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### PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Marais

**AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 06 JUNE 2016 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 95 MEGAWATTS (MW) BOSCHRAND PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) 2 SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ITS SUPPORTING ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSED BY SOUTH AFRICA MAINSTREAM RENEWABLE POWER DEVELOPMENTS (PTY) LTD NEAR DEALESVILLE IN THE FREE STATE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Competent Authority on 06 June 2016, the amendment to the EA dated 28 April 2021, your application for amendment of the EA received by this Competent Authority on 06 December 2022, and the acknowledgement dated 15 December 2022, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Competent Authority, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 06 June 2016, as follows:

#### **Amendment to increase the total generation capacity of the facility:**

The following EA Technical detail for the PV Facility's total generation capacity is amended as follows:

Component	Currently Authorised	Amended To
PV facility generation capacity	75 MW	95 MW

#### **Reason for amendment**

The reason for increasing the capacity of the Solar PV Facility by 20MW is to improve the internal rate of return i.e. improve the profitability of potential investments, in order to meet financial targets. Due to advances in Solar PV Technology, the PV panels available for the development of the Solar PV Facilities are more

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efficient in producing more power per panel without increasing the size of the panel and thereby will not increase the physical footprint of the authorised Facility.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 06 June 2016 as amended.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulate that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal 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; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

**Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:**

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appeals@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za);

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria,  
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria,  
0001;

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

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To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at [https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appeals@dffe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dffe.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



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**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**

**EAPASA Registration Ref: 2019/92**

**Date: 11 January 2023**

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