NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

APPLICATION FOR AN ELECTRICITY TRADING LICENCE IN TERMS OF THE ELECTRICITY REGULATION ACT, 2006 (ACT NO. 4 OF 2006).

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PREAMBLE

Section 4 of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006) provides for the Regulator to issue licences for the trading of electricity. Rules as determined by the Regulator specify that anyone involved in electricity trading activities is required to be licensed by the Regulator.

Applicants wishing to obtain a trading licence are required to provide reasonably detailed technical, economic, and financial information to NERSA together with the licence application form. This information may also be contained in the form of a **Feasibility Study Report.**

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SECTION A: PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

A1 Full name of applicant (business name) and business registration number

LINKSOLAR (PTY) LTD
2023/832687/07

Please refer to **Annexure A1** *(CIPC Registration Certificate)*

A2 Address of applicant, or in the case of a body corporate, the registered head office

Physical Address:	2 Morris Street W, Woodmead, Gauteng, 2191
Postal Address:	2 Morris Street W, Woodmead, Gauteng, 2191

Please refer to **Annexure A2** *(CIPC Confirmation Certificate)*

A3 Telephone number of applicant:

010 442 4795

A4 Fax number of applicant:

n/a

A5 Contact person of applicant

Name:	Layla Jordaan
Telephone No:	010 442 4795
Mobile No:	[redacted]
Fax No:	n/a

A6 Legal form of applicant

The applicant is a private company incorporated in accordance with the laws of South Africa

Registration:	2023/832687/07
Directors:	Mrs. Layla Jordaan, Mr Khulekani Nxumalo

Please refer to **Annexure A2** *(CIPC Confirmation Certificate)*

Note to Section A

State whether the applicant is a local government body, a juristic person established in terms of an act of parliament, a department of state, a company or other legal body. If the applicant is a local government body, attach a copy of the proclamation establishing such body. Where the applicant is a company, the full names of the current directors and the company registration number are required.

SECTION B: COMMENCEMENT DATE OF LICENCE

B1 Desired date from which the licence (if granted) is to take effect

1 March 2025

SECTION C: GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHICH TRADING APPLICATION RELATES

C1 A sufficient description adequately specifying the location of the area(s) where the trading activities to which the application relates.

The applicant will initially trade electricity generated by a Generation Facility (a PV farm) located between Hanover and De Aar, Northern Cape, to three different customers:

- An office building and clinic located in Bakgatla, North West.

All trading operations will be within South African borders, using only **Eskom's** transmission and distribution networks. The applicant plans to extend trading to more customers throughout South Africa, and therefore necessitates a national trading license. (Please refer to **Figure 1** below for trading activity map.)

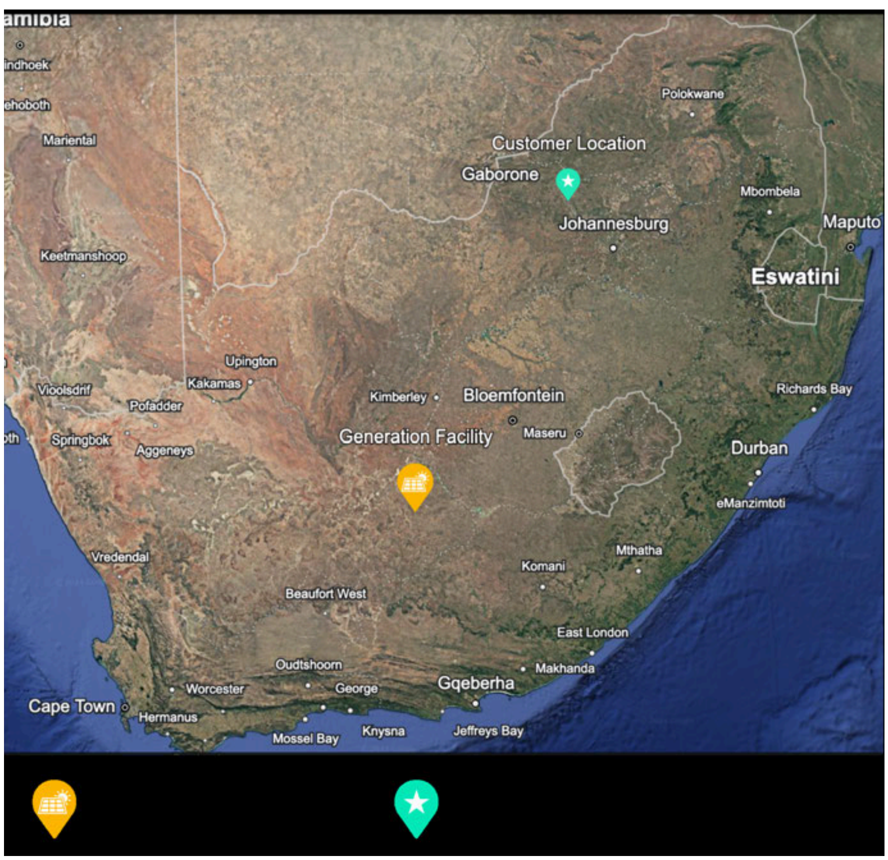

Figure 1: Trading Activity Map

<u>Note to Section C:</u>
Submit a map to readily identify the area to which the application relates. The map must indicate local government boundaries within the area to which the application relates. Where the applicant is a local government body applying to trade electricity within the whole or part of the area of another local government body, then indicate respective areas on the map.

SECTION D: GENERATOR/S PROFILE

D1 Particulars of the person or persons to whom the applicant is purchasing or intends to purchase electricity from.

SOLARAFRICA ENERGY (PTY) LTD ,a limited liability company incorporated in the Republic of South Africa.
Company Number: 2014/132926/07
Registered Address: 49 Via Salara, Irene Corporate Corner, Nellmapius Dr, Irene Farm Villages, Centurion, 0133
Tel: +27 12 881 4800 Email Address: info@solarafrica.com

Power is purchased from:

- **SolarAfrica SunCentral Holdings 2**
- **SolarAfrica SunCentral Holdings 3**

These entities, operating under SolarAfrica Energy, are registered as generators and have the authority to enter into Power Purchase Agreements. Registration details and operational controls are outlined in the annexures.

- **Annexure D1.1:** *Letter detailing the registration and operational control of SolarAfrica SunCentral Holdings 2 and 3.*
- **Annexure D2.1:** *Copy of NERSA Generator Registration Certificate for SunCentral Holdings 2.*
- **Annexure D3.1:** *Copy of NERSA Generator Registration Certificate for SunCentral Holdings 3.*

D2 Provide summary details of Power Purchase Agreements with generator/s including the purchasing price etc.

The applicant has established a detailed Power Purchase Agreement with the Generator.

Please consult the following annexures for additional details:

Annexure D2: *Signed Power Purchase Agreement*

<u>**Note to Section D:**</u> Please ensure to include copies of the signed Generation Power Purchase Agreements (G-PPA) along with a breakdown of the pricing structure of the agreement.

SECTION E: CUSTOMER PROFILE

E1 Particulars of the person or persons to whom the applicant is providing or intends to provide electricity to.

LinkSolar is committed to a Corporate Power Purchase Agreement (CPPA) with **Bakgatla Ba Kgafela Development & Welfare (NPC)** [redacted] Under this agreement, LinkSolar will supply solar-generated electricity to the office complex, clinic, and cultural museum of Bakgatla Ba Kgafela, all located within the same community hub premises in the North West Province.

Client Overview: Bakgatla Ba Kgafela Development & Welfare actively engages in various sustainable development initiatives to enhance the socio-economic conditions of their community. This organization, under the leadership of Kgosi Nyalala Pilane, focuses on providing key community services and promoting economic empowerment through enhanced education and skills training.

Sustainability Goals: This engagement illustrates Bakgatla Ba Kgafela's dedication to adopting renewable energy solutions, which aligns with their commitment to environmental sustainability and reducing their ecological footprint.

For more detailed information about Bakgatla Ba Kgafela Development & Welfare, please visit their official website: bbkta.co.za

E2 Provide summary details of Power Purchase Agreements with customer including purchasing price etc.

To properly allocate and manage risk, the CPPA was drafted with due consideration to the GPPA. A summary of the key Heads of Terms of the CPPA is tabled below.

The C-PPA is attached under **Annexure E2:** *Signed C-PPA Document*

Term	
Right To Cancel	The supply of Electrical Energy to any Property may be cancelled by providing written notice indicated in clause 12.2 and paying the amount stipulated in clause 12 of the General Conditions, being the Termination Fee.
Tariff	The applicable initial Tariff(s) (without escalation) are referenced to the Customer's aggregate Annual Purchase Commitment(s) that the Provider is obliged to deliver at the beginning of that Month:

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<tr><td></td><td><table><tr><td>Aggregate Annual Purchase Commitment</td><td>Tariff (R/ kWh)</td></tr><tr><td>[redacted]</td><td>[redacted]</td></tr></table></td></tr>
<tr><td>Annual Escalation</td><td>Tariff(s) will escalate annually at a rate of 7%.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Monthly Payment</td><td>The Monthly Payment is determined by multiplying the amount of Electrical Energy for each Month (as reflected as a credit on the Utility Invoice) by the Tariff:

Example: For Peak, Standard and Off-Peak Rates:
The higher of:
[Electrical Energy (kWh) or Minimum Monthly Purchase(kWh)] x Tariff = Monthly Payment</td></tr>
<tr><td>Minimum Monthly Purchase</td><td>The amount of Electrical Energy charged to the Customer for each Month is subject to a Minimum Monthly Purchase amount, determined in accordance with Attachment 2.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Performance Guarantee</td><td>The supply of Electrical Energy under this Agreement is subject to a Performance Guarantee (Attachment 3 - Performance Guarantee) offered by the Provider (the “Performance Guarantee”).</td></tr>
<tr><td>First Supply Notice (s)</td><td>Attachment 1</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional Supply Notice (s)</td><td>The Customer may at its option issue additional supply notices substantially in the same form as per Attachment 5 (each a “Additional Supply Notice”), at any time on or before the 1 year anniversary of the Signature Date.
the location of the nominated Property and Utility account reference;
the Planned Supply Date on which the Electrical Energy must be wheeled to the Customer at the nominated Property, which date cannot be less than 12 months after the issue of the Additional Supply Notice and no more than 24 months;
the Annual Purchase Commitment (in kWh), which cannot be (a) more than the Maximum Commitment; and (b) cannot be less than the Minimum Commitment, as specified in the Specific Conditions;
Thereafter, Additional Supply Notices may be issued by the Customer and accepted by the Provider at its sole discretion, which acceptance must be provided in writing within 30 days following the date of such Additional Supply Notice.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Minimum Commitment</td><td>For each Supply Notice, the total Electrical Energy that the Customer can elect to be wheeled to a nominated Property cannot be less than 300 MWh (“Minimum Commitment”), unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.</td></tr>
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Total Annual Commitment	The aggregate Electrical Energy for all Supply Notices may not exceed 500 MWh, unless otherwise agreed by both Parties in writing.
Termination Fee	See Attachment 4 (Termination Fee).
Penalty	A kWh rate, payable to the Customer for non-performance under the Performance Guarantee and/or Delays under Clause 10.7 by the Provider, as set out in Attachment 3 (Performance Guarantee).
Provider Use of System Charges	For Customer's account, to be added to the Monthly Invoice.
Customer Use of System Charges	For Customer's account (as billed by the Utility directly to the Customer)
Environmental Attributes	The Environmental Attributes, including Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) are available for registration and use by the Trader.

Note to Section E:
Please provide a copy (or copies) of any Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) entered into and the price structure of the contract.

SECTION F: WHEELING ARRANGEMENTS

F1 Specify arrangements entered into for the wheeling of the energy from supplier to purchaser.

LinkSolar will facilitate energy wheeling from our Generator to our clients using Virtual Power Purchase Arrangements (VPPAs). Our Generator has an active DCUOSA with Eskom, enabling the use of Eskom's grid for electricity distribution. Upon obtaining our trading license, LinkSolar will execute Customer Power Purchase Arrangements (CPPAs) with our clients, leveraging Eskom's Virtual Wheeling Platform (VWP) to manage and reconcile energy credits efficiently. This arrangement will utilize Eskom-approved smart meters for accurate data collection and compliance with regulatory standards.

For details on these arrangements, please consult:

- **Annexure F1.1:** DCUOSA with Wheeling (Suncentral 2)
- **Annexure F1.2:** DCUOSA with Wheeling (Suncentral 3)
- **Annexure F1.3:** Arrangements for Wheeling Energy from Supplier to Purchaser

F2 Specify metering arrangements and any other related services entered into for facilitating trading activities.

LinkSolar has established comprehensive metering arrangements to ensure accurate and transparent energy trading activities. We utilize standard Eskom meters complemented by advanced, proprietary check meters equipped with real-time monitoring capabilities. These meters are integrated with LinkSolar's IoT platform, providing customers with live dashboards to view exact energy usage and verify the accuracy of Eskom meters.

Our metering arrangements include:

- **Eskom Standard Meters**: Used for initial energy measurement compliant with Eskom's grid.
- **Check Meters**: Provide a secondary verification to ensure accuracy, connected to our IoT platform for real-time data monitoring.
- **IoT Platform**: Offers a sophisticated dashboard for customers to monitor their energy usage live, ensuring transparency and enabling better energy management.

These systems are installed in accordance with all relevant metering standards and policies as prescribed in the Grid Codes, ensuring full compliance and facilitating efficient trading operations. For detailed information, please refer to:

Annexure F2: *Metering Arrangements*.

Note to Section F: Provide copies of any wheeling agreements, metering arrangements, and any other related services that have been entered into.

SECTION G: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

G1 Submit projections of and current statements of the accounts in respect of the undertaking carried on by the applicant, showing the financial state of affairs of the most recent period, together with copies of the latest audited annual accounts where such have been prepared.

LinkSolar is a newly established company, currently in the preliminary stages of business operations; thus, we do not yet have our own audited financial statements. However, we are supported by our majority shareholder and parent company, Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd, which has a long-standing presence in the industry and robust financial health. Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd provides financial backing and operational support to LinkSolar, ensuring stability and reliability in our initial operations.

We leverage Sydwalt's financial records to support our application, underscoring the financial security and the operational foundation provided to LinkSolar. The most recent audited financial statements of Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd are attached herewith, reflecting their financial capacity and commitment to supporting LinkSolar's trading operations.

Please refer to:

- **Annexure G1.1:** Letter of Support from Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd confirming financial and operational backing, with details of shareholding structure and relationship between LinkSolar and Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd.
- **Annexure G1.2:** Recent Audited Financial Statements of Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd to to co-demonstrate the financial capabilities and stability.

G2 Submit annual forecasts for the next five years of costs, sales, and revenues generated by the project, stating the assumptions underlying the figures.

	Operations Year 1	Operations Year 2	Operations Year 3	Operations Year 4	Operations Year 5
Supply Costs	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Sale Revenue	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Operating Profit	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Assumptions:

- **Revenue:** Calculated as the product of the annual sale volume (23,360 MWh converted to kWh) and the escalated selling price. The starting tariff is [redacted] **per annum**.
- **Cost:** Derived from the escalated purchase price per kWh under the Generator PPA (GPPA). The cost also escalates at [redacted]
- **Operating Profit:** The difference between revenue and cost, accounting for:
  - **Wheeling charges**: [redacted]
  - **Administration/reconciliation costs**: Estimated at [redacted].
  - **No additional financial assumptions** (e.g., loan repayments, tax considerations) are included in this forecast.

This forecast aligns with the financial model prepared for LinkSolar and reflects the expected cost structure and profitability over the first five years of the project.

G3 Estimates of net annual cash flows for subsequent periods (5 years; 10 years; 15 years) sufficient to demonstrate the financial security and feasibility of a trader.

	Operations Year 5	Operations Year 10	Operations Year 15	Operations Year 20
EBITDA	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Profit after tax	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Assumptions:

- **EBITDA:** Represents operating profit before tax, calculated as revenue minus cost (including wheeling and admin charges). Figures align with the financial model's annual profit calculations.
- **Profit After Tax:** Computed by applying a [redacted] on EBITDA, meaning net profit after tax is [redacted]
- **Escalation Assumptions:**
  - **Energy tariffs** escalate at [redacted]

- Wheeling charges increase at [redacted]
- **Admin costs** [redacted]

- **Customer Affordability:** The aggregate annual energy supply fee remains structured so that it does not exceed the equivalent supply cost from Eskom, ensuring competitive pricing and financial feasibility for LinkSolar.

G4 Project financing: Who will finance the project, how is funding split between debt and equity, and what are the terms and conditions of the funding agreements.

- **Financing Overview:** The trading activities conducted by LinkSolar are fundamentally supported by Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd. Sydwalt not only provides operational backing but also facilitates the necessary financial arrangements to ensure seamless trading operations. This robust support underscores the commitment to fostering a stable and efficient trading environment underpinned by significant industry experience and financial stability.
- **Financing Structure:** Financing for the trading activities will be directly managed through Sydwalt, utilizing a mix of equity investments and operational cash flows. This approach ensures that the funding structure remains flexible to adapt to varying market conditions and trading requirements.
- **Additional Reference:** For further details on the backing organizations and the overarching financial strategies employed by Sydwalt, please see **Section K** of this document.

Notes:

1. The information requested in the financial statements shall be based on accounts prepared in conformity with the relevant accounting legislation and policies of South Africa.
2. Where the applicant is a local government body, the financial statements must relate to electricity trading specifically.

SECTION H: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

H1 Purchase of electricity

See Annexure G2: Financial Model

H2 Sale of electricity

See Annexure G2: Financial Model

Notes:
Provide detailed pricing of energy traded between sellers and purchasers.

SECTION I: HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION

I1 Submit details of the number of staff and employees and their categories in the service of applicant and in any support services separate from the trading entity. Also provide information regarding relevant qualifications and experience in critical areas e.g. Government Certificate of Competency.

Commitment to Diversity and Empowerment

LinkSolar (Pty) Ltd is at the forefront of the renewable energy sector, not only in terms of innovation and technology but also in our commitment to diversity and empowerment. We are proud to hold a B-BBEE Level 2 status, with our parent company as Level 1, reflecting our deep commitment to South Africa's socio-economic development:

- **Diverse Leadership**: Our leadership team reflects our commitment to diversity, with a female CEO at the helm and 50% of our board positions held by women, demonstrating strong female representation in decision-making roles.
- **Youth Empowerment**: We emphasize youth empowerment, with a significant number of young professionals in strategic positions, fostering an environment that nurtures leadership and innovation among the next generation.
- **Broad-based Representation**: Approximately 92% of our team are black employees, exemplifying our commitment to transforming the workforce and providing advancement opportunities for historically underrepresented groups.

Multidisciplinary Expertise

At LinkSolar, we recognize that the complexity of the renewable energy sector requires a multidisciplinary approach. Our team's expertise spans several critical areas:

- **Engineering Excellence**: Our engineers are not only well-versed in the latest technological advancements but also hold essential certifications, including Government Certificates of Competency, ensuring excellence and compliance in all our projects.
- **Legal and Regulatory Acumen**: With a legal team led by our CEO, who holds both BCom Law and LLB degrees, we ensure rigorous compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements, vital for navigating the complexities of the energy sector.
- **Financial Stewardship**: Our financial team, led by seasoned professionals, manages our financial health with precision, supporting sustainable growth and ensuring robust financial practices.
- **Environmental Responsibility**: Our commitment to environmental sustainability is underpinned by a team specializing in environmental management and compliance, ensuring that our projects not only meet but exceed environmental protection standards.

Support Services and Strategic Alignment

LinkSolar benefits from strong support from Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd, our parent company, which enhances our operational capabilities with additional expertise in Human Resources, Financial Services, and Legal support. This synergy between LinkSolar and Sydwalt ensures a comprehensive approach to project management and corporate governance.

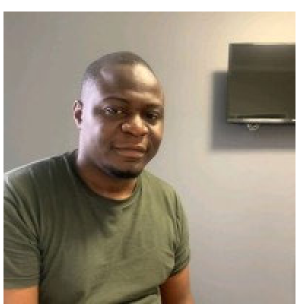
Conclusion

LinkSolar is dedicated to building a resilient and diverse workforce that mirrors our core values of innovation, integrity, and inclusivity. Our human resources strategy is designed to leverage our strengths across various disciplines, enhancing our capacity to lead and innovate in the renewable energy market. We are committed to contributing positively to South Africa's energy landscape, driving both technological and social progress.

Please see a list of key team members below and a brief description of their professional achievements and qualifications:

KEY PERSONNEL

	**Khulekani Nxumalo - Chairman of LinkSolar, CEO of Sydwalt** MFin; MSc PM; BSc Chem Eng Khulekani Nxumalo is an accomplished leader with extensive expertise in engineering and business management. He holds an MFin, MSc in Project Management, and a BSc in Chemical Engineering. As the Chairman of LinkSolar, Khulekani steers the company's strategic direction, emphasizing sustainable energy solutions and innovation in the solar power sector. He also serves as the CEO of Sydwalt Pty Ltd, where he has significantly improved profitability and operational efficiency. Previously, as COO at Randwater, he developed a Masterplan and an acclaimed online operating system recognized by the Minister of Water and Sanitation. Khulekani has served on the technical advisory committee for the Minister of Water and Sanitation, initiating critical reforms in South Africa's water services. His professional skills encompass project management, business re-engineering, and strategic development, focusing on growth and sustainable practices.

	**Layla Jordaan - CEO** BCom Law ; LLB Layla Jordaan is the dynamic CEO of LinkSolar, guiding the company toward innovative solutions in the renewable energy sector. With degrees in Commerce in Law and Law (LLB), she merges legal expertise with strategic business insights. Her previous role as Managing Director at Sunova involved leading strategic projects that significantly boosted company growth, while her consulting tenure at Deloitte provided valuable international business exposure with clients such as Google. Layla's work in Washington, D.C., as a Communications Manager for the South Africa Washington International Program, highlights her adeptness in international relations and policy shaping. As CEO, she focuses on driving LinkSolar to deliver sustainable solar solutions tailored to meet global energy challenges.
	**Louis Kurambwi CA(SA) - CFO** MCom Finance ; BCom Hons Louis Kurambwi is a strategic financial executive with an MCom in Finance from the University of Pretoria, a BCom Hons, and certification as a Chartered Accountant (CA(SA)). As the CFO of Sydwalt and LinkSolar, he oversees the financial management of the group, ensuring robust fiscal health and supporting strategic initiatives. Louis's prior experience includes roles at major firms like Royal Bafokeng Investments and ABSA, where he specialized in financial modeling, strategic planning, and corporate governance. His expertise also extends to international financial reporting standards and compliance, making him integral to the group's financial strategy and operations.
	**Martin Kanyepe - Renewable Energy Engineer** MSc Renewable Energy Eng); B.Tech Electrical Eng; B.Eng Renewable Energy (CUT) Martin Kanyepe is a Chartered Electrical Engineer with a profound 15 years of experience in power generation, distribution, and renewable energy. Holding an MSc in Renewable Energy Engineering from the University of Zimbabwe, a B.Tech in Electrical Engineering from UNISA, and a B.Eng from Chinhoyi University of Technology, Martin brings a wealth of expertise to his role at Energy and Power Engineering Solutions. He has been instrumental in numerous high-capacity projects, including serving as the Technical Advisor for hybrid power systems in Saint Helena and leading design and implementation of large-scale solar PV plants across Southern Africa. His extensive skills in project management, energy auditing, and power system compliance ensure innovative and efficient energy solutions tailored to both market and environmental needs.
	Nolwazi Nxumalo, Environmental Compliance Director MSc GIS & Remote Sensing; BSc Environmental & Resource Studies Nolwazi Nxumalo holds a Master of Science in GIS and Remote Sensing from the University of Witwatersrand and a Bachelor of Science in

	Environmental and Resource Studies from the University of Limpopo. With over 5 years of experience, she currently heads Shared Services at Sydwalt Pty Ltd. Nolwazi specializes in environmental impact assessments, environmental management plans, and water use license applications. She has played significant roles in major projects such as the Uthukela District Springs Protection and Appurtenant Works, showcasing her expertise in managing substantial environmental projects.
	Simphiwe Nxumalo, Operations BCom Financial Management Simphiwe Nxumalo is the COO at Sydwalt Pty Ltd with a BCom in Financial Management from the University of South Africa. With 17 years of experience, Simphiwe excels in construction management, cost control, and project scheduling. He has led significant infrastructure projects like the Madadeni Water Supply Extension and the Uthukela District Springs Protection Works, demonstrating a robust capability in managing large-scale operations and improving project delivery.
	Sibulele Futshane, Director of Project Finance BTech Quantity Surveying; ND Project Management; ND Building Science Sibulele Futshane, with a BTech in Quantity Surveying from Tshwane University of Technology and 18 years of experience, is the Head of Finance at Sydwalt Pty Ltd. His expertise includes cost forecasting, preparation of bills of quantities, and project financial management. Sibulele has contributed to high-profile projects like the Bekkersdal Sewer Rehabilitation and DSTV CITY commercial buildings, underscoring his skill in financial oversight of complex engineering projects.
	Sydney Chauke, Head of Civil Engineering Design B-Tech Civil Engineering; ND Civil Engineering Sydney Chauke, a B-Tech graduate in Civil Engineering from Vaal University of Technology, directs design initiatives at Sydwalt Pty Ltd. With 23 years of experience, he manages major civil projects, including the design and construction management of sanitation schemes and water treatment works. Sydney's work demonstrates a comprehensive approach to civil engineering, from initial design to project completion.
	Nomsa Mazibuko, Financial Strategy and Risk Director B-Tech Internal Auditing; Grad Prog in Advanced Taxation Nomsa Mazibuko is a seasoned Financial Officer with a B-Tech in Internal Auditing from Vaal University of Technology and extensive certifications in taxation from the University of Pretoria. With 13 years of experience, she currently oversees financial operations at Sydwalt Pty Ltd. Nomsa's expertise encompasses comprehensive financial management from audit preparations to budget projections, significantly contributing to the company's strategic financial planning and risk management.

SECTION J : PERMISSION FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

(To be provided if applicable)

J1 Where possible provide details and any supporting documentation of permissions from other government departments or regulatory authorities.

n/a

SECTION K: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Provide any other relevant information related to this application

LinkSolar, a pivotal division of Sydwalt (Pty) Ltd, stands as a premier candidate for a trading license, underpinned by a unique set of strengths that distinctly qualify us for successful operation within South Africa's renewable energy sector:

1. **Empowered Leadership and Commitment**: LinkSolar is guided by a predominantly black-owned and managed parent company, Sydwalt, which is a Level 1 B-BBEE contributor. Our leadership includes industry veterans like our CEO, the former COO of Randwater, known for his significant contributions to the water sector.
2. **Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Expertise**: Sydwalt brings extensive multidisciplinary engineering capabilities, ranging from civil and structural engineering to water and sanitation solutions. This breadth of expertise ensures that LinkSolar is equipped not only to implement but also to innovate within the renewable energy space.
3. **Community-Centric Initiatives**: Both LinkSolar and Sydwalt are deeply committed to empowering the communities we serve. Our initiatives are aimed at providing affordable power solutions to underrepresented and outskirts communities, enhancing both their quality of life and economic opportunities.
4. **Sustainable Development Goals Alignment**: Our operational strategies are designed to align with national and international sustainable development goals, emphasizing environmental stewardship, economic empowerment, and social responsibility.
5. **Professional Accreditations and Associations**: Sydwalt maintains memberships with key professional bodies such as Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) and the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), ensuring that our operations meet the highest standards of professional integrity and technical excellence.

Conclusion: With the support of Sydwalt's robust engineering background and our strategic initiatives aimed at broad societal benefits, LinkSolar is uniquely positioned to contribute positively to South Africa's energy sector. Granting a trading license to LinkSolar would not only advance the nation's renewable energy capacities but also promote a broader socio-economic upliftment through sustainable development.

SOLEMN DECLARATION

1. On behalf of the applicant, I hereby declare that:
    a. the applicant shall at all times comply in every respect with the conditions attached to any licence that may be granted to the applicant;
    b. the applicant shall at all times comply with lawful directions of the National Energy Regulator of South Africa;
    c. the information provided by me on behalf of the applicant is accurate and complete in all respects; and
    d. I am authorised to make this declaration on behalf of the applicant.

Signed:______________________________

Full name(s) of Signator(y/ies): **Layla Jordaan**

Position held (if the applicant is a company, co-operative, partnership, unincorporated association or any other body corporate): **Managing Director**

Date: **6 December 2024**

Amendments Signed: __________________

Date: 2 March 2025