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Dear Sir/Madam

**DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2102**

**DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2103**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED VELD PV NORTH AND PV SOUTH ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, ON THE REMINDER OF FARM 53 HARAMOEP, NEAR AGGENEYS IN THE NORTHERN CAPE**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

**AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT REPORTS FOR COMMENT**

Veld PV North (Pty) Ltd and Veld PV South (Pty) Ltd, propose to develop two (2) 75 MW Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facilities and associated infrastructure on farm Haramoep (Remainder of Farm 53) in the Namakwa District Municipality, approximately 20 km north-west of Aggeneys in the Northern Cape.

Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Aurecon) has been appointed to undertake the environmental authorisation process, required by the 2014 EIA regulations (GN R982 of 2014), pursuant of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (as amended) (NEMA). Please note that two (2) separate environmental applications for the two solar farms and grid connection are being undertaken and will be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) as detailed in the table below.

Title	Veld PV South	Veld PV North
<b>DEA ref. no.</b>	14/12/16/3/3/1/2103	14/12/16/3/3/1/2102
<b>Proponent</b>	Veld PV South (Pty) Ltd	Veld PV North (Pty) Ltd
<b>Report currently available</b>	Draft Basic Assessment Report	Draft Basic Assessment Report

This letter is an invitation to all interested and affected parties (I&APs) to register for this project, or to submit any comments on the Draft Basic Assessment Reports, questions and/or concerns to the project team (details below) between **6 December 2019 to 27 January 2020**.

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**Comment Period:** The Draft Basic Assessment Report is being made available to the public for a 30-day review and comment period from **6 December 2019 to 27 January 2020.**

A digital copy of the report is available on Google Drive:

Draft PV North BAR and Annexures:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sissNhwRon2X0LqI-X7I-wGPoGraXeCK>

Draft PV South BAR and Annexures:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1YiNPI1hCD32F5vK5OinUc3aAAByiInQh>

as well as Dropbox

Draft PV North and South BARs and Annexures:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dkb2ulvlbjh5usz/AABD\\_00FqRSMXqCs6hDwKGela?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dkb2ulvlbjh5usz/AABD_00FqRSMXqCs6hDwKGela?dl=0)

and a hard copy has been made available at the Aggeneys Public Library.

CD's are available on request.

Following the closure of the 30-day public comment, the draft reports will be updated by incorporating and addressing any I&AP comments received on the reports and the Comments and Responses Register will be updated. The finalised reports will then be submitted to the DEA for decision-making. All registered I&APs will be notified of their decision.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our PPP team who will be happy to provide any further information.

Yours Sincerely,



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