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Dear Ms. Mariagrazia Galimberti

**PROPOSED GOSFORTH PARK ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATION NEAR
GERMISTON, GAUTENG**

**NOTIFICATION OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC
ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Building Energy (SpA) is proposing the establishment of a 1MW photovoltaic (PV) Rooftop Solar Energy Facility on a warehouse located within the Gosforth Business Park in Germiston, Gauteng Province. The project is referred to as the Gosforth Park Rooftop Solar Energy Installation. The project forms part of the Department of Energy's (DoE) Small Projects Independent Power Producer (IPP) Procurement Programme, and has received First Stage One approval in this bidding programme.

The Gosforth Business Park is located on portion 6 of ERF 69 which is located on Monte Carlo Drive in Germiston. The site is located in an industrial area approximately 4km west of Germiston on privately owned land and is currently being developed into a Business Park to be utilised for commercial purposes. The site is located within the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality.

The purpose of the project is to generate electricity which will be fed-into the national electricity grid.

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The Gosforth Park roof top solar energy installation will have a development footprint of ~ 1.8 hectares, within which the following typical infrastructure will be established:

- » Arrays of photovoltaic (PV) panels with a capacity of up to 1MW.
- » Aluminium bar mountings to support the PV panels.
- » Cabling between the project components.
- » Inverters/Transformer enclosures.
- » Underground cables of ~ 50m in length to connect into a mini substation located south-east of the site (on Van Riebeeck Street).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998), Building Energy requires authorisation from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (in consultation with the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD)) for the undertaking of the proposed project. In order to obtain authorisation for this project, comprehensive, independent environmental studies must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations (GN543) and Listing Notices GN 544-546.

Building Energy has appointed Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd, as the independent environmental consultant, to undertake the required Basic Assessment to identify and assess all the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures in an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). As part of these environmental studies, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public involvement process. The public participation process, which forms part of the overall EIA process, will also be undertaken by Savannah Environmental. The department and/or the organisation which you represent have been identified as a commenting authority for the proposed project. **In this regard, please can you provide us with the name and contact details of the relevant contact person at your department who we would liaise with regarding this project.** By registering on the project database, you will receive all information relating to the project and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input into the Basic Assessment Process.

BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

A Draft Basic Assessment Report for the proposed project has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is available for public review. The review period is from **11 July 2014 – 11 August 2014**. The report has been uploaded to the

SAHRIS website. The report can also be viewed on our website www.savannahSA.com. Please could you kindly submit your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will be submitted in the final Basic Assessment Report which will be submitted to the DEA. Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail.

In terms of the NEMA Amendment Act a **40-day review period** will be allowed for **commenting authorities / organs of state** to submit their comments on the draft Basic Assessment Report to the DEA.

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Wood', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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