

14 July 2023 REF NR 14/12/16/3/3/1/2730

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam

RATPAN SOLAR PV1 PROJECT, VILJOENSKROON, FREE STATE PROVINCE: NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION DATED 11 JULY 2023

Notice is given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998) and the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, that the Environmental Authorisation (EA) was issued for the Ratpan Solar PV1 project by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on 11 July 2023. A copy of the EA is attached hereto.

Locality

The development site is situated north of the R76, south of the Vaal River and close to the town of Viljoenskroon in the Free State Province. It falls within the jurisdiction of the Moqhaka Local Municipality (MLM) in the Fezile Dabi District Municipality.

Reason for the decision

The reasons for the DFFE's decision can be found under Annexure 1, of the EA.

Validity period of the EA

The EA is valid for a period of 10 years.

**Right to Appeal** 

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 8 December 2014 which prescribe the appeal procedure to be followed. A copy of these National Appeal Regulations, 2014 is provided with this notification letter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the Appeals Administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form as follows:

Directed to: The Director, Appeals and Legal Review of the Department of Environment,

Forestry and Fisheries

By e-mail: <a href="mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za">appeals@dffe.gov.za</a>

By Hand: Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Street; Arcadia, Pretoria; 0083

By Post: Private Bag X447; Pretoria; 0001

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at <a href="https://environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal authorisations">https://environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal authorisations</a> or request a document from <a href="mappeals@dffe.gov.za">appeals@dffe.gov.za</a>.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you require any clarification and/or discussion pertaining to any of the above.

## **Kind regards**

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