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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS) FOR THE PROPOSED GAETSEWE SOLAR AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Department confirms having received the Application for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 24 July 2018. We further confirm that you have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 published under Government Notice R982 in Government Gazette No. 38282 dated 04 December 2014, as amended ('the EIA Regulations, 2014').

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

**Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014.**

All documentation delivered to the physical address contained in this form must be delivered during the official Departmental Office Hours which is visible on the Departmental gate. EIA related documents (includes application forms, reports or any EIA related submissions) that are faxed; emailed; delivered to Security or placed in the Departmental Tender Box will not be accepted.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

**Letter signed by: Ms Azrah Essop**

**Designation: Environmental Officer: EIA Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support**

**Date:** 26 July 2018

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### PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Sir/ Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED GAETSEWE SOLAR ON PORTIONS 2 OF THE FARM LEGOKO 460 AND GRID CONNECTION ON FARM SEKGAME NO.461, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

The Department confirms having received the Draft Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 06 August 2018. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

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### **PER E-MAIL / MAIL**

Dear Mr Holder

### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED GAETSEWE SOLAR AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The application form dated 11 July 2018 and received by this Department on 24 July 2018, the draft Scoping Report (SR) dated 27 July 2018 as received by this Department on 06 August 2018, refers.

#### **This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:**

##### Contact Details of the Provincial Department in the Application Form

- The Department has noted that the contact details provided in the application form for the Provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (Northern Cape DENC) didn't include the email address of Mr D Van Heerden. Please provide such information as the Department currently use emails for communication with all relevant stakeholders who have jurisdiction to the proposed development.

##### Activities applied for

- It has been noted that the activities in the application form and the draft SR are not the same. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- Please ensure that the applied activities are cited correctly as stated in the Listing Notices of EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- In addition, it must be elaborated as to whether the listed activity 19 on page 12 of the application form will take place inside or outside the urban area and its total footprint must be clearly articulated.

##### Impact Assessment

- A sensitivity layout plan overlaid by the sensitive features and the buffer zones i.e. wetland and also the existing structure in the vicinity of the proposed site must be submitted as part of the final report for analysis

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of the effect of the proposed project on the environment. Please ensure all features are clearly indicated on the legend of the sensitivity layout plan.

#### Description of identified Alternatives

- Please provide a description of any identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2 of GN R.982 of 2014, as amended. Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2.

#### Public Participation Process

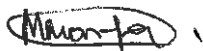
- Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR.
- Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR, should you be unable to obtain comments, and proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

#### General information

- You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
- Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

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Yours faithfully



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**Date: 24/08/2018**

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