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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE
MAINSTREAM RENEWABLE POWER SOUTH AFRICA WIND ENERGY
FACILITY, VICTORIA WEST, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

**EXTENSION OF COMMENTING PERIOD FOR THE REVIEW OF
THE AMENDMENT REPORT**

Dear Stakeholder,

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (PTY) Ltd ("Mainstream") is proposing to construct a renewable energy facility (wind and solar) in the Ubuntu Local Municipality and the Pixley KaSeme District Municipality, 25 km of Victoria West and 10 km from the Hutchinson Settlement, Northern Cape Province. The proposed development received Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on 10 November 2011 (DEA Reference number: 12/12/20/1788, NEAS Reference number: DEAT/EIA/12225/2011). A non-substantive amendment process was followed and an amended EA was issued on 10 October 2014 (DEA Reference number: 12/12/20/1788/AM1).

This notices serves as a notification to inform regitered interested and affected parties (I&APs) of the following processes proposed by Mainstream:

1. Amendment Process to increase the approved generation capacity of the wind energy facility (WEF) from 95 MW to 140 MW.

The following farm portions are applicable to the process described above:

- Portions 1 and 2 of Bultfontein Farm 217;
- Portion 1 of Kleinfontein Farm 265;
- Remainder of Kleinfontein Farm 93;
- Remainder of Bulthoudersfontein Farm 218; and
- Remainder of Wynandsfontein Farm 91.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations promulgated in Government Gazette 38282 and Government Notice (GN) R982, R983, R984 and R985 on 8 December 2014, the Amendment Process must adhere to the provisions included within Section 32 of the EIA Regulations which outlines the process and consideration of an application for amendment where in change in scope occurs.

The commenting period on the Amendment Report was originally indicated to run from **23 March 2016 – 25 April 2016**. I&APs are hereby notified that the commenting period for the Amendment Report has been extended by 30 days (excluding public holidays) and will close on **16 May 2016**.

Hard copies of the reports are available for public viewing at the **Hutchinson Community Library (at School), Victoria West Library, Murraysburg Library and Ubuntu Municipality in Victoria West**.

The report can also be downloaded from the following website:

http://www.csir.co.za/eia/victoriawest_wind.html or

<http://www.csir.co.za/ba/victoriawest/>

You are kindly requested to submit any comments you may have on this report to **Shawn Johnston at Sustainable Futures ZA** within **30** days of this notification (i.e. by no later than **16 May 2016**). For more information, please contact: **Shawn Johnston** at Sustainable FuturesZA on **Tel: 083 325 9965, Fax: 0865102537 or E-mail: swjohnston@mweb.co.za**.

Sincerely,
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