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NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICAL GRID INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE SUTHERLAND, SUTHERLAND 2 AND RIETRUG WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, SUTHERLAND, NORTHERN AND WESTERN CAPE PROVINCES

Dear Stakeholder,

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (PTY) Ltd (“Mainstream”) received Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on 22 February 2012 (DEA Reference Number: 12/12/20/1782) for the proposed construction of the Sutherland Renewable Energy Facility, consisting of a Solar Energy Facility and a Wind Energy Facility (WEF). An amended EA was issued on 06 October 2015 (DEA Reference Number: 12/12/20/1782/AM1), following a non-substantive process. Mainstream undertook a second amendment process to split the original EA into three separate WEF projects entitled the Sutherland, Sutherland 2, and Rietrug WEFs. On 10 November 2016, the National DEA accordingly granted three separate EAs for the WEFs (DEA Reference Numbers: 12/12/20/1782/1; 12/12/20/1782/2; and 12/12/20/1782/3). These EAs replace the original EA (dated 22 February 2012) and the amended EA (dated 6 October 2015). The Sutherland, Sutherland 2 and Rietrug WEFs are located within the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality, 23 km south of Sutherland, Northern Cape Province. A portion of the Sutherland WEF occurs in the Laingsburg Local Municipality and the Central Karoo District Municipality, approximately 50 km north of Laingsburg, in the Western Cape Province.

Linked to the above, this notice serves as a notification to inform potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the following process proposed by Mainstream:

- **Basic Assessment (BA) Processes** for the proposed supporting electrical grid infrastructure, including (but not limited to) an on-site substation (including a laydown area, Operations and Maintenance Building), 132 kV distribution line, service road, and connection to a proposed third party substation in order to connect the approved Sutherland, Sutherland 2 and Rietrug WEFs to the national grid. The proposed electrical grid infrastructure will be constructed on various farm portions in the Northern and Western Cape Provinces.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) and the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations promulgated on 8 December 2014 and as amended on 7 April 2017 in Government Gazette 40772 and

Government Notice (GN) R326, R327, R325 and R324, the BA Processes must be undertaken in accordance with Section 19 of the Regulations. The proposed BA Process triggers the following activities, GN R327: Activity 11(i); 12 (ii); 19; 27; and 28(ii); and GN R324: Activity 4 [(g), (ii) and (ee)) and ((i), (ii) and (aa))]; Activity 12 [(g) and (ii)) and ((i) and (ii))]; and Activity 14 [(ii) [(g), (ii) and (ff)] and [(i), (i) and (ff)]].

Separate Applications for EA for each BA project will be submitted to the DEA together with the BA Reports for comment. Since the proposed projects are located within the same geographical area and constitute the same type of activity, an integrated Public Participation Process (PPP) is being undertaken for the proposed projects.

In line with the above, as a registered I&AP on the project database, you are hereby notified of the release of the BA Reports for the Sutherland, Sutherland 2 and Rietrug Electrical Grid Infrastructure projects to all registered I&APs and stakeholders for a 30-day review period, which will extend from 1 August 2017 to 31 August 2017.

In addition, the BA Report includes information relating to the changes to the project description since the Background Information Document was released in December 2016. These changes relate to the routing of the proposed distribution line and service road, associated lengths, affected farm portions and applicable listed activities.

Hard copies of all documents are available for public viewing at the Laingsburg Library and Sutherland Library. The documents can also be downloaded from the following website: <https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

Please find enclosed a Comment and Registration Form. You are kindly requested to submit any comments you may have on the BA Report to Shawn Johnston at Sustainable Futures ZA within 30 days of this notification (i.e. by no later than 31 August 2017).

All comments received during this 30 day review period will be recorded and included in the BA Reports for submission to the DEA for decision-making. As a registered I&AP on the project database, you will be notified of the submission of the BA Reports to the DEA for decision-making.

For more information, please contact: Shawn Johnston at Sustainable FuturesZA on Tel: 0833259965, Fax: 0865102537 or E-mail: swjohnston@mweb.co.za.

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KENNISGEWING VAN DIE BASIESE EVALUERING OPENBARE DEELNAME PROSESSE

DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE ONTWIKKELING VAN ONDERSTEUNINGSINFRASTRUKTUUR VIR DIE SUTHERLAND, SUTHERLAND 2 EN RIETRUG WINDKRAGAAANLEGTE, SUTHERLAND, WESKAAP EN NOORD-KAAP PROVINSIES

Geagte Belanghebbende Party,

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd ("Mainstream") het omgewingsmagtiging ontvang by die Nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS) op 22 Februarie 2012 (DOS verwysingsnommer: 12/12/20/1782, NEAS verwysingsnommer: DEAT/EIA/12225/2011) om 'n hernubare energie aanleg te bou, bestaande uit 'n sonkragaanleg en windkragaanleg. 'n Nie-materiële wysiging aan die omgewingsgoedkeuring was onderneem en is op 06 Oktober 2015 (DOS verwysingsnommer: 12/12/20/1782/AM1) toegestaan. 'n Materiële wysigingsproses aan die omgewingsgoedkeuring was onderneem vir die opdeel van die hernubare energie aanleg in drie aparte projekte, naamlik Sutherland, Sutherland 2 en Rietrug (DOS verwysingsnommers: 12/12/20/1782/1; 12/12/20/1782/2; and 12/12/20/1782/3) en is op 10 November 2016 toegestaan. Die goedkeurings vervang die oorspronklike goedkeuring (gedateer 22 Februarie 2012) en die gewysigde goedkeuring (gedateer 06 Oktober 2015). Die drie windkragaanlegte kom voor in die Karoo Hoogland Munisipaliteit en die Namakwa Distrik Munisipaliteit, 23 km Suid van Sutherland. 'n Deel van die Sutherland windkragaanleg kom ook voor in die Laingsburg Munisipaliteit en Sentrale Karoo Distrik Munisipaliteit, 50 km Noord van Laingsburg, Weskaap Provinsie.

Hierdie dien as 'n kennisgewing om enige potensiële Geïnteresseerde en/of Belanghebbende Party (G&BP) te laat weet van die die volgende proses wat deur Mainstream voorgestel word:

- **Basiese Evalueringsprosesse** vir die ontwikkeling van ondersteuningsinfrastruktuur, insluitend maar nie beperk tot, 'n 132 kV kraglyn, 'n dienspad en 'n substasie om sodoende aan 'n derde party se substasie te koppel.

Ingevolge die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet (Wet 107 van 1998, soos gewysig) (NEMA) en die 2014 NEMA Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies gepubliseer op 08 Desember 2014 in die staatskennisgewing 40772 en Regulasie 326, 327, 325 en 324,

moet die Basiese Evaluering aan Artikel 19 voldoen. Die volgende gelyste aktiwiteite is waarskynlik van toepassing op die Basiese Evalueringsprosesse: GN R327: Aktiwiteit 11(i); 12 (ii); 19; 27; en 28(ii); en GN R324: Aktiwiteit 4 [(g), (ii) en (ee)] en ((i), (ii) en (aa)); Aktiwiteit 12 [(g) en (ii)] en ((i) en (ii)); en Aktiwiteit 14 [(ii) [(g), (ii) en (ff)] en [(i), (i) en (ff)]].

Aparte Omgewingsgoedkeuringaansoeke sal ingedien word vir elke projek by die DOS saam met die verslae vir kommentaar. Aangesien die projekte in dieselfde area voorgestel word en dieselfde aktiwiteit omvat, word 'n geïntegreerde openbare deelname proses onderneem.

As 'n geregistreerde G&BP, word u hiermee in kennis gestel van die vrystelling van die verslae vir Sutherland, Sutherland 2 and Rietrug Ondersteunensinfrastruktuur vir 'n 30 dae hersien periode, vanaf 01 Augustus 2017 tot 31 Augustus 2017. Die verslae bevat ook die projek beskrywing en hoe dit verander het vanaf die Agtergrondsinligting dokument, vrygestel in Desember 2016.

Die dokumente is vir 30-dae beskikbaar vir kommentaar (**vanaf 01 Augustus tot 31 Augustus 2017**, uitsluitend openbare vakansiedae). Harde kopieë van die dokumente is beskikbaar by die Laingsburg en Sutherland Openbare Biblioteek.

Die verslae kan ook afgelaai word vanaf die projekwebtuiste:
<https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>

U word vriendelik uitgenooi om enige kommentaar aan Shawn Johnston by Sustainable Futures ZA binne 30 dae van die kennisgewings te stuur (teen nie **later as 31 Augustus 2017**). Vir meer inligting, kontak gerus vir: Shawn Johnston by Sustainable FuturesZA op Tel: 0833259965, Faks: 0865102537 of e-pos: swjohnston@mweb.co.za.

Die uwe,
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Proses fasiliteerder
Sustainable Futures ZA