

28 October 2010

Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WATERBERG PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT ON A
SITE NEAR VAALWATER, LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/1913

**INVITATION TO A PUBLIC MEETING AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT**

BACKGROUND

Thupela Energy (Pty) Ltd is proposing the establishment of a photovoltaic plant and associated infrastructure, on the farm Goedgevonden KR 104 located approximately 24 km north-east of Vaalwater, Limpopo Province. This project is known as the Waterberg Photovoltaic Plant.

Thupela Energy appointed **Savannah Environmental** as the independent environmental consultancy to facilitate the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and public participation process required for the project. The EIA process consists of two phases, namely the Scoping Phase and the detailed EIA Phase. The EIA process has now progressed to the review period of the draft EIA Report.

This letter serves to invite you, as Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), to **review the draft EIA Report** and to **invite you to a public meeting** to be held during the public review period of the draft EIA Report.

DRAFT EIA REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the **draft EIA Report** for the proposed Waterberg Photovoltaic Plant will be available for public review from **29 October 2010 - 29 November 2010** at the following venues:

- » **Vaalwater Library:** Thusong Centre: 268 Paul Kruger Street, Vaalwater (Operating hours from 7:30 am)
- » **Waterberg Municipality:** Harry Gwala Street, Modimolle (Contact person: Lilly Mokonyane)

- » **Modimolle Municipality:** Modimolle Civic Centre, OR Tambo Square, Harry Gwala Street, Modimolle (Contact person: Aaron Sebolai)
- » The draft EIA Report is available for download from the Savannah Environmental website at www.savannahsa.com.

I&APs are encouraged to review the draft EIA Report and to submit all comments in writing on or before 29 November 2010 to Batho Earth.

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INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETING: FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2010

As I&APs you are cordially invited to the public meeting to be held as follows:

Date: 12 November 2010
Time: 14:00 until 16:00
Venue: Vaalwater Farmers Hall (Vaalwater Boersaal): Corner of Voortrekker Street and the new Lephale Road (opposite the Total Garage & Spar)

The meeting will aim to:

- » Provide I&APs with feedback on the findings of the draft EIA Report;
- » Facilitate comments on the draft EIA Report; and
- » Provide I&APs with a further opportunity to ask questions and provide inputs into the proposed project.

We would like to urge you to attend the public meeting as it will allow you the opportunity to discuss issues with the project team that are of particular significance to you. In the meantime, should you have any queries, please feel free to contact us on the abovementioned contact details.

We look forward to your attendance at the meeting and comments on the draft EIA Report.

Yours sincerely,

Ingrid Snyman
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Enclosed Documents: Reply Form