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Helena 3 – **14/12/16/3/3/2/767**

Our reference: 13031

Date: 4 September 2017

ATTENTION: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party,

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE THREE (3) HELENA 75MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES NEAR COPPERTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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- **WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA)**

SiVEST was appointed by BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as 'BioTherm') to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for the proposed construction of the three (3) Helena 75MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Energy Facilities near Copperton in the Northern Cape Province.

In accordance with the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), as amended, the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (FEIARs) for the above-mentioned projects were submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on the **14th of December 2016**.

However, based on the attached letters received from the DEA on the **15th of March 2017** rejecting the FEIARs and requesting for additional information, BioTherm have requested that the DEA withdraw the Application for EA, as the additional information cannot be provided. It should be noted that the additional information could not be provided as the proposed projects are located too close to the nearest SKA satellite / station.

We would like to thank you for your input with regards to the above-mentioned projects.

Kind Regards



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Incl: FEIAR Rejection Letters received from the DEA dated 15 March 2017