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Ref: GAM391/02

Dear Stakeholder / State Department / Organ of State

Via post / email

RE: NOTIFICATION of AVAILABILITY of DRAFT SCOPING REPORT for the proposed AEP KATHU SOLAR PV FACILITY on REMAINDER of the FARM LEGOKO 460

Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Reference No.: To be allocated

Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd. (Cape EAPrac) has been appointed by the applicant **AEP Kathu Solar (Pty) Ltd.**, hereafter referred to as the Applicant, as independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), to facilitate the Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998) and 2014 EIA Regulations for the proposed **AEP Kathu Solar PV Energy Facility near Kathu in the Northern Cape.**

The Applicant intends to develop a **75MW_{ac} (megawatt) Photovoltaic (PV) solar power development**, on the remainder of the farm 460 Legoko, located South of Kathu along the N14. The electricity to be generated by the solar photovoltaic panels will be fed into the national grid via the **proposed Sekgame Switching Station**. Associated infrastructure will thus include a **132kV transmission line**, as well as an on-site substation, auxiliary buildings, access and internal roads, perimeter fencing etc.

The procedures for S&EIR process in terms of the 2014 Regulations (R982, R983, R984 & R985) are being followed for this project. The following activities may be applicable:

Listed activity as described in GN R.983, 984 and 985	Description of project activity that triggers listed activity
Regulation 983 – Basic Assessment	
<i>GN R983 Activity 11:</i> <i>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity-</i> <i>(i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts; or</i> <i>(ii) inside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more.</i>	The proposed AEP Kathu Solar PV Energy Facility will connect to the national electricity via the proposed Eskom Sekgame Switching Station. The proposed distribution and transmission infrastructure included the construction of an on-site substation and a 132kV overhead power line from the on-site substation to the proposed Eskom Sekgame Switching Station.
Regulation 984 – Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting	

<u>GN R984 Activity 1:</u> The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs within an urban area.	The proposed AEP Kathu Solar PV Energy Facility will have a maximum generation Capacity of 75 megawatts AC and as such exceeds the threshold defined in this activity.
<u>GN R984 Activity 15:</u> The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for- (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.	The proposed AEP Kathu Solar PV Energy Facility will have a maximum footprint of 220ha and as such exceeds the threshold defined in this activity.
Regulation 985 – Basic Assessment	
NO Activities in terms of Regulation 985.	

NOTE: Basic Assessment as well as Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Activities are being triggered by the proposed development and as such, the Environmental Process will follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process.

It must be further noted that these activities are all to be considered at the scoping phase, but certain of the activities listed above may no longer be relevant after the outcome of the specialist studies. In this case, these activities will be excluded from further assessment.

The applicant intends submitting a formal application to the National Environmental Affairs on completion of the comment period on this draft scoping report. The purpose of this Draft Scoping Report is to identify and consider key issues and concerns relating to the project, prior to the submission of a formal application.

As a Key Stakeholder, you are hereby notified that the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) is available for review and comment extending from **24 November 2015 to 16 December 2015**. **To facilitate effective review and comment, a full digital copy of the report on CD is included with this letter.**

A digital copy of the Draft Scoping Report is also available on the *Cape EAPrac* website at: www.cape-eaprac.co.za 'Active Projects' 'AEP Kathu Solar PV Energy Facility'.

Please submit your full contact details and any comments you may have to *Cape EAPrac* (contact details below) on or before 16 December 2015:

Cape EAPrac		
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Upon completion of this comment period, comments received will be considered and feedback provided, after which the comments and responses will be included in the Scoping Report (SR) that be

submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs and made available for a further 30 Day Comment Period.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office directly.

Sincerely,



Mr Dale Holder
For Cape EAPrac

Review & Comment Period

24 November 2015 – 16 December 2015

In the event that you or your organization have been wrongly identified as a stakeholder, or in the event that the responsibility of providing comment on this application lies with another party within your organization, either forward this notice to them or notify Cape EAPrac within one week of receiving this notice of the correct party that should be informed. Should you be aware of any relevant legislation that needs to be complied with, in addition to this process, please inform us of such as soon as possible. Should you be aware of any party that may not be able to effectively participate in this environmental process due to illiteracy, disability or any other disadvantage, please contact Cape EAPrac during office hour and we shall assist where required.

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Subject: FW: Availability of Draft Scoping Report for AEP Kathu Solar Energy Facility
Attachments: GAM391.02 AEP Kathu - DSR Notification to Stakeholders.pdf

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Subject: Availability of Draft Scoping Report for the AEP Kathu Solar PV Energy Facility

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party.

Please find the attached notifications regarding the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for AEP Kathu PV Facility. Please provide any preliminary comment by 16 December 2015.

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Subject: Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report - AEP Mogobe & AEP Legoko Solar PV Energy Facilities

Dear Stakeholder / State Department / Organ of State

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT – AEP KATHU SOLAR

Please find the attached notifications regarding the Availability of the Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed AEP Kathu Solar PV Development

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PLEASE NOTE: A full digital copy (on CD) of both of these Draft Environmental Impact Reports has been posted for your attention.

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AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT - AEP KATHU SOLAR

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