



25 May 2021

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

RE: NOTICE OF PART 1 AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED FOR THE GEMSBOK SOLAR PV2 75 MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 3 (ROODAM) OF THE FARM GEMSBOK BULT NO. 120, NORTH-EAST OF KENHARDT, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Reference Numbers: 14/12/16/3/3/2/711; 14/12/16/3/3/2/711/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/711/AM2

The proposed Gemsbok Solar PV2 75 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) facility and associated infrastructure project, located north-east of Kenhardt within the !Kheis Local Municipality in the Northern Cape was granted Environmental Authorisation (EA) on 9 November 2015 (Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/711) by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), now operating as the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). An amended EA was granted on 23 July 2020 (14/12/16/3/3/2/711/AM1) to extend the validity of the authorisation, change the preferred type of Energy Storage System and to change the contact details of the holder of the EA.

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) on the project database, in terms of Regulation 4 (2) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations promulgated on 8 December 2014 and as amended on 7 April 2017 in Government Notice (GN) R326, R327, R325 and R324, you are hereby notified that the Competent Authority (i.e. DFFE) has granted a Part 1 Amendment to the EA for the proposed Gemsbok Solar PV2 75 MW project. The Amendment to the EA is dated **13 May 2021** and has the following reference number: **14/12/16/3/3/2/711/AM2**. Please find attached the decision from DFFE to grant a Part 1 Amendment in terms of Regulations 29 and 30 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations (as amended). The approved amendments comprise of the following:

Amendment	Description
Amendment 1	<p>Change of ownership of the proposed project and resultant transfer of rights and obligations of the original and amended EAs from "Gemsbok Solar PV2 (Pty) Ltd" to "Mulilo Total Coega (Pty) Ltd". Therefore, Mulilo Total Coega (Pty) Ltd is the new holder of the EA.</p> <p>In terms of background, on 22 December 2020, Mulilo Total Coega (Pty) Ltd submitted a Bid (Reference Number: RM-TA-0180-002) in response to the Risk Mitigation Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (RMIPPPP) Tender No: DMRE001/2020/21. The proposed Mulilo Total Coega project was selected as a Preferred Bidder and as a result of the nature of the proposed project, it has been formally declared a Strategic Integrated Project (SIP) under SIP project No. 20 (Energy) Sub-Project (a). Emergency/Risk Mitigation Power Purchase Procurement Programme (2000MW): National as Gazetted in Government Gazette 43547, Government Notice 812 on 24 July 2020. Therefore, the holder of the EA needed to be changed.</p>
Amendment 2	<p>Change of the details of the affected farm property so that it aligns with the title deed, as specified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Remaining Extent of Portion 3 of the Farm Gemsbok Bult 120" to "Remaining Extent of Portion 3 (Rooidam) of the Farm Gemsbok Bult No. 120". <p>Note that the actual location of the proposed project has not changed i.e. the proposed project will still take place at the same location assessed in the Final EIA Report dated March 2015, and approved in the original and amended EAs (dated 9 November 2015 and 23 July 2020, respectively). It is only the reference to the property name that has changed.</p>

The amended EA (dated 13 May 2021, Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/711/AM2) can be downloaded from the project website (<https://www.csir.co.za/environmental-impact-assessment>), as well as the following link on Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1le9ZV1V426piBTD3XU7DMeDMAmFwFCgq?usp=sharing>

The amended EA (dated 13 May 2021, Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/711/AM2) must be read in conjunction with the original EA (dated 9 November 2015) and the amended EA (dated 23 July 2020). Therefore, a copy of the original EA (dated 9 November 2015) and the amended EA (dated 23 July 2020) can also be downloaded from the above links for information purposes only.

A copy of the amended EA (dated 13 May 2021, Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/711/AM2) can also be provided to I&APs upon request, by contacting the CSIR Project Manager using the contact details provided above.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Appeal Regulations published in GN R993 on 8 December 2014, and as amended in GN R205 on 12 March 2015, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. These regulations have been attached to this correspondence. Should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision (i.e. **the amended EA dated 13 May 2021, Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/711/AM2**), an appeal must be submitted to the Appeal Administrator by the Appellant, and a copy thereof must be submitted to the Applicant, any registered I&AP and any Organ of State that has interest in the matter, within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered I&APs by the Applicant. Based on the above, you are hereby informed that the appeal period extends from **25 May 2021 to 14 June 2021**.

The appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form (obtainable from the Appeal Administrator or DFFE website) to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of the National DFFE, at the below mentioned addresses:
By Email: appeals@environment.gov.za
By Hand: Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083
By Post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001.

Please visit the DFFE's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations to obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, or request a copy of the documents by sending an e-mail to: appeals@environment.gov.za

Should you have any queries or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned using the contact details provided above.



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