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**FOUR PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES ON THE FARM
ZUURWATER NEAR AGGENEYS, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

DEA Ref. Numbers:

Phase 1 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/470

Phase 2 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/471

Phase 3 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/472

Phase 4 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/473

**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE PROJECT AND REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Dear Sir/Madam

FSBWSA Development (Pty) Ltd is proposing to establish four commercial photovoltaic solar energy facilities on the Farm Zuurwater No. 62 near Aggenys, Northern Cape Province. A larger facility (comprising of seven phases) on the Farm Zuurwater No. 62 was the subject of a previous EIA process undertaken on behalf of Sato Energy Holdings (Pty) Ltd (Sato), for which individual environmental authorisations for each phase was issued in August 2012 (DEA Ref nos.: 12/12/20/2334/1-7). The Scoping Report and EIA report was compiled for Sato by SRK Consulting. Subsequently, changes to the project have occurred due to technical and technology considerations. In addition, the developer has changed from Sato to FSBWSA Development (Pty) Ltd.

The following changes regarding the Zuurwater PV project are of relevance:

- » Units 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 - The authorisations for these five of the seven authorised units have been lapsed. The developer (FSBWSA Development (Pty) Ltd) has submitted new applications for environmental authorisation (EA) for four replacement projects on Portion 3 of the Farm Zuurwater No. 62, occupying the same land space, but with a new layout and technology (the subject of this letter).
- » Unit 4 & Unit 5- The environmental authorisations for these units are still valid and transferred to the new developer.

The National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) have accepted the four new applications for environmental authorisation. The Scoping Study undertaken for the previous process was resubmitted to the DEA for consideration together with an updated Plan of Study for EIA. The DEA has accepted this Scoping Report and Plan of Study for EIA and granted permission for an EIA phase assessment and public participation process to be undertaken for the Four (4) revised phases of the Zuurwater project. FSBWSA Development (Pty) Ltd has appointed Savannah Environmental as the independent environmental consultant to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase for the four phases. The EIA process is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the DEA (EIA Phase study) and the EIA Regulations of June 2010 (GNR543) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA; Act No. 107 of 1998).

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a Draft EIA Report for the project has been compiled and will be available for public review and comment by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders. A single report has been compiled and considers all four phases. As a registered I&AP on the project database, you will be informed of the 40-day public review period which is expected to commence in May 2013. Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail.

In order to facilitate comments on the draft EIA Report, a public meeting will be held during the public review period. All interested and affected parties will be informed of the public meeting details in writing. The aim of the public meeting is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project (including technical details, project process and timeframes etc.), to provide a summary of the changes to the project and findings of the Draft EIA Report, to invite comment on the proposed project, and to further discuss possible issues of specific concern to you which may need to be addressed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind Regards

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(not signed, sent via email)

Attached to this letter: Locality Map