



## environmental affairs

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### **PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Mr Ndebele

**AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 20 MARCH 2013 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 100MW CONCENTRATING SOLAR POWER (CSP) FACILITY USING PARABOLIC TROUGH (PT) TECHNOLOGY ON SITE 1.3, LOT 944 KAROS SETTLEMENT, AS PART OF THE LARGER KAROSHOCK SOLAR VALLEY DEVELOPMENT LOCATED 30KM EAST OF UPINGTON, WITHIN THE KHARA HAIS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 20 March 2013, and the application for amendment of the EA received by this Department on 13 March 2018, 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 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, as amended, has decided to partly amend the EA dated, 20 March 2013 as follows:

#### **Amendment 1: Amendment to extend the validity period of the EA:**

The activity must commence within a period of five (5) years from the date of expiry of the EA as per EA amendment issued on 04 August 2015, now extended to **20 March 2023**. 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.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 20 March 2013.

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

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. R.993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed.

An appellant must submit an 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 applicant by the competent authority.

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**Appeals must be submitted in writing to:**

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: (012) 399 9356

Email: [Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za)

Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, an appeal under section 43 of that Act 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.

For guidance on appeals submitted to the Minister in terms of NEMA and the SEMAs, please find a copy of the guideline on the administration of appeals on the Department's website:  
([https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations)).

Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Department of Environmental Affairs

Date: 11/04/2018

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