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| Regulator   | DFFE  | Jacoline | Mans           | 30/08/2024 | Email                  | Please send me the 4 corner co-ordinates in degrees, minutes and seconds as requested. Thank you very much.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Completed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Regulator   | DAERL | Samantha | De La Fontaine | 19/09/2024 | Email                  | <p>The biodiversity assessment / conservation value assessment for the Kathu FNR offset site will be presented at the next Stewardship Review Committee meeting, as part of the formal NEMPAA process. The committee will then decide regarding the status (NR) going forward. Malebo and her team will communicate the outcome of the review committee meeting to you and the developer, upon which the rest of the administrative process will be completed.</p> <p>At this stage, Malebo's unit is still finalizing the date for the next review committee meeting, which is scheduled for November. Further information will be communicated in due course.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Regulator   | DAERL | Samantha | De La Fontaine | 21/10/2024 | Email                  | <p>I am following up on our discussion from the site visit on the 28th of August regarding the potential inclusion of the approximately 495-hectare area directly south of the Kathu CSP development into the formal conservation process, with the intention of declaring it as a Nature Reserve together with the existing Kathu Forest Nature Reserve (KFNR).</p> <p>As we discussed, either Chrizette or Jonathan would reach out to SIOC to confirm their agreement on this matter. If SIOC is supportive, we would also need to receive information on the extent of the area that will be permitted for inclusion in the conservation declaration.</p> <p>I want to ensure that all details are accurate as I am currently drafting the conservation value assessments, which will be presented at the next Stewardship Review Committee meeting in November for a decision on the status.</p> | <p>Thank you for your email. Maybe there was some misunderstanding. I was under the impression that your biodiversity valuation will guide the viability of the current area and/or the need to add additional areas. On this premise I obtained confirmation and the responsible persons from the landowner for the process.</p> <p>When we have the final area that meets your requirements and need to be proclaimed in terms of your assessment, this area will be submitted to the landowner via a formal letter by KSP.</p> |

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| Regulator   | DAERL | Samantha | De La Fontaine | 24/10/2024 | Email                  | <p>The goal of the Conservation Value Assessment (CVA) is to evaluate the conservation value of a property or area for potential inclusion in the protected areas network. There is a set criteria/ tool that is used for assessments. Once the assessment is completed, the CVA is presented to the Stewardship Review Committee. The committee's role is to ensure objective decision-making when recommending the appropriate protected area category for each candidate site. Following the committee's review, the outcomes and recommendations are reported to the MEC, after which the remaining steps of the NEMPAA process are carried out.</p> <p>If the additional 400-plus hectares, currently not part of the Kathu Forest Nature Reserve (KFNR), should be included in the proposal to be presented to the committee, I need to know in advance so it can be incorporated. Including this area would significantly strengthen the case for the KFNR. In arid regions like the Northern Cape, effective conservation requires large areas because of the scale of ecological processes (over vast areas), slow vegetation recovery rates, and the wide-ranging habits of many species. Large conservation areas help ensure connectivity, establish core, and buffer zones, and maintain critical habitat features.</p> <p>By including these additional hectares, the total area proposed for formal declaration would increase to at least 1 000 hectares. This expansion would also support more effective veld management, allowing for larger spaces to reintroduce browsers and grazers that can help control the overgrown <i>Senegalia mellifera</i> thickets, reduce moribund grass, and promote a more balanced vegetation structure.</p> <p>Additionally, if this question arises during the review session, we need to consider how the management dynamics would work. Legally, KSP is responsible for the management of the existing 600-hectare area constituting the KFNR, as it serves as their offset area. Would KSP also be responsible for managing the additional 400 hectares for the same period? Furthermore, are there any plans for the reintroduction of game to assist with veld management across the expanded area?</p> | <p>Apologies for responding so late.</p> <p>We would not be looking to include the 400-plus ha south of the CSP plant into the KFNR, we are however looking after the area in our BMP with the same care as the offset area.</p> <p>The area south of the plant is already zoned industrial and would be an opportunity for renewable energy expansion in the future.</p> |