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Dear Potential Interested and Affected Party

Via post / email/fax

RE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED EUPHORBIA PV, HILLARDIA PV AND VERBENA PV ON PORTIONS 2, 3 & 4 OF THE FARM HOUTHAAALBOOMEN SITUATED NEAR LICHTENBURG, IN THE DITSOBOTLA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE.

DFFE Reference No. : 2022-01-0009 (Pre Application Reference Number)

DFFE Case Officer : Ms Azrah Essop

Note: You are receiving this notification letter for one of the following reasons:

1. You have been identified by Cape EAPrac as a potential stakeholder.
2. You were registered as an Interested and Affected Party in other Environmental Assessment Processes in the close proximity.
3. You have been identified as an adjacent of affected landowner.

Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (Pty) Ltd. (Cape EAPrac) has been appointed by the applicants (Euphorbia PV (Pty) Ltd, Hillardia PV (Pty) Ltd and Verbena PV (Pty) Ltd), as independent environmental assessment practitioner (EAP), to facilitate the Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) processes required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act 107 of 1998) and 2014 EIA Regulations for the proposed **Euphorbia PV, Hillardia PV, Verbena PV** and associated infrastructure on the abovementioned properties.

The Applicants, Euphorbia PV (Pty) Ltd, Hillardia PV (Pty) Ltd and Verbena PV (Pty) Ltd are proposing the construction of 3 x photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility (known as the Euphorbia PV, Hillardia PV and Verbena PV facilities) located on a site approximately 10 km north west of the town of Lichtenburg in the North West Province. Each of the PV facilities will comprise several arrays of PV panels and associated infrastructure and will have a contracted capacity of up to 100 MW. The development area is situated within the Ditsobotla Local Municipality within the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality and is accessible via the R505, located east of the development area.

The development area for the PV facilities and associated infrastructure will be located on the following properties:

- Portion 2 of the Farm Houthaalboomen 31;
- Portion 3 of the Farm Houthaalboomen 31; and
- Portion 4 of the Farm Houthaalboomen 31.

The infrastructure associated with each of the three 100 MW facility includes:

- PV modules and mounting structures;
- Inverters and transformers;
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
- Site and internal access roads (up to 8m wide);
- Auxiliary buildings (22kV or 33kV switch room, gate-house and security, control centre, office, warehouse, canteen & visitors centre, staff lockers etc.);
- Temporary and permanent laydown area;
- Cabling between the panels, to be laid underground where practical; and
- Grid connection infrastructure, including:
 - Underground medium-voltage cabling between the project components and the facility substation ; and
 - Up to 132kV facility substation

The Houthaalboomen North collector substation/ switching station will facilitate the connection of the cluster facility substations to the Watershed Main Transmission Substation (MTS) via a single or double circuit 132 kV overhead powerline. The connection infrastructure associated with this grid solution (i.e. between the collector switching station and the MTS) will be assessed as part of a separate Environmental Application.

The procedures for Scoping & Environmental Impact Reporting processes in terms of the 2014 Regulations (as amended) are being followed for this project. The following activities listed in terms of these regulations are applicable:

Listed activity as described in GN R.983, 984 and 985	Description of project activity that triggers listed activity
Regulation GN R. 983 – Basic Assessment	
GNR 983 Item 11: The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity— (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts;	The proposal includes MV cabling of up to 33 Kilovolts and facility substations with a capacity of up to 132 kilovolts.
GNR 983 Item 24: The development of a road— (ii) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres;	The proposed main access road to the PV facilities will be up to 8m wide, but with the inclusion of side drains and gavel embankments, will exceed the threshold of this activity.
GNR 983 Item 28: Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development: (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare;	The proposed PV developments are considered to be commercial use and the total footprint size will exceed 1 hectare.
GNR 983 Item 56: The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre— (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres;	The existing access road from the R505 will be lengthened by more than 1km in order to reach the proposed PV developments.
Regulation GN R. 984 - Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting	

Listed activity as described in GN R.983, 984 and 985	Description of project activity that triggers listed activity
GNR 984 Item 1: .The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more,	The proposed PV facilities will each have a generation capacity of up to 100 megawatts.
GNR 984 Item 15: The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation.	The proposed PV facilities will each require the clearance of an area in excess of 20ha and as such exceeds the threshold of this activity.
Regulation GN R. 985 – Basic Assessment	
GNR 985 Item 4: The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres. h. North West vi. Areas within 5 kilometres from protected areas identified in terms of NEMPAA or from a biosphere reserve;;	This activity may be applicable pending the confirmation of the legislative status of the Lichtenberg Game Breeding Centre which is situated approximately 3.6km to the East of the proposed access roads.
GNR 985 Item 18: The widening of a road by more than 4 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometre. h. North West ii. Areas within 5 kilometres from protected areas identified in terms of NEMPAA or from a biosphere reserve;	This activity may be applicable pending the confirmation of the legislative status of the Lichtenberg Game Breeding Centre which is situated approximately 3.6km to the East of the proposed access roads

NOTE: Basic Assessment as well as Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting Activities are being triggered by the proposed development and as such, the Environmental Process will follow a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting process. Applications have been submitted to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for these processes.

As an identified potential Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you are hereby notified that the Draft Scoping Report (SR) is available for review and comment from **08 March 2022 – 08 April 2022**.

Digital copies of the Draft Scoping Reports are available on the *Cape EAPrac* website at: www.cape-eaprac.co.za.

In accordance with the approved public participation plan, the Draft Scoping Reports and all appendices are also available on the dedicated download link below.

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Should you not be able to access the digital platforms above, please contact Cape EAPrac on the contact details below and we will arrange an alternative mechanism of providing access to the report.

Please submit your full contact details and any comments you may have to Cape EAPrac (contact details below) on or before **08 April 2022**:

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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 included in the Final Scoping Report (SR) that be submitted to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for consideration.

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 hour and we shall assist where required.

Please Note: When registering as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), you consent to the lawful processing of personal information for the intended purposes, as described by the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013). Your information will be used for this project, including the initial application as well as subsequent related appeals, amendments or audits, or any future project where you are identified as an I&AP. You also agree that by submitting comment to inform this process, your contact details will, where required by a public body, be reflected in our regulated reports that must be compiled and submitted to the general public, registered stakeholders, organs of state as well as the competent authority for consideration and decision-making.

Kindly view our Privacy Statement for more information.

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Attachments: DIT724.09 Notification of DSR Houthaalboomen.pdf

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Kindly find the attached notification regarding the availability of the Draft Scoping Report for the proposed Euphorbia, Hillardia and Verbena PV facilities on Portions 2, 3 and 4 of the Farm Houthaalboomen 31 near Lichtenburg in the Northwest Province.

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Please contact the undersigned, should you have any further queries in this regard.

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