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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 plan of study for scoping (PoSS) dated 24 February 2006 submitted in terms of the requirements stipulated in GN No. R. 1183 regulation 5(1)(a) for the above project refers.

The Directorate: Environmental Impact Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "this Directorate") has evaluated the PoSS. With regard to the legal fulfilment of the requirements of the EIA Regulations (GN 1183), the following refer:

1. The PoSS meets the legal requirements of a plan of study for scoping as stipulated in section 5 of the EIA Regulations.
2. The description of the proposed activity to be undertaken was adequately described.
3. The tasks to be performed during the scoping process were described in adequate detail.
4. The schedule setting out when all the above mentioned tasks will be completed is adequately outlined.
5. The indication, when the relevant authority/ies will be consulted, is adequately described.
6. The description of the proposed method of identifying environmental issues and alternatives are adequately identified.

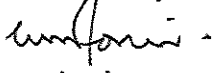
This Directorate therefore, in terms of regulation 5(1)(a) of GN No. R. 1183 accepts the plan of study for scoping dated 24 February 2006 for the proposed establishment of a concentrated solar power (CSP) plant and related infrastructure in the Northern Cape Province subject to the following:

1. All municipalities that may be affected by the project must be informed and consulted during the EIA process.

2. The language of different sector groups in each of the potentially affected areas must be taken into consideration during the public participation process and advertisements on site and in newspapers.
3. All potentially affected farmers and other stakeholders whose property may be affected by the proposed project must be consulted and their issues/concerns be addressed in the EIA process.
4. Where ownership of property does not belong to the applicant, the applicant should seek an agreement with the affected property owner and submit evidence of such an agreement with the property owner to this department.

You may therefore proceed with scoping as per the PoSS. The scoping report must comply with the requirements of Regulation 6 of GN No. R1183 of 5 September 1997, as amended.

Yours sincerely


5/4/2006.

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