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PER EMAIL / MAIL.

Dear Mr Brambilla

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 30 AUGUST 2019 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HYPERION SOLAR DEVELOPMENT 2 WITHIN THE GAMAGARA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 30 August 2019, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 13 June 2023 and the acknowledgement letter dated 14 June 2023, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment 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 30 August 2019, as amended, as follows:

Amendment 1: Change of BESS specifications.

a) **From:**
Battery storage mechanism with a storage capacity of up to **300MWh**.

To:
Battery storage mechanism with a storage capacity of up to **600MWh**.

b) **From:**

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Infrastructure	Dimensions/Details
Energy Storage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 1ha in extent. Storage capacity of up to 300MWh. Batteries will be stored in battery units.

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To:

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Infrastructure	Dimensions/Details
Energy Storage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 1ha in extent.• Storage capacity of up to 600MWh.• Batteries will be stored in battery units.

Amendment 2: Change of contact details:

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Reasons for the above-mentioned amendments:

The amendment is required in order to increase the storage capacity associated with the BESS and allow for it to store a sufficient amount of energy in accordance with the developer's requirements. To allow for the supply of much-needed electricity to the grid over a longer period and improve the technical feasibility of the project. The dimensions and footprint of the BESS will remain within the authorised parameters. The applicant's email address and contact number have changed. The EA, therefore, needs to be updated to reflect the correct details for easy communication.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 30 August 2019, 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: appeals@dfpe.gov.za

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road
ARCADIA
0083; or

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.dfpe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal> authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appeals@dfpe.gov.za.

Yours faithfully


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