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Attention: Stakeholder

VIA: Email, Fax and Post

RE: AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE HUMANSRUS 4 SOLAR DEVELOPMENT ON FARM 147 HUMANSRUS, PRIESKA

Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd. (Cape EAPrac) has been appointed by the Applicant, Humansrus Solar 4 (Pty) Ltd., as independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), to facilitate the Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998) and 2014 Regulations for the proposed Humansrus 4 PV Solar Facility, near Prieska in the Northern Cape.

The Applicant intends to develop a **75MW** (megawatt) Photovoltaic (PV) solar power development, with a footprint of approximately 220ha, on Farm 147 Humansrus, located approximately 10km south of the town of Copperton and 50kms west of Prieska. The electricity to be generated by the solar photovoltaic panels will be fed into the national grid via the existing Kronos Substation. Associated infrastructure will thus include a **132kV** transmission line (within an existing Eskom servitude), as well as an on-site substation, auxiliary buildings, access and internal roads, perimeter fencing etc.

The procedures for S&EIR process in terms of the 2014 Regulations (R983, R984 & R985) are being followed for this project.

This notification forms part of the Scoping phase of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. As a registered stakeholder, you are hereby notified that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is available for review and comment for a period of 30 days extending from **Monday 30 May to Wednesday 29 June 2016.**

Hard copies of the EIA Report have been placed at the following venues for review:

- Prieska Library (located on Stewart Street, Prieska)
- Siyathemba Municipality offices (located on Victoria Street, Prieska)

Please do not remove these copies from the above venues.

A digital copy of the EIA Report will also be available on the *Cape EAPrac* website at www.cape-eaprac.co.za. Authorities have been provided with digital copies on CD. Additional CDs are available on request.

Please submit any comments you may have to Cape EAPrac (contact details below) on or before **29 June 2016**:

Cape EAPrac

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Upon closing of the 30-day comment period, comments received will be considered and feedback provided, after which the comments and responses will be included in the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for submission to the competent authority. Please note that due to the timeframe constraints associated with the 2014 EIA Regulations, comments received after the 29 June 2016 will not be included in the final report submitted to DEA.

Please note that only registered stakeholders will be kept informed throughout the remainder of the environmental process.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office directly.

Kind regards,

Melissa Mackay

Cape EAPrac

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