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Zurisha Pelsier with her pit bulls Rufus and Avah.

Pit bulls, the FIGHT continues

Thabazimbi – With recent media attention, the frequency of violent pit bull attacks has been brought to many people's attention, and the debate on banning the questionably lethal, power breed continues.

Opinions on the matter differ as much as the opinions of the Democrats and the Republicans, it goes far beyond not seeing eye to eye. On the one side, we have concerned and – understandably – angered individuals who view the pit bull as an unpredictable threat; and on the other, we have breeders and owners who maintain that their beloved pets are harmless and ideal companions.

The pit bull – like the rottweiler, Doberman pinscher, German shepherd, and Rhodesian ridgeback (to name but a few) – is part of the 'power breed' group of canines. Any dog of the power breed group is in general larger, stronger, and has a higher intensity and pain tolerance level than other breeds. But does this necessarily mean that the pit bull is a natural threat to human beings and other animals?

After the death of 10-year-old Storm Nuku (Port Elizabeth), who was mauled to death by pit bulls on Monday, 27 September 2022, the Sizwe Kupelo Foundation started its petition

to ban pit bulls as domestic pets in South Africa. "We cannot continue counting bodies because of this breed; it has proven itself to be a lethal and very dangerous animal. Its behaviour is no different from a gun; it has a killer instinct," Kupelo said in defence of his foundation's petition.

In *Platinum Bushvelder's* 29 July 2022 issue, we reported on a young family who was devastated by the tragic loss of their beautiful little girl who was mauled to death on Friday 22 July 2022 by a pit bull owned by her grandparents in Thabazimbi. Their daughter, Liane Jason, was 1 year, and 7 months old when she tragically died. The pit bull, named Rocky, was just over a year old.

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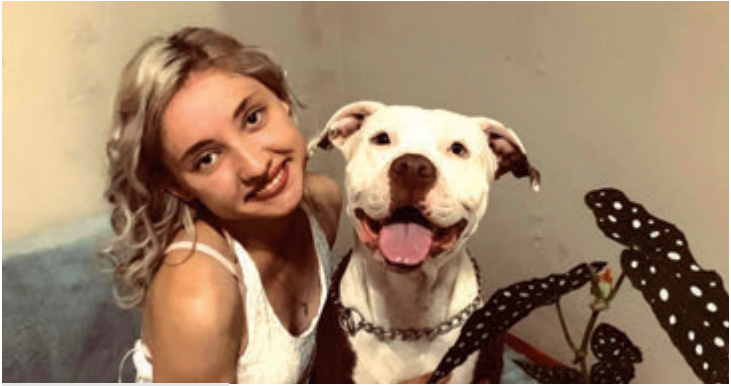
PIT BULLS, THE FIGHT CONTINUES

From front page...

The National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA) has backed the Sizwe Kupelo Foundation. It's the NSPCA's mandate to protect animals, however, they also value human lives. According to the NSPCA's website: "Not only do people suffer from dog attacks, but other animals have also been victim to dog attacks and have been mauled to death by pit bulls... this is an issue where both human and animal life has been placed in danger by irresponsible people who lack the skills and knowledge required to handle power breeds. At first glance, the petition may appear to be outrageous, especially to pit bull owners, however, upon careful reflection, the petition advocates for the protection of people and responsible pet ownership. The petition calls for all pit bulls to be castrated/sterilised which would prevent the current rate of uncontrolled breeding. The petition also calls for stronger regulations for the keeping of pit bulls (and other power-breed animals) requiring owners to have permits to keep such animals." But Zurisha Pelser (Thabazimbi), a 20-year-old student, does not completely agree. "Pit bulls are very affectionate and intelligent dogs. They make me feel safe but at the same time, they are more than just security dogs. I believe that a dog's behaviour very much depends on its training and upbringing. My pit bulls are well-disciplined; I don't beat them to train them, and they understand that I am their owner. Other people can come into my yard, but only if I first give them proper instructions to call the dogs by name and rub them. Rufus, my male pit bull, especially loves human affection/rubs." Looking into both sides of the spectrum, *Platinum Bushvelder* caught up with specialist investigator, Mike Bolhuis, to get his take on the matter. What Bolhuis relayed, is a more realistic and helpful point of view. "Because of the crime escalation in our country, people are always eager to up their security measures," explains Bolhuis, "unfortunately the pit bull has become an unchecked security measure." Bolhuis emphasised that although he does not advocate the mass castration and sterilisation of the breed, he does believe that pit bull owners need to do a proper investigation before obtaining the dog. "A lot of people think that a pit bull will function as this big bouncer that will deter danger. But the truth is that if they don't do their homework properly, they will get a mindless bouncer that will unexpectedly turn on anybody. Before getting a pit bull, owners need to look at some important

factors; they need to identify and properly evaluate where they are getting the dog from, and they need to assess and acknowledge all possible risks. The dog must come from a breeder that can prove a mixed bloodline because inbreeding (which often goes unchecked) is also a big factor in the dog's behaviour. Inbreeding in any species, be it a dog, cat, or cow, negatively influences genetics. Proper training is also essential. The dog needs to know its owner – who needs to investigate proper disciplinary measures – but at the same time, the dog must be allowed to bond with the rest of the family. Additionally, it must also be taken into consideration that a dog's temperament may change as it gets older. Owners may need to consider the possibility, that should their pit bull

reach maturity, it may need to be rehomed as it might not have the same tolerance for people as it had in its early years." When asked about the legitimacy of people/rehabilitation centres who offer to come and remove pit bulls, Bolhuis stressed that as with the pit bull – and all other things – it is important to first do a proper background check. "As with anything, there will be scams. If you need to rehabilitate your dog, investigate the matter thoroughly. Find all the facts and look into the history."

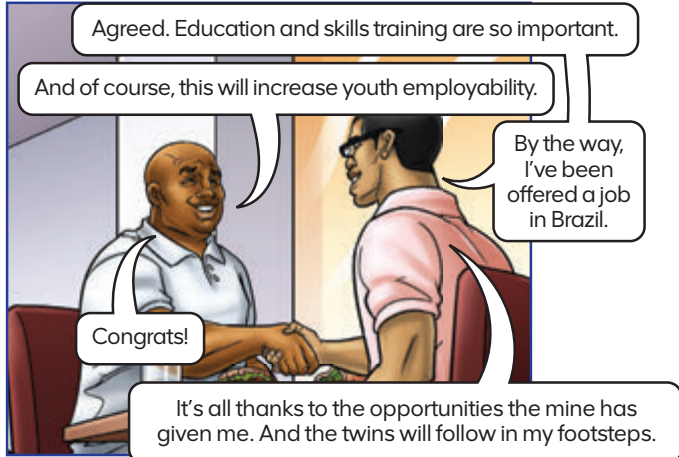
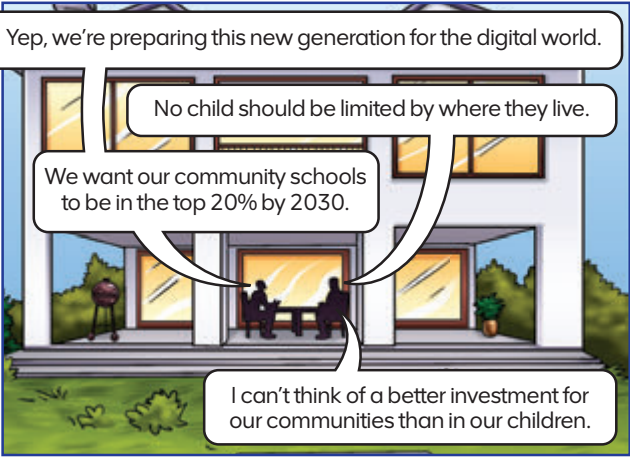
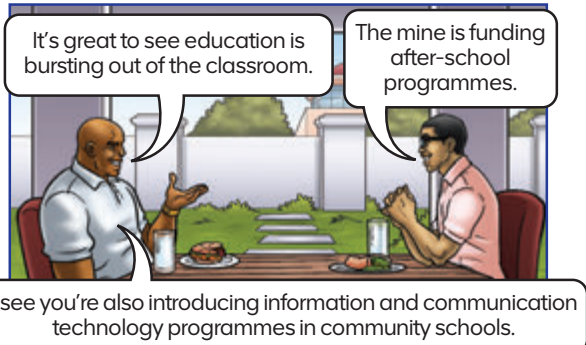
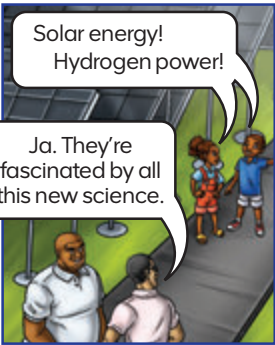


Zurisha Pelser and Rufus

Bolhuis, who has kept a firm thumb on the pit bull saga, has relayed more information on his website: mikebolhuis.co.za.

What can be concluded about this sensitive issue, is that it is important to look at the matter – not with an emotional mindset – but from an educated and informed point of view.

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PSALM 110

**Announcement of the Messiah's Reign
A Psalm of David.**

110 The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your
strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your
enemies!
3 Your people shall be volunteers
In the day of Your power;
In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of
the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.
4 The Lord has sworn And will not relent,
"You are a priest forever According to the
order of Melchizedek."
5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall
execute kings in the day of His wrath.
6 He shall judge among the nations,
He shall fill the places with
dead bodies,
He shall [b]execute the
heads of many countries.
7 He shall drink of the
brook by the wayside;
Therefore He shall lift
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Two accidents on one day

Thabazimbi – Amandelbult Fire and Rescue responded to an accident scene approximately 7.5 kilometres from Amandelbult, in Northam's direction, on Monday 7 November 2022. Three vehicles including, a taxi, a Volkswagen Polo, and a Toyota Corolla collided and seven people sustained minor injuries. Shortly after the first accident, the team was called out to another accident that occurred on the R510 approximately 12 kilometres outside Northam. When they arrived at the scene, they found a collision involving a Toyota Corolla and a Renault SUV. It was just a fender bender, and fortunately, no injuries were reported.

Amandelbult Fire and Rescue press release, 7 November 2022.

To report an accident or fire, you can contact Amandelbult Fire and Rescue on 063 512 4633.



Truck overturns on R510

Thabazimbi – The Thabazimbi Community Policing Forum (CPF) responded to a report of a truck that overturned on the R510, about 10 kilometres from Thabazimbi on Friday 4 November 2022. CPF assisted Thabazimbi SAPS and the Thabazimbi Traffic Department by regulating traffic as the truck posed a danger to oncoming vehicles. The truck – which was transporting gravel – overturned and dumped its load of gravel on the road, blocking the flow of traffic. No serious injuries were reported. The CPF consists of volunteers who take time out of their day to assist SAPS, and who patrol our communities to help curb crime. For more information on how to join the CPF, contact them on 063 512 4633. CPF press release, 9 November 2022



YOUR FRIDAY FUN FACT

Did you know?

The crane fly might look like a big scary mosquito, but the good news is that it's completely harmless—and even a bit useful. They help the natural environment as their larvae feed on decaying-organic matter, meaning that they assist in the biological decomposition process. The crane fly is also not a bloodsucker. As a matter of fact, adult crane flies don't feed at all and only live for a couple of days – just long enough to mate and reproduce.

The crane fly

The common mosquito

MAKARAPA CITY

SEASON 8

At Sporo's house...

Hello? You found Pam? Sweet. Bring her to me at my plek!

What are you going to do to her?

Don't stress, sweetie. Papa Action will take care of things.

Later that evening...

Let me go, Sporo!

Shush, wena Pam. I'm calling the shots now!

Listen, we can work something out. I didn't mean to shoot you, hey?

But you did. And you tried to kill Dolly.

You're just a common criminal, Pam!

That drink was meant for you!

Gag her, Dolly!

No! Help!!

Monica arrives at Sporo's house...

What's going on?

Your stepmother tried to kill your father. But she shot Sporo instead. And she tried to poison me, too!

We need to call the police!

Neva!

You can't take the law into your own hands.

She has to pay for what she's done!

The anger you feel is normal after a traumatic experience. Contact CareWays, the mine's mental health programme. It's available to all employees. Or please speak to a social worker to help you get through this.

The only language some people understand is revenge!

Violence won't work, mara! Change your thinking from act first, think later to think first, act later.

I fight fire with fire, maan!

That's not the way. This is gender-based violence, Sporo. We need to change this way of thinking.

I'm also tired of abuse.

It's hard for those of us who grew up this way to find better ways to live. When you know better, it's easier to do better. I'll get you help.

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Silence is not an option!

That's right, Dolly. We all have to make choices. So what's it going to be, Sporo?

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Have your say / Sê jou sê

Do you consider yourself a master in the kitchen?

Do you love cooking and enjoy trying out new recipes, or can you barely fry an egg? Do you consider your meals to be scrumptious, or not?

Yes. I am a bachelor and have therefore been able to pick up a trick or two while I've been behind the stove!

Dwayne Retief

No. I wish I was one though. I know how to make food but to be honest, I cannot call myself a master yet.

Peter Dibetso

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you consider yourself a master in the kitchen?

NO 35% YES 65%

POLL

Should pit bulls be banned?

With recent media attention, the frequency of violent pit bull attacks has been brought to many people's attention, and the debate on banning the questionably lethal, power breed continues. What do you think? Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or a WhatsApp to 081 579 7000 with the following information before 17:00 on Tuesday 15 November 2022:

- Yes, pit bulls should be banned.
- No, pit bulls shouldn't be banned.
- The reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself—so that we can publish it with your answer.
- Your contact details.

The results of the votes will be published in our next issue. **PS – You can also give your opinion by commenting on our Facebook post.**

Routine Road Maintenance | TENDER Advert: SHONISANI RAMBAU CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD | ROUTINE ROAD MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL ROUTES R510 FROM NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY OVER THABAZIMBI TO LEPHALALE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY, R511 FROM NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY TO R510 INTERSECTION, AND R516 FROM R511 INTERSECTION NEAR KOEDOESKOP TO BELA-BELA MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY

TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER (SBD1)

SHONISANI RAMBAU CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD invites tenders from EME/QSE subcontractors for Contract SANRAL X.002-082-2019/1 FOR THE ROUTINE ROAD MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL ROUTES R510 FROM NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY OVER THABAZIMBI TO LEPHALALE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY, R511 FROM NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY TO R510 INTERSECTION, AND R516 FROM R511 INTERSECTION NEAR KOEDOESKOP TO BELA-BELA MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY on behalf of SHONISANI RAMBAU CONSTRUCTION (PTY) LTD in accordance with the requirements of The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL). This project is in the Limpopo Province and in the Thabazimbi Local Municipality in the Waterberg district.

Subcontractors are required for the following subcontract:
X.002-082-2019/1_SC1: General Maintenance Contracts (1 CE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC2: General Maintenance Contracts (1 CE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC3: General Maintenance Contracts (1 CE)
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X.002-082-2019/1_SC9: General Maintenance Contracts (2 CE/1 CE PE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC10: General Maintenance Contracts (3 CE/2 CE PE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC11: General Maintenance Contracts (4 CE/3 CE PE)

The approximate duration is 15 months for SC1 to SC9 and 30 months for SC10 to SC11. CIDB Regulation 25 (1B) will be applicable to this contract for all work packages. Only tenderers who are at **least 51% Black owned**, who is an **EME/EME start up** or **QSE** and meet the definition of a Targeted Enterprise as defined in C3.2.2.5 are eligible to tender. This tender is targeted for Thabazimbi Local Municipality enterprises. Only tenderers that meet all the eligibility criteria under clause 4.1.1 of the Tender Data will be considered. Only tenderers who meet the minimum functionality score as stated in clause 5.11.9 will be evaluated further on price and preference. It is estimated that tenderers should have a CIDB contractor grading designation as indicated in the table below:

Works Package	CIDB requirement
X.002-082-2019/1_SC1	(1 CE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC2	(1 CE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC3	(1 CE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC4	(1 CE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC5	(2 CE/1 CE PE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC6	(2 CE/1 CE PE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC7	(2 CE/1 CE PE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC8	(2 CE/1 CE PE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC9	(2 CE/1 CE PE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC10	(3 CE/ 2 CE PE)
X.002-082-2019/1_SC11	(4 CE/ 3 CE PE)

The tenderers attention is drawn to clause 4.1.1 of the Tender Data for each work package when submitting their tender.
Tenders from tenderers registered as potentially emerging enterprises but with a CIDB contractor grading designation lower than a contractor grading designation determined in accordance with the sum tendered, or a value determined in accordance with Regulation 25(1B) or 25(7A) of the Construction Industry Development Regulations, will be accepted.
Only locally produced or locally manufactured products and components for construction with a stipulated minimum threshold for local content and production as stated in the Tender Data will be considered.

Preferences are offered to tenderers who comply with the criteria stated in the Tender Data. A tenderer's representative cannot represent more than one tenderer at the compulsory meeting.

SUBCONTRACT TENDER DOCUMENTS

Tender documents are available at no cost in electronic format. Tenderers must have access to Microsoft Office © 2013 and Acrobat Adobe © 9.0, or similar compatible software. Tender Documents will be emailed to those who submitted their interest to tender at thabazimbi@srconstruction.co.za. Alternatively, tender documents are available in electronic format on CD. The physical address for collection of CD is at Shonisani Rambau Construction (Pty) Ltd **Leeuport Residence, House No 1, 1st Street, R516 Route**, where they may be collected from **Thursday, 10 November 2022** during the hours 09:00 to 16:00 (Monday to Friday). Tenderers are to schedule an appointment for the collection of CD by sending email to thabazimbi@srconstruction.co.za.

Tenderers must submit, via email thabazimbi@srconstruction.co.za., the duly completed Form A1.1 Certificate of Intention to Submit a Tender within seven (7) days from the tender advertisement date. Failure to submit this certificate would result in the tenderer not receiving addenda or additional issued information and may result in the tenderer being non-responsive. Please be advised that the route will not be traveled and that it will be the responsibility of each tenderer to acquaint themselves with the route and its condition.

TENDERERS' BRIEFING

A compulsory tender clarification briefing sessions with representatives of the Project Management Team will take place as follows:

SESSION	TIME	DATE	VENUE
PACKAGE SC1 TO SC9	09:00	18 November 2022	Thabazimbi Multi-Purpose Center
PACKAGE SC10 TO SC11	12:00		

CLOSING TIME, COMPLETION AND DELIVERY OF TENDERS

The closing time for receipt of tenders is **12:00 on 09 December 2022** at the Site Office, **Leeuport Residence, House No 1, 1st Street, R516 Route** in the TENDER BOX Provided. Late submissions will not be accepted. Tenders may only be submitted in the format as stated in the Tender Data. Requirements for addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of tenders are stated in the Tender Data. **Queries relating to issues arising from these documents may be addressed to the following:**

Enquiries	
Contact Person:	Takalani Khumeleni
E-mail:	thabazimbi@srconstruction.co.za



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- Liaison between the municipality, the community and the contractor.
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- Report monthly to the municipality, and the community structures with respect to local involvement targeting, training and the equity status of employees.

Requirements:

- Must be able to communicate, read and write in English and Setswana.
- Must be reliable and accountable.
- Must know the area of Thabazimbi.
- Must be a resident of Thabazimbi.
- Must be currently unemployed.
- Should be prepared to work under difficult conditions.
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- Should have skills in organisational development.
- Should have an understanding of construction and be able to communicate with contractors and sub-contractors.
- Should not be a contractor.

Applications should be hand delivered to Corner of Warmbath Road and Hammerkop, Next to Obaro Thabazimbi. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

If no response is received within 1 week you must consider your application as being unsuccessful, and any further correspondence will be entered with only shortlisted candidate.

Closing Date: 22 November 2022

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

SBPM & SCSC SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURES, FOR THE BAGATLA MINE, WITHIN THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE AND THE MOSES KOTANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Proposed Activity and Location: The development of two (2) separate solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities and associated infrastructure on sites located approximately 6.5km west of the town of Northam, in the Limpopo Province. The projects are located in the Thabazimbi Local Municipality within the Waterberg District Municipality. The proposed grid connection routes for the PV developments for the Siyanda Bakgatla Platinum Mine extend to the North West Province within the Moses Kotane Local Municipality and the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality. The projects are proposed on the following properties

Applicant	Project Name	Affected Property
Main Street 1886 Proprietary Limited	SBPM Solar PV	Solar PV: • Portion 4 of Farm Grootkuil 409 Grid connection: • Portion 3 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 4 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 5 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 0 of Farm Spitskop 410 • Portion 0 of Farm Turfbult 404 • Portion 1 of Farm Zwartklip 405 • Portion 2 of Farm Zwartklip 405
Main Street 1887 Proprietary Limited	SCSC Solar PV	Solar PV: • Portion 3 of Farm Grootkuil 409 Grid connection: • Portion 3 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 4 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 5 of Farm Grootkuil 409 • Portion 0 of Farm Spitskop 410 • Portion 0 of Farm Turfbult 404 • Portion 1 of Farm Zwartklip 405 • Portion 2 of Farm Zwartklip 405

The following infrastructure will be developed for each of respective PV facilities:

- 100MW Solar PV array comprising PV modules and mounting structures.
- Inverters and transformers.
- Cabling between the project components.
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- On-site facility substation and power lines between the solar PV facility and the Mine and Eskom substation.
- Site offices, Security office, operations and control, and maintenance and storage laydown areas.
- Access roads, internal distribution roads

Application for Environmental Authorisation: Separate applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326) was submitted for the projects to the Department of Forestry, Fishery and the Environment (DFFE)

Draft Environmental Impact Assessment available for public review and comment: An EIA Report in support of the Application for Environmental Authorisation has been compiled and is available for review and comment. Visit our online stakeholder engagement platform at (<https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/>). The EIA Report is available from **Friday, 11 November 2022 to Monday, 12 December 2022**. To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to:

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