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Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS) FOR THE PROPOSED HOTAZEL SOLAR AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE DISTRICT OF HOTAZEL 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

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Dear Sir/ Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED HOTAZEL SOLAR ON REMAINDER FARM YORK A 279 AND GRID CONNECTION ON REMINDER OF FARM 280 AND PORTION 11 FARM YORK A 279, 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.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, 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, as amended.

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Dear Mr Holder

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED HOTAZEL SOLAR AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE DISTRICT OF HOTAZEL, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The draft Scoping Report (SR) received by this Department on 06 August 2018 refers.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

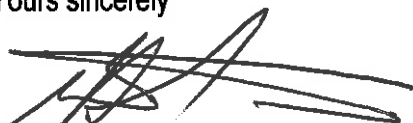
- i. This Department has noted the use of the word **"may"**, when describing the project activity that triggers the listed activities applied for. The use of this word shows that the EAP/applicant is not confident and/or is uncertain as to why the listed activities applied for are being triggered by the proposed activity. You are therefore requested to rephrase all project activity descriptions to refrain from the use of these words. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that only the applicable listed activities are included in the application. A full assessment of impacts and proposed mitigation thereto of all the triggered activities must be provided in the final SR.
- ii. Please ensure that the relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- iii. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
- iv. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction 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, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.
- v. 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

(1) (c) (d) and 2 (h) of GN R.982 of 2014, as amended. Alternatively, you must submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist in terms of Appendix 2 (2)(x)(xi).

- vi. In accordance with Appendix 2 (2) (a) of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, the details of—
- (i) *the EAP who prepared the report; and*
 - (ii) *the expertise of the EAP to carry out Scoping and Environmental Impact assessment procedures; must be submitted.*
- vii. Please ensure that the final SR includes a legible site layout map; an environmental sensitivity map indicating all environmental sensitive areas and features; a map combining a layout map superimposed (overlain) on the environmental sensitivity map; and a regional map of the area.
- viii. 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.
- ix. Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended, 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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Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations

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Signed by: Mr. Wayne Hector

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Date: 30/08/18

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