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Dear Ms Thomas

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED HYPERION SOLAR DEVELOPMENT 2, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The application form and draft Scoping Report (SR) dated October 2018 as received by this Department on 26 October 2018 refers.

This Department has the following comments on the abovementioned application:

Activities applied for:

- Please ensure that the relevant sub activity in item 11(ii) of GN 983 of EIA regulations of 2014 as amended is cited correctly.
- Please provide the quantity of dangerous goods that will be stored and handled on site.
- Explain why item 24(ii) of GN 983 of EIA Regulations of 2014 as amended is triggered by this project considering the fact that the roads to be constructed are below the thresholds that trigger this activity.

Alternatives

- Please provide a description of the identified alternatives for the proposed activity that are feasible and reasonable, including the advantages and disadvantages that the proposed activity or alternatives will have on the environment and on the community that may be affected by the activity as per Appendix 2, (2) (1) (g) (i-xi), of GN R.982 of 2014, as amended.
- Alternatively, you should submit written proof of an investigation and motivation if no reasonable or feasible alternatives exist as per the requirements of Appendix 2, (2) (1) (g) (x).

Impacts Assessment

This Department requests the EAP to familiarise themselves with the requirements of Appendix 2 of GNR 982 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and ensure that the final SR submitted to this Department for consideration meets the requirements in terms of identifying, assessing and providing mitigation measures of the impacts on the alternatives and preferred site.

Environmental Sensitivity Map

It has been noted on the sensitivity map provided in the draft report (Figure 1) that there is a heritage site and river buffer overlapping in the development area. Therefore, you are requested to provide a sensitivity map that consider the following:

- A sensitivity layout plan overlaid by the sensitive features and the buffer zones i.e. wetland, showing the location of the proposed and existing structure. Please ensure all features are clearly indicated on the legend of the sensitivity layout plan.
- Please ensure that the PV structures are positioned and numbered on the plan, taking into consideration the sensitive features and the buffer zones.

Public Participation Process

- Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR from the registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR.
- Please provide a translation of the comments that are provided in Afrikaans to English.
- Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR, should you be unable to obtain comments, proof of the attempts that were made to obtain comments must be submitted to the Department.
- The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

General Comments

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping Reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the amended EIA Regulations, 2014.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



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