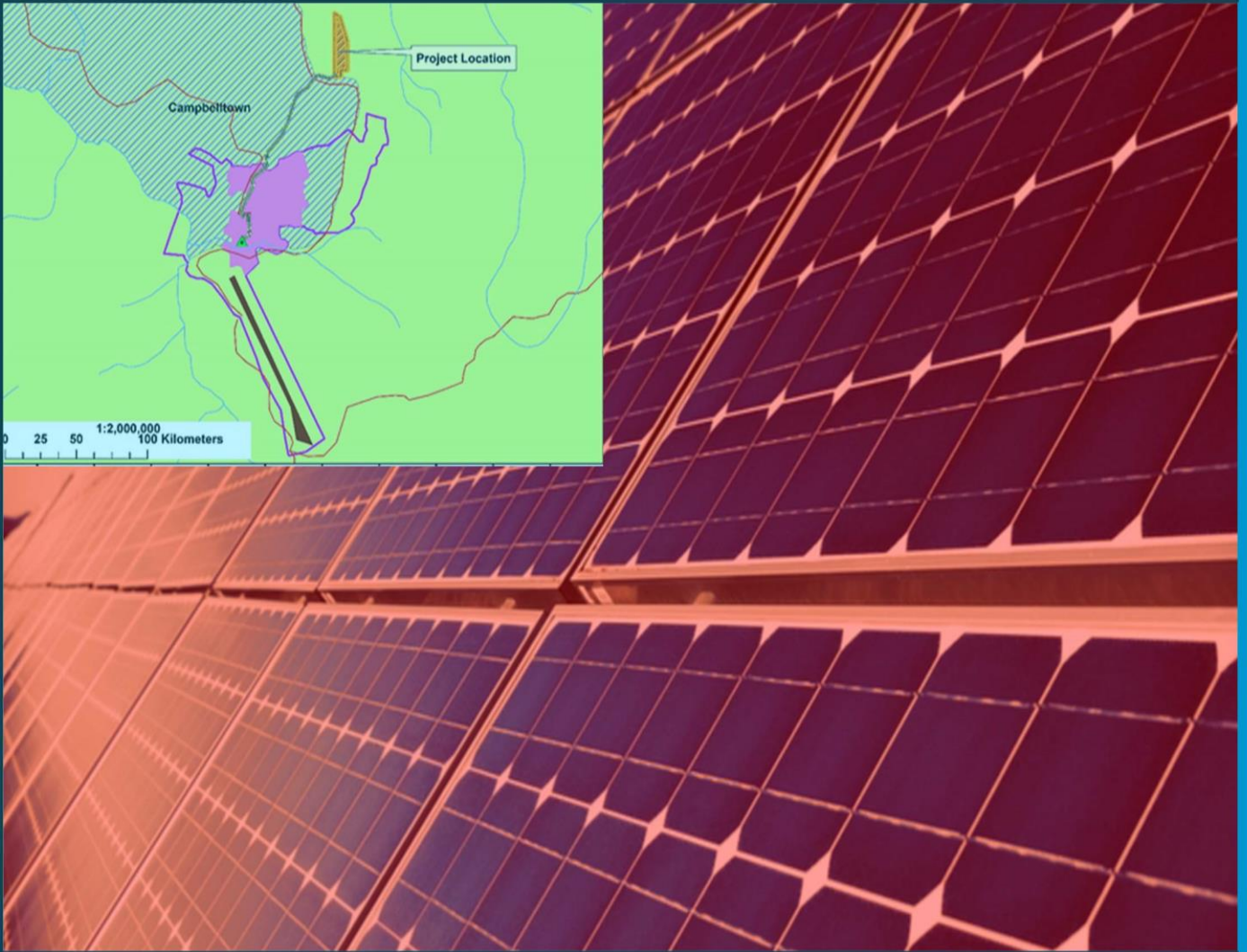
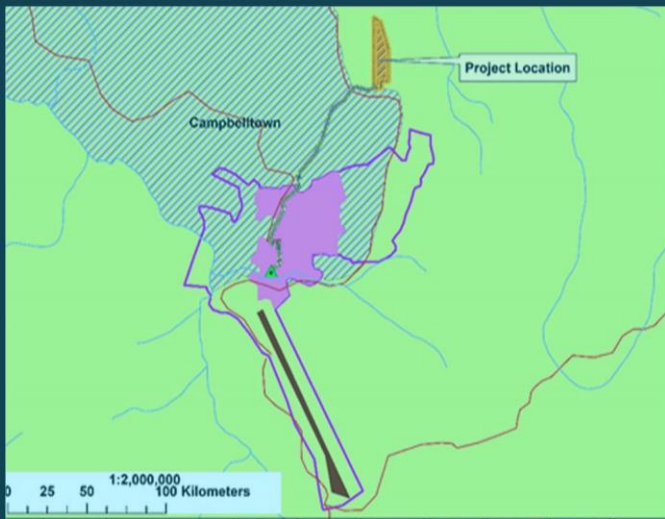


ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT

MAHDIA SOLAR FARM PROJECT



JANUARY 2022

Environmental & Social Assessment Report Mahdia Solar Farm Project

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Appendix G

Consultation Reports and Formal Arrangements with Neighbouring Land Users

Internal Memo

To: Dr. Mahender Sharma, Chief Executive Officer
From: Mr. Mfon Akpan, Project Coordinator
Subject: Report of Meeting with the farming family at the Mahdia Solar PV project site
Date: September 13, 2021

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5. Mr. Tyrone Edwards (the legal occupant of land adjacent to the Solar Farm Site)

The matters arising from the meeting are as follows:

Ms. Claudette James would have expressed her willingness to discontinue all farming activities within or around the site allocated for the Solar PV project after this harvesting season by yearend.

Furthermore, she also expressed her willingness to remove structures from the Solar PV project area and to relocate to another site. However, she expressed concern that her relocation would involve sourcing some local construction materials from the nearby forest, which is about 3 miles away, plus labour costs to erect the new structure.

She further said that in the past, her brother, Mr. Daniel Francis, presently living with her, would have been responsible for the labour at no costs. But as of late, the brother has become visually impaired and as a result, she would have to pay somebody else to do the construction work. She requested for some form of financial compensation in the amount of **G\$415,000** to cover the cost of sourcing materials and labour for her relocation.

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Claudette James on Friday at 17.30 hours on the grounds that, as a Seventh Day Adventist, it was time for her to commence the preparation for the observance of Sabbath. The following day being Saturday (Sabbath), there was no meeting and on Sunday, September 12, 2021, the meeting was once again convened at 8.00 hours and adjourned at 10.00 hours, during which she made the following submissions attached hereto;

- a) Annex 1: Letter of consent to remove structures from the Solar PV project area
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Report of Consultation with Ms. Claudette James

MEETING: Consultation with Ms. Claudette James
DATE: November 1, 2021
LOCATION: Farm of Ms. Claudette James
OBJECTIVE: Update Ms. Claudette James on the project.
IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Kenny Samaroo, Energy Engineer, GEA
Mr. Kyle Lewis, Social and Environmental Officer, GEA
Ms. Renata Anderson, Monitoring & Evaluation Assistant, GEA
Ms. Claudette James, farmer of Campbelltown

Report of the Public Consultation Meeting with the Ms. Claudette James, farmer of Campbelltown

The consultation commenced at 4:10 PM with a brief introduction of our team (see Annex 1.1).

Kyle Lewis: Mr. Lewis explained the reason for the visit and updated Ms. James on the progress of the solar farm. He explained that the financial aid requested is currently under review and that the Guyana Energy Agency (GEA) is trying to finalize the Environmental and Social Analysis Report (ESAR) for the progression of the project. Mr. Lewis then explained the Project boundaries and advised that access to the existing water source will not be hindered and Ms. James can continue to access the water source.

Claudette James: Ms. James thanked Mr. Lewis for the updated information and advised that she does have access to a clean water source at the alternate location located behind both her current farm and the solar farm.

Kyle Lewis: Mr. Lewis asked if water is available at Ms. James's residence located away from the farm.

Claudette James: Ms. James indicated that she has have access to the Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) line services at her home located 5 minutes away from the farm and that she currently receives water from the company.

Kyle Lewis: Mr. Lewis asked if the move would affect any farming activity or access to water for farming at the new location.

Claudette James: Ms. James indicated that the move will not affect her access to water for farming activities.

Claudette James: Ms. James asked when will the funds be available for her to proceed with moving from her current location.

Kyle Lewis: Mr. Lewis explained that GEA is reviewing the request and is exploring options to assist her with moving the structure (see Annex 1.2) and clearing of alternate location.

Claudette James: Ms. James, however did not agree to having the GEA rebuild the structure but rather be compensated and have the works completed by one of the village contractors who she believes would best give her exactly what is desired and comforting to her.

Kyle Lewis: Mr. Lewis indicated that a final word from the GEA will be communicated to her on the way forward with regards to her move from the land once the assessments have been completed.

The consultation concluded at 4:40 PM with the signing of the Acknowledgement by Ms. James (see Annex 2.1).

Letter of Agreement with Tyrone Edwards (Occupant 1)



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Republic of Guyana
Campbelltown Village
111 Miles Mahdia,
Region 8.

Date: August 12, 2021

Dear Mr. Tyrone Edwards,

Acknowledgement of the GL&SC Plan No. 76977 Dated 15th April 2021

Please be advised that a lease was issued to the Mahdia Power and Light Company Inc. for a tract of land measuring 11.48 acres as shown in the GL&SC Plan No. 76977 dated 15th April 2021.

This communication serves as a formal acknowledgement by you, Mr. Tyrone Edwards, of the said GL&SC Plan No. 76977 Dated 15th April 2021.

Having been consulted and adequately informed, you understand the demarcation by the GL&SC Plan No. 76977 dated 15th April 2021 of the land parcel belonging to you and that of the Mahdia Power and Light Company.

In consideration of the above, the parties hereby affix their signatures in the presence of the following witness.

Dr. Mahender Sharma
Chief Executive Officer
Guyana Energy Agency

Mr. Tyrone Edwards
111 Miles Mahdia, Region 8
Neighbouring land owner

Kyle Lewis
Social and Environmental Officer
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Letters of Consent with Claudette James (Occupant 2)

Republic of Guyana
Campbelltown Village
111 Miles Mahdia,
Region 8.

Date: August 19th, 2021

LETTER OF CONSENT TO DISCONTINUE FARMING ON THE SOLAR PV SITE

I, the undersigned, hereby declare as follows:

- That I have been consulted and adequately informed by the Guyana Energy Agency of the Solar PV farm project taking place at Mahdia in Region 8.
- That based on my shifting cultivation farming practices, my crop and harvesting cycle will terminate before the installation of the Solar PV farm on the site, and thereafter I have other suitable areas to continue my farming practices.
- That after due consideration, I have decided to discontinue all farming activities on the tract of land issued to the Mahdia Power Company for the said project.
- That I hereby grant my consent voluntarily and in good faith, and with an understanding of the long-term benefits of the solar farm to the entire community of Campbelltown.

In consideration of the above, I hereby affix my signature in the presence of the following witness(s).

Claudette James
Name (BLOCK LETTERS)
111 Miles Mahdia,
Region 8

Claudette James
Signature

159172733
ID Number

K. Lewis
Kyle Lewis
Social and Environmental Officer
Guyana Energy Agency

GEA Mahdia Site Visit Internal Memo (September 10 to 12, 2021)

**Guyana Energy
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Republic of Guyana
Campbelltown Village
111 Miles Mahdia,
Region 8.

Date: September 12 2021

LETTER OF CONSENT TO REMOVE STRUCTURES FROM THE SOLAR PV SITE

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I have been consulted and adequately informed by the Guyana Energy Agency, of the Solar PV farm project taking place at Mahdia in Region 8, and the benefits of the solar farm particularly to the community of Campbelltown.

In consideration of the above, I have decided to discontinue all farming activities on the tract of land issued to the Mahdia Power Company for the said project. Also, I will remove all structures built on the site after this harvesting season and relocate to another area to continue with my farming activities.

I hereby grant my consent voluntarily and in good faith, with my signature affixed here and in the presence of the following witness.

Chaudette James
Name (BLOCK LETTERS)
111 Miles Mahdia,
Region 8

Chaudette James
Signature

159172733
ID Number

Mfon Akpan
Mfon Akpan
Project Coordinator
Guyana Energy Agency

Annex 2: Acknowledgement of Stakeholder Engagement



Acknowledgement of Stakeholder Engagement



I, Claudette James of 111 miles Mahdia hereby acknowledge that on the 1st Nov, 2021, I met with a team of officers from the Guyana Energy Agency who held a Stakeholder Engagement meeting on the *Energy Matrix Diversification and Institutional Strengthening of the Department of Energy (EMISDE)- Installation of 0.65MW Solar PV in Mahdia*.

At the said meeting, the following topics were discussed and addressed:

1. Access to water at current residence
☒ Whether water is currently received at the stakeholder's residence
2. Access to water at an alternative location
☒ Whether stakeholder will have access to clean, potable water at relocated farm
3. Relocation and compensation
☒ Whether alternative farm site has been identified
☒ Compensation terms were discussed

I hereby confirm that I understand the nature, scope and effects of the abovementioned project and have no objection to its implementation.

Claudette James

Stakeholder

Renata Anderson

Renata Anderson (GEA) – Monitoring & Evaluation Assistant

K. Samaroo

Kenny Samaroo (GEA) – Energy Engineer

K. Lewis

Kyle Lewis (GEA) – Social & Environmental Officer

Witnesses

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Image 7: Depicting acknowledgement by Ms. Claudette James (farmer) that necessary concerns were discussed and addressed by the GEA Team.

Photographs from Consultation with Ms. Claudette James and Guyana Energy Agency Team



Image 1: Depicting team discussing outstanding matters with Ms. James (left in blue floral t-shirt) and her family



Image 2: Depicting Ms. James camping area



Image 3: Depicting southern end of camping structure which measures 9ft consisting of the sole entrance/exit door.



Image 4: Depicting northern end of the camping structure which measures 9ft.



Image 5: Depicting eastern end side of camping structure which measures 18ft.



Image 6: Depicting western end side of camping structure which measures 18ft.