

24 March 2016

Dear Stakeholder

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

### PROPOSED TUTUKA PV SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY NEAR STANDERTON, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/754)

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#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND PUBLIC MEETING

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**Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd** proposes the establishment of a 65.9MW photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility and associated infrastructure on a site within the boundary of the Tutuka Coal Fired Power Station, approximately 28km north-east of Standerton in Mpumalanga Province on portions 4, 10, 11 and 12 of the farm Pretorius Vley 374 IS, within the jurisdiction of Gert Sibande District Municipality and Lekwa Local Municipality. The facility is proposed to include several arrays of PV solar panels with a net generating capacity of up to 65.9MW.

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In terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998), as read with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of GN R543 – R546 (as amended), a Scoping and EIA process is required to be undertaken for the project. Eskom Holdings SOC Limited requires authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for the undertaking of the proposed project.

In order to obtain authorisation, comprehensive, independent environmental studies must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations. As such, the project as well as the associated infrastructure has been registered with the National DEA under following application reference number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/754).

#### AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

A Draft EIA Report for the proposed Tutuka Solar Energy Facility has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is available for a **30-day** review period. The review period is from **24 March 2016 – 26 April 2016**. You are invited to view the report at the following locations:

- » Thuthukani Public Library
- » Standerton Public Library

The report is also available for download at [www.savannahsa.com](http://www.savannahsa.com).

Please submit comments to Savannah Environmental before or on **26 April 2016**. Comments must be made as a written submission via fax, post or email.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Following the release of the Draft EIA Report, a public meeting has been convened to facilitate comments on the report. Details of the meeting are as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, 06 April 2015</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>17:00 PM</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Ulwazi Primary School Hall, Thuthukani, Mpumalanga</b>

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project (including technical details, project process and timeframes etc.), to provide a summary of the findings of the Draft EIA 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

**MRS GABRIELE WOOD**  
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SOCIAL CONSULTANT**  
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include several arrays of PV solar panels with a net generating capacity of up to 65.9MW. Savannah Environmental is undertaking the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) required for this project. A draft EIA Report has been prepared and is available for public review. Kindly refer to the attached notification letter for further details regarding the public review period and public meeting details.

Kind regards

**Mrs Gabriele Wood**

**Public Participation and Social Consultant**

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