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Dear Stakeholder

### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

#### BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PEDDIE SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 54 (2) (b) and Section 57 of the regulations published in Government Notice No. R. 543 of 18 June 2010 published in terms of Section 24(5) of Chapter 5 read with Section 44 of Chapter 9 of The National Environmental Management Act, (Act no 107 of 1998) as amended, of the intent to carry out a Basic Assessment process and invite all interested and affected parties to register on the project database.

**Project description:** InnoWind South Africa proposes to construct a 19 MW Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility on land located near Peddie in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. The proposed project will entail the construction and operation of a 15 - 20 ha Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility on property owned by Ngqushwa Local Municipality.

**Public Participation:** A critical element of the Environmental Impact Assessment is the Public Participation. The objective is to contact, notify and inform members of the community who may be interested and/or affected by the proposed Solar Energy Facility, in order that any such party may fully participate, interact and inform the EIA process.

#### Listed Activities:

The proposed project requires a BASIC ASSESSMENT due to the following activities listed in terms of GN R 544:

Government Notice Number	Activity No(s)	Description of listed activity
GN R. No 544 (BA)	1(ii)	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity where:  (ii) the output is 10 megawatts or less but the total extent of the facility covers an area in excess of 1 hectare.
GN R. No 544 (BA)	10 (i)	The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity:  (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts.
GN R. No. 544 (BA)	23(i)	The transformation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land to:  (ii) Industrial use, outside an urban area, and where the total area to be transformed is bigger than 1 hectare but less than 20 hectares.

GN R. No. 546 (BA)	14(a)(i)	The clearance of an area of 5 hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetation cover constitutes indigenous vegetation:  (a) in Eastern Cape:  (i) All areas outside urban areas.
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**Coastal & Environmental Services** has been commissioned by InnoWind South Africa to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment. You are hereby invited to register as an Interested & Affected Party (I&AP). Please submit your name, contact information and any comments to the contact person below at your earliest convenience to ensure that your comments are captured.

**Consultant:** For more information, registration as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), or submission of written comments, please contact by phone, fax, post or email the person below;

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We would like to emphasise that should you consider yourself as an I&AP, we request that you register by simply contacting our office at the details given above. This will ensure that all correspondence and progress with regards to the Environmental Impact Assessment are made available to you in a fast and transparent manner.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



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