

4 May 2016

Dear Stakeholder

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
PAULPUTS CSP PROJECT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF EIA REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETING

Paulputs CSP RF (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of a 200MW Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) project and associated infrastructure. The project development site is located on Portion 4 of the Farm Scuitklip 92 which is located approximately 45km north-east of Pofadder within the Khai-Ma Local Municipality in the Northern Cape. The project is referred to as the Paulputs CSP Project.

The purpose of the proposed CSP project is to evacuate the generated power into the Eskom electricity grid. The project is proposed to be bid into the Department of Energy's (DoE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement (REIPPP) Programme.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notices R982 to GN R985; an EIA process is being undertaken for this proposed project. The National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) is the competent authority. In order to obtain authorisation, comprehensive, independent environmental studies must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014. The DEA accepted the Scoping Report and Plan of Study for the project in February 2016. The application has been assigned the following reference number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/870.

Paulputs CSP RF (Pty) Ltd has appointed Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the required EIA to identify and assess all the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures in an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). As part of these environmental studies, Interested and Affected (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process.

AVAILABILITY OF THE EIA REPORT FOR REVIEW

An EIA Report for the proposed project has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is available for review. The review period is from **4 May 2016 – 3 June 2016**. The report can be viewed at the Pofadder Public Library (New Road, Pofadder). The report can also be downloaded from the website www.savannahsa.com/projects.

Please could you kindly submit your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will be submitted in the final EIA Report which will be submitted to the DEA. Comments can be made as a written submission via fax, post or email.

PUBLIC MEETING

In order to facilitate comments on the EIA Report, a public meeting will be held during the public review period as follows:

Date: Thursday 26 May 2016
Time: 17:30
Venue: Pofadder Civic Hall, Bree Street, Pofadder

The aim of the public meeting is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed projects (including technical details, project process and timeframes etc.), to provide a summary of the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, to invite comment on the proposed project, and to further discuss possible issues of specific concern to you which may need to be addressed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind Regards

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