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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 (SCP) FACILITY USING LINEAR FRESNEL, PARABOLIC THROUGH OR TOWER (LFTT1) TECHNOLOGY ON SITE 4, FARM PORTION 2 OF MATJIESRIVER 41, AS A PART OF THE LARGER KAROSHOCK SOLAR VALLEY DEVELOPMENT LOCATED 30KM EAST OF UPINGTON, WITHIN THE KHARA HAIS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 20 March 2013 and your application for amendment to 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 Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, has decided to extend the validity period of the EA, as follows:

#### **Amendment 1:**

- i. The activity must commence within a period of three (3) years from the expiry date of the EA issued on 20 March 2013 which would have lapsed on 20 March 2016, however the first extension was granted on 11 November 2015 to the EA by additional two (2) years which lapses on 20 March 2018, now the EA is further extended by additional five (5) years which lapses on **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.
- ii. This correspondence is only for the extension of the validity period as stated herein above and all conditions set out in the Environmental Authorisation dated 20 March 2013 remain unchanged and must be adhered to.

Reasons for the amendments:

The project is intended to be bid into future rounds of the Department of Energy (DoE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme (REIPPPP), the timing of which is unconfirmed at this time. Thereof, the valid EA is required for future development and bid. This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 20 March 2013.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the 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 decision in respect of your application as well as the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations, and the provisions regarding the submission of appeals as contained in the Regulations.

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:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za);

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko Road,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria, or

By post: Private Bag X447,  
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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 [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za).

Yours faithfully

  
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Department of Environmental Affairs  
Date: 09/04/2018