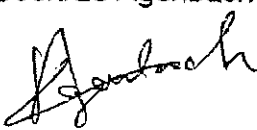


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Dear Ms Strong

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONCENTRATED SOLAR POWER (CSP) PLANT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The final environmental scoping report submitted in terms of the requirements stipulated in GN No. R. 1183 regulation 6(1) dated 16 August 2006 for the above project refers.

The Directorate: Environmental Impact Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") has considered the final scoping report dated 16 August 2006. With regard to the legal fulfilment of the requirements of the EIA Regulations (GN 1183), the following refer:

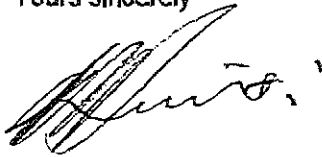
1. The final scoping report meets the legal requirements of a scoping report as stipulated in regulation 6 of the EIA Regulations.
2. The proposed activity to be undertaken was adequately described.
3. The description of how the environment may be affected was adequately described.
4. The environmental issues identified were adequately described.
5. The alternatives identified were adequately described.
6. An appendix containing a description of the public participation process followed, including a list of interested parties and their comments was provided.
7. The public participation process followed was adequate.

This Directorate therefore, in terms of regulation 6(2) of GN No. R. 1183 accepts the final scoping report dated 16 August 2006 for the proposed establishment of a concentrated solar power (CSP) plant and related infrastructure in the Northern Cape Province.

You are requested in terms of GN No. R1183 of 5 September 1997, as amended:

1. that the information contained in the scoping report be supplemented by an environmental impact assessment for Site 1 (Olyvenhoutsdrif) (regulation 6(3)(b)); and
2. to submit a plan of study for an environmental impact assessment (regulation 7(1)) to this department and the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation. The plan of study for an environmental impact assessment must comply with the requirements of regulation 7.

Yours sincerely



Ms Pam Yako

Director-General

Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism

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The plan of study for an environmental impact assessment (POS for EIA) submitted in terms of the requirements stipulated in GN No. R. 1183 regulation 7(1) dated September 2006 for the above project refers.


The Directorate: Environmental Impact Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") has considered the POS for EIA dated September 2006. With regard to the legal fulfilment of the requirements of the EIA Regulations (GN 1183), the following refer:

1. The POS for EIA meets the legal requirements of a plan of study for environmental impact assessment as stipulated in regulation 7(1) of the EIA Regulations.
2. Environmental issues identified during scoping that may require further investigation and assessment was adequately described.
3. Feasible alternatives identified during scoping that may be further investigated was adequately described.
4. An indication of additional information required to determine the potential impacts of the proposed activity on the environment was provided.
5. The proposed method of identifying these impacts was adequately described, and
6. The proposed method of assessing the significance of these impacts was adequately described.

This Directorate therefore, in terms of regulation 7(2) of GN No. R. 1183 accepts the POS for EIA dated September 2006 for the proposed establishment of a concentrated solar power (CSP) plant and related infrastructure in the Northern Cape Province.

You are requested in terms of regulation 8 of GN No. R1183 of 5 September 1997, as amended to submit an environmental impact report to this department and the Northern Cape Department of Tourism, Environment and Conservation. The environmental impact report must comply with the requirements of regulation 8.

Yours sincerely



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