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Dear Sir / Madam

## PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY PLANT ON FARM STRUISBULT NEAR COPPERTON, NORTHERN CAPE:

## NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

DEA Ref. No. 12/12/20/2502 & NEAS Ref. No. DEAT/EIA/0000606/2011

Please note that due to an administration error this notification was not sent to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) within the 12 days required in terms of Section 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (GN R543 of 2010). However the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has confirmed that I&APs can still be notified of the decision and would have 20 days to appeal the Amended Environmental Authorisation (EA). Submissions to the Minister should however make specific reference to the delayed notice.

We wish to inform you that the DEA has amended the EA dated 2 January 2013 in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations (Government Notice (GN) No. R543, R544, R.545 and R.546 of 18 June 2010) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The amended EA was issued on 28 March 2013. The EA and EA amendments should be read in conjunction with each other. The EA was amended as follows:

Changed: Mulilo Prieska PV2 (Pty) Ltd
To: Struisbult PV2 (Pty) Ltd (Reg: 2012/022485/07)

The amended EA outlines the conditions of authorisation, reasons for the authorisation, recommendations, and the appeal process. A copy of the amended EA is attached and also available on Aurecon's website (<a href="www.aurecongroup.com">www.aurecongroup.com</a> change "Current Location" to South Africa and click on "Public Participation") or can be obtained from Franci Gresse on request (Tel: 021 526 6022 / Fax: 021 526 9500 or Email: <a href="mailto:franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com">franci.gresse@aurecongroup.com</a>.

We would like to draw your attention to your right to appeal against the decision to the Minister in terms of Chapter 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2010. Any person affected by a decision who wishes to appeal must lodge a Notice of Intention to Appeal with the Minister within 20 days of the date of the decision. The Appeal must then be lodged within 30 days of the lapsing of the 20 days for the lodging of the Notice of Intention to Appeal.

Lodging may occur by any of the following methods:

By facsimile: 012 320 4431

By post:

Private Bag X447

Pretoria

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By hand:

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Fedsure Building

North Tower

315 cnr Pretorius & Lilian Ngoyi (Van der Walt) Street

Pretoria

Please note that all appeals must be submitted in writing to Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of the Department of Environmental Affairs at the above mentioned addresses or fax number. Mr Hassem can also be contacted at Tel: 012 310 3271 and email: <a href="mailto:AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za">AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za</a>.

On submission of an appeal, the Appellant must serve on the applicant (Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd) a copy of the Notice of Intention to Appeal, as well as a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be made available for inspection by the applicant.

LOUISE CORBETT (Pr.Sci.Nat.)

Associate: Environment & Advisory Services

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely AURECON

**FRANCI GRESSE** 

Practitioner: Environment & Advisory Services

cc Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation (DEA)

Ms Thulisile Nyalunga (DEA)

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