

30 July 2015

Dear Interested and Affected Party

RE: NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE NORTH-EAST OF KENHARDT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (CSIR REFERENCE: EMS0102/SCATEC/2015)

Scatec Solar SA 163 (PTY) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as Scatec Solar) (i.e. the Project Applicant), is proposing to develop three 75 Megawatt (MW) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power generation facilities and associated electrical infrastructure (132 kV transmission lines for each 75 MW facility) on the remaining extent of Onder Rugzeer Farm 168 and the connection points to the substation on the remaining extent of Portion 3 of Gembok Bult Farm 120, approximately 80 km south of Upington and 30 km north-east of Kenhardt within the !Kheis Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations promulgated in Government Gazette 38282 and Government Notice (GN) R982, R983, R984 and R985 on 8 December 2014, the proposed projects require a full Scoping and EIA Process for the construction of the three Solar PV facilities. A separate Basic Assessment Process is also required and will be undertaken for the development of the proposed transmission lines. The CSIR has been appointed by Scatec Solar to undertake the requisite Basic Assessment and Scoping and EIA Processes for the proposed projects.

Scatec Solar is an integrated independent power producer that is focused on making solar energy a sustainable and affordable source on a global scale. Linked to enhancing its operations within South Africa, each 75 MW Solar PV facility proposed by Scatec Solar will cover an approximate area of 200 hectares (ha) and will be constructed adjacent to each other (with a collective footprint of approximately 600 ha and a combined power generation capacity of 225 MW). The proposed projects will entail the construction of the solar field, buildings, electrical infrastructure, internal access roads, and associated infrastructure and structures.

Since the proposed 75 MW Solar PV facilities are located within the same geographical area and constitute the same type of activity, an integrated Public Participation Process will be undertaken for the proposed projects. However, separate Applications for Environmental Authorisation will be lodged with the Competent Authority (i.e. the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)) for each proposed 75 MW Solar PV facility and transmission line, which will be referred to as Kenhardt PV 1, Kenhardt PV 2, Kenhardt PV 3, Kenhardt PV 1 – Transmission Line, Kenhardt PV 2 – Transmission Line, and Kenhardt PV 3 – Transmission Line. As such, separate reports (i.e. Basic Assessment and Scoping and EIA Reports) will be compiled for each project. The Project Applicant for each proposed 75 MW Solar PV facility and transmission line project will be various subsidiaries and divisions of Scatec Solar.

In line with this, notice is hereby given that Basic Assessment and Scoping and EIA Processes will be undertaken for each of the proposed 75 MW Solar PV facilities and transmission lines. In accordance with the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations, you have been identified as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and have been included on the project I&AP database.

Please find enclosed, a Background Information Document (including a Comment and Registration Form), which provides an overview of the proposed projects, as well as the potential listed activities that form part of the Basic Assessment and Scoping and EIA Processes and require Environmental Authorisation from the National DEA. The proposed project potentially triggers the following listed activities:

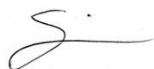
- Basic Assessment Process: GN R983: Activity 11 (i);
- Scoping and EIA Process: GN R983: Activity 9 (i) and (ii); Activity 12 (x) and (xii); Activity 19 (i); Activity 24 (ii) and Activity 28 (ii); and GN R984: Activity 1 and Activity 15.

A comment and registration period of **30 days** has been allocated for the review of the Background Information Document, for the submission of any issues or concerns, and for the registration of I&APs (which requires the completion of the enclosed Comment and Registration Form). Kindly complete the enclosed Comment and Registration Form and submit it to the CSIR at the contact details provided above by **31 August 2015**. All comments received during this 30 day period will be recorded and included in the Basic Assessment and Scoping Reports.

Kindly note that available project information can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.csir.co.za/eia/ScatecSolarPV/>

Should you have any queries or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned using the contact details provided above.

Sincerely,



Surina Laurie
Project Leader
CSIR Environmental Management Services



Rohaida Abed
Project Manager
CSIR Environmental Management Services