

SUSTAINABLE FUTURES ZA

8 July 2011

Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED KABI KIMBERLEY SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) PLANT NEAR
KIMBERLEY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DEA Ref No.12/12/20/2124)**

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS**

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- » Part of the Remainder of the Farm Kenilworth Estate 71

Solar energy facilities, such as those using PV panels use the energy from the sun to generate electricity through a process known as the **Photovoltaic Effect**. This effect refers to photons of light colliding with electrons, and therefore placing the electrons into a higher state of energy to create electricity. The overall aim of the design and layout of the facility is to maximise electricity production through **exposure to solar radiation**, while minimising infrastructure, operation and maintenance costs, and **social and environmental impacts**.

Other infrastructure associated with the solar energy facility is proposed to include:

- » **Foundations** to support the structures and the PV panels;
- » **Electrical cabling** between the project components, to be laid underground where practical;
- » An **on-site substation** to facilitate the connection between the solar PV plant and the 132kV Eskom electricity grid;
- » Internal **access roads**;
- » **Workshop area** for maintenance and storage; and
- » Fences to secure the project perimeter.

ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In terms of the EIA Regulations published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998), Kabi Energy (Pty) Ltd requires authorisation from the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (in consultation with the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation), for the undertaking of the proposed solar PV plant. In terms of sections 24 and 24D of NEMA, as read with the EIA Regulations of GNR543, a Basic Assessment process is required to be undertaken for the proposed project. A Basic Assessment process is being undertaken for the proposed solar PV facility due to the site being a brownfield site and is not classified as being undeveloped, vacant or derelict as per Activity 15 of GNR 545 (June 2010) which requires an EIA process to be undertaken should the "*Physical alteration of undeveloped, vacant or derelict land for residential, retail, commercial, recreational, industrial or institutional use where the total area to be transformed is 20 hectares or more*" take place. The area of undeveloped land to be transformed by the solar PV facility totals approximately 17 ha which supports the Basic Assessment Process being followed.

In order to obtain authorisation, comprehensive, independent environmental studies must be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations. This project has been registered with the National DEA under application reference number **12/12/20/2124**.

Kabi Energy (Pty) Ltd has appointed **Savannah Environmental**, as the independent environmental consultants, to undertake the required Basic Assessment process to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures as part of an Environmental Management Programme (EMP). As part of these environmental studies, I&APs will be actively involved through the public involvement process. You and/or the organisation/department which you represent have been identified as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). Should you have an interest in this project, please register yourself as an I&AP and note your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will form part of the Comments and Response

Report that will be included in the Basic Assessment Report which is submitted to the DEA. By submitting your details and comments to Sustainable Futures ZA, you are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries will be noted.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please return the attached reply form to the contact person below:

Please submit your comments to
Shawn Johnston of Sustainable Futures ZA P.O. Box 749, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7701 Tel: 083 325 9965 Fax: 086 510 2537 Email: swjohnston@mweb.co.za

Yours sincerely,

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Geagte Belanghebbende

**VOORGESTELDE KABI KIMBERLEY FOTOVOLTAÏSE SONKRAG AANLEG,
NOORD-KAAPPROVINSIE
(DEA Ref No.12/12/20/2124)**

**KENNISGEWING VAN 'N BASIESE OMGEWINGSEVALUERINGSPROSES EN
UITNODIGING OM DEEL TE NEEM AAN DIE PROSES**

Kabi Energy (Edms.) Bpk. stel voor die oprigting van 'n kommersiële sonkragopwekkingsaanleg en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur op 'n terrein sowat 5 km noordoos van Kimberley in die Noord-Kaapprovinsie. Daar word aan die hand gedoen dat die terrein van **fotovoltaïese (FV) tegnologie** gebruik sal maak vir 'n totale opwekkingsvermoë van tot 19 MW. Die voorgestelde projek sal as die **Kabi Kimberley FV-sonkragprojek** bekend staan. Die breër terrein wat ondersoek word vir die voorgestelde Kabi Kimberley FV-sonkragaanleg strek oor 'n gebied van sowat 180 ha, hoewel die ontwikkelingsvoetspoor van die voorgestelde aanleg self binne 'n gebied kleiner as 60 ha opgerig sal word. Die studiegebied is op 'n gedeelte van die Restant van die plaas Kenilworth Estate 71 geleë, wat onder die jurisdiksie van die Sol Plaatje Plaaslike Munisipaliteit val.

Sonkragaanlegte, soos dié wat FV-paneel gebruik, wend die energie van die son aan om elektrisiteit op te wek deur 'n proses wat as die **Fotovoltaïese Effek** bekend staan. Hierdie effek verwys na ligfotone wat met elektrone bots, wat die elektrone sodoende in 'n hoër staat van energie plaas om elektrisiteit voort te bring. Die uiteindelige doel agter die ontwerp en uitleg van die aanleg is om die opwekking van elektrisiteit te maksimaliseer deur **blootstelling aan sonbestraling** terwyl infrastruktuur, bedryfs- en instandhoudingskoste en **maatskaplike en omgewingsimpakte** tot 'n minimum beperk word.

Ander **infrastruktuur** wat met die aanleg gepaardgaan sal insluit:

- » fondasies om die strukture en die FV-paneel te dra;

- » elektriese kables tussen die komponente van die projek, ondergronds gelê waar prakties moontlik;
- » 'n substasie op die terrein om die verbinding tussen die FV-sonkragaanleg en Eskom se 132 kV elektrisiteitnetwerk moontlik te maak;
- » interne toegangspaaie;
- » 'n werkswinkelgebied vir instandhouding en berging; en
- » heinings om die projek se grense te beveilig.

BASIESE EVALUERINGSPROSES

Ingevolge die OIE-regulasies, gepubliseer kragtens Artikel 24(5) van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (NEMA, Wet 107 van 1998), verlang Kabi Energy (Edms.) Bpk. magtiging van die Nasionale Departement Omgewingsake (DEA) (in oorleg met die Noord-Kaapse Departement Omgewingsake en Natuurbewaring) vir die onderneming van die voorgestelde FV-sonkragaanleg. Ingevolge Artikel 24 en 24D van NEMA, saamgelees met die OIE-regulasies van Staatskennisgewing R543, word 'n Basiese Evalueringsproses vir die voorgestelde projek vereis. Die rede waarom 'n Basiese Evalueringsproses vir die voorgestelde FV-sonkragaanleg onderneem word, is omdat die terrein alreeds versteur is (Brownfield terrein), en nie as onontwikkelde, vakant of verlate geklassifiseer is onder Aktiwiteit 15 van Staatskennisgewing R545 (Junie 2010) nie, wat vereis dat 'n OIE-proses onderneem moet word, sou die *“fisiese verandering van onontwikkelde, vakante of verlate grond vir residensiële, kleinhandel-, kommersiële, ontspannings-, industriële of institusionele gebruik waar die totale oppervlak van die gebied wat verander moet word 20 hektaar of meer wees”* plaasvind. Die onversteurde area wat deur die ontwikkeling geraak sal word strek ongeveer 17 ha in omvang, wat dus die Basiese Assessering Proses wat gevolg word ondersteun.

Ten einde magtiging te verkry, moet omvattende, onafhanklike omgewingstudies ingevolge die OIE-regulasies onderneem word. Hierdie projek is by die Nasionale DEA geregistreer onder aansoekverwysingsnommer **12/12/20/2124**.

Kabi Energy (Edms.) Bpk. het **Savannah Environmental** aangestel as die onafhanklike omgewingskonsultante om die verlangde Basiese Evalueringsproses te onderneem om potensiële omgewingsimpakte betreffende die voorgestelde projek te identifiseer en te evalueer, en om gepaste versagende en bestuursmaatreëls in 'n Omgewingsbestuursplan (EMP) voor te stel. As deel van hierdie omgewingstudies, sal B&GP's aktief betrokke raak deur die openbare deelnameproses.

Indien u uself as 'n B&GP vir hierdie voorgestelde projek ag, moedig ons u aan om gebruik te maak van die geleentheid wat geskep word deur die openbare

deelnameproses om kommentaar te lewer of daardie vraagstukke of knelpunte te opper wat u raak en/of waarin u belangstel en waaroor u meer inligting verlang. U insette in hierdie proses vorm 'n belangrike deel van die Basiese Evalueringsproses.

Deur die meegaande antwoordvorm in te vul en terug te besorg aan die persoon hieronder, registreer u uself outomaties as 'n B&GP vir hierdie projek en verseker u dat kennis geneem word van die kommentaar, knelpunte of navrae wat u betreffende hierdie projek opper.

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS REPLY FORM

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Postal Address: **PO Box 749, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7701**

Please provide your complete contact details:

Name & Surname:

Organisation & Designation:

Postal Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Cellphone:

E-mail:

Would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP)? YES

(please tick the relevant box)

NO

Note: Please register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the Basic Assessment process for the project. Should you register as an I&AP, your contact details may be made public.

Please state your interest in the project (add additional pages if necessary):

Please list your questions, views or concerns regarding the project (add additional pages if necessary):

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Please provide contact details of other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:

Organisation & Designation:

Postal Address:

Telephone:

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E-mail:

What is your preferred language of correspondence? (please tick the relevant box)

English

Afrikaans



(Sien keersy vir Afrikaans)

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OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES REGISTRASIE/KOMMENTAAR VORM

Stuur asb u voltooid registrasie/kommentaar vorm aan: **Shawn Johnston** van **Sustainable Futures ZA**
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Verskaf asseblief u persoonlike kontak besonderhede:

Naam & Van:

Organisasie & Rol:

Posadres:

Telefoon:

Faks:

Selfoon:

Vonkpos:

Stel u belang om te registreer as 'n belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde party JA

(B&GP)? (Merk met X)

NEE

Nota: Dit word van u vereis om te registreer as 'n B&GP om alle toekomstige inligting in verband met die Basiese Evaluerings Verslag te ontvang. Sou U registreer as belanghebbende, kan U besonderhede aan die publiek bekend gemaak word.

Verduidelik u belangstelling in hierdie projek (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

Lys u vrae, opinies of besorghede in verband met hierdie projek (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

Verskaf bykommende kontak besonderhede van addisionele persoon/e wie u beskou as potensiële belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde partye:

Naam & Van:

Organisasie & Rol:

Posadres:

Telefoon:

Faks:

Selfoon:

E-pos:

Dui u taal van keuse en korrespondensie aan (Merk met X)

Engels

Afrikaans



KABI ENERGY

(Sien omkeer bladsy vir Engels)



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DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:

A Draft Basic Assessment Report is being compiled by Savannah and will soon be available for review. You are invited to review the report at one of the following locations:

- Kimberley Public Library (c/o Sydney and Chapel Road, Kimberley)
- www.savannahsa.com

Review Period of the Draft Basic Assessment Report:

The period for review of the draft Basic Assessment Report is from **25 July 2011 to 25 August 2011**. Please submit your written comments by 25 August 2011.

INVITATION TO ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING:

You are cordially invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the proposed project as well as the key findings of the studies done to date. The meeting is scheduled to take place as follows:

- DATE:** 27th July 2011
TIME: 18:30 – 20:30
VENUE: Protea Hotel, West Circular Street, Kimberley.

This is an open meeting and anyone is welcome to attend. Although you are not required to pre-register for the meeting, it would be appreciated if you could confirm your attendance on or before **Wednesday, 27th July 2011** to:

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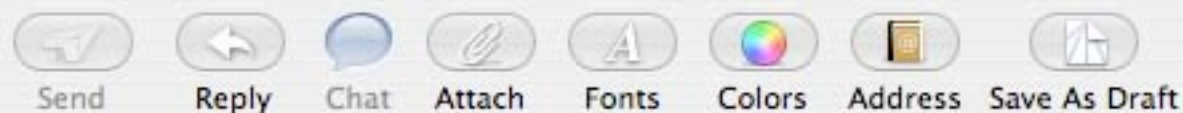
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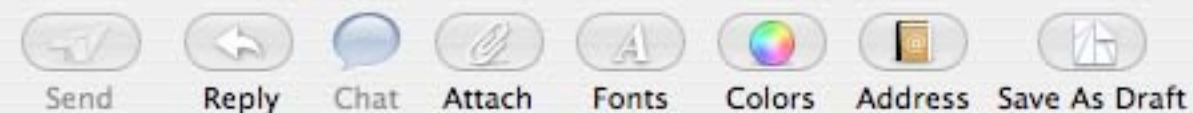
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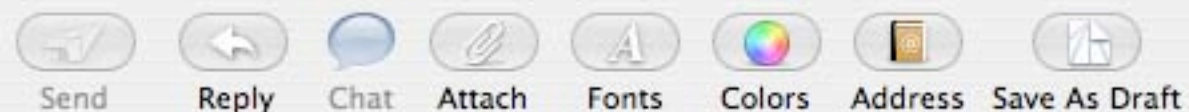
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