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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION REPORT

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This is a report template to be used for filling the information pertaining to Local Stakeholder Consultation and Stakeholder Feedback Round conducted in line with the [Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement Requirements](#).

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KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

GS ID of Project	GS23400
Title of Project	GS23399 VPA-1 Renewable Biomass Briquette Production for Clean Energy
Version number of this Report	1.0
Completion date of version	12/08/2025
Time of First Submission Date	12/08/2025
Start Date of the Project	01/12/2025
Date of Meeting (s)	25/07/2025
Project Cycle:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Retroactive

GROUPED CONSULTATION INFORMATION

GS ID of Real Case VPA	GS23400
Title of Real Case VPA	GS23399 VPA-1 Renewable Biomass Briquette Production for Clean Energy
Geographical Boundary of Grouped Consultation	South Africa
Technology covered by the Grouped Consultation	Renewable Energy - Biomass Heat and Solid Waste Treatment
Validity Period	2 years (25/07/2025 - 24/07/2027)
Anticipated number of VPAs	5

SECTION A. INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO STAKEHOLDERS

A.1. Preliminary agenda for the meeting

>> The stakeholder consultation meeting has been conducted on 25/07/2025 for this real case PoA together at the Southbroom Golf Estate, Captain Smith Road, Southbroom. Stakeholders were invited through both a public notice and individual emails. The invitation notice was circulated one month in advance, on 24/06/2025. The meeting was well attended by various participants, including local residents from nearby areas and biomass suppliers—i.e., individuals directly impacted by the project.

No negative comments were received from the local community or committee members. Stakeholders actively shared their views and concerns regarding the proposed PoA and VPA.

The initiative by EcoLinks Co., Ltd., South Korea, in collaboration with Ground Greens, to establish the "Production of Biomass Briquettes in South Africa" project was welcomed and appreciated by all attendees. The PoA and VPA aim to replace coal and heavy fuel oil used in manufacturing facilities with renewable biomass briquettes made from agricultural and garden waste. In the absence of this project, such organic waste would be stored anaerobically, leading to methane emissions—a greenhouse gas significantly more harmful than carbon dioxide. These briquettes will be sold to factories requiring thermal energy, thereby reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

During the meeting, Lindsay Hopkins explained the project's strategy of utilizing agricultural and organic waste to tackle environmental issues associated with unmanaged biowaste. The project also focuses on job creation and the promotion of clean energy within the industrial sector. Mechanical crushing and shredding technologies will be employed to ensure efficiency and minimize the use of heavy machinery. Additionally, the project will generate carbon credits to support financing and maintain affordable pricing for the briquettes.

In conclusion, the project has not received any negative or discouraging feedback from the consulted stakeholders. The initiative has been positively received, with strong encouragement and support for its implementation. Considering the wide-ranging social, economic, and environmental benefits, all stakeholders have expressed their approval of the PoA and VPA. Therefore, there is no need for further action to address stakeholder comments at this stage.

Nevertheless, as per the requirements of the GS4GG standard, a Stakeholder Feedback Round (SFR) will be conducted following the Preliminary Review.

A.2. A non–technical summary of the project

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Introduction: The proposed PoA and VPA (Production of Biomass Briquette in South Africa) has been developed by Ecolinks Co., LTD, South Korea in partnership with Ground Greens with the purpose of displacing the use of coal and heavy fuel oil in manufacturing facilities in South Africa. The project will manufacture renewable briquettes made from agricultural and garden waste and sell them to factories that need heat. This will displace a proportion of the coal and heavy fuel oil that the factories currently burn.

Introduction to the Gold Standard: The Gold Standard is a body made up of NGOs that sets rules for measuring and issuing voluntary carbon credits. Their focus is on projects that have strong sustainable development credentials. The carbon credits are sold by the project to help provide finance and keep the renewable briquettes at an affordable level.

Ecolinks Co., LTD is setting up a Project Activity for renewable biomass briquettes in South Africa, which will be run in partnership with Ground Greens which is registered in South Africa and based in Southbroom, Margate, Kwa-Zulu Natal. There will be a PoA which will reduce CO₂ emissions by less than 60,000 tonnes of CO₂ in a year. Activity will include a number of manufacturing facilities. In this consultation, we are informing stakeholders about:

- ❖ The PoA and VPA.
- ❖ The different industries using biomass briquettes.

Wood, Bagasse and CO₂: Demand for wood in South Africa means it is being cut and burnt more quickly than it is able to regrow, which contributes to atmospheric CO₂ concentrations. It is deemed “non-renewable”. Or the use of coal or heavy fuel oil in the manufacturing plants are increasing day by day to increase the production.

The renewable briquettes are made from biomass waste that includes sawmill dust, woodchips which comes from Industrial Sawmills, Macadamia shells which comes from a Macadamia Factory, Pecan processing waste from pecan factories, and garden waste which comes from gardening services and tree felling.

The PoA: Ground Greens collects agricultural and green waste from identified waste suppliers. Then processes the agricultural/green waste into renewable briquettes. The company has been developing the process for about 1 year. During this time, it has consulted with a number of manufacturing facilities and experts, to improve the way that they can burn the renewable briquettes.

EcoLinks is in the process of carrying out trials with various factories who use the renewable briquettes alongside the coal they have traditionally used as fuel for their boilers. EcoLinks has an agreement to sell the carbon credits, which will mean that it has the finance to scale up these activities. The target factories/industries in this first project are:

- ❖ Cooking Oil Factory (Coal Boiler)
- ❖ Chicken Houses (Boilers using Charcoal/Wood) etc.

Registration with other Carbon standards: The Program is neither registered with any other carbon standard, nor is it seeking registration under any other GHG programs, and hence there is no likelihood that double counting would occur. Additionally, our tracking systems ensure that there is no double counting between us and any other similar project.

Implementation plan: Once the PoA and real case VPA are registered, the plan is to add more project activities (VPAs), across other factories and with other industries.

A.3. Contact details to get further technical detail and project information

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Organization Name:	Ecolinks Co., LTD.
Address:	South Africa
Contact Person:	Mr. Stanley Phillipson
Email ID:	stanley@ecolinks.kr

A.4. Summary of economic, social and environmental impacts of the Project

>> The project delivers measurable positive contributions across environmental, social, and economic dimensions. The project supports national climate goals, advances sustainable development priorities, and improves livelihoods. Its impacts are aligned with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

Environmental Impacts

- **SDG 13 – Climate Action (Mandatory):** The project significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions by replacing high-emission fossil fuels such as coal and heavy fuel oil with renewable biomass briquettes in industrial thermal applications. These briquettes are produced from sustainably sourced biomass waste, diverting organic material from uncontrolled decay or open burning. This displacement directly mitigates CO₂ and CH₄ emissions while supporting South Africa's transition to a low-carbon economy. Additionally, the project promotes awareness and adoption of climate-resilient energy alternatives across industries.

- **SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production:** By utilizing locally available biomass waste—such as sawdust, agricultural residues, and other organic by-products—the project promotes efficient use of natural resources and reduces landfill waste and associated methane emissions. It fosters circular economy practices by converting waste streams into clean energy inputs, supporting both industrial users and local waste generators. The model encourages responsible sourcing, minimized environmental impact, and sustainable supply chain management.

Social Impacts

- **SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being:** Replacing fossil fuels with clean-burning briquettes improves air quality in industrial environments, reducing emissions of harmful pollutants such as particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, and volatile organic compounds. This contributes to better respiratory health for workers and nearby communities. Furthermore, responsible handling of biomass waste reduces local contamination risks and contributes to a cleaner, healthier environment.

- **SDG 5 – Gender Equality:** The project promotes inclusive hiring and aims to engage women in the briquette production value chain—from waste collection to processing and administration. It creates opportunities for women’s participation in technical roles and entrepreneurship, particularly in rural and peri-urban areas. By supporting equitable job access and capacity building, the project contributes to the economic empowerment of women in a traditionally male-dominated sector.

Economic Impacts

- **SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth:** The project drives local economic development by creating employment opportunities in biomass sourcing, transportation, processing, quality control, and maintenance. It supports the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and builds technical skills among local workers. By providing reliable energy at competitive prices, the project also contributes to enhanced productivity and energy security for industrial users.

- **SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy:** Green briquettes offer a clean, renewable, and cost-effective alternative to coal and fossil fuels in thermal energy applications. Their affordability, combined with reduced dependence on imported or volatile fossil fuels, enhances energy accessibility for small and medium industries. The project demonstrates scalable, decentralized clean energy solutions suitable for a range of commercial and industrial users.

A.5. Other relevant information to help stakeholders understand the project

>> This project addresses both energy and waste management challenges in South Africa by producing biomass briquettes from locally available agricultural and organic waste. These briquettes serve as a clean, renewable alternative to coal and heavy fuel oil used in industrial thermal processes.

The project achieves dual climate benefits:

1. Fossil fuel displacement, reducing CO₂ emissions.
2. Methane avoidance, by preventing unmanaged decay of biomass waste.

Beyond emissions reduction, the project creates local employment opportunities in biomass collection, processing, and briquette production, with a focus on including women and youth. It improves air quality by reducing pollutants from fossil fuel combustion and open burning of biomass.

The project is designed to be scalable and replicable, offering a sustainable model for clean energy and waste-to-energy conversion in other regions. Ongoing community engagement ensures local participation, transparency, and social co-benefits.

SECTION B. INVITATIONS MADE TO STAKEHOLDERS

B.1. Invitation tracking table

Category Code	Stakeholder Type/Organisation (if relevant)	Name of invitee	Male/Female	Method of invitation	Date of invitation (>30 days before Meeting)
A	Local Community, directly or indirectly affected	-	Both female and male	Notices at Public place, Newspaper advertisement, WhatsApp message, telephone calls	24/06/2025
B	Land Tenure rights	-	Both female and male	Notices at public places	24/06/2025
C	Local Policy Makers	Ms Lakeisha Fuller Mthandeni Ndwalane Ziyanda Mzimela	Both female and male	Email	24/06/2025
D	National DNAs	Mr. Thabo Mokoena Mr. Daniel Modise Ms. Thembeke Zuma Ms. Winniefred Maswanganye	Both female and male	Email	24/06/2025
E	Local NGOs and women SHGs	Joan Gallagher	Male	Email	24/06/2025
F	Gold Standard representative	help@goldstandard.org	N/A	Email	24/06/2025
G	International NGOs of GS	Mr. Siddharth Yadav Mr. Raave Jain	N/A	Email	24/06/2025

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Mr. Finsterwald

B.1.1. Appropriateness of methods

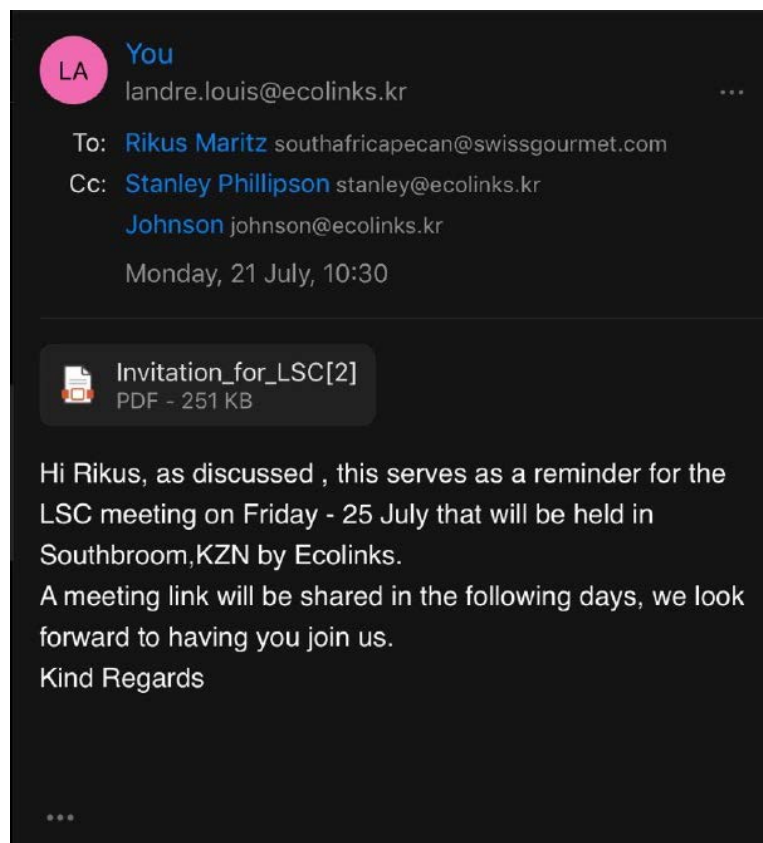
>> To ensure broad and inclusive stakeholder participation, invitations for the Stakeholder Feedback Round were disseminated through multiple appropriate and accessible channels. Individual invitations were sent via email and delivered personally to key stakeholders, including representatives of the biomass suppliers and local communities. Public notices were prominently displayed on school notice boards, building walls, and in commonly frequented community areas to maximize visibility. Furthermore, during the physical meeting of the Stakeholder Feedback Round, the project team reinforced participation by displaying additional notices and distributing printed invitations to attendees. These combined methods ensured that all relevant stakeholder groups, including school staff, local residents, and community representatives, were adequately informed and given the opportunity to participate in the consultation process.

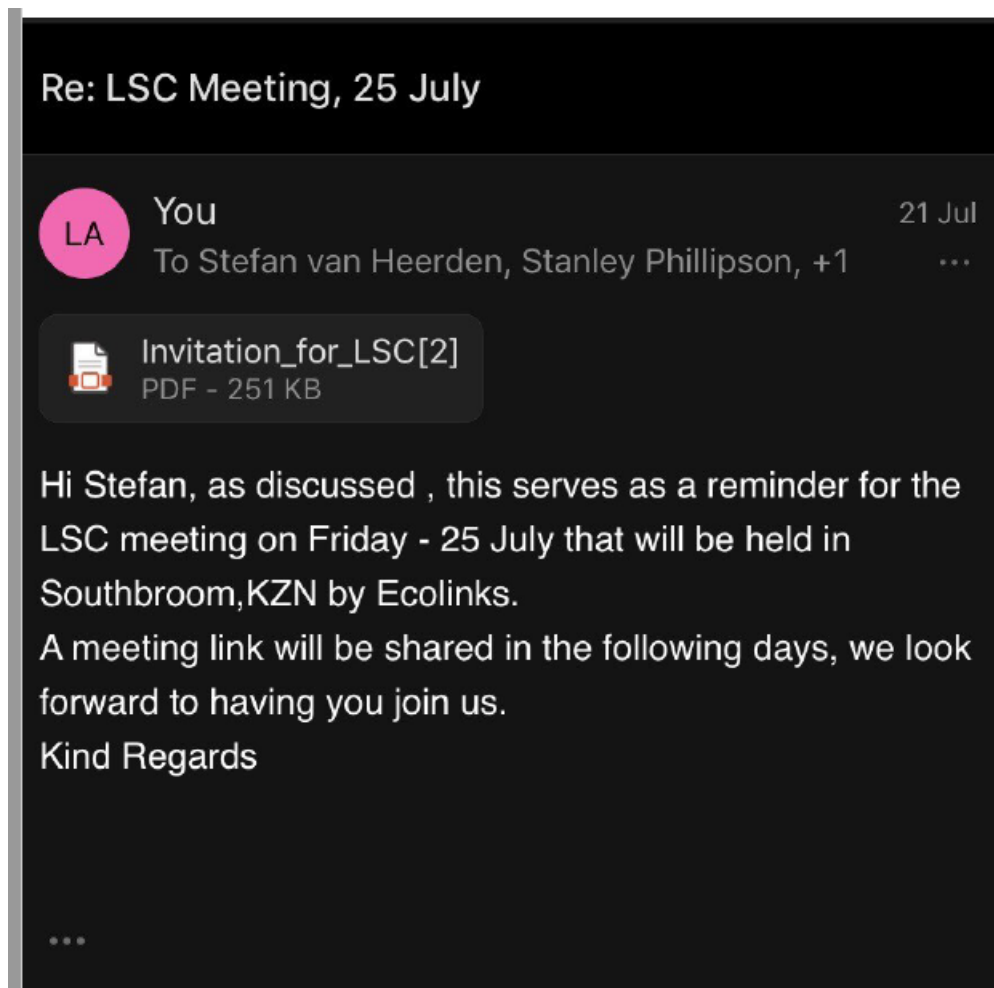
B.1.2. Gender Sensitivity

>> The project integrates gender-sensitive design by encouraging active participation of women during stakeholder consultations through targeted outreach and inclusive meeting locations near project communities. Meetings were held in locally understood languages to ensure accessibility and comfort for female participants. Recognizing the underrepresentation of women in the clean energy and waste management sectors, the project promotes their involvement across the value chain—including in biomass collection, briquette production, and administration. Stakeholders were assured of the project's commitment to gender equality and non-discrimination. Efforts will continue to ensure women benefit equally through training, employment, and income opportunities created by the project.

B.1.3. Evidence proving invites took place as stated

>> The evidences of invitations of Stakeholder Consultation meeting are as follows:







Dear Stakeholders,

Greetings of the day!!

This is to notify that EcoLinks Co., LTD, headquartered in South Korea in partnership with Ground Greens located in Southbroom is installing waste biomass treatment plant (Green Briquette Plant) in South Africa. Since, the proposed project is contributing to the mitigation of global climate change, project developer intends to develop the project as a Gold Standard for Global Goals Mechanism project as a Project Activity and decided to adopt Gold Standard modalities for the project activity.

To scale up their initiative, EcoLinks Co., LTD in partnership with Ground Greens is planning to develop the project, managed in collaboration with local communities. Since, the project will contribute in achieving SDGs including, but not limited to, SDG-4: Quality Education, SDG-5: Gender Equality, SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG -8 Decent Work and Economic Growth and SDG-13: Climate Action. EcoLinks is applying for registration of its project under Gold Standard for Global Goals certification. This registration will help EcoLinks to raise finance for this initiative at a low cost, thereby helping the project to reach the desired scale.

To communicate the scope of the program, identify needs and concerns of the consumers & discuss economic, social and environmental impacts arising to end-users and communities, Ecolinks and Ground Greens is convening a Local Stakeholder Consultation meeting on 25th July 2025 to receive feedback from relevant stakeholders.

We cordially invite you to the stakeholders' consultation meeting to express your views on the above initiatives. In case you are joining virtually, weblink will be shared once confirmation is received from your end.

The Agenda for the LSC is as follows:

- Introduction of Ecolinks
- Details of biomass Briquetting and use in boilers
- Benefits from the Project
- Gender Equality as per GS4GG and SDG guidelines
- Grievance Mechanism for stakeholders
- Yearly monitoring process for Sustainable development
- Feedback/Questions from Stakeholders

Project Title: Production of Biomass Briquette for Energy purpose in South Africa

Location: Southbroom Golf Club

Meeting details: Date: **25/07/2025**; time: 10:00 am

Online Link : [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 417 891 044 810 7

Passcode: 2N86Wq95

You are requested to participate in the public meeting and provide your valuable comments on the same. Alternatively, you can provide your comments via email or by a checklist available at the site.

For further questions and/or comments, you can contact us at following credentials:

Name: Stanley Phillipson

Lead Project Developer - EcoLinks

Tel: +82 10 4524 0990,

E-Mail: stanley@ecolinks.kr



Name: Jason Biggs

CEO/Owner of Ground Greens

Tel: 082 461 7597

Email: jason@groundgreens.co.za



B.1.4. Sample content of invites (for each Method above)

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E-Mail: stanley@ecolinks.kr

B.1.5. Description of other Means and methods to provide feedback for those who are not able to join the consultation meeting

>> An online link was shared via email with all the stakeholders who were unable to join or attend the meeting in person, allowing them to participate virtually. Additionally, they, also have the option to provide their feedback and the suggestions via email.

SECTION C. REPORT OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

C.1. Date of Meeting

>>25/07/2025.

C.1.1. Justification of why consultation took place after the project start date (retroactive projects only)

>>Not applicable as this is regular PoA/ VPA.

C.1.2. List of participants

Date and Time:	25/07/2025; 10:00 am	Location:	Southbroom Golf Glub South Africa
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Category Code	Name of the participant, job / position in the community	Male / Female	Contact details	Organisation (if relevant)	Signature
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Kindly refer to the attendance sheet below

C.1.3. Pictures from the physical meeting(s) (best practice)

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C.2. Minutes of physical meeting(s)

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Minutes of Physical Meeting for Local Stakeholder Consultation

Title: Production of Biomass Briquettes for Energy Purposes in South Africa

Date: 25/07/2025

Location: Southbroom Golf Club

Facilitator: Lindsay Hopkins

Partners: Ground Greens

1. Welcome and Project Overview

Lindsay Hopkins welcomed all participants and introduced the PoA and real case VPA that is biomass briquettes project, which aims to provide a sustainable and affordable alternative to coal and heavy fuel oils through the use of agricultural and organic waste. She emphasized the project's environmental and socio-economic benefits, including:

- Reduction of unmanaged biowaste and associated methane emissions.
- Promotion of clean energy adoption in industrial manufacturing.
- Creation of local job opportunities.
- Utilization of mechanical crushing and shredding technology to limit heavy machinery use.
- Generation of carbon credits to support project financing and maintain cost affordability.

The PoA and VPA are being implemented in partnership with Ground Greens, with strong backing from EcoLinks, an organization focused on long-term societal impact.

2. Grievance Mechanism and Stakeholder Introductions

Lindsay presented the project's grievance redress mechanism as part of the stakeholder engagement process, encouraging open dialogue and feedback. Key contributors introduced during this session included:

- Stel (MacEden)
- Sean (South Green Properties)
- Stanley Phillipson (joining remotely from South Korea)

Lindsay also shared her personal motivation, drawing from her prior experience in combating plastic pollution and food waste, reiterating the project's aim to build a circular economy while reducing fossil fuel dependence.

3. Waste Material Discussion: SA Pecan Facility

Melissa du Toit and Stefan (SA Pecan) raised concerns about waste generated at their pecan processing facility. They outlined the types of byproducts available, such as pecan

shells, leaves, and other debris, and inquired about the potential for these materials to be used in the briquette production process.

Lindsay responded positively, noting the importance of sourcing locally available waste to reduce transportation and logistical expenses. She confirmed that the project team is open to collaborative arrangements for waste handling and supply.

4. Briquette Production Process and Offtake Agreements

Discussions continued around the briquetting process. Lindsay clarified that material grinding and blending would be conducted at the project facility to meet fuel specifications.

Stanley Phillipson emphasized the critical role of carbon finance in supporting the economic viability of the project. He explained that income from carbon credits will facilitate free waste collection services and help maintain competitive briquette pricing. The team also underlined the importance of establishing offtake agreements with industrial users to ensure sustained demand and long-term project success.

5. Ecolinks Partnership and Closing Remarks

Lindsay spoke about the strategic partnership with Ecolinks, highlighting their extensive experience across Africa and their commitment to impactful and inclusive environmental solutions.

As part of next steps, the group agreed to distribute grievance questionnaires to collect feedback and address any community concerns regarding the project.

Stanley, currently abroad, expressed his intention to visit the project site in South Africa soon to support ongoing coordination efforts.

Key Questions Raised

- What types of agricultural/organic waste are acceptable for briquette production?
- What is the expected implementation timeline for the project?
- How will the project ensure regular offtake and long-term economic viability?

Conclusion

The meeting concluded with appreciation for all stakeholders' engagement and inputs. The EcoLinks team reaffirmed its commitment to transparency, collaboration, and delivering impactful solutions for clean energy and waste management in South Africa.

C.2.1. Minutes of other consultations

>> Not Applicable.

C.3. Assessment of comments from all consultations above

Gender of Stakeholder	Stakeholder comment	Was comment taken into account (Yes/ No)?	Explanation/ Justification (Why? How?)
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No negative comments were received from the stakeholders during the Stakeholder Feedback Round.

C.3.1. Evaluation forms (best practice)

Some sample Evaluation forms are as follows:

The image shows two sample evaluation forms from EcoLinks Co., LTD. Both forms are titled 'Local Stakeholder Consultation Meeting Evaluation Form'.

Left Form (Date: 25/7/25, Location: Southbrook Golf Club):

Name:	Response:
Gender:	Male
Age:	49
What is your impression of the stakeholder's meeting?	Very interesting
What do you like about the project	Did of Fossil Fuels
What are your concerns related to the project implementations	Not many people know what a good product this is
What suggestions do you have for the project implementation	Education residents in about 10-20.
Did you fully understand about the grievance mechanism in the project	Yes
Additional comments if any....	
Signature:	[Signature]

Right Form (Date: 25/07/2025, Location: Southbrook Golf Club):

Name:	Response:
Gender:	Male
Age:	40
What is your impression of the stakeholder's meeting?	It was well presented and all questions well answered.
What do you like about the project	a great idea and had thinking forwarded to it nothing
What are your concerns related to the project implementations	Consistency and timeline.
What suggestions do you have for the project implementation	Slow and steady get the recipe right.
Did you fully understand about the grievance mechanism in the project	Yes
Additional comments if any....	None.
Signature:	[Signature]

EcoLinks Co., LTD.
Local Stakeholder Consultation Meeting Evaluation Form

Date: 25 July 2025
Location: Southbrook Golf Club

Name: <u>Landre Holgren</u> Gender: <u>Male</u> Age: <u>45</u>	Response: <u>Landre Holgren</u> <u>RE</u>
What is your impression of the stakeholder's meeting?	<u>Very brief & effective, great info and initiative</u>
What do you like about the project	<u>The feasibility and goal of the use of agri-waste</u>
What are your concerns related to the project implementations	<u>The offtake and selling of bio-fuel</u>
What suggestions do you have for the project implementation	<u>Selling the bio-fuel to businesses that use fossil fuels</u>
Did you fully understand about the grievance mechanism in the project	<u>Yes</u>
Additional comments if any....	<u>No</u>
Signature:	<u>[Signature]</u>

EcoLinks Co., LTD.
Local Stakeholder Consultation Meeting Evaluation Form

Date: 25/07/25
Location: Southbrook Golf Club

Name: <u>S. Ponnala</u> Gender: <u>Male</u> Age: <u>48</u>	Response:
What is your impression of the stakeholder's meeting?	<u>Very informative and an PASSEY looks like 2D' need to make similar</u>
What do you like about the project	<u>RE USE OF WASTE PRODUCT AND BENEFITS TO ALL INVOLVED</u>
What are your concerns related to the project implementations	<u>TO REMAIN A CONSULT BUT -2D</u>
What suggestions do you have for the project implementation	<u>TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH DEVELOPMENT AS WE MOVE FORWARD</u>
Did you fully understand about the grievance mechanism in the project	<u>YES</u>
Additional comments if any....	<u>-</u>
Signature:	<u>[Signature]</u>

C.4. Summary of alterations based on comments

>> The development team reviewed all stakeholder inputs and, as no feedback indicated the need for changes, no alterations to the project design were required.

SECTION D. CONTINUOUS INPUT / GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

Please use the table below to report on the methods agreed with stakeholders

	Method Chosen (include a Justification of Choice known details e.g. location (best practice) of the book, phone, number, identity of mediator)	
Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book (mandatory)	Input/Grievance Register to be maintained at project site office.	The project site office serves as a publicly accessible location where local stakeholders can submit their feedback on the project.
GS Contact (mandatory)	help@goldstandard.org	The Gold Standard contact details are provided on the cover of the grievance register to ensure clear and transparent communication.
Telephone access (optional)	-	-
Internet/email access (optional)	-	-
Nominated Independent Mediator (optional)	-	-
Other	-	-

SECTION E. STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK ROUND

☐ Please check this box if the project is retroactive and has done only 1 consultation with a physical meeting integrated into the SFR.

E.1. Length of the Feedback Round

Stakeholder Feedback Round	Planned	Actual
Start Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
End Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

E.2. Summarise how all stakeholders were/will be invited to provide feedback

>> Stakeholders have been actively encouraged to provide feedback and participate in stakeholder engagement meetings through a combination of notifications, public announcements, and both electronic and physical media channels.

E.3. Summarise Feedback received, including if any changes in project design were made

>> No feedback received during the consultation process indicated the need for any changes to the project design; therefore, no modifications were made.

Revision History

Version	Date	Remarks
1.2	5 May 2022	Addition of grouped consultation info, preliminary agenda and section to justify retroactive consultation took place. Minor edits to text.
1.1	14 October 2020	Inclusion of Key Project Information Restructure, new headings and reorder to better match the steps a developer will follow in consultations. Removal of some non-mandatory template tables (Blind Sustainable Development Assessment). Clarification of best practice steps that are non mandatory processes, clarification of mandatory discussion points. Clarification regarding publishing names and that original evaluation forms (optional) and attendance lists (mandatory) should be separate documents. Improved clarity on Stakeholder Feedback round section and procedures for retroactive projects Provision of an accompanying Guide to help the user understand detailed rules and requirements
1.0	14 August 2017	Initial adoption