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Sent: 18 January 2013 10:12 AM
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Subject: Notification of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report - Proposed Merapi Solar Energy Facility, Excelsior, Free State
Attachments: Merapi SEF Draft EIAR & PM Notification_I&APs 18.01.2013 - email.pdf

Dear Stakeholder

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Kind Regards
Gabi Wood

Mrs Gabriele Wood

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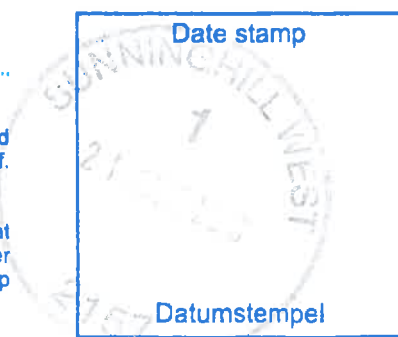
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