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DFFE Ref: **14/12/16/3/3/1/2043/AM3**

Attention: Registered Interested & Affected Party

VIA: Email and / or post

RE: AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 06 NOVEMBER 2019 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 100 MW BLOEMSMOND 5 PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR FACILITY WITH A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM OF UP TO 500MWH ON PORTION 5 AND PORTION 14 OF FARM BLOEMSMOND 455 WITHIN KAI! GARIB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners (*Cape EA Prac*) are appointed by the Holder of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) **Bloemsmond Solar 5 (Pty) Ltd**, to apply for an extension of the validity period of the Environmental Authorisation (EA), to allow more time to commence with construction, as well as to update the physical address of the Holder of the EA.

The original EA was granted on 06 November 2019, for the construction of a 100MW photovoltaic solar energy generation facility and associated infrastructure with a battery energy storage system of up to 500MWH. Condition 7 of the original EA stated that this activity must commence within a period of five (5) years from the date of issue of the Environmental Authorisation.

The DFFE considered a formal Part 1 non-substantive Amendment Application to extend this due date by another five (5) years. On 19 November 2024, the DFFE **authorised/approved** the amendment application which now instructs the Holder of the EA to commence with physical implementation of the EA by no later than **06 November 2029**.

Furthermore, as part of the amendment application, the Holder of the EA also informed the DFFE of a **new physical address** that must be recorded for the contact person.

A copy of the EA Amendment, explaining the reasons for the decision, is included with this notification for your information and record purposes. The document is also available on the Cape EA Prac website (www.cape-eaprac.co.za).

In terms of **Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations)**, we hereby notify all registered I&APs that participated in the original environmental investigation process, of the outcome of this amendment application process and its decision. In the event that you are no longer interested/affected by this specific application, you are invited to notify us in order for your contact details to be removed from the Stakeholder Register. Alternatively, if your contact details have since changed, please ensure that you provide us with your updated contact details to ensure

that we may keep you updated should there be any future decisions pertaining to this application.

APPEAL PROCEDURE in accordance with Regulation 4 of the National Appeal Regulations 2014 (as amended)

In terms of **Chapter 2** of the **National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations** published under **Government Notice R933 in Government Gazette No. 38303** dated **08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014)**, 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 twenty (20) days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties.

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

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

By post: Private Bag X447
Pretoria
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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 or request a copy of the documents at appeals@dffe.gov.za.

The names and contact information of all registered Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) may be requested from this office in the event of an appeal procedure. Please make a request in writing to Cape EAPrac within the regulated timeframe.

Kind regards,

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