

15 January 2013

Dear Stakeholder

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS
PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SANNASPOS PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) SOLAR
ENERGY FACILITY, NEAR BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE STATE PROVINCE
(DEA REF NO.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/360)**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
REPORT**

SolaireDirect Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd is proposing the establishment of a 75MW photovoltaic (PV) solar facility and associated infrastructure within a broader area of approximately 600 hectares. The facility is proposed on Portion 0 of Farm Besemkop 1808, Portion 0 of Farm Lejwe 2962 located 45km east of Bloemfontein in the Free State Province. The N8 road runs north of the site. The study area falls within the jurisdiction of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality.

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In terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) No 107 of 1998, as read with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of GN R543 – GN R546, a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment study will be required to be undertaken for the proposed Sannaspos Solar Energy Facility project. The project has been registered with the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) under Application Reference Numbers: **14/12/16/3/3/2/360**.

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR
PUBLIC REVIEW**

SolaireDirect Southern Africa appointed Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts that might arise as a result of the proposed project. The public participation process, which forms part of the overall EIA process, is also being undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

A draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is available for public review. The **30-day public review period** for the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report is from **15 January 2013 – 15 February 2013**. Please find herewith a copy of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for your perusal. The report can also be viewed on our website www.savannahSA.com. Please could you kindly submit your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard? All comments received will be submitted in the Environmental Impact Assessment report which will be submitted to the DEA. Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail.

In terms of the NEMA Amendment Act a **40-day review period** will be allowed for **commenting authorities / organs of state** to submit their comments on the draft Scoping Report to the Department of Environmental Affairs. Please could you kindly provide the name and contact details of the relevant contact person at your department who we would liaise with regarding this project. By registering on the project database, you will receive all information relating to the project and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input into the EIA process.

All Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to attend a public meeting to be held on **Thursday 31 January 2013 at 14:00** at the **Small Church, Section F, Botshabelo West**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind Regards

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Attachments: Sannaspos SEF Draft EIAR & PM Notification 15.01.2013_Email.pdf

Dear Stakeholders

The proposed Sannaspos Solar Energy Facility Project (DEA Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/360) has reference. This serves as notification that the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report is available for review. Please refer to the attached letter for further details.

Kind Regards
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