## SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTING FOR THE PROPOSED MAREETSANE BATHO-BATHO SOLAR PV FACILITY NEAR MAREETSANE, NORTH WEST PROVINCE

## INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT

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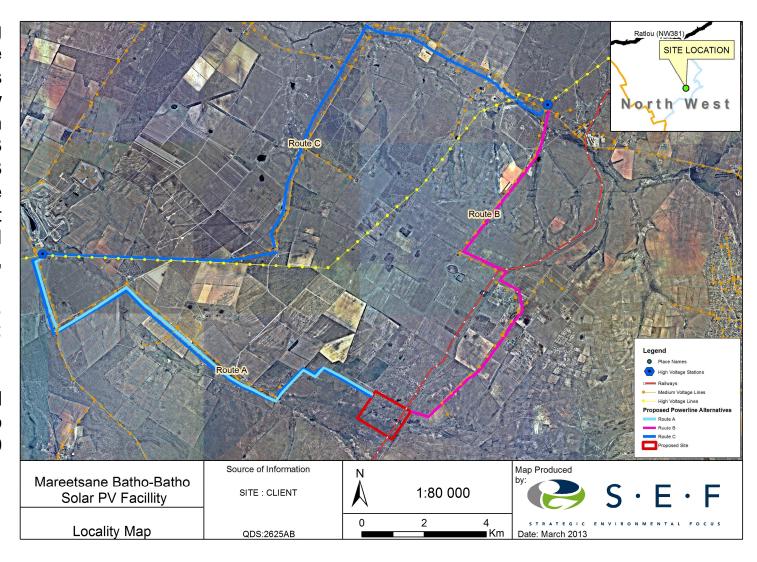
Notice is given in terms of Regulations published in Government Notice No. R.543 in Government Gazette No. 33306 18 June 2010, under Section 54(c)(i) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), as amended (NEMA), that **Kgatelopele Private Equity and Venture Capital (Pty) Ltd** proposes to establish a 30 Mega Watt (MW) **Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) Facility** and associated powerlines which will evacuate electricity generated by the proposed facility to the National Grid in order to increase local electrical capacity for the Mareetsane Community. The proposed site is approximately 140 hectares (ha) in extent, located on Tribal Land Mareetsane Batho-Batho approximately 10 km south-west of the Batho-Batho Village within the jurisdiction of the Ratlou Local Municipality, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality in the North West Province.

In terms of Government Notice No. R.543 of NEMA, read with Government Notice No. R.544 (Listing Notice No. 1: Activities 9, 10, 11, 18 and 22, Government Notice No. R.546 (Listing No. 3: Activities 4, 14 and 16) and Government Notice No. R.545 (Listing No. 2: Activities 1 and 15) of NEMA a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) Process is required in order to obtain Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for the above project.

In terms of Section 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) (NWA) the proposed Mareetsane Batho-Batho Solar PV Facility and associated powerlines may also require a Water Use License (WUL) for impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse; and altering the beds, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse. This is largely due to wetlands and occurring watercourses within the proposed site for the Mareetsane Batho-Batho Solar PV Facility.

The Draft Scoping for Report the abovementioned project is available for public review comment and from Tuesday, 16 April 2013 to Tuesday, 28 May 2013 SEF's website on (www.sefsa.co.za) and at the **Mareetsane Tribal** Office, 636 Zone Batho-Batho, 2716. Contact Chief G.G. Motshegare on Tel No: 072 630 6139.

The report can be viewed from Mon - Fri (09h00 to 16h00) and on Sat (09h30 to 14h00).



## The Draft Scoping Report may not be removed from the Mareetsane Tribal Office premises.

Should you wish to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), wish to participate by contributing comments on the Draft Scoping Report, or would like to obtain more information, please contact: Mr Mandla Zuma of STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS (PTY) LTD: P.O. Box 74785, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040, Tel: (012) 349 1307, Fax: (012) 349 1229, Email: mandla@sefsa.co.za.

All registrations and comments must be received on or before 28 May 2013.