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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Berlijn

## AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 08 FEBRUARY 2017 FOR THE UP TO 150MW BOITSHOKO SOLAR POWER PLANT ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM LIME BANK NO. 471 NEAR KATHU WITHIN THE GAMAGARA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 08 February 2017, the amendments to the EA dated 26 April 2017, 05 March 2021, and 27 July 2021, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 06 January 2022 and the acknowledgement letter dated 19 January 2022, 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 08 February 2017 as amended, as follows:

### Amendment 1: Extension of the validity of the EA by additional five (05) years from 08 February 2022 to 08 February 2027

*Condition 7 of the EA dated 08 February 2017 as amended, is thus amended as follows:*

*This activity must commence within a period of ten (10) years from the date of issue of this environmental authorisation (i.e., the authorisation lapses on 08 February 2027), 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."*

### Reason for amendment:

The proponent wishes to extend the validity of the EA to ensure that the EA is valid and the project developed should the project be awarded Preferred Bidder status in any of the upcoming rounds of the Renewable Energy

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Independent Power Producer Procurement (REIPPP) Programme or be successful under any other programmes or opportunities within South Africa to generate electricity.

The Department is aware that the environment changes constantly, as a result it might be significantly different from the one that existed at the time of the issuing of this EA, hence the validity of the EA cannot exceed a maximum period of 10 years. Failure to commence with construction activities within the maximum 10 years period, your EA will be deemed to have lapsed and a new application for Environmental Authorisation will have to be lodged.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 08 February 2017 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 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 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 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,  
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria,  
0001;

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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Date: 02/02/2022.

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