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11 March 2016
Ref: KAI428/02
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Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party

Via post / email

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED AMDA ALPHA, AMDA BRAVO AND AMDA CHARLIE PV ENERGY FACILITIES ON PORTION 1 OF N'ROUGAS ZUID NO 121, STRAUSSHEIM, AND OVERHEAD POWER LINE GRID CONNECTION ACROSS PORTION 3 OF GEMSBOK BULT NO120, KENHARDT REGISTRATION DIVISION, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Reference No.: To be allocated

Cape EAPrac Reference No.:

<i>AMDA Alpha</i>	-	<i>KAI428</i>
<i>AMDA Bravo</i>	-	<i>KAI429</i>
<i>AMDA Charlie</i>	-	<i>KAI430</i>

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The Applicant intends to develop **3 x 75MW_{ac} (megawatt) Photovoltaic (PV) solar power development**, on Portion 1 of N'Rougas Zuid No 121, Strausheim, and **Overhead Power Line Grid Connection** across Portion 3 of Gembok Bult No120, Kenhardt Registration Division, Northern Cape Province.

The electricity to be generated by the solar photovoltaic panels will be fed into the national grid via the **Eskom Niewehoop Sub-Station**. Associated infrastructure will thus include a **132kV transmission line**, as well as an on-site substation, auxiliary buildings, access and internal roads, perimeter fencing etc.

The procedures for S&EIR process in terms of the 2014 Regulations (R982, R983, R984 & R985) are being followed for this project. The following activities may be applicable:

Listed activity as described in GN R.983, 984 and 985	Description of project activity that triggers listed activity
Regulation 983 – Basic Assessment	
<p><u>GN R983 Activity 11:</u> <i>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity-</i></p> <p>(i) <i>outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts; or</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>inside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more.</i></p>	<p>The proposed AMDA PV Energy Facilities will connect to the national electricity via the Niewehoop MTS sub-station. The proposed distribution and transmission infrastructure includes the construction of an on-site substation and a 132kV overhead power line from the on-site substation.</p>
<p><u>GN R983 Activity 12:</u></p> <p>The development of-</p> <p>(xii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs-</p> <p>(a) within a watercourse;</p> <p>(c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse;</p>	<p>The construction of internal and access roads and PV panel infrastructure across possible ephemeral washes. An ecologist has been appointed to undertake an ecological study of this site to determine the applicability of this application.</p>
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Regulation 984 – Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting	
<p><u>GN R984 Activity 1:</u> The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs within an urban area.</p>	<p>The proposed AMDA PV Energy Facilities will each have a maximum generation Capacity (Contracted Capacity) of 75 megawatts and as such exceeds the threshold defined in this activity.</p>
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<p>NO Activities in terms of Regulation 985.</p>	

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The applicant intends submitting a formal application to the National Environmental Affairs on completion of the comment period on this draft scoping report. The purpose of this Draft Scoping Report is to identify and consider key issues and concerns relating to the project, prior to the submission of a formal application.

As a Registered Interested and Affected Party, you are hereby notified that the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) is available for review and comment for a period of 21 days extending from **11 March 2016 – 01 April 2016**.

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Please submit your full contact details and any comments you may have to Cape EAPrac (contact details below) on or before **01 April 2016**.

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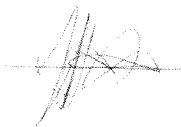
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Attachments: AMDA Alpha Bravo Charlie Project Footprints (DSR).kmz; KAI428,429,430.02 DSR Notification to IAP.pdf

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Could you kindly indicate the potential risk of these projects to the SKA.

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