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Attention: Registered Interested and Affected Parties

RE: NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) IN TERMS SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 1998 (ACT 107 OF 1998) (NEMA), AS AMENDED AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS, 2014, AS AMENDED FOR A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) PLANT AT PLATREEF MINE ON PORTION 0 OF THE FARM TURFSPRUIT 241KR, SITUATED IN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF WATERBERG WITHIN THE MOGALAKWENA MUNICIPALITY: LIMPOPO REGION

DMRE Reference: LP30/5/1/2/3/2/1(10067) EM

Holder of EA: Ivanplats (Pty) Ltd (Platreef Mine)

Responsible person for the EA: Mr Werner Van der Berg

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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This letter serves to inform you, in terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, (GN.R982 of 2014 as amended in GN.R517 of 2021), that the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has decided to grant Ivanplats Mine (Pty) Ltd (Platreef Mine) an Environmental Authorisation (EA). The EA has been granted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and EIA Regulations 2014 Act (GN.R982 of 2014 as amended in GN.R517 of 2021), for the following development:

• The development of a 19 MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) facility within the Mining Right area of the Platreef Mine for power supply.

The DMRE has evaluated the documents and is satisfied on the basis of the information submitted to it in accordance with section 24N of NEMA and Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended) and subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the EA, and the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) that the Applicant should be authorised to undertake the abovementioned NEMA EIA Listed Activities throughout the life cycle of the operation. Reasons for the decision are included in Annexure 1 and the Departmental standard conditions included in Annexure 2 of the EA.

The EA is dated 28 February 2023 and was issued on 3 March 2023. A copy of the EA, which contains the authorisation conditions and appeal provisions, will be furnished upon request. Kindly contact OMI Solutions (Pty) Ltd should you wish to receive a copy of the EA in this regard.



In terms of Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (GN.R993 as amended in GN.R205 of 2015), any party that wishes to appeal against the decision must lodge an appeal as prescribed in Regulation 4(1) of GN.993. The appeal along with supporting documentation must be submitted to the Minister of Environmental Affairs and a copy of such appeal to the Department of Mineral Resources (Limpopo Regional Office) within 20 days from the date of notification. Such appeal must also be lodged as prescribed in the National Appeal Regulations (Chapter 2, 2014), by means of the methods as prescribed below:

Appeal to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment as follows:

Attention: Directorate Appeals and Legal Review

By post: Private Bag X 447, Pretoria, 0001

By hand: Environmental House, Corner Steve Biko, and Soutpangsberg Street, Arcadia,

Pretoria, 0083

By email: appeals@dffe.gov.za

A copy of the lodged appeal must be submitted to the DMRE as follows:

Attention: Deputy Director: Limpopo Region

By post: Private Bag X 9467, Polokwane, 0700

By hand: DMR Building,101 Dorp Street, Polokwane, 0699

By email: <u>Thivhulawini.Kolani@dmre.gov.za</u>

By facsimile: (015) 297 4761

Should you decide to appeal, you must comply with the National Appeal Regulations of 2014 in relation to the notification of all registered Interested and Affected Parties. A copy of the official appeal form can be obtained from the DFFE.

Please do not hesitate to contact OMI Solutions (Pty) Ltd should you require additional information in this regard and thank you for your participation in this application.

Kind regards

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