2929 on 06 June 2024. The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection consists of an on-site 33/132 kV switching station, a 132 kV **Overhead Powerline ("OHPL")**, and the expansion footprint at the existing Eskom Alpha 765/400 kV Substation. The Tournée Solar Park consisting of two solar PV facilities, each with a generating capacity of 150 MW will connect to the National Eskom grid through the Alpha Substation. The Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility and Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility were authorised in separate EAs.

The ECO has the responsibility of ensuring the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and conditions referred to in the Environmental Authorisation are implemented, as well as ensuring compliance with the requirements of the **Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")**. This report provides an insight into the overall compliance performance and a summary of other environmental concerns and potential environmental risks through observations during site inspections.

This report is based on the following environmental conditions or requirements:

- a) Environmental Authorisations
 - 1) Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection:
 - a. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929
 - b. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929/AM1
- b) Environmental Management Programmes
- c) Relevant environmental legislation.
- d) All other environmental permits, licenses, and authorisations.

The notification of commencement of construction was submitted to the DFFE for Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd on the 26 August 2025.

This report addresses conditions set out in the EA which states the ECO as part of their duties: *"The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted, and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO."*

As per the roles and responsibilities in the **Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection ("TSPGC")** EMPr, the primary role of the ECO will be to monitor the construction activities and ensure that the mitigation measures of the EMPr and EA are implemented. This report also includes an audit checklist for the VSP EA as follows:

- 1) Tournée 1 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)

A summary of the various environmental requirements i.e. the audit criteria relating to the overall project is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of environmental requirements / criteria relating to the overall project.

Components of overall project	Environmental requirements / criteria			
	DFFE EA Ref No.	Issue date	Approved EMPr (Compiled by)	Date
Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection	14/12/16/3/3/2/2929	06 June 2024	Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd	September 2025

This report represents the monitoring for the Construction Phase. The responsibility of enforcement of the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs lies with the Project and Project Manager, while the **Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment ("DFFE") Environmental Management Inspectorate ("EMI")** may also enforce existing and potentially new conditions through compliance notices.

An **Environmental Site Compliance Officer ("ESCO")** has been appointed by the holder of the EA to monitor the project compliance onsite on a full-time basis on behalf of the EA holder. The responsibilities of the ESCO includes:

- Monitoring conditions of the **Basic Assessment Reports ("BARs"), Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**, EAs and the EMPrs.
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.
- Approving method statements (reviewed by the ECO and co-approved by Site Manager).
- Remaining employed until the completion of the construction activities.
- Reporting to the Project Manager, including all findings identified onsite.
- Reporting any significant findings to the ECO.
- Preparing and submitting monthly reports to the ECO and Project Manager.
- Monitoring compliance by the Contractor.

In addition, the ESCO will:

- Undertake daily inspections of the site and surrounding areas.
- Audit compliance with the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation.
- Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation are not followed.
- Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible; and
- Ensure that activities onsite comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

1.2 Audit Scope and Purpose

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) the holder of an environmental authorisation must, for the period during which the EA and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, remain valid —

- a) Ensure that the compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, is audited; and*
- b) Submit an environmental audit report to the relevant competent authority.*

The purpose of this environmental audit is to verify compliance to the overarching environmental requirements specified as conditions of the EAs and EMPrs, and report on the extent to which the objectives of the EMPrs and are being achieved.

1.3 Monitoring Frequency and Reporting

The monitoring and reporting frequency by the ECO are monthly and this monitoring report, an audit site inspection was undertaken on the 24th of February 2026 after which this report was compiled which serves to document and audit. This report covers the monthly reporting for the month of February 2026.

2 AUDITOR BACKGROUND

NCC is a multi-disciplinary environmental consulting company based in South Africa which adopts a 'values driven' approach with a common purpose to conserve and create sustainable environments that enable people, planet and business to thrive. We are a trusted partner to major engineering and construction firms, mines, parastatals, film, sports and event production companies, municipalities, provincial and national government, and conservation organisations. Drawing on our years of experience on a wide range of projects, NCC works with our clients to develop, implement, and monitor customised services that add real value.

The auditor, **Jennipher Sakaunda**, is a senior environmental consultant with more than 14 years' experience currently employed with NCC. Jennipher Sakaunda has experience in several environmental fields including environmental compliance monitoring and auditing, due diligence assessment, environmental impact and risk assessment, and compilation of environmental management plans/programmes.

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3 GENERAL (NOTABLE EVENTS)

The following activities are underway during the reporting period (February 2026):

- Earthworks at the construction camp and laydown.
- Search and rescue on 132kv line route.
- Conservancy tank installation.
- Grass cutting of the PV area.
- Pegging and surveying of access road.
- Clearing and grubbing of access road.
- Trenching for the cables on the construction camp.
- Drilling of holes for fence installation.
- Fencing on the construction camp.

3.1 General Outstanding matters

Any major outstanding matters are to be recorded and summarised in the Concerns Register (**Annexure A**). The register makes provision for the number of concerns noted and distinguishes between the number of outstanding or open items and closed-out items.

Any unresolved conditions will roll-over to the next reporting period and will be removed once resolved.

3.2 Audits (Internal and External)

Internal audits are undertaken monthly by the Red Rocket ESCO. This ECO Audit was undertaken on the 24th of February 2026. Audit tables/checklists are attached to this report. The ECO undertakes external monthly audits.

4 WASTE MANAGEMENT

The contractor must make provision for waste avoidance, minimisation, and separation of waste where possible through recycling efforts. Waste management awareness must be done on an ongoing basis and must be provided through toolbox talks and awareness posters. Colour-coded waste bins have been provided on site to support effective waste segregation. During the reporting period, only general waste was generated onsite, and is handled by Confianza Projects and transported by a company called Averda. The service providers disposed the general waste at Lekwa Local Municipality waste disposal site-Licence number: **12/9/11/L1/09/6**.

4.1 Domestic/ General Waste

A total of **1.13 tonnes** of general waste was generated on site in the month of February 2026 constituting mostly of paper from the offices. A total of 1.13 tonnes of waste was disposed at the Standerton Landfill site. Waste bins must be placed in areas where each team will be working, at the end of the day waste is collected and placed at the laydown areas for temporary storage. Proof of disposal must be made available on request.

4.2 Hazardous waste

No hazardous waste was stored or generated on site in February 2026.

4.3 Wastewater

The site office is equipped with an existing functional running toilet, and additional mobile toilets are available. There is an existing conservancy tank onsite to cater for sewerage needs. Chemical toilets have been provided at the construction area.

Slindile Okuhle Civil and Construction was appointed to supply the chemical toilets while Motemo Group transports the sewage and disposes it at Pixely Ka Seme Local Municipality wastewater treatment facility (Amersfoort WWTP) - Licence No: **08/C11/E/FG/2837**. A total of **6.8 m³** of sewerage was disposed at wastewater treatment.

5 PROTECTIVE MEASURES

5.1 General

Protective measures have been deployed to mitigate environmental impacts or prevent impacts from occurring which includes:

- Security guards are present on the site, with access control in place.
- Induction training is conducted for all persons working and visiting the site.
- Snake gaiters are provided.
- Spill kits are available on site.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

6.1 Conservation of Flora and Fauna

A permit to clear the site and relocate species of concern was received from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency Ref Number **2924/2925**. Search and rescue efforts for the protected species was done along the 132Kv line route. The contractor must monitor affected areas to ensure alien vegetation does not spread to other areas that are not yet affected and to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

6.2 Water Management

Water needs for the site are currently met from a borehole already onsite which does not form part of the approved boreholes. This borehole onsite is not included in the WUL. The project has two Water use Licence's (Reference No: **10/C11H/ACI/15143** and **10/C11H/ACI/15144**) for BH3 and BH5 respectively. These allows for the abstraction of 38 200m³ of water annually from the each of the boreholes during the construction phase. Abstraction of water has commenced on BH3 where a total of **26.9494m³** was abstracted. The powerline has a General Authorisation approved in terms of Section 21 c & l to allow development with watercourses.

6.3 Soil Management

Topsoil has been stockpiled along the newly constructed road and where the TSF is being developed. The contractor must ensure that the stockpiles height does not exceed 2m and alien vegetation monitoring is done.

6.4 Stormwater and Erosion onsite

The contractor's **Stormwater Management Plan ("SWMP")** was approved and will be implemented to address erosion and water ponding on the roads and PV area once construction commences.

7 INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

7.1 Access Roads

The contractor has commenced with the construction of the Tournée 2 access road including setting out the road width and clearing of topsoil.

7.2 Fences, Gates, and Barricading

The contractor has commenced with fencing of the Temporary Storage Facility ("**TSF**") area. There are security personnel manning the access gates.

7.3 Buildings and Structures

An Existing building is used as the site office, with one toilet and a conservancy tank is used to manage sewer onsite.

8 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Any complaints from the public are to be recorded on complaints register maintained by the Contractor whose responsibility it is to track and resolve the complaints/issues that are raised. In addition, the box for receiving internal grievances must be present at the main site office facility which allows for project staff to bring to the attention of the project management team any comments and or concerns.

9 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND TRAINING

The contractor has undertaken Toolbox talks for the month of February 2026 covering the following topics:

- Water use -Construction site
- Chance find procedure
- Environmental induction.
- Protection of Avifauna (Birdlife) -Construction Phase

10 HERITAGE

Two heritage sites have been identified onsite; the contractor must ensure that a 50m buffer must be maintained around the sites. In the event of any unknown artefacts being uncovered during construction, the ESCO and Project Manager must be informed immediately who must then instruct work to be stopped in the immediate area and then promptly report the discovery/finding to the ECO, a heritage specialist and the relevant heritage authority to investigate and confirm if such discovery is in fact a heritage artefact of any significance. No activities impacting upon any heritage sites were reported during this reporting period.

11 WARNING & NCRS

No NCR reports were issued by the ECO in the month of February 2026.

12 REHABILITATION

N/A

13 INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

All environmental related events, incidents and accidents are to be reported directly to the ECO and kept on a central register and included in the monthly report. No environmental incidents that are reportable under Section 30 of the NEMA occurred in February 2026. A register of environmental incidents is attached as **Annexure C**.

14 MEETINGS AND OTHER CORRESPONDANCE

The ECO conducted the monthly site visit on the 24th of February 2026 with observations documented in this report. Monthly ECO compliance reports are submitted to the Department (**DFFE**) by the ECO.

15 AUDIT METHODOLOGY

This section provides an overview of the methods employed in making observations and providing recommendations and conclusions derived from the audit procedures undertaken.

15.1 Audit Process

The site visit, data reviews and report drafting were undertaken by the ECO/auditor. The audit included the following procedures:

- **Site Inspections.** The areas and aspects covered during the inspections with concurrent discussions with the ESCO and site-based representatives of the EA holder included *inter alia*:
 - i. Access control to the sites.
 - ii. Ecologically sensitive areas, where applicable.
 - iii. Waste management.
 - iv. Incident and complaints management.
 - v. Landowner relations.
 - vi. Infrastructure management.
 - vii. Environmental Awareness.
 - viii. Record-keeping and document control.
 - ix. Stormwater and Erosion management
- **Documentation review.** This included:
 - i. A review of the EAs, EMPs and where applicable, method statements.
 - ii. A review of previous audit reports, records, observations, and findings.
 - iii. A review of any remedial and/or protective measures implemented.
 - iv. Identification, if applicable, any gaps requiring action and/or rectification.
- **Audit Report compilation.** This included:
 - i. Recording any observations and findings identified during the audit.
 - ii. Providing recommendations relating to improvement or non-compliance, if and where applicable.

15.2 Observation and Recommendation Determination

Observations and subsequent recommendations were based on and are limited to the following:

- i. Available documentation and records viewed or received prior, subsequent, or during the site visit.
- ii. Observations made during the period that the ECO/auditor was on site; and
- iii. Information received from both direct and cross-referenced discussions with permanent site-based staff.

15.3 Findings

Any key findings highlighted in this report will indicate areas and/or aspects that require improvement or rectification. The purpose of summarising the findings is to allow the EA holder to identify common management challenges that effect the level of compliance to the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs.

Where findings and recommendations pertaining are deemed significant through compliance status or performance, they are documented as specific issues in the report. All site-specific observations are recorded in the corresponding audit checklist tables.

15.4 Audit Tables and Compliance Ratings

The audit table captures observations and recommendations made in relation to the conditions stipulated in the EAs and EMPrs. It provides the reader with more detailed information in terms of what the stipulated requirements are in relation to the organisation's assessed current compliance status, according to the observations recorded by the auditor.

Ratings are calculated based on a scoring system whereby each auditable condition is provided with a score as highlighted in **Table 3** below.

Table 4: Compliance rating and scoring.

Status	Compliance Rating		Description
	Abbreviation	Scoring	
<i>Compliant</i>	C	2	<i>No improvements required</i>
<i>Partially Compliant</i>	PC	1	<i>Minor improvements required</i>
<i>Non-Compliant</i>	NC	0	<i>Major improvements required</i>
<i>Work in Progress</i>	WiP	-	<i>Environmental management measures are underway but not yet fully implemented or verified, requiring further monitoring and assessment.</i>
<i>Not Applicable / Not Audited</i>	NA	-	<i>No improvements required and / or the condition is either not, not yet or no longer relevant at the time of the audit</i>
<i>Informative</i>	info	-	<i>These relate to informative elements that provide either useful information or are descriptive in the explanation and understanding of statements or concepts in the audit criteria</i>

Each condition has been ascribed a colour-coded status indicator of Compliant (green), Partially Compliant (orange), major-compliant (red), Not Auditable/Audited (grey), Work in Progress (light red) and Informative (blank/white) to assist the reader in determining aspects that require attention to improve on compliance achieved, if and where applicable. No compliance scoring is attributed any of the audit criteria information pertaining to the following three audit status symbols, namely 'NA', 'WiP', and 'info' as they were either not auditable and/or were not applicable/relevant at the time the audit was undertaken. In other words, they are excluded from the overall compliance rating calculations.

An overall compliance rating is calculated as a percentage to provide the reader with an overview of compliance to the relevant audit criteria however each condition should be considered on its own merits as the ratings do not necessarily portray the severity or impact of the reported finding relating to a condition.

16 ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The ECO compliance audit and associated report are based upon the assumptions that:

- i. Documentation provided to the ECO/auditor is factual and true.
- ii. The audit is based purely on the conditions as stipulated in the EAs and EMPs.
- iii. The construction phase is currently underway and operational phase activities are not applicable.
- iv. Documentation / reports were randomly sampled / reviewed in order to accommodate time constraints.
- v. Where visual observations were not possible either due to physical access constraints or safety constraints, the ECO/auditor used other means to determine compliance, either through requesting written evidence provided by contractors / service providers who service the site or via interviews with technical site-based staff.

17 CONSULTATION PROCESS

The approach of consultation followed during the environmental audit was based on written (email) and telephonic correspondence between the ECO/auditor and the Environmental Site Compliance Officer which also includes consultation and communication with the EA holder and competent authority in terms of report submission.

18 FINDINGS

Findings are listed in the attached checklists, and it should be noted that findings should be considered individually in the context of the full audit and each condition and associated rating.

The following findings were noted onsite:

- Dust was observed at the TSF area and on the access road to the TSF.
- The access road to the TSF area does not have signs.
- Topsoil and subsoil stockpiles at the TSF area are not labelled with visible signs.

Based on the outcomes of the audit it was established that the objectives of the EAs and EMPs were achieved in terms of:

- Sufficiently providing for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity on an on-going basis.*
- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of environmental authorisation and EMP.*

18.1 Minor improvements required.

- Dust suppression must be done at least three times a day or as required depending on the weather conditions.
- Topsoil and subsoil stockpiles at the TSF area must be labelled.
- Road signs must be in place.

18.2 Major improvements required.

- N/A

19 AUDIT SUMMARY

In terms of the findings and results of the **February 2026** ECO audit, the project achieved an overall **99.00 % compliance** rating with the conditions of the EAs and EMPs.

Table 4: Compliance Scoring

No.	Audit criteria	Compliant (C)	Partially Compliant (PC)	Major-non-Compliant (NC)	Work in Progress	Normative (info)	Not Applicable / Not Audited (NA)	Percentage Score
1	Environmental Authorisation for Tournee Grid Connection (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	20	1	0	1	23	8	(98%)
2	Generic EMPs for Tournee OHPL (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	49	1	0	0	186	122	(99%)
3	Generic EMPs Tournee 2 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	49	2	0	0	26	142	(99%)
Overall total no. conditions		118	4	0	1	237	272	
Audited conditions		236	4	0	-	-	-	(Potential max score)
Overall Compliance Rating Calculation (%)		99.00%						

20 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings identified the following is recommended:

- Dust suppression must be done at least three times a day or as required depending on the weather conditions.
- Topsoil and subsoil stockpiles at the TSF must be labelled.
- Road signs must be in place.

21 CONCLUSION

The contractor must ensure that systems and resources to monitor and manage environmental risks and impacts adequately are in place. Resources and personnel to train employees on the contents of the EMPs must be made to ensure that the project runs effectively and efficiently with minimal impact to the biophysical and socio-economic environment.

In general, the EMPs are effective in their current format in terms of content and relevance and there are no major shortcomings. The EMP's sufficiently provides for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with this project.

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ANNEXURE A – CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS REGISTER

Open Concerns/Complaint

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Suggested Due Date ¹	Proposed Corrective Action	Status	Closure status

**The concerns register is updated once the ECO is present on site.*

Closed Concerns

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Due Date suggested by ECO	Corrective Action Taken	Outcome	Closure status

ANNEXURE B - NCR REGISTER

Ref No.	Originator	Dated Issued	Description	Proposed Corrective Action	Closure Status	Closure Date	Further Action Required

ANNEXURE C - INCIDENT REGISTER

Date	Type	Impact	Description of Incident	Volume	Remedial Action	
	Chemical Spill/ Sewage/ Waste/ Fauna &Flora/ Fire/ Water/ Administrative/ Other	Water pollution/ Soil pollution/ Air pollution/ Erosion/ Biodiversity etc.	What, Where, When, How, Why did it happen?		Immediate Corrective Actions	Preventative measures
15/01/2026	Flora	Biodiversity	Unauthorised mechanical grass cutting within a demarcated 32 m watercourse no-go area.	N/A	Service provider instructed to cease all activities within demarcated no-go areas.	A Toolbox talk to reinforce environmental awareness, restrict activities within the 32m Zone of Restriction, and improve control of external service providers.
17/02/2026	Chemical spill	Soil pollution	An estimated 500ml minor hydraulic oil was observed on the compacted surface at the TSF.	500ml	Hydraulic oil drips/contaminated material at TSF have been cleaned and disposed correctly into hazardous waste bin.	The use of drip trays or spill mats under drill rig heads all times. Conduct daily inspections of hydraulic hoses and fittings to prevent leaks.

ANNEXURE D – PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Conservancy tank under construction



Figure 2: Compacted material at the TSF area



Figure 3: Colour coded bins at the TSF.



Figure 4: Smoking area at the TSF.



Figure 5: Dusty access road to the TSF area.



Figure 6: Stockpiles of Imported material to the TFS area.

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MARCH 2026



ECO MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT

Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection within the
jurisdiction of Lekwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande
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ABBREVIATIONS

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
CA	Competent Authority
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs (now DFFE)
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
EO	Environmental Officer (Contractor)
ER	Employer's Representative
ESCO	Environmental Site Compliance Officer
kV	Kilovolt
MVA	Megavolt Amperes
MW	Megawatt
NCC	NCC Operations
NCR	Non-Compliance Report
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998)
NWA	National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998)
OHPL	Overhead Power Line
SDC	Safe Disposal Certificate
SHE	Safety, Health, and Environment
SS	Substation
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TSF	Temporary Site Facility

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

NCC Operations (Pty) Ltd ("NCC") was appointed by **Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd** to provide a suitably experienced independent **Environmental Control Officer ("ECO")** for the construction phase of the Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection. The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection received an Environmental Authorisation ("**EA**") DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2929 on 06 June 2024.

The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection consists of an on-site 33/132 kV switching station, a 132 kV **Overhead Powerline ("OHPL")**, and the expansion footprint at the existing Eskom Alpha 765/400 kV Substation. The Tournée Solar Park consisting of two solar PV facilities, each with a generating capacity of 150 MW will connect to the National Eskom grid through the Alpha Substation. The Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility and Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility were authorised in separate EAs.

The ECO has the responsibility of ensuring the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and conditions referred to in the Environmental Authorisation are implemented, as well as ensuring compliance with the requirements of the **Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")**. This report provides an insight into the overall compliance performance and a summary of other environmental concerns and potential environmental risks through observations during site inspections.

This report is based on the following environmental conditions or requirements:

- a) Environmental Authorisations
 - 1) Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection:
 - a. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929
 - b. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929/AM1
- b) Environmental Management Programmes
- c) Relevant environmental legislation.
- d) All other environmental permits, licenses, and authorisations.

The notification of commencement of construction was submitted to the DFFE for Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd on the 26 August 2025.

This report addresses conditions set out in the EA which states the ECO as part of their duties: "*The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted, and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.*"

As per the roles and responsibilities in the **Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection ("TSPGC")** EMPr, the primary role of the ECO will be to monitor the construction activities and ensure that the mitigation measures of the EMPr and EA are implemented. This report also includes an audit checklist for the VSP EA as follows:

- 1) Tournée 1 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)

A summary of the various environmental requirements i.e. the audit criteria relating to the overall project is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of environmental requirements / criteria relating to the overall project.

Components of overall project	Environmental requirements / criteria			
	DFFE EA Ref No.	Issue date	Approved EMPr (Compiled by)	Date
Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection	14/12/16/3/3/2/2929	06 June 2024	Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd	September 2025

This report represents the monitoring for the Construction Phase. The responsibility of enforcement of the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs lies with the Project and Project Manager, while the **Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment ("DFFE") Environmental Management Inspectorate ("EMI")** may also enforce existing and potentially new conditions through compliance notices.

An **Environmental Site Compliance Officer ("ESCO")** has been appointed by the holder of the EA to monitor the project compliance onsite on a full-time basis on behalf of the EA holder. The responsibilities of the ESCO includes:

- Monitoring conditions of the **Basic Assessment Reports ("BARs"), Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**, EAs and the EMPrs.
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.
- Approving method statements (reviewed by the ECO and co-approved by Site Manager).
- Remaining employed until the completion of the construction activities.
- Reporting to the Project Manager, including all findings identified onsite.
- Reporting any significant findings to the ECO.
- Preparing and submitting monthly reports to the ECO and Project Manager.
- Monitoring compliance by the Contractor.

In addition, the ESCO will:

- Undertake daily inspections of the site and surrounding areas.
- Audit compliance with the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation.
- Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation are not followed.
- Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible; and
- Ensure that activities onsite comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

1.2 Audit Scope and Purpose

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) the holder of an environmental authorisation must, for the period during which the EA and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, remain valid —

- a) Ensure that the compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, is audited; and*
- b) Submit an environmental audit report to the relevant competent authority.*

The purpose of this environmental audit is to verify compliance to the overarching environmental requirements specified as conditions of the EAs and EMPrs, and report on the extent to which the objectives of the EMPrs and are being achieved.

1.3 Monitoring Frequency and Reporting

The monitoring and reporting frequency by the ECO are monthly and this monitoring report, an audit site inspection was undertaken on the 26th of March 2026 after which this report was compiled which serves to document and audit. This report covers the monthly reporting for the month of March 2026.

2 AUDITOR BACKGROUND

NCC is a multi-disciplinary environmental consulting company based in South Africa which adopts a 'values driven' approach with a common purpose to conserve and create sustainable environments that enable people, planet and business to thrive. We are a trusted partner to major engineering and construction firms, mines, parastatals, film, sports and event production companies, municipalities, provincial and national government, and conservation organisations. Drawing on our years of experience on a wide range of projects, NCC works with our clients to develop, implement, and monitor customised services that add real value.

The auditor, **Jennipher Sakaunda**, is a senior environmental consultant with more than 14 years' experience currently employed with NCC. Jennipher Sakaunda has experience in several environmental fields including environmental compliance monitoring and auditing, due diligence assessment, environmental impact and risk assessment, and compilation of environmental management plans/programmes.

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3 GENERAL (NOTABLE EVENTS)

The following activities are underway during the reporting period (March 2026):

- Earthworks for laydown areas and internal infrastructure development.
- Clear and grub of internal and perimeter roads (A-roads and access roads).
- Construction and compaction of laydown areas (Layering and material placement)
- TSF construction activities, including backfilling, stone placement, and fencing installation.
- Grass cutting within the PV.
- Pegging and surveying of internal roads, laydown areas, and PV blocks.
- Demarcation of No-Go areas (sensitive environmental and heritage areas)
- Clearing and grubbing of Laydown Area 3.
- Construction of the perimeter fence.
- Installation of erosion and sediment control measures (silt fence along the 32 ZoR)
- Conservancy tank installation, backfilling.
- Trenching for the cables on the TSF.

3.1 General Outstanding matters

Any major outstanding matters are to be recorded and summarised in the Concerns Register (**Annexure A**). The register makes provision for the number of concerns noted and distinguishes between the number of outstanding or open items and closed-out items.

Any unresolved conditions will roll-over to the next reporting period and will be removed once resolved.

3.2 Audits (Internal and External)

Internal audits are undertaken monthly by the Red Rocket ESCO. This ECO Audit was undertaken on the 26th of March 2026 Audit tables/checklists are attached to this report. The ECO undertakes external monthly audits.

4 WASTE MANAGEMENT

The contractor must make provision for waste avoidance, minimisation, and separation of waste where possible through recycling efforts. Waste management awareness must be done on an ongoing basis and must be provided through toolbox talks and awareness posters. Colour-coded waste bins have been provided on site to support effective waste segregation. During the reporting period, only general waste was generated onsite, and is handled by Confianza Projects and transported by a company called Averda. The service providers disposed the general waste at Lekwa Local Municipality waste disposal site-Licence number: **12/9/11/L1/09/6**.

4.1 Domestic/ General Waste

A total of **1.2 tonnes** of general waste was generated on site in the month of March 2026 constituting mostly of paper from the offices. A total of **1.2 tonnes** of waste was disposed at the Standerton Landfill site. Waste bins must be placed in areas where each team will be working, at the end of the day waste is collected and placed at the laydown areas for temporary storage. Proof of disposal must be made available on request.

4.2 Hazardous waste

No hazardous waste was stored or generated on site in March 2026.

4.3 Wastewater

The site office is equipped with an existing functional running toilet, and additional mobile toilets are available. There is an existing conservancy tank onsite to cater for sewerage needs. Chemical toilets have been provided at the construction area.

Slindile Okuhle Civil and Construction was appointed to supply the chemical toilets while Motemo Group transports the sewage and disposes it at Pixely Ka Seme Local Municipality wastewater treatment facility (Amersfoort WWTP) - Licence No: **08/C11/E/FG/2837**. A total of **6.9 m³** of sewerage was disposed at wastewater treatment.

5 PROTECTIVE MEASURES

5.1 General

Protective measures have been deployed to mitigate environmental impacts or prevent impacts from occurring which includes:

- Security guards are present on the site, with access control in place.
- Induction training is conducted for all persons working and visiting the site.
- Snake gaiters are provided.
- Spill kits are available on site.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

6.1 Conservation of Flora and Fauna

A permit to clear the site and relocate species of concern was received from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency Ref Number **2924/2925**. Search and rescue efforts for the protected species was done along the 132Kv line route. The contractor must monitor affected areas to ensure alien vegetation does not spread to other areas that are not yet affected and to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

6.2 Water Management

Water needs for the site are currently met from a borehole already onsite which does not form part of the approved boreholes. This borehole onsite is not included in the WUL. The project has two Water use Licence's (Reference No: **10/C11H/ACI/15143** and **10/C11H/ACI/15144**) for BH3 and BH5 respectively. These allows for the abstraction of 38 200m³ of water annually from the each of the boreholes during the construction phase. A total of **5 636m³** was abstracted from BH3 and **239 m³** was abstracted for BH5. The powerline has a General Authorisation approved in terms of Section 21 c & l to allow development with watercourses.

6.3 Soil Management

Topsoil has been stockpiled along the newly constructed road and where the **Temporary Storage Facility ("TSF")** is being developed. The contractor must ensure that the stockpiles height does not exceed 2m and alien vegetation establishment monitoring is done.

6.4 Stormwater and Erosion onsite

Although the contractor's **Stormwater Management Plan** ("**SWMP**") was approved and the design have not been approved for implementation. Significant erosion and water ponding as noted on the access road and the TSF site. Approval of the Storm water design is crucial for the management of stormwater onsite. to address erosion and water ponding on the roads and PV area once construction commences.

7 INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

7.1 Access Roads

The contractor has commenced with the construction of the Tournée 2 access road including setting out the road width and clearing of topsoil.

7.2 Fences, Gates, and Barricading

The contractor has commenced with fencing of the **TSF** area. There are security personnel manning the access gates.

7.3 Buildings and Structures

An Existing building is used as the site office, with one toilet and a conservancy tank is used to manage sewer onsite.

8 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Any complaints from the public are to be recorded on complaints register maintained by the Contractor whose responsibility it is to track and resolve the complaints/issues that are raised. In addition, the box for receiving internal grievances must be present at the main site office facility which allows for project staff to bring to the attention of the project management team any comments and or concerns.

9 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND TRAINING

The contractor has undertaken Toolbox talks for the month of March 2026 covering the following topics:

- Waste Management
- Topsoil Management
- Fuel and Oil Management
- Hazardous material and MSDS

10 HERITAGE

Two heritage sites have been identified onsite; the contractor must ensure that a 50m buffer must be maintained around the sites. A no-go area sign has been erected near the heritage site; the site must also be barricaded. In the event of any unknown artefacts being uncovered during construction, the ESCO and Project Manager must be informed immediately who must then instruct work to be stopped in the immediate area and then promptly report the discovery/finding to the ECO, a heritage specialist and the relevant heritage authority to investigate and confirm if such discovery is in fact a heritage artefact of any significance. No activities impacting upon any heritage sites were reported during this reporting period.

11 WARNING & NCRS

No NCR reports were issued by the ECO in the month of March 2026.

12 REHABILITATION

N/A

13 INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

All environmental related events, incidents and accidents are to be reported directly to the ECO and kept on a central register and included in the monthly report. No environmental incidents that are reportable under Section 30 of the NEMA occurred in March 2026. A register of environmental incidents is attached as **Annexure C**.

14 MEETINGS AND OTHER CORRESPONDANCE

The ECO conducted the monthly site visit on the 26th of March 2026 with observations documented in this report. Monthly ECO compliance reports are submitted to the Department (**DFFE**) by the ECO.

15 AUDIT METHODOLOGY

This section provides an overview of the methods employed in making observations and providing recommendations and conclusions derived from the audit procedures undertaken.

15.1 Audit Process

The site visit, data reviews and report drafting were undertaken by the ECO/auditor. The audit included the following procedures:

- **Site Inspections.** The areas and aspects covered during the inspections with concurrent discussions with the ESCO and site-based representatives of the EA holder included *inter alia*:
 - i. Access control to the sites.
 - ii. Ecologically sensitive areas, where applicable.
 - iii. Waste management.
 - iv. Incident and complaints management.
 - v. Landowner relations.
 - vi. Infrastructure management.
 - vii. Environmental Awareness.
 - viii. Record-keeping and document control.
 - ix. Stormwater and Erosion management
- **Documentation review.** This included:
 - i. A review of the EAs, EMPs and where applicable, method statements.
 - ii. A review of previous audit reports, records, observations, and findings.
 - iii. A review of any remedial and/or protective measures implemented.
 - iv. Identification, if applicable, any gaps requiring action and/or rectification.
- **Audit Report compilation.** This included:
 - i. Recording any observations and findings identified during the audit.
 - ii. Providing recommendations relating to improvement or non-compliance, if and where applicable.

15.2 Observation and Recommendation Determination

Observations and subsequent recommendations were based on and are limited to the following:

- i. Available documentation and records viewed or received prior, subsequent, or during the site visit.
- ii. Observations made during the period that the ECO/auditor was on site; and
- iii. Information received from both direct and cross-referenced discussions with permanent site-based staff.

15.3 Findings

Any key findings highlighted in this report will indicate areas and/or aspects that require improvement or rectification. The purpose of summarising the findings is to allow the EA holder to identify common management challenges that effect the level of compliance to the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs.

Where findings and recommendations pertaining are deemed significant through compliance status or performance, they are documented as specific issues in the report. All site-specific observations are recorded in the corresponding audit checklist tables.

15.4 Audit Tables and Compliance Ratings

The audit table captures observations and recommendations made in relation to the conditions stipulated in the EAs and EMPrs. It provides the reader with more detailed information in terms of what the stipulated requirements are in relation to the organisation's assessed current compliance status, according to the observations recorded by the auditor.

Ratings are calculated based on a scoring system whereby each auditable condition is provided with a score as highlighted in **Table 3** below.

Table 4: Compliance rating and scoring.

Status	Compliance Rating		Description
	Abbreviation	Scoring	
<i>Compliant</i>	C	2	<i>No improvements required</i>
<i>Partially Compliant</i>	PC	1	<i>Minor improvements required</i>
<i>Non-Compliant</i>	NC	0	<i>Major improvements required</i>
<i>Work in Progress</i>	WiP	-	<i>Environmental management measures are underway but not yet fully implemented or verified, requiring further monitoring and assessment.</i>
<i>Not Applicable / Not Audited</i>	NA	-	<i>No improvements required and / or the condition is either not, not yet or no longer relevant at the time of the audit</i>
<i>Informative</i>	Info	-	<i>These relate to informative elements that provide either useful information or are descriptive in the explanation and understanding of statements or concepts in the audit criteria</i>

Each condition has been ascribed a colour-coded status indicator of Compliant (green), Partially Compliant (orange), major-compliant (red), Not Auditable/Audited (grey), Work in Progress (light red) and Informative (blank/white) to assist the reader in determining aspects that require attention to improve on compliance achieved, if and where applicable. No compliance scoring is attributed any of the audit criteria information pertaining to the following three audit status symbols, namely 'NA', 'WiP', and 'info' as they were either not auditable and/or were not applicable/relevant at the time the audit was undertaken. In other words, they are excluded from the overall compliance rating calculations.

An overall compliance rating is calculated as a percentage to provide the reader with an overview of compliance to the relevant audit criteria however each condition should be considered on its own merits as the ratings do not necessarily portray the severity or impact of the reported finding relating to a condition.

16 ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The ECO compliance audit and associated report are based upon the assumptions that:

- i. Documentation provided to the ECO/auditor is factual and true.
- ii. The audit is based purely on the conditions as stipulated in the EAs and EMPs.
- iii. The construction phase is currently underway and operational phase activities are not applicable.
- iv. Documentation / reports were randomly sampled / reviewed in order to accommodate time constraints.
- v. Where visual observations were not possible either due to physical access constraints or safety constraints, the ECO/auditor used other means to determine compliance, either through requesting written evidence provided by contractors / service providers who service the site or via interviews with technical site-based staff.

17 CONSULTATION PROCESS

The approach of consultation followed during the environmental audit was based on written (email) and telephonic correspondence between the ECO/auditor and the Environmental Site Compliance Officer which also includes consultation and communication with the EA holder and competent authority in terms of report submission.

18 FINDINGS

Findings are listed in the attached checklists, and it should be noted that findings should be considered individually in the context of the full audit and each condition and associated rating.

The following findings were noted onsite:

- Significant erosion and water ponding was noted at the TSF area and on the access road to the TSF (Figure 2).
- The access road to the TSF area does not have speed signs.
- The access road to the site is in bad condition. The contractor outlined that they intent to maintain the access road to the site, however the road is a provincial road, and permission must be obtained to maintain the road (Figure1).
- Signs must be erected on the topsoil and subsoil stockpiles at the TSF area.
- Sensitive areas near the TSF area have been demarcated and signs have been erected (Figure 6).

Based on the outcomes of the audit it was established that the objectives of the EAs and EMPs were achieved in terms of:

- i. *Sufficiently providing for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity on an on-going basis.*
- ii. *Ensuring compliance with the provisions of environmental authorisation and EMPs.*

18.1 Minor improvements required.

- Signs must be erected on the topsoil and subsoil stockpiles at the TSF
- Speed signs must be in place on the access road.

18.2 Major improvements required.

- Seek the necessary approval from the Mpumalanga Department of Public works required to maintain the access road.
- Finalise the stormwater designs so that stormwater measures can be implemented.

19 AUDIT SUMMARY

In terms of the findings and results of the **March 2026** ECO audit, the project achieved an overall **97.00 % compliance** rating with the conditions of the EAs and EMPs.

Table 4: Compliance Scoring

No.	Audit criteria	Compliant (C)	Partially Compliant (PC)	Major-non-Compliant (NC)	Work in Progress	Normative (info)	Not Applicable / Not Audited (NA)	Percentage Score
1	Environmental Authorisation for Tournee Grid Connection (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	20	1	0	1	23	8	(98%)
2	Generic EMPs for Tournee OHPL (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	74	2	2	0	188	89	(69%)
3	Generic EMPs Tournee 2 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	59	2	0	0	38	122	(96%)
Overall total no. conditions		153	5	2	1	249	219	
Audited conditions		306	5	0	-	-	-	(Potential max score)
Overall Compliance Rating Calculation (%)		97.00%						

20 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings identified the following is recommended:

- Signs must be erected on the topsoil and subsoil stockpiles at the TSF area.
- Road signs such as speed signs must be in place.
- Seek the necessary approval from the Mpumalanga Department of Public works required to maintain the access road.
- Finalise the Stormwater designs so that stormwater measures can be implemented.

21 CONCLUSION

The contractor must ensure that systems and resources to monitor and manage environmental risks and impacts adequately are in place. Resources and personnel to train employees on the contents of the EMPs must be made to ensure that the project runs effectively and efficiently with minimal impact to the biophysical and socio-economic environment.

In general, the EMPs are effective in their current format in terms of content and relevance and there are no major shortcomings. The EMP's sufficiently provides for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with this project.

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ANNEXURE A – CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS REGISTER

Open Concerns/Complaint

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Suggested Due Date ¹	Proposed Corrective Action	Status	Closure status

**The concerns register is updated once the ECO is present on site.*

Closed Concerns

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Due Date suggested by ECO	Corrective Action Taken	Outcome	Closure status

ANNEXURE B - NCR REGISTER

Ref No.	Originator	Dated Issued	Description	Proposed Corrective Action	Closure Status	Closure Date	Further Action Required

ANNEXURE C - INCIDENT REGISTER

Date	Type	Impact	Description of Incident	Volume	Remedial Action	
	Chemical Spill/ Sewage/ Waste/ Fauna & Flora/ Fire/ Water/ Administrative/ Other	Water pollution/ Soil pollution/ Air pollution/ Erosion/ Biodiversity etc.	What, Where, When, How, Why did it happen?		Immediate Corrective Actions	Preventative measures
15/01/2026	Flora	Biodiversity	Unauthorised mechanical grass cutting within a demarcated 32 m watercourse no-go area.	N/A	Service provider instructed to cease all activities within demarcated no-go areas.	A Toolbox talk to reinforce environmental awareness, restrict activities within the 32 m Zone of Restriction, and improve control of external service providers.
17/02/2026	Chemical spill	Soil pollution	An estimated 500ml minor hydraulic oil was observed on the compacted surface at the TSF.	500ml	Hydraulic oil drips/contaminated material at TSF have been cleaned and disposed correctly into hazardous waste bin.	The use of drip trays or spill mats under drill rig heads all times. Conduct daily inspections of hydraulic hoses and fittings to prevent leaks.

ANNEXURE D – PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Condition of the access road



Figure 2: Water ponding at the TSF area



Figure 3: Containers to be used as offices at TSF.



Figure 4: Fencing at the TSF.



Figure 5: Machine with a drip tray



Figure 6: No-go sign at the heritage site

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ECO MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT

Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection within the
jurisdiction of Lekwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande
District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BAR	Basic Assessment Report
CA	Competent Authority
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs (now DFFE)
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECO	Environmental Control Officer
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
EO	Environmental Officer (Contractor)
ER	Employer's Representative
ESCO	Environmental Site Compliance Officer
kV	Kilovolt
MVA	Megavolt Amperes
MW	Megawatt
NCC	NCC Operations
NCR	Non-Compliance Report
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998)
NWA	National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998)
OHPL	Overhead Power Line
SDC	Safe Disposal Certificate
SHE	Safety, Health, and Environment
SS	Substation
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TSF	Temporary Site Facility

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

NCC Operations (Pty) Ltd ("NCC") was appointed by **Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd** to provide a suitably experienced independent **Environmental Control Officer ("ECO")** for the construction phase of the Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection. The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection received an Environmental Authorisation ("**EA**") DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2929 on 06 June 2024.

The Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection consists of an on-site 33/132 kV switching station, a 132 kV **Overhead Powerline ("OHPL")**, and the expansion footprint at the existing Eskom Alpha 765/400 kV Substation. The Tournée Solar Park consisting of two solar PV facilities, each with a generating capacity of 150 MW will connect to the National Eskom grid through the Alpha Substation. The Tournée 1 Solar PV Facility and Tournée 2 Solar PV Facility were authorised in separate EAs.

The ECO has the responsibility of ensuring the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and conditions referred to in the Environmental Authorisation are implemented, as well as ensuring compliance with the requirements of the **Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr")**. This report provides an insight into the overall compliance performance and a summary of other environmental concerns and potential environmental risks through observations during site inspections.

This report is based on the following environmental conditions or requirements:

- a) Environmental Authorisations
 - 1) Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection:
 - a. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929
 - b. DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929/AM1
- b) Environmental Management Programmes
- c) Relevant environmental legislation.
- d) All other environmental permits, licenses, and authorisations.

The notification of commencement of construction was submitted to the DFFE for Tournée 1 Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd on the 26 August 2025.

This report addresses conditions set out in the EA which states the ECO as part of their duties: "*The ECO must keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted, and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.*"

As per the roles and responsibilities in the **Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection ("TSPGC")** EMPr, the primary role of the ECO will be to monitor the construction activities and ensure that the mitigation measures of the EMPr and EA are implemented. This report also includes an audit checklist for the VSP EA as follows:

- 1) Tournée 1 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)

A summary of the various environmental requirements i.e. the audit criteria relating to the overall project is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of environmental requirements / criteria relating to the overall project.

Components of overall project	Environmental requirements / criteria			
	DFFE EA Ref No.	Issue date	Approved EMPr (Compiled by)	Date
Tournée Solar Park Grid Connection	14/12/16/3/3/2/2929	06 June 2024	Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd	September 2025

This report represents the monitoring for the Construction Phase. The responsibility of enforcement of the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs lies with the Project and Project Manager, while the **Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment ("DFFE") Environmental Management Inspectorate ("EMI")** may also enforce existing and potentially new conditions through compliance notices.

An **Environmental Site Compliance Officer ("ESCO")** has been appointed by the holder of the EA to monitor the project compliance onsite on a full-time basis on behalf of the EA holder. The responsibilities of the ESCO includes:

- Monitoring conditions of the **Basic Assessment Reports ("BARs")**, **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**, EAs and the EMPrs.
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.
- Approving method statements (reviewed by the ECO and co-approved by Site Manager).
- Remaining employed until the completion of the construction activities.
- Reporting to the Project Manager, including all findings identified onsite.
- Reporting any significant findings to the ECO.
- Preparing and submitting monthly reports to the ECO and Project Manager.
- Monitoring compliance by the Contractor.

In addition, the ESCO will:

- Undertake daily inspections of the site and surrounding areas.
- Audit compliance with the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation.
- Take appropriate action if the specifications contained in the EMPr and conditions of the environmental authorisation are not followed.
- Monitor and verify that environmental impacts are kept to a minimum, as far as possible; and
- Ensure that activities onsite comply with all relevant environmental legislation.

1.2 Audit Scope and Purpose

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended) the holder of an environmental authorisation must, for the period during which the EA and EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, remain valid —

- a) Ensure that the compliance with the conditions of the EA and the EMPr, and where applicable the closure plan, is audited; and*
- b) Submit an environmental audit report to the relevant competent authority.*

The purpose of this environmental audit is to verify compliance to the overarching environmental requirements specified as conditions of the EAs and EMPrs, and report on the extent to which the objectives of the EMPrs and are being achieved.

1.3 Monitoring Frequency and Reporting

The monitoring and reporting frequency by the ECO are monthly and this monitoring report, an audit site inspection was undertaken on the 21st of April 2026 after which this report was compiled which serves to document and audit. This report covers the monthly reporting for the month of April 2026.

2 AUDITOR BACKGROUND

NCC is a multi-disciplinary environmental consulting company based in South Africa which adopts a 'values driven' approach with a common purpose to conserve and create sustainable environments that enable people, planet and business to thrive. We are a trusted partner to major engineering and construction firms, mines, parastatals, film, sports and event production companies, municipalities, provincial and national government, and conservation organisations. Drawing on our years of experience on a wide range of projects, NCC works with our clients to develop, implement, and monitor customised services that add real value.

The auditor, **Jennipher Sakaunda**, is a senior environmental consultant with more than 14 years' experience currently employed with NCC. Jennipher Sakaunda has experience in several environmental fields including environmental compliance monitoring and auditing, due diligence assessment, environmental impact and risk assessment, and compilation of environmental management plans/programmes.

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3 GENERAL (NOTABLE EVENTS)

The following activities are underway during the reporting period (April 2026):

- Clear and grub of the OHPL road.
- Development of Laydown Areas, including Layer works for the substation
- Clearing and grubbing at the substation

3.1 General Outstanding matters

Any major outstanding matters are to be recorded and summarised in the Concerns Register (**Annexure A**). The register makes provision for the number of concerns noted and distinguishes between the number of outstanding or open items and closed-out items.

Any unresolved conditions will roll-over to the next reporting period and will be removed once resolved.

3.2 Audits (Internal and External)

Internal audits are undertaken monthly by the Red Rocket ESCO. This ECO Audit was undertaken on the 21st of April 2026 Audit tables/checklists are attached to this report. The ECO undertakes external monthly audits.

4 WASTE MANAGEMENT

The contractor must make provision for waste avoidance, minimisation, and separation of waste where possible through recycling efforts. Waste management awareness must be done on an ongoing basis and must be provided through toolbox talks and awareness posters. Colour-coded waste bins have been provided on site to support effective waste segregation. During the reporting period, only general waste was generated onsite, and is handled by Confianza Projects and transported by a company called Averda. The service providers disposed the general waste at Lekwa Local Municipality waste disposal site-Licence number: **12/9/11/L1/09/6**.

4.1 Domestic/ General Waste

A total of **0.24 tonnes** of general waste was generated on site in the month of April 2026 constituting mostly of paper from the offices. A total of **0.24 tonnes** of waste was disposed at the Standerton Landfill site. Waste bins must be placed in areas where each team will be working, at the end of the day waste is collected and placed at the laydown areas for temporary storage. Proof of disposal must be made available on request.

4.2 Hazardous waste

Approximately **0.02 tonnes** hazardous waste was stored or generated on site in April 2026.

4.3 Wastewater

The site office is equipped with an existing functional running toilet, and additional mobile toilets are available. There is an existing conservancy tank onsite to cater for sewerage needs. Chemical toilets have been provided at the construction area.

Slindile Okuhle Civil and Construction was appointed to supply the chemical toilets while Motemo Group transports the sewage and disposes it at Pixely Ka Seme Local Municipality wastewater treatment facility (Amersfoort WWTP) - Licence No: **08/C11/E/FG/2837**.

A total of **10.2 m³** of sewerage was disposed at wastewater treatment.

5 PROTECTIVE MEASURES

5.1 General

Protective measures have been deployed to mitigate environmental impacts or prevent impacts from occurring which includes:

- Security guards are present on the site, with access control in place.
- Induction training is conducted for all persons working and visiting the site.
- Snake gaiters are provided.
- Spill kits are available on site.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

6.1 Conservation of Flora and Fauna

A permit to clear the site and relocate species of concern was received from the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency Ref Number **2924/2925**. Search and rescue efforts for the protected species was done along the 132Kv line route. The contractor must monitor affected areas to ensure alien vegetation does not spread to other areas that are not yet affected and to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

6.2 Water Management

Water needs for the site are currently met from a borehole already onsite which does not form part of the approved boreholes. This borehole onsite is not included in the WUL. The project has two Water use Licence's (Reference No: **10/C11H/ACI/15143** and **10/C11H/ACI/15144**) for BH3 and BH5 respectively. These allows for the abstraction of 38 200m³ of water annually from the each of the boreholes during the construction phase. A total of **235m³** was abstracted from BH3 and **260 m³** was abstracted for BH5. The powerline has a General Authorisation approved in terms of Section 21 c & l to allow development with watercourses.

6.3 Soil Management

Topsoil has been stockpiled along the newly constructed road and where the **Temporary Storage Facility ("TSF")** is being developed. The contractor must ensure that the stockpiles height does not exceed 2m and alien vegetation establishment monitoring is done.

6.4 Stormwater and Erosion onsite

The Stormwater Management Plan, prepared by the qualified engineers is being implemented on site. Measures include the installation and maintenance of silt fences, diversion channels, and temporary drainage to control runoff and prevent sedimentation. It is important to monitor the stormwater and erosion onsite to determine if the measures stipulated in the Stormwater Management Plan are adequate.

7 INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

7.1 Access Roads

During this reporting period, the clearing for an access road was done on the OHPL route

7.2 Fences, Gates, and Barricading

The contractor has commenced with fencing of the **TSF** area. There are security personnel manning the access gates.

7.3 Buildings and Structures

An Existing building is used as the site office, with one toilet and a conservancy tank is used to manage sewer onsite.

8 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Any complaints from the public are to be recorded on complaints register maintained by the Contractor whose responsibility it is to track and resolve the complaints/issues that are raised. In addition, the box for receiving internal grievances must be present at the main site office facility which allows for project staff to bring to the attention of the project management team any comments and or concerns.

9 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND TRAINING

The contractor has undertaken Toolbox talks for the month of **April 2026** covering the following topics:

- The importance of correctly completing DSTIs (Mass toolbox talk)
- Topsoil management
- Critical components of the EMPr
- EA & EMPr compliance requirements

10 HERITAGE

Two heritage sites have been identified onsite; the contractor must ensure that a 50m buffer must be maintained around the sites. A no-go area sign has been erected near the heritage site; the site must also be barricaded. In the event of any unknown artefacts being uncovered during construction, the ESCO and Project Manager must be informed immediately who must then instruct work to be stopped in the immediate area and then promptly report the discovery/finding to the ECO, a heritage specialist and the relevant heritage authority to investigate and confirm if such discovery is in fact a heritage artefact of any significance. No activities impacting upon any heritage sites were reported during this reporting period.

11 WARNING & NCRS

No NCR reports were issued by the ECO in the month of April 2026.

12 REHABILITATION

N/A

13 INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

All environmental related events, incidents and accidents are to be reported directly to the ECO and kept on a central register and included in the monthly report. No environmental incidents that are reportable under Section 30 of the NEMA occurred in April 2026. A register of environmental incidents is attached as **Annexure C**.

14 MEETINGS AND OTHER CORRESPONDANCE

The ECO conducted the monthly site visit on the 21st of April 2026 with observations documented in this report. Monthly ECO compliance reports are submitted to the Department (**DFFE**) by the ECO.

15 AUDIT METHODOLOGY

This section provides an overview of the methods employed in making observations and providing recommendations and conclusions derived from the audit procedures undertaken.

15.1 Audit Process

The site visit, data reviews and report drafting were undertaken by the ECO/auditor. The audit included the following procedures:

- **Site Inspections.** The areas and aspects covered during the inspections with concurrent discussions with the ESCO and site-based representatives of the EA holder included *inter alia*:
 - i. Access control to the sites.
 - ii. Ecologically sensitive areas, where applicable.
 - iii. Waste management.
 - iv. Incident and complaints management.
 - v. Landowner relations.
 - vi. Infrastructure management.
 - vii. Environmental Awareness.
 - viii. Record-keeping and document control.
 - ix. Stormwater and Erosion management
- **Documentation review.** This included:
 - i. A review of the EAs, EMPs and where applicable, method statements.
 - ii. A review of previous audit reports, records, observations, and findings.
 - iii. A review of any remedial and/or protective measures implemented.
 - iv. Identification, if applicable, any gaps requiring action and/or rectification.
- **Audit Report compilation.** This included:
 - i. Recording any observations and findings identified during the audit.
 - ii. Providing recommendations relating to improvement or non-compliance, if and where applicable.

15.2 Observation and Recommendation Determination

Observations and subsequent recommendations were based on and are limited to the following:

- i. Available documentation and records viewed or received prior, subsequent, or during the site visit.
- ii. Observations made during the period that the ECO/auditor was on site; and
- iii. Information received from both direct and cross-referenced discussions with permanent site-based staff.

15.3 Findings

Any key findings highlighted in this report will indicate areas and/or aspects that require improvement or rectification. The purpose of summarising the findings is to allow the EA holder to identify common management challenges that effect the level of compliance to the conditions of the EAs and EMPrs.

Where findings and recommendations pertaining are deemed significant through compliance status or performance, they are documented as specific issues in the report. All site-specific observations are recorded in the corresponding audit checklist tables.

15.4 Audit Tables and Compliance Ratings

The audit table captures observations and recommendations made in relation to the conditions stipulated in the EAs and EMPrs. It provides the reader with more detailed information in terms of what the stipulated requirements are in relation to the organisation's assessed current compliance status, according to the observations recorded by the auditor.

Ratings are calculated based on a scoring system whereby each auditable condition is provided with a score as highlighted in **Table 3** below.

Table 4: Compliance rating and scoring.

Status	Compliance Rating		Description
	Abbreviation	Scoring	
<i>Compliant</i>	C	2	<i>No improvements required</i>
<i>Partially Compliant</i>	PC	1	<i>Minor improvements required</i>
<i>Non-Compliant</i>	NC	0	<i>Major improvements required</i>
<i>Work in Progress</i>	WiP	-	<i>Environmental management measures are underway but not yet fully implemented or verified, requiring further monitoring and assessment.</i>
<i>Not Applicable / Not Audited</i>	NA	-	<i>No improvements required and / or the condition is either not, not yet or no longer relevant at the time of the audit</i>
<i>Informative</i>	Info	-	<i>These relate to informative elements that provide either useful information or are descriptive in the explanation and understanding of statements or concepts in the audit criteria</i>

Each condition has been ascribed a colour-coded status indicator of Compliant (green), Partially Compliant (orange), major-compliant (red), Not Auditable/Audited (grey), Work in Progress (light red) and Informative (blank/white) to assist the reader in determining aspects that require attention to improve on compliance achieved, if and where applicable. No compliance scoring is attributed any of the audit criteria information pertaining to the following three audit status symbols, namely 'NA', 'WiP', and 'info' as they were either not auditable and/or were not applicable/relevant at the time the audit was undertaken. In other words, they are excluded from the overall compliance rating calculations.

An overall compliance rating is calculated as a percentage to provide the reader with an overview of compliance to the relevant audit criteria however each condition should be considered on its own merits as the ratings do not necessarily portray the severity or impact of the reported finding relating to a condition.

16 ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The ECO compliance audit and associated report are based upon the assumptions that:

- i. Documentation provided to the ECO/auditor is factual and true.
- ii. The audit is based purely on the conditions as stipulated in the EAs and EMPs.
- iii. The construction phase is currently underway and operational phase activities are not applicable.
- iv. Documentation / reports were randomly sampled / reviewed in order to accommodate time constraints.
- v. Where visual observations were not possible either due to physical access constraints or safety constraints, the ECO/auditor used other means to determine compliance, either through requesting written evidence provided by contractors / service providers who service the site or via interviews with technical site-based staff.

17 CONSULTATION PROCESS

The approach of consultation followed during the environmental audit was based on written (email) and telephonic correspondence between the ECO/auditor and the Environmental Site Compliance Officer which also includes consultation and communication with the EA holder and competent authority in terms of report submission.

18 FINDINGS

Findings are listed in the attached checklists, and it should be noted that findings should be considered individually in the context of the full audit and each condition and associated rating.

The following findings were noted onsite:

- No bins and spill kit were provided for at the substation areas.
- Substation site has not been demarcated (Figure1).
- Cattle were found roaming around the substation site.
- Some machines were standing without drip trays.
- Smoking area was not provided for the substation.

Based on the outcomes of the audit it was established that the objectives of the EAs and EMPrs were achieved in terms of:

- Sufficiently providing for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the undertaking of the activity on an on-going basis.*
- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of environmental authorisation and EMPr.*

18.1 Minor improvements required.

- Provide bins and a Spill kit at the substation area.
- Monitor cattle movement so that they don't interfere with construction activities.
- Set up and label the smoking area at the substation.

18.2 Major improvements required.

- Demarcate the substation construction site and ensure that construction activities are confined within the construction area as required by the EMPr.

19 AUDIT SUMMARY

In terms of the findings and results of the **April 2026** ECO audit, the project achieved an overall **97.00 % compliance** rating with the conditions of the EAs and EMPs.

Table 4: Compliance Scoring

No.	Audit criteria	Compliant (C)	Partially Compliant (PC)	Major-non-Compliant (NC)	Work in Progress	Normative (info)	Not Applicable / Not Audited (NA)	Percentage Score
1	Environmental Authorisation for Tournee Grid Connection (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	20	1	0	1	23	8	(98%)
2	Generic EMPs for Tournee OHPL (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	77	1	0	0	191	86	(99%)
3	Generic EMPs Tournee 2 Solar Park (DFFE Ref No: DFFE Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2929)	62	4	2	0	38	115	(94%)
Overall total no. conditions		159	6	2	1	252	209	
Audited conditions		318	6	0	-	-	-	(Potential max score)
Overall Compliance Rating Calculation (%)		97.00%						

20 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings identified the following is recommended:

- Provide bins and a Spill kit at the substation area.
- Monitor cattle so that they don't interfere with construction activities.
- Set up and label the smoking area at the substation.
- Demarcate the substation construction site and ensure that construction activities are confined within the construction area.

21 CONCLUSION

The contractor must ensure that systems and resources to monitor and manage environmental risks and impacts adequately are in place. Resources and personnel to train employees on the contents of the EMPs must be made to ensure that the project runs effectively and efficiently with minimal impact to the biophysical and socio-economic environment.

In general, the EMPs are effective in their current format in terms of content and relevance and there are no major shortcomings. The EMP's sufficiently provides for the avoidance, management and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with this project.

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ANNEXURE A – CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS REGISTER

Open Concerns/Complaint

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Suggested Due Date ¹	Proposed Corrective Action	Status	Closure status

**The concerns register is updated once the ECO is present on site.*

Closed Concerns

No	Observation date	Concern/Complaint	Due Date suggested by ECO	Corrective Action Taken	Outcome	Closure status

ANNEXURE B - NCR REGISTER

Ref No.	Originator	Dated Issued	Description	Proposed Corrective Action	Closure Status	Closure Date	Further Action Required

ANNEXURE C - INCIDENT REGISTER

Date	Type	Impact	Description of Incident	Volume	Remedial Action	
	Chemical Spill/ Sewage/ Waste/ Fauna & Flora/ Fire/ Water/ Administrative/ Other	Water pollution/ Soil pollution/ Air pollution/ Erosion/ Biodiversity etc.	What, Where, When, How, Why did it happen?		Immediate Corrective Actions	Preventative measures
15/01/2026	Flora	Biodiversity	Unauthorised mechanical grass cutting within a demarcated 32 m watercourse no-go area.	N/A	Service provider instructed to cease all activities within demarcated no-go areas.	A Toolbox talk to reinforce environmental awareness, restrict activities within the 32 m Zone of Restriction, and improve control of external service providers.
17/02/2026	Chemical spill	Soil pollution	An estimated 500ml minor hydraulic oil was observed on the compacted surface at the TSF.	500ml	Hydraulic oil drips/contaminated material at TSF have been cleaned and disposed correctly into hazardous waste bin.	The use of drip trays or spill mats under drill rig heads all times. Conduct daily inspections of hydraulic hoses and fittings to prevent leaks.
24/04/2026	Fauna	Biodiversity	A jackal was found lying adjacent to the gravel road enroute to site offices. No visible signs of collision or injury were observed	N/A	Area observed and incident recorded. No immediate intervention possible due to unknown condition of the animal	Conduct environmental awareness refresher for employees and drivers on wildlife vigilance. Reinforce adherence to speed limits

ANNEXURE D – PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Machines standing with drip trays at the substation.



Figure 2: Clearing and grubbing at the substation.



Figure 3: Cattle roaming at the substation.



Figure 4: Machine standing without a drip tray.

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