



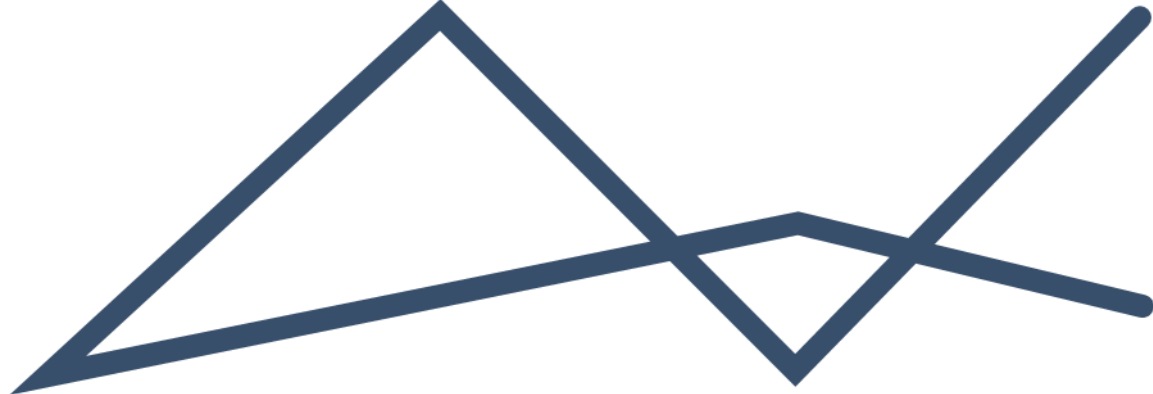
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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

PROPOSED TETRA4 CLUSTER 2 GAS GATHERING AND PRODUCTION  
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## Abbreviation List:

DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIMS	Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd
EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
MRPDA	Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act
LNG	Liquid Natural Gas
LHe	Liquid Helium
I&AP	Interested and Affected Party
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
NEM:WA	National Environmental Management: Waste Act
NEM:AQA	National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act
NWA	National Water Act
PPP	Public Participation Process
PPR	Public Participation Report
WUL	Water Use Licence



## 1 INTRODUCTION

Tetra4 (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as the applicant) has appointed Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to assist with updating the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) following the DFFE Ministers decision on the appeals submitted against the Environmental Authorisation (EA).

The proposed project falls within the Masilonyana and Matjhabeng Local Municipalities, in the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Free State Province. The site boundary is ~5km south west of the town of Virginia, ~9km south the town of Welkom and ~16km north of the town of Theunissen. The application area covers approximately 27 500 hectares, and the approximate centre point of the site is located at 28°10'20.47"S and 26°43'50.79"E.

## 2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

South Africa, being one of the countries with the most progressive constitutions, enshrined the public's right to be involved in decisions that may affect them in its Constitution. Section 57(1) of the new Constitution that provides: *"The National Assembly may (b) make rules and orders concerning its business, with due regard to representative and participatory democracy, accountability, transparency and public involvement"*. This provision, along with several others gave rise to many new trends in South African legislation. In environmental legislation, the idea of public participation (or stakeholder engagement) features strongly and especially the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, NEMA) and the recent regulations passed under the auspices of this Act makes very strict provisions for public participation in environmental decision-making.

Public participation can be defined as...*"a process leading to a joint effort by stakeholders, technical specialists, the authorities and the proponent who work together to produce better decisions than if they had acted independently"*<sup>1</sup>. From this definition, it can be seen that the input of the public is regarded as very important indeed.

The PPP is designed to provide sufficient and accessible information to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in an objective manner to assist them to:

- During the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process:
  - Contribute relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment;
  - Verify that their issues have been recorded;
  - Comment on the findings of the environmental assessments; and
  - Provide relevant local information and knowledge to the environmental assessment.

The PPP is a requirement of several pieces of South African Legislation and aims to ensure that all relevant I&APs are consulted, involved and their opinions are taken into account and a record included in the reports submitted to Authorities. The process ensures that all stakeholders are provided this opportunity as part of a transparent process which allows for a robust and comprehensive environmental study. The PPP for the necessary authorisation required for the proposed Tetra4 Gas Gathering and Production Project needs to be managed sensitively and according to best practises in order to ensure and promote:

- Compliance with international best practice options;
- Compliance with national legislation;

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<sup>1</sup> Greyling, T. (1999) Towards Managing Environmental Disputes: Appropriate Public Participation. Prepared for Conference on Environmental Dispute Resolution 10-11 June 1998, Fourways, Gauteng, Manyaka Greyling Meiring (Pty) Ltd, South Africa



- Establishment and management of relationships with key stakeholder groups; and
- Encouragement of involvement and participation in the environmental study and authorisation/approval process.

As such, the purpose of the PPP and stakeholder engagement process is to:

- Introduce the proposed project and process for the authorisation project;
- Explain the environmental authorisation;
- Determine and record issues, concerns, suggestions, and objections to the project;
- Provide opportunity for input and gathering of local knowledge;
- Establish and formalise lines of communication between the I&APs and the project team;
- Identify all significant issues for the project; and
- Identify possible mitigation measures or environmental management plans to minimise and/or prevent negative environmental impacts and maximise and/or promote positive environmental impacts associated with the project.

This Public Participation Report (PPR) lists all verbal and written issues raised by I&APs and stakeholders from the 30-day initial notification and call to register period from the 20 May 2022 to date. A breakdown of the PPP is given within the remaining sections of this PPR.

## **2.1 LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

The PPP must comply with all environmental legislation that requires public participation as part of an application for authorisation. The details of the PPP previously conducted are provided below.

## **3 IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (I&APS)**

An initial I&AP database was compiled from historic projects in the area and Windeed searches to obtain the contact details of the affected and surrounding landowners. The I&APs referred to in the PPR include:

- Pre-identified and registered landowners and surrounding/adjacent landowners;
- Pre-identified and registered key stakeholders;
- Regulatory authorities;
- Specialist interest groups; and
- All I&APs who responded to the initial notifications and requested to be registered.

Efforts to pre-identify key I&APs involved various avenues such as consultation with the proponent and known landowners within the study area, review of related previously conducted studies, and identification of key interest groups and authorities within the vicinity of the study area and municipality. Refer Appendix B 1 for the Key Stakeholder/I&AP Database.

### **3.1 LIST OF AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED**

The following authorities, but not limited to, were notified of the proposed project and invited to participate in the public participation process:

- Free State Development Corporation
- Free State Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs



- Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs
- Free State Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
- Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport
- Free State Department of Public Works and Infrastructure
- Free State Department of Water and Sanitation
- Free State Development Corporation
- Free State Heritage Resources Authority
- Lejweleputswa District Municipality
- Masilonyana Local Municipality
- Matjhabeng Local Municipality
- National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development;
- National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment;
- National Department of Transport
- National Department of Water and Sanitation; and
- National Department of Mineral Resources
- National Energy Regulator of South Africa
- National House of Traditional Leaders
- Sedibeng Water
- South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).

### 3.2 LIST OF OTHER KEY I&APS AND STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED AND NOTIFIED

The following key I&APs, but not limited to, were notified of the proposed project and invited to participate in the public participation process:

- AFGRI Agri Services
- African Carbon Energy (Pty) Ltd
- AFRI forum
- Agri Free State
- Agri South Africa
- Birdlife SA
- Botanical Society
- Centre for Environmental Rights
- Conservation South Africa
- Council for Geoscience
- CSIR
- Earth Life Africa
- Endangered Wildlife Trust
- Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd;
- Federation for a Sustainable Environment
- Free State Wetland Forum
- GroundWork SA
- Local Ward Councillors
- Matjhabeng Ratepayers Association
- Mining Affected Communities United in Action (MACUA)
- National Farmers Union
- Natural Justice
- Sibanye Stillwater
- South African National Biodiversity Institute
- South African National Roads Agency Ltd: Eastern Region
- Tara Wildlife SA
- The Mining and Environmental Justice Community Network of South Africa (MEJCON-SA)
- Transnet SOC Ltd
- World Wildlife Fund





## **4 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES**

This section provides details on the notifications that were distributed as part of the consultation process to date.

### **4.1 INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF LANDOWNERS AND I&APS**

The PPP commenced on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with an initial notification and call to register ending on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022. Notification during this initial consultation was given in the manner described below.

#### **4.1.1 REGISTERED LETTERS, FAXES AND EMAILS**

Notification letters in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho were distributed to pre-identified I&APS through either registered mail, faxes, and/or emails. Please refer to Appendix B 2 for initial notification and proof of initial notification.

The notification documents included the following information:

- List of anticipated activities to be authorised;
- Sufficient detail of the proposed development to enable I&APs to assess/surmise what impact the development will have on them or on the use of their land;
- The purpose of the proposed project;
- Details of the application processes associated with proposed activities;
- Details of the affected properties (including a locality map);
- Details of the South African environmental legislation that must be adhered to;
- Date by which the I&AP must register and send comments through to EIMS;
- Contact details of the EAP.

#### **4.1.2 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS**

Advertisements describing the proposed project and EIA process were placed in the Vista Newspaper (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) with adequate circulation in the vicinity of the study area on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. A notice was also placed in the Free State Provincial Gazette on the 01<sup>st</sup> July 2022. The newspaper advert and notice included the following information:

- Project name;
- Applicant name;
- Project location;
- Nature of the activity;
- Legislative requirements; and
- Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.

Please refer to Appendix B 3 for proof of adverts and notices placed.

#### **4.1.3 SITE NOTICE PLACEMENT**

Seventy-Eight (78) A1 Correx site notices (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) were placed at 78 locations along, within and surrounding the perimeter of the proposed project study area on the 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The on-site notices included the following information:



- Project name;
- Applicant name;
- Project location;
- Map of proposed project area;
- Project description;
- Legislative requirements; and
- Relevant EIMS contact person for the project.

Please refer to Appendix B 4 for proof of site notice and site notice distribution.

#### **4.2 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF SCOPING REPORT AVAILABILITY**

Notifications (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) regarding the availability of the Scoping Report were distributed to pre-identified and registered I&APs through either faxes, registered mail, SMS and/or emails. The notification included details regarding where hard copies of the reports can be accessed.

Contact details were provided to I&APs if they require assistance accessing the information or require copies of the reports.

The Scoping report and associated appendices were made available for public review and comment from the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 to the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 at the Virginia Public Library. An additional hard copy of the report was placed at the Welkom Public Library.

Please refer to Appendix B 5 for proof of Scoping Report notification.

#### **4.3 KEY STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC MEETINGS/OPEN DAYS**

During the scoping report review period a series of focus group meetings and open days were held with different stakeholders to present the findings from the scoping report and solicit comments.

Community focus group meeting were held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2022 with the communities within the application area to present a high-level summary of the scoping report and to solicit comments regarding the project. The meetings were held at the Stilte Community Primary school, and at the Adamsonsvley Community Primary School, from 12pm to 2pm and from 4pm to 6pm, respectively.

A Landowner Focus Group Open Day was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the Goldfields Game Ranch between 10am and 4pm, subsequently followed by a Landowner Focus group meeting between 5pm and 7pm with the pre-identified and registered affected and adjacent landowners. A high-level summary presentation of the scoping report and its findings were presented whereafter discussions were held.

A public open day was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the NG Virginia Kerk, Virginia between 10am and 5pm to present a high-level summary of the Scoping Report. I&APs were invited to attend the open day. The findings from the Scoping Report were presented and discussions based on the findings were also undertaken.

Please refer to Appendix B 6 for Public Open Day documentation.

#### **4.4 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF EIA REPORT AVAILABILITY**

Notifications (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) regarding the availability of the EIA Report were distributed to pre-identified and registered I&APs through either faxes, registered mail, SMS and/or emails. The notification included details regarding where hard copies of the reports can be accessed.



Contact details were provided to I&APs if they require assistance accessing the information or require copies of the reports.

The EIA report and associated appendices were made available for public review and comment from the 06<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 to the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 at the Virginia Public Library. An additional hard copy of the report was placed at the Welkom Public Library.

Please refer to Appendix B 7 for proof of EIA Report notification.

#### **4.5 EIA PHASE KEY STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUP AND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

During the EIA report review period, focus group meetings and a public meeting were held with different stakeholders to present the findings of the EIA report and solicit comments.

Community focus group meetings were held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 with the communities located within the application area to present a high-level summary of the EIAR and to solicit comments regarding the project. The meetings were held at the Stilte Community Primary school, and at the Adamsonsvley Community Primary School, from 12pm to 2pm and from 4pm to 6pm, respectively.

A public meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the NG Virginia Kerk, Virginia between 12pm and 2pm to present a high-level summary of the EIAR. All I&APs were invited to attend the public meeting. The findings from the EIAR were presented and discussions based on the findings were also undertaken.

A Landowner Focus group meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the Goldfields Game Ranch between 5pm and 7pm. A high-level summary presentation of the EIAR and its findings were presented whereafter discussions were held.

#### **4.6 WUL TECHNICAL REPORT PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Notifications (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) regarding the availability of the IWWMP Report were distributed to pre-identified and registered I&APs through either faxes, registered mail, SMS and/or emails. The notification included details regarding where hard copies of the reports can be accessed.

Contact details were provided to I&APs if they require assistance accessing the information or require copies of the reports.

The IWWMP report and associated appendices were made available for public review and comment from 7 March 2023 to 9 May 2023 at the Virginia Public Library, Welkom Public Library as well as on the EIMS website.

Please refer to Appendix B 9 for proof of IWWMP Report notification.

#### **4.7 NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPEAL DECISION AVAILABILITY**

Notifications (in English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) regarding the availability of the appeal decision were distributed to pre-identified and registered I&APs through either faxes, registered mail, SMS and/or emails. The notification included details regarding the outcome of the decision and reasons behind the decision.

Contact details were provided to I&APs if they require assistance accessing the information.

Please refer to Appendix B 10 for proof of appeal decision notification

#### **4.8 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The table below provides a summary of the opportunities provided to I&APs for participation in the public participation process to date.



Table 1: Opportunities Provided for Public Participation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE			
ACTION	DESCRIPTION	PUBLICATION/PLACE	DATE
Initial Public Notification (announcement of project and call to register)	Newspaper advertisements	Vista Newspaper (English, Afrikaans and Sesotho)	19 May 2022
	Placement of site notices.	78 A1 site notices (English, Afrikaans and Sesotho) within and around the study area (78 placement locations).	16 - 19 May 2022
	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs.	Affected landowners and key I&APs were notified via email, fax, and/or post (English, Afrikaans and Sesotho).	20 May 2022
		Government Gazette (English, Afrikaans and Sesotho)	01 July 2022
Scoping report public review and comment period	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs (including Authorities, NGO's etc).	Affected landowners, legal occupiers, key and registered I&APs were notified via email, fax, SMS and/or post.  Hard Copies of the report were placed at the Virginia and Welkom Public Libraries. A digital copy of the report was made available on the EIMS website.	30 <sup>th</sup> of July 2022 to the 30 <sup>th</sup> of August 2022
Public Open Days and Focus Group Meetings	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs.	Affected landowners, legal occupiers, and key I&APs were notified via email, fax, and/or SMS.	05 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stilte Community</li> <li>• Adamsonvley Community</li> <li>• Landowner Focus Group Open Day</li> <li>• Landowner Focus Group Open Day and Meeting</li> <li>• Public Open Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stilte Community Primary School</li> <li>• Adamsonvley Primary School</li> <li>• Goldfields Game Ranch</li> <li>• Goldfields Game Ranch</li> <li>• NG Virginia Kerk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2022 (12pm – 2pm)</li> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2022 (4pm – 6pm)</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 (10am – 4pm)</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 (5pm – 7pm)</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 (10am – 5pm)</li> </ul>
EIA report public review and comment period	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs.	All pre-identified and registered I&APs were notified of the EIAR Availability.	05 <sup>th</sup> December 2022



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PHASE			
ACTION	DESCRIPTION	PUBLICATION/PLACE	DATE
Public Meeting and Focus Group Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stilte Community</li> <li>Adamsonvley Community</li> <li>Public Meeting</li> <li>Landowner Focus Group Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stilte Community Primary School</li> <li>Adamsonvley Primary School</li> <li>NG Virginia Kerk</li> <li>Goldfields Game Ranch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 (12pm – 2pm)</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 (4pm – 6pm)</li> <li>11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 (12pm – 2pm)</li> <li>11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 (5pm – 7pm)</li> </ul>
IWWMP report public review and comment period (60 day comment period)	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs.	All pre-identified and registered I&APs were notified of the IWWMP Availability.	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
EA Notification	Notification to registered I&APs of the EA decision and right to appeal.	All registered I&APs were notified of the EA decision and right to appeal.	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
DFFE Ministers Decision on Appeal Notification	Notification to registered I&APs of the DFFE Ministers decision on the appeals submitted against the EA.	All registered I&APs were notified of the DFFE Ministers decision on the appeals submitted against the EA.	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
Updated EIA Report for public review and comment	Notification of landowners, occupiers, and other key I&APs.	All pre-identified and registered I&APs were notified of the IWWMP Availability.	09 <sup>th</sup> September 2025

## 5 NOTIFYING INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES OF THE RECONSIDERED DECISION

Registered I&APs will be notified via either fax, registered mail, SMS and/or email (where contact details are available) of the DMPR Ministers reconsidered decision once available (post updated EIAR review period) including the appeal process should they wish to appeal the reconsidered decision.

## 6 RECORD OF ISSUES RAISED

The summary of comments presented in the sub-section below are those that have been received and addressed from 20 May 2022 to date.

### 6.1 Summary of Comments Received

A high-level summary of the comments raised to date are presented in the below.



Table 2: Summary of Comments Raised and how they were Addressed

Comment Summary	How comment was addressed
<b>Concerns of water availability and quality to farmers and air quality impacts of the proposed project.</b>	The geohydrological specialist and air quality specialist reports have assessed the impact on water quality and availability as well as the air quality impacts (including health risks).
<b>I&amp;AP deregistration requests.</b>	I&APs who formally requested to be registered were removed from the database.
<b>I&amp;AP registration requests.</b>	I&APs who formally requested to be registered were added to the database for further notifications during upcoming application comment periods.
<b>Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Transmission) requested a Google Earth (.kmz) file.</b>	The requested information was shared with Eskom.
<b>Notification of ongoing Oryx Solar Power Plant PV Authorization application from another EAP (Environamics) within Cluster 2 project area, locality map sharing and BID documents, Scoping Report and recently EIA report for comment.</b>	Tetra4 and EIMS have taken note of this application for a PV project within the Cluster 2 application area and note that there is minimal impact on the project as a whole.
<b>Some individuals as well as contractors have expressed their interest in potential employment and business opportunities from the proposed development.</b>	Work seekers (be it individual jobs or contractors) have been directed to the Tetra4 website which contains a link for interested vendors etc. Community members seeking employment (jobs) were informed of the Tetra4 personnel who are responsible for collecting CV's, ID's etc to ensure that their interest is captured. All job or contract seekers were informed that the application is still underway and that the project commencement is dependent on the final decision from the PASA/DMRE.
<b>Transnet commented that the proposed development does not affect their pipeline servitudes in the region.</b>	No further actions required.
<b>SAHRA provided an interim comment that a comment is to be provided once a HIA and draft EIA Report are made available for comment.</b>	The HIA and EIA report will be uploaded to the SAHRIS website once the EIA comment period commences.  Note: this has been uploaded.
<b>Query regarding website document accessibility.</b>	EIMS provided the needed assistance with obtaining the relevant documentation which was resolved satisfactorily.
<b>Requests by certain members of the local community for jobs as well as other specific services such as electricity, skills upliftment, etc.</b>	These comments were raised during the community focus group meeting with the Adamsons Vley community. The community was informed that



Comment Summary	How comment was addressed
	Tetra4 is currently in the process of providing certain basic services such as water and electricity to the community as part of the Social and Labour Plan commitments. This is an ongoing process throughout the project implementation and would be extended to other communities in due course. The community acknowledged that the water and solar electricity project was currently underway in their community.
<b>Concerns by a local NGOs - Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance (VEJA) and Gold and Uranium Belt Impact Sensoring Organisation – GUBICO about the living standards of the community members.</b>	It was confirmed that Tetra4 was aware of the poor living standards of some communities and therefore as part of the SLP commitments, certain upliftment programs had been initiated and were ongoing.
<b>NGO - Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance (VEJA) highlighted the possible confusion regarding Tetra4 vs Renergen and how the two companies relate to this project as the sign outside the existing plant says Renergen however the applicant in the application is Tetra4.</b>	Clarification was provided that Tetra4 is a wholly owned subsidiary of Renergen and whilst the applicant in this application is Tetra4, this does not pose any legal constraints on the project. This report includes a clear statement that Tetra4 is a wholly owned subsidiary of Renergen.
<b>Concerns that impact on landowners seem to have been underestimated.</b>	All specialists have been provided with this comment and have considered this comment in light of their preliminary impact assessment findings. This has been thoroughly considered and assessed by the relevant specialists as well as the EAP in this EIA Report with minor amendments to certain impacts. Additional mitigation measures have been put forward to fully address the impact findings.
<b>Concerns regarding the project's impacts on the safety, livelihoods and land value for landowners.</b>	These safety, livelihoods and land value concerns have been given specific attention in this EIA report and detailed mitigation measures to address these concerns have been included. In addition, specific conditions have been put forward for inclusion in the decision to ensure that priority is given to impacts on safety, livelihoods and land value. Lastly, Tetra4 has revised the landowner contract terms to provide more specific attention to these concerns including annual compensation for the life of the project (per hectare rate), commitments to hold specific negotiations with each affected landowner to ensure infrastructure is sited in such a manner so as to minimise impacts on existing land use and lastly to ensure that all reasonable safety measures are continually in place.
<b>Access road degradation concerns from landowners.</b>	Degradation of access roads has been thoroughly considered and mitigated in this report and associated EMPr. This includes a pre-construction survey by the landowner and Tetra4 of all private



Comment Summary	How comment was addressed
	<p>access roads to be utilised by the project including photographic and video documentation of the pre-construction state. A similar post construction survey will be undertaken to document any degradation of access roads which if identified, will be to Tetra4s account. It is acknowledged that each landowner has a specific access road construction methodology and this will be documented and complied with if any repairs are required.</p>
<p><b>Request by a landowner for more detail on infrastructure specific location and timing of the project aspects.</b></p>	<p>Where possible, infrastructure specific locations or at least limitations to where infrastructure will not be located has been provided in the Scoping Report and this EIA Report. The project description has been reviewed and updated where possible to include more information on location and timing of certain activities.</p>
<p><b>Request by a landowner for more detail on logistics regarding access and maintenance of Tetra4 infrastructure on farmlands as well as contractual concerns.</b></p>	<p>Following this concern relating to the initial landowner contract, Tetra4 have undertaken a revision of the contract to be more specific in addressing the various landowner concerns. Tetra4 shall share a copy of the revised contract with the relevant landowners.</p> <p>In terms of access for inspections and maintenance during the operational phase, the expected frequency is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Production wells</u>: Monthly (worst case)</li> <li>• <u>Pipeline Servitude</u>: Annually for inspections unless landowner raises concerns or there is an emergency (leak detected).</li> <li>• <u>Booster Station</u>: Monthly</li> <li>• <u>Low Point Drains</u>: Monthly</li> <li>• <u>Pigging Stations</u>: Six monthly (bi-annually)</li> <li>• <u>Compressor Stations</u>: Daily security inspections.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Concerns from a landowner that this project would negatively impact on his farm which is his primary investment for his future as well as his descendants. This landowner did not wish to discuss anything and wished to state that he is opposed to the project.</b></p>	<p>The landowner's objection to the project has been formally recorded in the PPR and no further comments were received during the EIA phase.</p>
<p><b>The Department of Water and Sanitation provided comments on the EIA and EMPr which focussed on the need to obtain approval under the National Water Act for any Section 21 activities.</b></p>	<p>The DWS was thanked for their comments and was assured that the necessary water use licence application was currently being undertaken.</p>





Comment Summary	How comment was addressed
<b>The landowner of the farm Blaauwdrift 188 (Portion 3) shared a township registration dated 12 October 1956 which covers this farm portion and the landowner indicated that he was in the process of negotiating the sale of his farm along with the township rights and therefore the landowner is objecting to the drilling of wells on this farm portion.</b>	It is recommended that Tetra4 refrains from drilling any Cluster 2 wells on this property until such time as the legal status of the township and rights of the landowner are adequately addressed. A condition of authorisation has been recommended to this effect and this restrictive condition has been included in the EMPr (Sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2).
<b>Concern from the landowner and Managing Director of a commercial agricultural operation (Optavit Boerdery) that the application does not contain specific location, extent and/or routing detail of project infrastructure on each property. This concern is elaborated upon in a written submission and the overall conclusion by the landowner is that the application is premature without including such detailed information and should only be undertaken once this information is available.</b>	All comments were responded to individually and are included as appendices to this PPR.
<b>African Carbon Energy (Pty) Ltd submitted various comments during the public meeting, landowner meeting and a written submission.</b>	All comments were responded to individually and are included as appendices to the PPR.
<b>Employment enquiry from an I&amp;AP</b>	I&AP was redirected to contact the applicant directly
<b>Queries about availability of documents including WUL Amendment Application Form and WUL.</b>	Documents were directly sent to I&APs who requested them.
<b>Request for clarity on details in the IWWMP</b>	All concerns related to requests for clarity are included in Appendix B 10, as part of the table of comments and responses.
<b>Request for call or online meeting to discuss WUL</b>	Response included in Appendix B 10, as part of the table of comments and responses.
<b>Request that comments be submitted to licensing authority (DWS) as part of public participation process</b>	Response included in Appendix B 10, as part of the table of comments and responses.
<b>Centre of Environmental Rights (CER) submitted a letter including several comments related to suggested shortcomings of the project and climate change impacts</b>	Responses to the written submission are included in Appendix B 10 as part of the table of comments and responses.

All comments and/or queries received to date are appended to this report and presented in Appendix B 11 and Appendix B 12. Please refer to Appendix B 11 for the table of comments and responses and then Appendix B 112 for proof of correspondence.