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Proposed Nqgamakhwe Wind and Solar Energy Facility
Notification of Environmental Authorisation

Dear Interested and/or affected party

Please note that an Environmental Authorisation for the proposed Thomas River Wind and Solar Energy Facility has been issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs.

If you would like a copy of the authorisation, please contact our offices via fax, email or telephone in order to receive your copy promptly.

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Alternately a copy can be downloaded from our website (www.cesnet.co.za)

I would like to draw your attention to the legislated appeal procedure as described in GN 543 Chapter 7:

An appeal must be lodged through a "notification of the intention to appeal" (Section 60(1)). Notification must be submitted to the Minister within **20 days** of the date of the decision (**11/07/2012**). Within 10 days of lodging a notification of intent to appeal, the appellant must provide the applicant with a copy of such notice and information regarding the period and location where the appeal can be inspected.

According to Section 62, (1) an appeal must be submitted in writing within **30 days** after the period of "notification of intent" (described above) has lapsed. Submission of the appeal must be lodged with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs ("the Minister" details given below). The appeal must be on an official form published or attainable from the relevant department and accompanied by:

1. A statement setting out the grounds of appeal
2. Supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal and which is not in the possession of the Minister
3. A statement by the appellant that regulation 60(3) has been complied with together with copies of the notices referred to in that regulation

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The applicant may, within 30 days of a submission of appeal to the Minister, submit a responding statement. This statement must be served on the appellant within 10 days. The appellant will have yet another opportunity to submit an answering statement within the same timeframes.

Receipt by the Minister of an appeal or other statement must be acknowledged within **10 days** of receipt of this documentation. The Minister may request the appellant or respondent to submit additional information in connection with the appeal as required by the Minister. When the Minister has reached a final decision on an appeal the appellant and each respondent must be notified of the decision and whether the decision is upheld or overturned, **in writing within 90 days of receipt of all relevant information.**

The above information is also available in the Environmental Impact Regulations, Government Notice 543, which can be found at the following website: www.environment.gov.za (environmental impact management). Guidance with regards to the above is also given in the authorisation document.

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Department of Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X447
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Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hawley', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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