

22 April 2014

Dear Stakeholder

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KAROSHOEK GRID INTEGRATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SITES 1.1; 1.2; 1.3 AND 2, AS PART OF THE  
LARGER KAROSHOEK SOLAR VALLEY DEVELOPMENT, ON A SITE LOCATED  
30 KM EAST OF UPINGTON, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE  
DEA ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/554**

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**NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
AUTHORISATION: PUBLIC REVIEW OF MOTIVATION FOR AMENDMENT**

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FG Emvelo submitted an application for authorisation to the National Department of Environmental Affairs for the construction of grid integration infrastructure for solar facilities within the Karoshoek Valley Solar Park (DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/1585). The Department granted FG Emvelo environmental authorisation for the project in April 2013.

In terms of the environmental authorisation, Power line Alternative 1 of option 2 is the authorised preferred alternative.

Eskom has advised that the existing power line (Gordonia-Kleinbegin) can no longer be recycled as was considered within the Basic Assessment process for the power line, as Eskom now intends upgrading this power line as part of their grid strengthening for the region. The project is now required to construct a new power line parallel to the existing line from the authorised connection point to the substation

In terms of Condition 5 of the Environmental Authorisation and Regulation 39 (1) of the EIA Regulations, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for a change or deviation from the project description to be approved. In this regard, application for amendment has been made to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), as competent authority, for the amendment of the middle and end point of the power line from the connection point on the Gordonia-Kleinbegin power line to the Gordonia Substation.

As the above-mentioned application could be considered as a substantive amendment, the applicant is required to undertake public consultation. As such, Savannah Environmental has prepared a motivational document in support of this application on behalf of the applicant, and provides some detail pertaining to the significance and impacts of the proposed change to the project description in order for the competent authority to be able to reach a decision. This motivation document is being made available to registered interested and affected parties for review and comment for a 21-day period, i.e. from **22 April – 16 May 2014**. This document is attached hereto and is available for download from [www.savannahsa.com/projects](http://www.savannahsa.com/projects).

Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail. Please submit your comments to:

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**The due date for comments on the motivational document is  
16 May 2014**

Kind regards



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