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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Haw

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 12 DECEMBER 2014 FOR THE WOLMARANSSTAD MUNICIPALITY SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY NEAR WOLMARANSSTAD WITHIN THE MAQUASSI HILLS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 12 December 2014, EA amendment dated 08 January 2018, your application for amendment of the EA received by this Department on 09 December 2019 and acknowledged on 10 January 2020 refer.

Based on a review of the reasons for requesting amendments to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 12 December 2014, as follows:

Amendment 1: To increase the capacity for the authorised Wolmaransstad Solar PV Facility

From:

"Photovoltaic (PV) panels of between 4m-6m in height in fixed or tracking technology with a capacity of up to 5MW"

To:

"Photovoltaic (PV) panels of between 4m-6m in height in fixed or tracking technology with a capacity of up to 9.9MW"

The increase in the capacity will increase the efficiency of the project as well as competitiveness in the next Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) bidding window. The higher output of the facility will result in the reduction in the overall cost per megawatt and allow for more cost effective electricity to be produced.

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Amendment 2: Extension of the validity period by an additional 5 years

The activity must commence within a period of five (05) years from the date of expiry of the EA issued on 12 December 2014 as amended (i.e. the EA lapses on 12 December 2024). If commencement of the activity does not occur within this period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.

The extension is requested in order to enable the holder of the EA to bid the project in to the next rounds of Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) and thereafter commence with construction should the project be selected as preferred Bidder in the REIPPPP.

Amendment 3: To amend the holder of EA and associated contact details

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The applicant applied for this amendment because the holder of the EA and the contact person for the applicant has changed, and this new information is required to be reflected in the EA.

Amendment 4: To increase the capacity of water storage facilities/ reservoirs

From:

A capacity of 1000m³

To:

A capacity of 2000m³ per annum and 800m³ during operation per annum.

The water quantities estimated during the EIA phase of the project are not sufficient, hence the request to increase the capacity of the water storage facilities/reservoirs.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 12 December 2014 as amended.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulates that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuses or compromises your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribe the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appealsdirector@environment.gov.za;

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko,
Arcadia,
Pretoria,
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By post: Private Bag X447,
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0001;

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirector@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



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Date: 10/02/2020

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