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10 September 2019

Dear Stakeholder and Interested and Affected Party,

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED SIRIUS SOLAR PV PROJECT TWO, NEAR UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/481)

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All comments received will be included in the final Motivation Report which will be submitted to the DEFF for review and decision-making.

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Kind regards,

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The affached lefter provides information regarding the application and informing you of the availability of the Motivation Report for your review and comment which is available from Friday, 11 September 2020 until Monday, 12 October 2020.

Kind Regards,



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Applicant: Sirius Solar PV Project Two RF (Pty) Ltd

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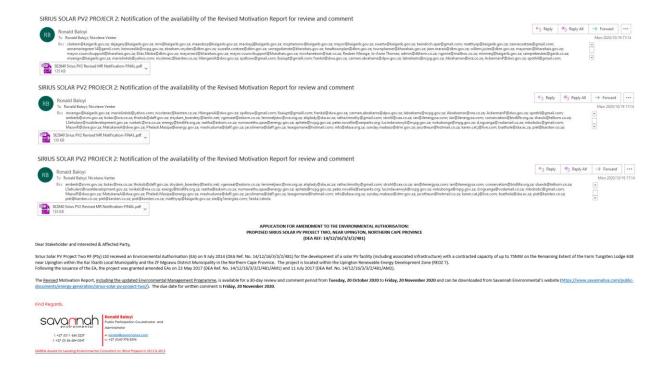
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With reference to the attached notification letter sent on Thursday, 10 September 2020 which was attached to the e-mail notification below, this e-mail serves to inform you that the comment period for the Motivation is ending on Monday, 12 October 2020. As the Motivation Report was from Friday, 11 September 2020 until Monday, 12 October 2020.	s you may rec	all, the review a	and comment perio	od for	
Thank you to those Stakeholders and interested and Affected Parties who submitted their written comments on the Motivation Report, and those who had not yet submitted written comments, we kindly request that you do so before or on Monday, 12 October	2020.				
Kind regards,					
From: Savannah Public Process Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 3:18 PM To Ronald Blady Ghand Elawaranihas.com> Nicolene Veritor < nicolene@savannahas.com> Subject: SIRUS SOLAR PV PROJECT 2: Notification of Availability of the Motivation Report					
APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED SIRIUS SOLAR PV PROJECT TWO, NEAR UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE					
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Fig. 5-by RU Paris To RE (RA) and a Paris To					

Following the issuance of the FA, the project was granted amended FAs on 23 May 2017 (DFA Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/481/AM1) and 11 July 2017 (DFA Ref. No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/481/AM1)