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Original DEFF references: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134 - Mooi Plaats
14/12/16/3/3/2/1135 - Wonderheuvell
14/12/16/3/3/2/1136 - Paarde Valley

Our reference: 15324 – Umsobomvu Solar PV
Date: 18 June 2020

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder,

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE (3) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT AND MIDDELBURG IN THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES

- MOOI PLAATS SOLAR PV – (DEFF Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1134)
 - WONDERHEUVEL SOLAR PV – (DEFF Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1135)
 - PAARDE VALLEY SOLAR PV – (DEFF Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1136)
- NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS (EAS) ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES (DEFF)

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (FEIARs) for the above-mentioned proposed projects were received by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) for consideration and decision making on the **13th of February 2020**.

After reviewing the documentation, the DEFF has issued Environmental Authorisations (EAs), in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended), for the three (3) above-mentioned proposed projects respectively.

The EAs were dated **08 June 2020**, however, they were only issued by the DEFF on **15 June 2020**. The reasons for the decisions are detailed in Annexure 1 '*Annexure 1: Reasons for Decision*' of the respective EAs, which are attached to this letter.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the NEMA National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 8 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against these decisions, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the holder of the EA, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within twenty (20) days from the date that the notification of the decisions was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant (i.e. within 20 days from 18 June 2020).

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Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of the DEFF at the below mentioned addresses:

By e-mail: appeals@environment.gov.za

By Hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko Road
Arcadia
Pretoria
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By Post: Private Bag X447
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Please note that appeals should not be sent solely to SiVEST or the holder of the EAs.

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Please refer to the National Appeal Regulations, 2014 attached herewith for details pertaining to the appeal process.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the DEFF's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appeals@environment.gov.za.

We would also like to thank you for being part of the EIA and public participation processes for the above-mentioned proposed projects.

Yours Sincerely,



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Documents Included: National Appeal Regulations, 2014
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