

## APPENDIX H2: CONSULTATION WITH I&APs

10 September 2019

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**Applicant:** Sirius Solar PV Project Two RF (Pty) Ltd

**Proposed Amendments:** To include the construction and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) for the authorised Sirius Solar PV Project Two, with a contracted capacity of up to 4.5MWh into the project description of the Environmental Authorisation (EA), as well as an increase in the contracted capacity of Sirius Solar PV Project Two by 75MW within the authorised development footprint. The BESS will have a footprint of approximately 6.5ha and will be developed within the authorised footprint of Sirius Solar PV Project Two in close proximity to the substation. The BESS will connect to the authorised on-site facility substation of Sirius Solar PV Project Two via underground cables.

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In terms of Regulation 32 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014, as amended, opportunity is being provided to the public to submit comments on the proposed amendments. Interested and Affected Parties can request further information via email or telephone correspondence from the contact person below. Comments can be submitted in writing via post or email to the contact person below:

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# Revised Motivation Report

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