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PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Mr Haw

AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 28 MARCH 2013: PROPOSED SPLITTING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 150MW ADAMS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT TWO NEAR HOTAZEL IN THE NORTHERN CAPE

With reference to the above application, please be advised that the Department, in terms of Regulation 42 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, has decided to amend the environmental authorisation (EA) dated 28 March 2013 by splitting the EA into two separate EAs. The EA for the Adams Solar Photovoltaic Project Two and reasons for the decision are attached herewith. Please note that this split EA will supersede the previous EA issued on 28 March 2013.

In terms of regulation 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 12 (twelve) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached document. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Should the applicant or any other party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister, within 20 days of the date of the EA, by means of one of the following methods:

By facsimile: 012 3207561;
By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria, 0001; or
By hand: 2nd Floor, Fedsure Building, North Tower,
Cnr. Lilian Ngoyi and Pretorius Streets,
Pretoria.

Please note that the Department is relocating between 11 and 31 July 2014. Any correspondence submitted as of 24 July 2014 may be submitted to the new physical address of Environment House, Cnr of Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Road, Pretoria.

If the applicant wishes to lodge an appeal, it must also serve a copy of the notice of intention to appeal on all registered interested and affected parties as well as a notice indicating where, and for what period, the appeal submission will be available for inspection, should you intend to submit an appeal.

Please include the Department (*Attention: Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations*) in the list of interested and affected parties, notified through your notification letter to interested and affected parties, for record purposes.

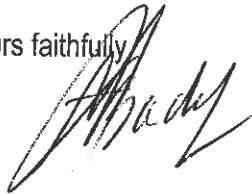
Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses or fax number. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel: 012-399-9356
Email: AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za

The authorised activities shall not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation. Further, please note that the Minister may, on receipt of appeals against the authorisation or conditions thereof suspend the authorisation pending the outcome of the appeals procedure.

Yours faithfully



Mr Ishaam Abader
Deputy Director-General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement
Department of Environmental Affairs

Date: 31/07/2014

CC:	Ms J Thomas	Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd	Tel: 011-656-3237	Fax: 086-684-0547
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APPEALS PROCEDURE IN TERMS OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2010 (THE REGULATIONS) AS PER GN R. 543 OF 2010 TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE APPLICANT AND INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA)

APPLICANT	INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (IAPs)
1. Receive EA from the relevant Competent Authority (the Department of Environmental Affairs [DEA]).	1. Receive EA from Applicant/Consultant.
2. Within 12 days of date of the EA notify all IAPs of the EA and draw their attention to their right to appeal against the EA in terms of Chapter 7 of the Regulations.	2. N/A.
3. If you want to appeal against the EA, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the EA with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs (the Minister).	3. If you want to appeal against the EA, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the EA. with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs (the Minister).
4. After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide each registered IAP with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice.	4. After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide the applicant with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice.
5. The Applicant must also serve on each IAP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection. 	5. Appellant must also serve on the Applicant within 10 days of lodging the notice, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection by the applicant.
6. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.	6. The appeal must be submitted to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.
7. Any IAP who received a notice of intention to appeal may submit a responding statement to that appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.	7. An Applicant who received notice of intention to may submit a responding statement to the appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.

NOTES:

1. **An appeal against a decision must be lodged with:-**
 - a) the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs if the decision was issued by the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs (or another official) acting in his/her capacity as the delegated Competent Authority;
 - b) the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development if the applicant is the Department of Water Affairs and the decision was issued by the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs (or another official) acting in his/her capacity as the delegated Competent Authority;
2. **An appeal lodged with:-**
 - a) the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs;
 - b) the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs;
3. **An appeal must be:-**
 - a) submitted in writing;
 - b) accompanied by:
 - a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;
 - supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal; and
 - a statement that the appellant has complied with regulation 62 (2) or (3) together with copies of the notices referred to in regulation 62.





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Environmental Authorisation

In terms of Regulation 36 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010

Establishment of the 75MW Adams Solar Photovoltaic Project Two Energy Facility near Hotazel
in the Northern Cape

John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality

Authorisation register number:	12/12/20/2567/1
NEAS reference number:	DEA/EIA/0000739/2011
Last amended:	Second Issue
Holder of authorisation:	Adams Solar Photovoltaic Project Two (Pty) Ltd
Location of activity:	NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE: On Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of the Farm Adams 328 within the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality

This authorisation does not negate the holder of the authorisation's responsibility to comply with any other statutory requirements that may be applicable to the undertaking of the activity.

Decision

The Department is satisfied, on the basis of information available to it and subject to compliance with the conditions of this environmental authorisation, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the activities specified below.

Non-compliance with a condition of this authorisation may result in criminal prosecution or other actions provided for in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and the EIA regulations.

Details regarding the basis on which the Department reached this decision are set out in Annexure 1.

Activities authorised

By virtue of the powers conferred on it by the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 the Department hereby authorises –

ADAMS SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT TWO PTY LTD

with the following contact details –

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to undertake the following activities (hereafter referred to as "the activity") indicated in Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 (GN R. 544; 545 & 546):

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
<p><u>GN R. 545 Item 1:</u> <i>The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity where the electricity output is 20MW or more</i></p>	<p>The proposed solar facility will have a power generation capacity of more than 20MW.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 545 Item 8:</u> <i>The construction of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity with the capacity of 275 kilovolts or more, outside an urban area or industrial complex.</i></p>	<p>The proposed solar facility will transmit and distribute more than 275 kilovolts of power produced to connect to a new substation proposed to be constructed on site.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 545 Item 15:</u> <i>Physical alternation of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use were the total area to be transformed is 20ha or more; except where such physical alternation takes place for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. Linear development activities; or</i> <i>ii. Agriculture or afforestation where activity 16 in this Schedule will apply.</i> 	<p>The proposed solar facility and new substation will be developed in phases and on completion the facility will be more than 20 hectares in spatial extent.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 546 Item 4:</u> <i>The construction of road wider than 4m with reserve less than 13.5m.</i></p>	<p>An access road to the facility is required, although the site has exiting access roads a small road would need to be constructed to the entrance of the facility, various internal road would also be required.</p>
<p><u>GN R. 546 Item 14:</u> <i>The clearance of an area of 5ha or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetative cover constitutes</i></p>	<p>The study area consists mostly of undisturbed least threatened Bushmanland Arid Grassland</p>

Listed activities	Activity/Project description
<i>indigenous vegetation</i>	vegetation unit within the Nama-Karoo Biome.

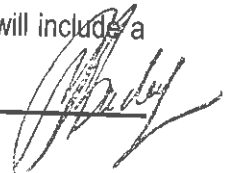
as described in the Split Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) dated July 2014 prepared by Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd at:

Alternative	Latitude	Longitude
Preferred Site	27° 21'54.36"S	23° 00'17.99"E
	27° 21'23.76"S	23° 00'54.00"E
	27° 22'26.39"S	23° 01'48.00"E
	27° 22'27.48"S	23° 00'24.84"E
Power line route	27° 22'25.57"S	23° 00'27.88"E
	27° 22'35.03"S	22° 00'26.06"E
	27° 22'51.03"S	22° 00'29.99"E

- for the establishment of the Adams Solar PV Two Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facility on Portion 0 (Remaining Extent) of the Farm Adams 328 near Hotazel, within the Ga-Segonyana Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province, hereafter referred to as "the property".

The proposed facility will comprise the following additional infrastructure:

- Foundations to support the PV panels.
- Arrays of photovoltaic (PV) panels with a generation capacity of 75MW.
- Access and inside roads/paths – An access road to the site as well as internal roads between the PV arrays will need to be constructed.
- Trenching – all DC and AC wiring within the PV plant must be buried underground. Trenches will have a river sand base, space for pipes, backfill of sifted soil and soft sand and concrete layer where vehicles will pass. Cable trenches will be approximately 600 mm (0.6 m) deep and 400 mm (0.4 m) wide and backfilled with sand.
- Inverter/transformer building - 6 m x 3 m brick buildings located within the PV array each containing an inverter and a step up transformer.
- Combined guard house/control room – One (1) brick building of approximately 100 m² on the perimeter of the plant. Guardhouse will include a small kitchen and toilet. Building will include a



storeroom for spare parts kept onsite. The control room will contain switchgear and monitoring equipment for the PV plant. The buildings will be a standard height of approximately 3 m.

- Connection to grid: A new substation would need to be constructed to accommodate the grid connection for the proposed facility as the existing Doughton Substation does not have capacity to accommodate the facility. A new 132kV line is already under construction by Eskom which passes through the site and will be used to export the power from the solar PV facility.
- A small switching station for the plant will be located on the outside of the control room.

Technical details for the proposed facility:

Component	description /demission
Height of PV panels	3 m
Area of PV Array	275 ha
Width of internal roads	5-7m

Conditions of this Environmental Authorisation

Scope of authorisation

1. The proposed 75MW photovoltaic solar energy facility Phase 2 is hereby approved.
2. Authorisation of the activity is subject to the conditions contained in this authorisation, which form part of the environmental authorisation and are binding on the holder of the authorisation.
3. The holder of the authorisation is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions contained in this environmental authorisation. This includes any person acting on the holder's behalf, including but not limited to, an agent, servant, contractor, sub-contractor, employee, consultant or person rendering a service to the holder of the authorisation.
4. The activities authorised may only be carried out at the property as described above.
5. Any changes to, or deviations from, the project description set out in this authorisation must be approved, in writing, by the Department before such changes or deviations may be effected. In assessing whether to grant such approval or not, the Department may request such information as it deems necessary to evaluate the significance and impacts of such changes or deviations and it may be necessary for the holder of the authorisation to apply for further authorisation in terms of the regulations.



6. This activity must commence within a period of three (03) years from the date of issue of this authorisation. If commencement of the activity does not occur within that period, the authorisation lapses and a new application for environmental authorisation must be made in order for the activity to be undertaken.
7. Commencement with one activity listed in terms of this authorisation constitutes commencement of all authorised activities.
8. The holder of an environmental authorisation must notify the competent authority of any alienation, transfer and change of ownership rights in the property on which the activity is to take place.

Notification of authorisation and right to appeal

9. The holder of the authorisation must notify every registered interested and affected party, in writing and within 12 (twelve) calendar days of the date of this environmental authorisation, of the decision to authorise the activity.
10. The notification referred to must –
 - 10.1. specify the date on which the authorisation was issued;
 - 10.2. inform the interested and affected party of the appeal procedure provided for in Chapter 7 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010;
 - 10.3. advise the interested and affected party that a copy of the authorisation will be furnished on request; and
 - 10.4. give the reasons of the competent authority for the decision.
11. The holder of the authorisation must publish a notice –
 - 11.1. informing interested and affected parties of the decision;
 - 11.2. informing interested and affected parties where the decision can be accessed; and
 - 11.3. drawing the attention of interested and affected parties to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against this decision in the newspaper(s) contemplated and used in terms of regulation 54(2)(c) and (d) and which newspaper was used for the placing of advertisements as part of the public participation process.

Management of the activity

12. A copy of the final development layout map must be made available for comments by registered Interested and Affected Parties and the applicant must consider such comments. Once



amended, the final development layout map must be submitted to the Department for written approval prior to commencement of the activity. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g. roads. The layout map must indicate the following:

- 12.1 Position of solar facilities and its associated infrastructure;
 - 12.2 Foundation footprint;
 - 12.3 Internal roads indicating width;
 - 12.4 Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables;
 - 12.5 All sensitive features e.g. heritage sites, wetlands, pans and drainage channels that will be affected by the facility and associated infrastructure;
 - 12.6 Substation(s) inverters and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
 - 12.7 Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
 - 12.8 All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads;
 - 12.9 Buildings, including accommodation; and,
 - 12.10 All "no-go" and buffer areas.
13. Furthermore, a shapefile of the approved development layout/footprint must be submitted to this Department within two months from the date of this decision. The shapefile must be created using the Hartebeesthoek 94 Datum and the data should be in Decimal Degree Format using the WGS 84 Spheroid. The shapefile must include at a minimum the following extensions i.e. .shp; .shx; .dbf; .prj; and, .xml (Metadata file). If specific symbology was assigned to the file, then the .avl and/or the .lyr file must also be included. Data must be mapped at a scale of 1:10 000 (please specify if an alternative scale was used). The metadata must include a description of the base data used for digitizing. The shapefile must be submitted in a zip file using the EIA application reference number as the title. The shape file must be submitted to:

Postal Address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X447
Pretoria
0001



Physical address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Environment House
Cnr of Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Road
Pretoria
0002

For Attention: Mr Muhammad Essop
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Strategic Infrastructure Developments
Telephone Number: (012) 399 9406
Email Address: MEssop@environment.gov.za

14. The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) dated July 2014 submitted by Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd as part of the split EIAr for the amendment to the EA is hereby approved. This EMPr must be implemented and adhered to.
15. The EMPr is amendable and must be implemented and strictly enforced during all phases of the project. It shall be seen as a dynamic document and shall be included in all contract documentation for all phases of the development when approved.
16. Changes to the EMPr, which are environmentally defensible, shall be submitted to this Department for acceptance before such changes could be effected.
17. The Department reserves the right to amend the EMPr should any impacts that were not anticipated or covered in the EIAr be discovered.
18. The provisions of the approved EMPr including recommendations and mitigation measures in the EIAr and specialist studies shall be an extension of the conditions of this EA and therefore noncompliance with them would constitute noncompliance with the EA.
19. The biodiversity offset agreement between the applicant and the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries entitled "*KATHU BUSHVELD STUDY AS OFFSET FOR THE FIRST DEVELOPMENT PHASE OF THE ADAMS SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY (ADAMS SOLAR PV PROJECT 2)*" and dated 26 February 2014 is hereby approved. This biodiversity offset agreement must be implemented and adhered to.
20. A permit must be obtained from the relevant nature conservation agency for the removal or destruction of indigenous protected and endangered plant and animal species.

21. Copies of agreement in respect of 19 above required must be submitted to this Department for record keeping.

Monitoring

22. The applicant must appoint an independent Environmental Control Officer (ECO) for the construction phase of the development that will have the responsibility to ensure that the mitigation/rehabilitation measures and recommendations referred to in this authorisation are implemented and to ensure compliance with the provisions of the EMPr.
- 22.1. The ECO shall be appointed before commencement of any authorised activity/ies.
- 22.2. Once appointed, the name and contact details of the ECO must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* of the Department.
- 22.3. The ECO shall keep record of all activities on site, problems identified, transgressions noted and a task schedule of tasks undertaken by the ECO.
- 22.4. The ECO shall remain employed until all rehabilitation measures, as required for implementation due to construction damage, are completed and the site is ready for operation.
- 22.5. Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on site and made available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.

Recording and reporting to the Department

23. All documentation e.g. audit/monitoring/compliance reports and notifications, required to be submitted to the Department in terms of this authorisation, must be submitted to the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* at the Department.
24. The holder of the authorisation must submit an environmental audit report to the Department within 30 days of completion of the construction phase (i.e. within 30 days of site handover) and within 30 days of completion of rehabilitation activities.
25. The environmental audit report must indicate the date of the audit, the name of the auditor and the outcome of the audit in terms of compliance with the environmental authorisation conditions as well as the requirements of the EMPr.
26. Records relating to monitoring and auditing must be kept on site and made available for inspection to any relevant and competent authority in respect of this development.



Commencement of the activity

27. The authorised activity shall not commence within twenty (20) days of the date of signature of the authorisation.
28. An appeal under section 43 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998 (as amended), does not suspend an environmental authorisation or exemption, or any provisions or conditions attached thereto, or any directive, unless the Minister, MEC or delegated organ of state directs otherwise.
29. Should you be notified by the Minister of a suspension of the authorisation pending appeal procedures, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the Minister allows you to commence with such an activity in writing.

Notification to authorities

30. Fourteen (14) days written notice must be given to the Department that the activity will commence. Commencement for the purposes of this condition includes site preparation. The notice must include a date on which it is anticipated that the activity will commence, as well as a reference number. This notification period may coincide with the Notice of Intent to Appeal period.

Operation of the activity

31. Fourteen (14) days written notice must be given to the Department that the activity operational phase will commence.

Site closure and decommissioning

32. Should the activity ever cease or become redundant, the applicant shall undertake the required actions as prescribed by legislation at the time and comply with all relevant legal requirements administered by any relevant and competent authority at that time.



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33. A copy of this authorisation and the approved EMPr must be kept at the property where the activity will be undertaken. The authorisation and approved EMPr must be produced to any authorised official of the Department who requests to see it and must be made available for inspection by any employee or agent of the holder of the authorisation who works or undertakes work at the property.
34. The holder of the authorisation must notify both the *Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations* and the *Director: Compliance Monitoring* at the Department, in writing and within 48 (forty eight) hours, if any condition of this authorisation cannot be or is not adhered to. Any notification in terms of this condition must be accompanied by reasons for the non-compliance.
35. National government, provincial government, local authorities or committees appointed in terms of the conditions of this authorisation or any other public authority shall not be held responsible for any damages or losses suffered by the applicant or his successor in title in any instance where construction or operation subsequent to construction be temporarily or permanently stopped for reasons of non-compliance by the applicant with the conditions of authorisation as set out in this document or any other subsequent document emanating from these conditions of authorisation.

Date of environmental authorisation:

31 July 2014


Mr Ishaam Abader

Deputy Director-General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement
Department of Environmental Affairs

Annexure 1: Reasons for Decision

1. Key factors considered in making the decision

In reaching its decision, the Department took, *inter alia*, the following into consideration -

- a) The information contained in the amended split EIAr dated July 2014;
- b) The comments received from the organs of state and interested and affected parties as included in the EIR dated July 2014;
- c) Mitigation measures as proposed in the EIAr dated July 2014 and the EMPr dated July 2014 submitted by Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd;
- d) The information contained in the specialist studies contained within the EIR; and
- e) The objectives and requirements of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998).

2. Key factors considered in making the decision

After consideration of the information and factors listed above, the Department made the following findings -

- a) The findings of all the specialist studies conducted and their recommended mitigation measures.
- b) The need for the proposed project stems from the provision of electricity to the national grid in terms of the REFIT programme and the provision of electricity from Independent Power Producers as required by the Department of Energy.
- c) According to the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the proposed development will result in destruction of about 60 000 protected trees which is considered being a huge loss. The applicant has entered into a Biodiversity offset agreement with the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries.
- d) The EIAr dated July 2014 identified all legislation and guidelines that have been considered in the preparation of the EIAr.
- e) The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the EIAr dated July 2014 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- f) The methodology used in assessing the potential impacts identified in the EIR dated July 2014 and the specialist studies have been adequately indicated.



- g) A sufficient public participation process was undertaken and the applicant has satisfied the minimum requirements as prescribed in the EIA Regulations, 2010 for public involvement.

In view of the above, the Department is satisfied that, subject to compliance with the conditions contained in the environmental authorisation, the proposed activity will not conflict with the general objectives of integrated environmental management laid down in Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 and that any potentially detrimental environmental impacts resulting from the proposed activity can be mitigated to acceptable levels. The environmental authorisation is accordingly granted.

