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PROPOSED DOUGLAS 100 MW PV AND/OR CPV SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR DOUGLAS, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
DEA Reference number: 12/12/20/2512

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

South Africa Mainstream Douglas Solar (Pty) Ltd plans to develop a Photovoltaic (PV) and / or Concentrated Photovoltaic (CPV) solar facility with a maximum generating capacity of 100MW on the Roode Kop Farm, 10 km southwest of Douglas. The applicant has appointed the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to manage the environmental authorisation and the Public Participation Process for this application.

The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Program (EMP) reports were released to public on 8 June 2012 and all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were invited to submit comments on the draft reports until the 17 July 2012. The Draft EIA report and draft EMP report are still available on the internet at: www.csir.co.za/eia/douglas

An investigation on the mineral potential of the Roode Kop Farm is currently being conducted. The results of the prospecting activities will inform the Final EIA report with respect to soils, agricultural potential and updated environmental baseline of the proposed site.

The letter aims to inform all I&APs that the Final EIA report will only be released after the results of the mining prospecting activity are known. The EIA process is thus proceeding.

All I&APs and Authorities will be informed of the outcomes of the investigation and the release of the updated EIA report is anticipated during 2013, depending on the outcomes of the prospecting.

Should you have any project related queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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