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ATTENTION: MS BATHANDWA NCUBE - DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE PROPOSED SOYUZ 1 SOLAR PARK LOCATED NEAR BRITSTOWN, EMTHANJENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, PIXLEY KA SEME DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

On behalf of the **Applicant (Soyuz 1 Solar PV Park (Pty) Ltd)**, please find attached to this cover letter, the Draft EIA Report for Public Consultation, as well as the associated appendices, for the Soyuz 1 Solar PV Park Project.

Red Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd intends to develop the Soyuz Solar PV Cluster 1-6 comprising of six (6) Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facilities (PVSEFs). This development is situated approximately 14km South-east of Britstown in the Northern Cape Province.

Due to commercial reasons, each of the six (6) PVSEFs will fall under a different applicant. The applicant names with respective generating capacities are as follows:

Soyuz 1 Solar PV Park (Pty) Ltd - 240MW
Soyuz 2 Solar PV Park (Pty) Ltd – 300MW
Soyuz 3 Solar PV Park (Pty) Ltd – 240MW
Soyuz 6 Solar PV Park (Pty) Ltd – 300MW
Soyuz 5 Solar PV Park (Pty) Ltd – 150MW
Soyuz 6 Solar PV Park (Pty) Ltd – 240MW

This Draft EIA Report forms part of the environmental authorisation process for the **Soyuz 1 Solar PV Park** under the applicant name, Soyuz 1 Solar PV Park (Pty) Ltd.

We provide the following pre-amble as context for this Application process:

1. Due to the proximity of the six Soyuz Solar PV Parks to each other, a common developer and the fact that the applications are running concurrently, an integrated Public Participation Process is being conducted for all six developments.
2. The Soyuz Solar PV Park Cluster 1-6 Project is not located within a Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ).
3. A pre-application meeting was held with the Competent Authority on 28 February 2023. The meeting minutes were accepted on 9 March 2023.
4. The 30-day Public Participation Period for the EIA phase will commence on Monday **14 August 2023** and conclude Tuesday **12 September 2023**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any clarification or additional information.

Yours Faithfully,



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On behalf of the Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd