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Geagte Heer / Dame,

Augrabies Sonenergie aanleg: Kennisgewing van die beskikbaarheid van die Finale Basiese Evalueringsverslag vir 'n 21 dae kommentaarperiode

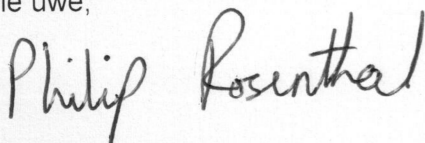
As 'n geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party, word u hiermee kennis gegee van die beskikbaarheid van die Finale Basiese Evalueringsverslag (BAR) vir die voorgestelde Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd, Fotovoltaïese (Son) Energie aanleg naby Augrabies, Noord-Kaap, ooreenkomstig die bepalings van die Regulasies rakende Omgewingsimpakbepaling, afgekondig ingevolge artikel 24 (5) van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet no 107 van 1998). Die verslag is beskikbaar by die Augrabies Munisipale Kantore en by die Augrabies Nasionale Park ontvangs, asook by www.sahra.org.za/cases/augrabies-solar-pv-plant en via www.Dropbox.com op e-pos versoek.

U aandag word gevestig op die volgende belangrike veranderings aan die Konsep Basiese Evalueringsverslag:

- Die **Kommentaar- en terugvoer verslag** in Addendum E-4.
- Bykomende **Visuele Assessering** wat bevind het dat die voorkeurterrein 1 nie sigbaar sal wees vanaf 'n nuwe uitkykpunt in die Nasionale Park nie en dat die Nasionale Park nie aan die risiko van reflektiewe glans blootgestel sal wees nie, ongeag of vaste as of vaste paneel tegnologie gebruik word. Gevolglik bevind die finale verslag dat albei tegnologieë aanvaarbaar is.
- Die Botaniese Verslag en Omgewingsbestuusplan beklemtoon nou dat die terrein deurgegaan moet word vir **beskernde bome**, veral *Boscia albitrunca*, en dat permitte vir die hervestiging of verwydering daarvan voor aansoek gedoen moet word voordat konstruksie kan begin.

As 'n geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party, het u 21 kalenderdae om kommentaar te lewer op die Finale Basiese Evalueringsverslag (dws tot **18 Februarie 2014**). U kommentaar sal gestuur word aan die Departement van Omgewingsake wat 'n besluit sal neem. U sal in kennis gestel word van die besluit, waarna daar 'n geleentheid vir appèl sal wees.

Die uwe,



Philip Rosenthal

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Dear Sir/Madam

Augrabies Solar PV Energy Plant Notification of availability of Final Basic Assessment Report for 21 day Comment Period

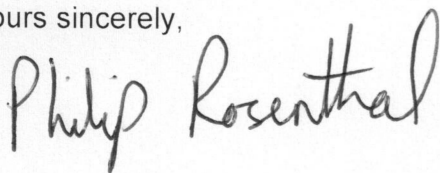
As a Registered Interested and Affected Party, you are hereby notified in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations promulgated in terms of section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act no 107 of 1998) of the availability of the Final Environmental Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for proposed Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd, Photovoltaic (Solar) Energy Plant Near Augrabies, Northern Cape at the Augrabies Municipal Offices and at the Augrabies National Park reception and at www.sahra.org.za/cases/augrabies-solar-pv-plant and via www.Dropbox.com on email request.

Your attention is drawn the following key changes, from the Draft Basic Assessment Report:

- The **Comments & Responses Report** in Appendix E-4.
- Additional **Visual Assessments** found that the preferred Site 1 would not be visible from a new viewsite in the National Park and the National Park would not be at risk of reflective glare irrespective of whether 'fixed axis tracking' or 'fixed panels' technology was used. Accordingly, the Final Report recommends either technology is acceptable.
- The Botanical Report and Environmental Management Plan now highlight that prior to construction, the site must be surveyed for **protected trees**, particularly *Boscia albitrunca*, and permits for relocation or removal must be applied for.

As a Registered Interested and Affected Party, you have 21 calendar days to comment on the Basic Assessment Report (i.e. until **18 February 2014**). Your comments will be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Affairs who will make a decision. You will be notified of the decision, after which you will have an opportunity to appeal against the decision.

Yours sincerely,



Philip Rosenthal