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Attention: Interested and Affected Party; and Stakeholder

**NOTIFICATION ON THE DECISION FOR THE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 8 MARCH 2016 AT THE ESKOM ARNOT POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA**

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) has decided to grant amendment of the validity period for the Solar Photovoltaic Environmental Authorisation (EA), on 10 February 2021, at the Arnot Power Station in the Mpumalanga Province. The decision notification was received by Eskom on 15 February 2021. The initial EA was issued on 8 March 2016 with a validity period of 5 years and is now extended by another 5 years, until 8 March 2026.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, the applicant is required to inform all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), in writing, and within 14 days of the date of the decision, of the Department's decision as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the EIA Regulations.

A copy of the decision is attached to this letter as **Appendix 1**.

Should you wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Act No 1998, National Appeal Regulations published under GN R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303, dated 8 December 2014, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. A copy of the National Appeal Regulations is attached to this letter as **Appendix 2**.

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Should anyone wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit an appeal to the appeals administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days (**9 March 2021**) from the date that the notification of decision was sent to the registered I&APs by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable as follows.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of DEA at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za)

By hand: Environment House, 473 Steve Biko, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

By post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website [https://environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za).

Please feel free to contact this office should you have any further queries.

Kind regards,



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