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Dear Sir/Madam

**DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2052**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

**AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT REPORT FOR COMMENT**

Veld PV South (Pty) Ltd proposes to develop a 75 MW Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility 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 to the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (as amended) (NEMA). Please note that two (2) separate environmental applications for two solar farms and grid connection are being undertaken and will be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), for this application and for the proposed PV North Facility (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2051). This notification refers to PV South as detailed in the table below.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Veld PV South</b>
<b>DEA ref. no.</b>	14/12/16/3/3/1/2052
<b>Proponent</b>	Veld PV South (Pty) Ltd
<b>Report currently available</b>	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 Report, questions and/or concerns to the project team (details below) between **6 September 2019 to 7 October 2019**.

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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 September to 7 October 2019.**

A hard copy of the report is available the **Aggeneys Public library.**

A digital copy of the report available on Drop Box at:

**<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xh9vix3iy8zhsk/AAAWVnoOGHODIORpzzaLIJVja?dl=0>**

or on Google Drive:

**<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18GnxQobsIs-wmtqZrXCqKbJ1UyOs4B75?usp=sharing>**

A CD is 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 and Authority 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,  
AURECON



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