

13 September 2021

FOR ATTENTION: ALL KEY STAKEHOLDERS, INTERESTED AND/OR AFFECTED PARTIES

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) ISSUED FOR HOEKPLAAS SOLAR PV4 TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL CONDITION TO THE EA, SIYATHEMBA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is given in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act Nr 107 of 1998) that the Department of Forestry, Fisheries & Environment (DFFE) decided to amend the existing Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the Hoekplaas PV4 project (applicant: Hoekplaas Solar PV Four (Pty) Ltd).

The DFFE EA Amendment is attached to this e-mail.

The project site is situated adjacent to the R357, less than 10km south of Copperton and ±50km south-west from Prieska, within the jurisdiction of the Siyathemba Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

This amendment must be read in conjunction with the existing Environmental Authorisation and associated EA Amendment approvals which are available on request from info@landscapedynamics.co.za.

The following condition was added to the EA:

“Prior to construction taking place, appropriate Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) studies will be conducted by the applicant, Hoekplaas PV Four (Pty) Ltd or appropriate third parties engaged with by Hoekplaas PV Four (Pty) Ltd to the satisfaction of the SKA Project Office in order to mitigate all risk of Electromagnetic Interference on the SKA. The mitigation of all risk associated with radio frequency interference on the SKA must be confirmed by measurement following construction to the satisfaction of the SKA Office. Should the risk of radio interference still exist, based on measurements, further mitigation methods must be implemented to remove outstanding risk of radio frequency interference.”

Right to Appeal

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 8 December 2014 which prescribe the appeal procedure to be followed. A copy of these National Appeal Regulations, 2014 are provided with this notification letter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the Appeals Administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form as follows:

Directed to: The Director, Appeals and Legal Review of the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

By e-mail: appeals@environment.gov.za

By Hand: 473 Steve Biko Street; Arcadia, Pretoria; 0083

By Post: Private Bag X447; Pretoria; 0001

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a document at appeals@environment.gov.za

Do not hesitate to contact our office should you require any clarification and/or discussion pertaining to any of the above.

Kind regards



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