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### **PER MAIL / EMAIL**

Dear Mr Marais

**AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 18 MAY 2015 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 132KV POWER LINE TO CONNECT FROM THE PROPOSED ONSITE SUBSTATION FOR THE PROPOSED KORANA SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY TO THE PROPOSED KHAI-MA COLLECTOR SUBSTATION ON A SITE NEAR POFADDER, WITHIN THE KHAI-MA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above-mentioned application by this Department on 18 May 2015, and your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 28 February 2020 refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above-mentioned EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 18 May 2015 as follows:

### **Amendment 1: Change to the contact details of the EA holder on page 2 of the EA**

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**The reason for the amendment is as follows:**

The contact person for the holder of the EA, South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd, has changed and this update was required to be reflected in the contact details provided in the EA.

**Amendment 2: Extension of the commencement period on page 5 of the EA**

The commencement period of the EA issued on 18 May 2015, and which was due to expire on 18 May 2020, is hereby extended by an additional five (5) years to 18 May 2025.

Condition 6 of the EA issued 18 May 2015 is thus amended as follows:

*"6. This activity must commence within a period of ten (10) years from the date of issue of the environmental authorisation (i.e. the EA lapses on 18 May 2025). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken."*

**The reason for the amendment is as follows:**

This project has not yet been selected as a preferred bidder as part of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) (previously the Department of Energy) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. The project is intended to be bid into future rounds of the DMRE REIPPP programme, and as a result of delays in the REIPPP process, the timing of this next bidding round is expected in 2020. A valid EA will be required for future project development and bid submission purposes. Therefore, the commencement period of the EA was required to be extended. The amendment will not change the scope of the EA, nor increase the level or nature of the impact which was initially assessed and considered when application was made for the EA.

**General**

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 18 May 2015.

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 stipulate 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 abuse or compromise 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 decision, of the Department's decision, 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 prescribes 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: [Appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:Appeals@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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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](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [Appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:Appeals@environment.gov.za)

Yours faithfully

  
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