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Dear Interested and/or Affected Party

**AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (EMPr) FOR THE  
AUTHORIZED PHOTOVOLTAIC (SAOLAR) ENERGY FACILITY ON REMAINDER OF FARM  
DU PLESSIS DAM NO. 179 NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE  
(DEA REF NO.: 12/12/20/2498                      NEAS REF NO.: DEA/EIA/0000609/2011)**

This letter serves to notify all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) for the authorized photovoltaic (solar) energy facility on the Remainder of Farm Du Plessis Dam No. 197, near De Aar in the Northern Cape has been amended/updated as required by Condition 13 of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) dated 28 September 2012. The authorized PV facility consists of a 19.9MW photovoltaic solar energy plant and associated infrastructure on the Remainder of Farm Du Plessis No. 179 within the Emthanjeni Local Municipality.

In terms of Condition 13 of the EA dated 28 September 2012: *“The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) submitted as part of the Amended Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated August 2012 must be amended to include measures as dictated by the final site lay-out plan and micro-siting; and the provisions of this environmental authorisation. The EMPr must be submitted to the Department for written approval prior to commencement of the activity. Once approved, the EMPr must be implemented and adhered to.”*

Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants has been appointed to update and amend the EMPr as required by Condition 13 of the EA dated 28 September 2012. The EMPr for the project has now been amended to include (amongst others) the information requirements stipulated within Condition 18 of the Environmental Authorisation. The Amended EMPr also contains the Final Site Layout Plan for the Project that has been compiled in compliance with Condition 12 of the EA. In addition, please note that the EMPr also contains an Addendum to the original Avifauna Report (as included within the Amended Final Basic Assessment Report (BAR) of August 2012), which has been issued to clarify certain recommendations within the Amended Final BAR of August 2012. Notice is hereby given of the commencement of a 30 day Public Participation Process in respect of the amended EMPr.

## 1. Purpose of the EMPr

The EMPr was compiled during the Basic Assessment (BA) process of the aforementioned authorised project to provide a link between the mitigation measures identified for the assessed project impacts and the actual environmental management on the ground during implementation

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and operation. In this regard, the purpose of the EMPr is to provide for environmental management throughout the Planning & Design, Pre-construction and Construction, Operation and Decommissioning life-cycle stages of the authorised development.

## 2. Opportunity to Comment

Interested and Affected parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to provide comment on the proposed EMPr Amendment. Copies of the amended EMPr are available for review for a period of 30 days from 1 April – 6 May 2016 at the De Aar Public Library, and are available for download on the on the Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants website ([www.hollandandassociates.net](http://www.hollandandassociates.net)). I&APs must provide their comments, together with their name, contact details (including their preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail, post or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application, to Mr Ross Holland of Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants (Fax: 086 653 1765, email: ross@hollandandassociates.net or post: P.O. Box 31108, Tokai, 7966) by 6 May 2016.

The DEA reference number indicated above must be referred to in all correspondence submitted by &APs. All comments received will be submitted to DEA, together with the Amended EMPr, in order to assist their decision on whether or not to approve the Amended EMPr document.

Should you require any further information or have any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



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