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Dear Stakeholder,

Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment: Basic Assessment for Proposed Establishment of a 10 MW Solar Power Plant.

AES Solar Energy Limited (AES) proposes to develop a 10 MW, Solar Power Plant approximately 126 km south west of Upington in the Northern Cape (see attached figure for site location). It is intended that the electricity generated by the solar plant would feed into the national power grid through Eskom's Aries substation located 400 m from the proposed site.

The proposed development includes the installation and operation of solar panels with a projected output of 10 MW. The solar panels would be photovoltaic (PV) arrays, and together these panels and associated infrastructure would occupy an area of less than 20 ha (0.2 km²).

These activities will require environmental authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) through a Basic Assessment Report (BAR). ERM Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed to undertake the BAR.

This letter serves as notification of the commencement of the public participation process for the BAR. Please feel free to distribute this document to others you feel may be interested or affected by the proposed project. To comment on the proposed project and/or to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) please contact Isobel Evans or Linda Slabber of ERM **before 27 June 2011.**

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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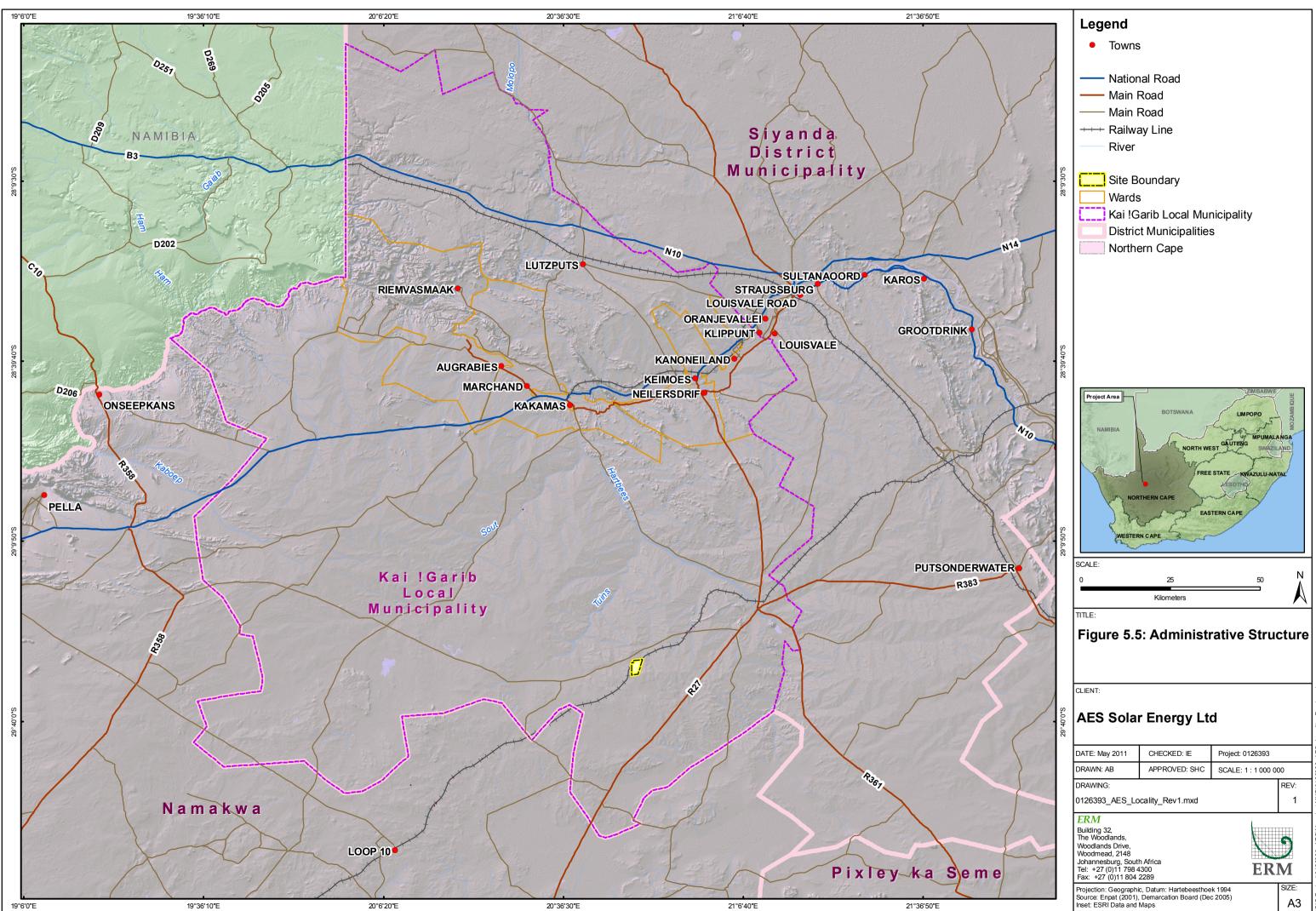
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