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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 21 JANUARY 2013 FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE 20MW RUIJTE PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER FACILITY AND ITS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE FARM WAGENMAKERSDRIFT (SUBDIVISION 1 OF THE FARM NO.24) NEAR KOFFIEFONTEIN WITHIN THE LETSEMENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, FREE STATE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 21 January 2013, the amendment to the EA received by this Department on 14 December 2017, the acknowledgement letter dated 15 January 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, 2017, has decided to amend the EA dated 21 January 2013 as amended, as follows:

The amendment to extend the validity period of the EA.

The Applicant, was issued with an environmental authorisation on 21 January 2013 and it was extended on 11 November 2015 for three years, expiring on 21 January 2018. The applicant is again requesting for the validity period of the EA for a further five (5) years from the date issue of the amendment. The activity must commence within the period of five (5) years from the date of expiry of the EA issued on 21 January 2013, thus the EA lapses on **21 January 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 21 January 2013.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2017 as amended (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 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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By hand: Environment House
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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

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

Yours faithfully


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Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environmental Affairs
Date: 02/02/2018

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