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Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE REGARDING PROTECTED TREES¹

[SECTION 15(1) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 84 of 1998, AS AMENDED]

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Complete this form

If you want to –

- (a) Cut, destroy any protected tree/s or any protected tree product,
- (b) Disturb, damage any protected tree/s or any protected tree product or
- (c) Possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree, or any forest product derived from a protected tree.

Notes on completing form:

- Completed in full, clearly written and e-mailed, sent or delivered to the nearest Forestry office of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment. Incomplete application forms will not be considered.
- Certified documentation should not be older than six (6) months.
- Contact details for the relevant officials can be accessed via https://www.dffe.gov.za/fom_contacts_frp
- The information requested must be provided in allocated spaces. If the allocated space is insufficient, additional pages may be attached as an Annexure.
- All information submitted will be treated as confidential in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013) ("POPI Act").

Exemptions from licensing

- Certain of the abovementioned activities, or parts of a protected tree or its products, may from time to time be exempted from licensing, as published in the Government Gazette Notice number: 37246, 24 January 2014. Enquiries regarding exemptions can be made at the nearest Forestry office of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

Other laws

- A licence issued under the National Forests Act, 1998, does not exempt the applicant from complying with the provisions of other laws e.g., NEMA, CARA, Provincial Flora and Fauna Permits, PAJA.
- Regulation 4(3) on the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998), as amended, published in Government Gazette Number 32185, 29 April 2009 states that "no application for a licence will be considered until an applicant submits proof that he or she has complied with the Acts referred to as 'specific environmental management Act' in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA"), or any other Act that is applicable to the application."

¹As per the Government Gazette No. 50291 dated 13 March 2024 for the Publication of the annual list of all tree species that are protected under section 12 of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998) amended.

A	LICENCE APPLICATION DETAILS <i>(Mark the applicable option(s) with an X and/or complete details where applicable)</i>
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Have the following approvals been obtained or applied for:	
Valid Environmental Authorization	List reference number: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2985
Approved Building Plan	List reference number: n/a
Mining Right/Prospecting Right	List reference number: n/a
Previous NFA Licence	List licence number: NCU 6911016

If "Other" please specify: _____

Have there been any consultations regarding the proposed activity or project:	
With neighbours	If yes provide details: With EA process
Through the media	If yes provide details: With EA process
Through meetings/community forums	If yes provide details: With EA process
None	If none, provide reasons:

If "Other", please specify: _____

Does the Activity/Project Involve:	
Infrastructure	If yes provide details: PV Solar. Final layout attached
Mining or Prospecting	If yes provide details: n/a
Residential	If yes provide details: n/a
Agriculture	If yes provide details: n/a

If "Other", please specify _____

B	PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT
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Indicate in the space provided below whether the applicant is the owner of the land on which the trees occur, or of a business engaged in disposing of trees and/or their products, or whether the applicant represents the owner of such land or business (Mark with X).

Name of applicant (Person to whom the licence must be issued)			Jonathan Russel Brenchley									
Name of business/company (Proxy)			Kathu Solar Park (RF) Proprietary Limited (Registration Nr. 2010/021766/07)									
ID or Passport Number			8809155104082									
Postal address			Building 1 Ground Floor, Country Club Estate									
			21 Woodlands Drive									
			Woodmead 2128									
Physical address			Building 1 Ground Floor, Country Club Estate									
			21 Woodlands Drive									
			Woodmead 2128									
E-mail address			Jonathan.brenchley@kathusolarpark.co.za									
Telephone number			+27 64 832 7963									
Cellular phone number			+27 64 832 7963									
Gender: (Mark with X)	M X	F	Race: (Mark with X)	Black		White	X	Coloured		Indian		
Owner:						Representative:			x			

If not the owner, attach proof that the applicant is a duly authorized representative / proxy of the owner(s), and provide the following particulars of the landowner or owner(s) of a business, where applicable (indicate with N/A where Not applicable):

Name of landowner												
Name of business/company owner			Sishen Iron Ore Company Proprietary Limited									
ID or Passport Number												
Postal address			Hendrik van Eck Street									
			Kathu									
			8446									
Physical address			Hendrik van Eck Street									
			Kathu									
			8446									
E-mail address			Werner.voigt@angloamerican.com									
Telephone number			+27 83 417 8306									
Cellular phone number			+27 83 417 8306									
Gender: (Mark with X)	M x	F	Race: (Mark with X)	Black		White	x	Coloured		Indian		

C	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND VALIDITY PERIOD OF LICENCE
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Identify the land on which the tree or trees occur(s) where the activity will take place:

Province	Northern Cape
District Municipality	John Taolo Gaetsewe
Local Municipality	Gamagara
Nearest Town / Village (if the affected area lies outside a town/village)	Kathu
Postal Code	8446
Name of forest if applicable	n/a
Property description as per Title Deed of where the activity will be conducted (Farm Name, Number and Portion)	Remaining extent of the farm Kathu 465
Street name and number (if applicable)	n/a
Erf number (if applicable)	n/a
GPS Coordinates of the Project Footprint or Residential Dwelling	27,6099952°S; 23,0444083°E

Provide project / activity timeframe
(Specify the duration in months / years)

1 year

D	ACTIVITY APPLIED FOR IN TERMS OF SECTION 15 OF THE NFA
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LIST OF POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES	Mark with X
Cut, destroy protected trees or any protected tree product	x
Disturb, damage ¹ any protected tree/s (pruning or trimming)	
Possess, collect ² , remove ³ , transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of protected trees	
Possess, collect ² , remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate any forest product derived from a protected tree (for commercial purposes)	

¹Disturb, Damage includes pruning and trimming

²Collect includes harvesting

³Remove includes transplant

E	TREE SPECIES INFORMATION (*Only relevant table to be completed *Add/delete rows or add a separate page if space below is insufficient)
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a) For projects that **do not** require any prior approvals: **In the case of protected trees:**

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Name of Species (Scientific or Common Names)	Activity	Quantity (Estimated mass/volume/number of trees/logs/bundles/loads)	Particulars of tree species (Indication of the characteristics/size/dimensions of the tree/trees)	Condition of the trees

b) For projects that **do** require prior approvals e.g. an environmental authorization issued under NEMA or any other authorization issued under a provincial ordinance or municipal by-law: **In the case of protected trees**

Name of Species (Scientific or Common Names)	Activity	Tree Size Dimensions and Quantities				Diameters/ Circumference (must be at breast height (1.37-1.4m) if tree/s are above saplings)	Tallying or estimate volume/mass	Measured area of impact on the protected trees in sqm's or hectares	Condition of trees (Indication of the characteristics of the tree e.g. dead tree)	
		Sapling (0 – 1 meter tall)	Small (1 – 3 meters tall)	Medium (3 – 6 meters tall)	Large (> 6 meters tall)					
Vachellia erioloba	Site clearance	9				1-12 cm	2 m ³	28,69 ha	Healthy	
			10			7-16 cm	17 m ³		Healthy	
			2			11-50 cm	0 m ³		Dead	
				7		12-35 cm	88 m ³		Healthy	
				1		31 cm	0 m ³		Dead	
					29	26-180 cm	4 117 m ³		Healthy	
					3	40-78 cm	0 m ³		Dead	
Boscia albitrunca		257				1-20cm	204 m ³		Healthy – multi stemmed	
			29			1-25cm	139 m ³		Healthy – multi stemmed	

c) In the case of forest products derived from protected trees:

Name of Species (Scientific or Common Names)	Activity	Type of forest products other than trees (Examples: leaves, roots, bark, seed, other – please specify)	Quantity (Please specify measurement unit e.g. kg/tons, etc.)

G	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN RELATION TO ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR:
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a) State the purpose for engaging in the activity applied for:

Clearance is required for the development of phase two of the Kathu Solar Park.

b) How will you conduct / carry out the activity applied for? Example, explain the method that will be undertaken for activities listed under Part C. E.g. How will the tree species be cut or how will protected tree products be collected.

Complete removal by means of TLB or similar machine.

c) Total area to be cleared (hectares) or total area where activity will take place (if applicable):
28,69 ha Total permit area

d) If the activity is not in an established urban area, please specify the affected vegetation type(s) e.g. Kathu Bushveld:

Kathu Bushveld

e) If transport / export / removal / disposal is involved? From where/whom? (Specify forest, physical address of property, owner details, country, etc.), if applicable:

n/a

f) If transport / export / removal / disposal is involved? To where/whom? (Specify country, physical address of destination, buyer, processor, etc.), if applicable:

n/a

H	ATTACHMENTS
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Supporting documents that must be attached with the completed application form:	(Mark with X)	
	Yes	No
• Attach a clear <u>certified</u> copy of applicant's Identity document or Passport (not older than 6 months)	X	
• Attach proof that you are a duly authorized representative / proxy of the owner(s)	X	
• Attach proof of ownership (Copy of Title Deed, Win Deed or Affidavit)	X	
• Attach a clear spatial map with GPS coordinates showing the location of the trees/forest/footprint of the development site (e.g., Google Earth, .kml or .kmz)	X	
• In the case of the transport of trees or forest produce of a species protected in SA, but imported from neighbouring countries, attach documentary evidence that such trees or produce was legally obtained and legally imported.		X
• Attach a list of buyers/retailers with their full names, addresses, copies of I.D./Passport, email addresses and contact details, e.g. if you are selling firewood to retailers.		X
• Attach final approved building/ layout plans and other documentary evidence of compliance with other legislation governing changes in land use.	X	
• Attach any other authorization/permits/licences required by other legislation concerning the activity.	X	
• Attach Comments & Response Table for Registered Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) during the Public Participation Process or Proof of Consultation.	X	

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I, (Full Names and Surname as per I.D. / Passport) JONATHAN RUSSELL BRENCHLEY with I.D.

Number/Passport Number , the undersigned, hereby declare that all the particulars furnished by me in this application form are true and correct.

SIGNATURE:  DATE: 12/06/2025

Signed at Kathu, this 12 June day of 2025.....

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ATTACH ASSESSMENT REPORT AS AN ANNEXURE

Name of Forest Officer:

Contact number:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

EVALUATION RECOMMENDED / NOT RECOMMENDED

Name of Evaluator:

Contact number:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

DECISION: APPROVED / NOT APPROVED:

Name of Delegated Official:

Contact number:

Email:

Signature:

Date: