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Dear **Registered and Potential Interested and Affected Party**

Via post / email / fax

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED GROOTFONTEIN ACCESS ROAD ON REMAINDER AND PORTION 5 OF THE FARM GROOTFONTEIN NUMBER 149 SITUATED NEAR TOUWS RIVER IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

DEA&DP Reference : 16/3/3/1/B5/2/1025/23
DEA&DP Case Officer : Bernadette Osborne

You are receiving this notice because you were registered as and Interested & Affected Party (I&AP) and/or participated in the previous EIA processes or have registered in response to the Advert or Site notice for this proposed access road. Should you wish to no longer participate in this environmental process, kindly inform Cape EAPrac and we will remove you from the database:

Cape EAPrac have been appointed by Grootfontein Access Road (Pty) Ltd to facilitate an application for Environmental Authorisation for the Proposed Grootfontein Access Road on the Remainder and Portion 5 of the Farm Grootfontein Number 149 Situated near Touws River in the Western Cape Province.

Grootfontein Access Road (Pty) Ltd intend on constructing an access road on Remainder and Portion 5 of the Farm Grootfontein number 149, in the Witzenberg Local Municipality of the Western Cape Province. The purpose of the access road is to provide access to three authorised Photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facilities, known as Grootfontein PV1, Grootfontein PV2 and Grootfontein PV 2 on the portion 5 and the Remainder of Farm Grootfontein 149. These three projects were selected as preferred bidders in Round 5 of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme (REIPPPP). Please refer to Appendix L for confirmation that the project was selected as a preferred bidder under the REIPPPP and designated as a Strategic Integrated Project in terms of the National Infrastructure Plan. It must be noted that each of these authorised facilities (Grootfontein PV1, Grootfontein PV2 and Grootfontein PV3) have an access road authorised in their respective EA's. Grootfontein Access Road (Pty) Ltd propose the construction of a single access road to access all three of these facilities instead of the three access roads already authorised. The proposed road (within the assessed corridor) would have a maximum width of 12 metres (inclusive of side drains and gravel embankments). The road would have a gravel surface constructed to NGL, however, it will only be known at detailed design phase should any portions of the road require concrete surfacing or other wearing course. In the event that any concrete surfacing is required, this will be completed in line with the environmental management programme as approved by the DEA&DP.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report for the abovementioned project is available to all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP's) for a 30 day comment period extending from **04 May 2023 – 03 June 2023**.

Digital copies of the final EMPR's and Site Layout Plans are available on the *Cape EAPrac* website at: www.cape-eaprac.co.za.

These Documents are also available as a direct download at the links below:

- **Dropbox Download**

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/si0hw4774mf6uaagbck8d/h?dl=0&rlkey=kevm6k2uf00q0u6e7o5b586ru>

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<https://we.tl/t-y2oB2M7nFo>

Should you be unable to access the documents on the Cape EAPrac website or Download Links provided please contact Cape EAPrac on any of the contact details below and we will provide hardcopies of the documentation.

Please submit any comments you may have to Cape EAPrac (contact details below) on or before **03 June 2023**.

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Upon completion of this 30-day comment period, comments received will be considered and feedback provided, after which the comments and responses will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning for decision making.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office directly.

Sincerely,



Mr Dale Holder
For Cape EAPrac

In the event that you or your organization have been wrongly identified as a stakeholder, or in the event that the responsibility of providing comment on this application lies with another party within your organization, either forward this notice to them or notify Cape EAPrac within one week of receiving this notice of the correct party that should be informed. Should you be aware of any relevant legislation that needs to be complied with, in addition to this process, please inform us of such as soon as possible. Should you be aware of any party that may not be able to effectively participate in this environmental process due to illiteracy, disability or any other disadvantage, please contact Cape EAPrac during office hours and we shall assist where required.