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Dear Ms. Gibb

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 06 SEPTEMBER 2012: CONSTRUCTION OF A 40MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY ON MIERDAM FARM NEAR PRIESKA, WITHIN THE SIYATHEMBA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Your application dated 05 October 2012 received by the Department on 08 October 2012 for an amendment to the Environmental Authorisation issued on 06 September 2012 refers.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above authorisation, the Department is certain that the proposed application is a substantive amendment and may adversely affect the environment or the rights of Interested & Affected Parties as the additional 35MW was not assessed in the initial application. You are therefore requested to assess impacts associated with the proposed increase and submit the assessment report to this Department for decision making. The assessment report must also include the revised site layout, confirmation of new footprint of the facility and a certified copy of the environmental authorisation.

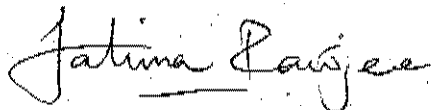
Furthermore, you are also required to conduct a Public Participation Process as referred to in regulation 54 informing/notifying all the registered Interested and Affected Parties about your intention to increase capacity from 40MW to 75MW and allow them an opportunity to comment in terms of regulation 41(3) (a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the report. This includes but is not limited to the: Siyathemba Local Municipality, Pixley Ka Seme District Municipality, Department of Water Affairs (DWA), Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (NCDENC), South African National Road Agency Limited (SANRAL), Northern Cape Department of Transport, Roads and Public Works (NCDTRPW), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), Northern Cape Department of Heritage, Eskom, Square Kilometre Array, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Air Traffic and Navigation Services, Transnet Freight Rail, Telkom, Endangered Wildlife Trust, Wildlife and

Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA), Birdlife South Africa and other stakeholders. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the report. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

The Department awaits the requested information before processing the above request further.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity (additional 35MW) may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.



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Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

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Date: 02/11/2012

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