

Your reference:

Our reference: 11604

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Dear Stakeholder,

BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 132KV POWER LINE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONCENTRATING PHOTOVOLTAIC (CPV) / PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR INFRASTRUCTURE (PV 2) FROM THE FARM DROOGFONTEIN (PV 2) IN KIMBERLEY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

- **NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORIZATION DEA REF: 14/12/16/1/1/508/1; NEAS REF: DEA/EIA/00013/34/2012**

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Droogfontein PV 2 (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as Mainstream) are the Developers of the proposed Concentrating Photovoltaic / Photovoltaic (CPV / PV) Plant with a generating capacity 75MW each. Environmental Authorization application process for the PV plant has taken place and the decision from the Authority is awaited. The Application was submitted to the Authority under separate reference number as follows; PV 2 DEA REF 12/12/20/2024/1.

The above PV 2 application did not include the power line required to connect the CPV / PV plant to the Eskom Grid, and hence a Basic Assessment (BA) application process needs to be followed specific to the above power line for a separate environmental authorization. The proposed power line for the PV 2 Plant will connect either to the Eskom grid via a Loop-in connection to the existing Macfarlane-Kimberley/Macfarlane-Winsorton power line or to the Macfarlane Substation depending on which alternative is preferred and to be agreed with Eskom.

This letter serves to bring the proposed Basic Assessment Application for the Droogfontein PV2 132kV power line under the attention of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), stakeholders and relevant Organs of State. In terms of Regulation 56 of the EIA Regulations (2010), an opportunity is being provided for I&APs, stakeholders and Organs of State to submit written comments on the proposed Application.

For your perusal please find attached a Background Information Document (BID) that provides more details of the proposed Basic Assessment Application.

Should I&APs, stakeholders and Organs of State wish to submit comments on the BID, SiVEST urge that these written submissions reached us before or on **07 September 2012**.

Kind Regards



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Document attached: Background Information Document
Comment Form