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## PER MAIL / EMAIL

Dear Ms Giroux

### **AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION RE-ISSUED 20 OCTOBER 2021 FOR THE PROPOSED SANNASPOS PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY PHASE 1, LEJWE, WITHIN THE MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) re-issued for the above-mentioned application by this Department on 20 October 2021; the subsequent amendments to the EA dated 25 July 2022 and 10 February 2023; your application for amendment received by this Department on 09 June 2023; the acknowledgement letter dated 15 June 2023; the draft motivation report received by the Department on the 03 August 2023; the comments issued by this Department on the 21 August 2023 and the final motivation report received by Department on 08 September 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 20 October 2021 as amended, as follows:

#### **Amendment 1: Extension of the validity of the environmental authorisation**

**Condition 6 of the EA is hereby amended to read as follows:**

*6. The activity must commence within a period of two (02) years from the date of expiry of the EA issued on 26 June 2013, as amended (i.e., the EA lapses on 26 June 2025). If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for EA must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.*

#### **Reasons for Amendment**

The applicant wishes to amend the validity period of the EA to allow the project which is near construction-readiness to implemented. The project has been granted a preferred bidder project under Round 5 of the REIPPPP in the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy REIPPPP. It was confirmed through this process

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that the status of the affected environment has not changed since the undertaking of the original EIA process for the project.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the Environmental Authorisation dated 20 October 2021, 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 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 fourteen (14) days of the date of the EA, 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@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dfpe.gov.za)

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko Road  
Arcadia  
**PRETORIA**  
0083, or

By post: Private Bag X447  
**PRETORIA**  
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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.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appeals@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



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**Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment**

Date: 03/0/2023

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