

4 March 2016

Dear Interested and Affected Party

RE: RELEASE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THREE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITIES (REFERRED TO AS KENHARDT PV 1, KENHARDT PV 2 AND KENHARDT PV 3) AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTH-EAST OF KENHARDT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (CSIR REFERENCE: EMS0102/SCATEC/2015 AND DEA REFERENCE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/837 (KENHARDT PV 1), 14/12/16/3/3/2/838 (KENHARDT PV 2) AND 14/12/16/3/3/2/836 (KENHARDT PV 3))

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 (including transmission lines for each 75 MW facility) on the remaining extent of Onder Rugzeer Farm 168, approximately 80 km south of Upington and 30 km north-east of Kenhardt within the !Kheis Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province. The proposed 75 MW Solar PV facilities will connect (via transmission lines and associated electrical infrastructure) to the Eskom Nieuwehoop Substation (which is currently being constructed) on the remaining extent of Portion 3 of Gembok Bult Farm 120.

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 (referred to as "Kenhardt PV 1, Kenhardt PV 2 and Kenhardt PV 3"). Separate Basic Assessment (BA) processes are also required for the development of the proposed transmission lines and electrical infrastructure (referred to as "Kenhardt PV 1 – Transmission Line, Kenhardt PV 2 - Transmission Line and Kenhardt PV 3 - Transmission Line"). The CSIR has been appointed by Scatec Solar to undertake the requisite BA, and Scoping and EIA Processes for the proposed projects.

The separate Applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the Scoping and EIA Projects were lodged with the Competent Authority (i.e. the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)) on 30 September 2015 (together with the Scoping Reports, which were accepted by the DEA on 8 December 2015). The Applications for EA for the BA projects will be submitted to the DEA together with the BA and EIA Reports for comment.

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 (PPP) is being undertaken for the proposed projects. However, separate reports (i.e. BA and EIA Reports) have been compiled for each project. The BA Reports will be made available for Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and stakeholder review together with the EIA Reports.

In line with the above, as a registered I&AP on the project database, you are hereby notified of the release of the EIA and BA Reports for the Kenhardt PV 1, Kenhardt PV 2 and Kenhardt PV 3 EIA projects and the Kenhardt PV 1 – Transmission Line, Kenhardt PV 2 - Transmission Line and Kenhardt PV 3 - Transmission Line BA projects to all registered I&APs and stakeholders for a 30-day review period, which will extend from **3 March 2016 (date of release of the advert) to 5 April 2016**.

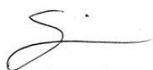
Please find enclosed a Comment and Registration Form. Kindly complete the enclosed Comment and Registration Form in order to submit any comments, issues or concerns you may have. Please submit the completed form to the CSIR Project Manager at the contact details provided above by **5 April 2016**.

Hard copies of the EIA and BA Reports are available for public viewing at the Kenhardt Library (in Park Street) and the Groblershoop Library (at 97 Oranje Street). The EIA and BA Reports can also be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.csir.co.za/eia/ScatecSolarPV/>

All comments received during this 30 day review period will be recorded and included in the EIA and BA Reports for submission to the National DEA for decision-making. As a registered I&AP on the project database, you will be notified of the submission of the BA and EIA Reports to the DEA for decision-making.

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

Sincerely,



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