



**SUSTAINABLE
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Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED RAMPHELE PV SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED
INFRASTRUCTURE ON A SITE NEAR RITCHIE, SOUTH OF KIMBERLEY,
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/2051/1 and 12/12/20/2051)**

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Solar Capital Ritchie (Pty) Ltd is proposing to establish a commercial photovoltaic solar energy facility as well as associated infrastructure on a site near Ritchie, which is located approximately 26 km south of Kimberley within the Siyancuma Local Municipality in the Northern Cape Province. The facility is to be developed in two **50MW** phases under two separate Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs). Therefore, in order to accommodate the end-requirement that each SPV receive an Environmental Authorisation for their respective phase (i.e. in order to accommodate the requirements of the RfP issued by the Department of Energy) the proposed development has been split into the following phases;

- » Phase 1: **Proposed Ramphele 1** PV Solar Energy Facility near Ritchie, south of Kimberley, Northern Cape Province. This phase will have a maximum generating capacity of **50MW** (DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/2051/1); and
- » Phase 2: **Proposed Ramphele 2** PV Solar Energy Facility, near Ritchie, south of Kimberley, Northern Cape Province. This phase will have a maximum generating capacity of **50MW** (DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/2051/2).

As the two phases are proposed to form part of a larger solar energy facility development, a consolidated EIA process¹ is being undertaken with a single EIA report being produced to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with each phase of the development.

INVITATION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT EIA REPORT

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, a Draft EIA Report is being compiled and will be available for public review and comment by Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and stakeholders. You are invited to review and comment on the draft report at the following locations:

¹ The approach to undertake one consolidated EIA process has been accepted by DEA

Ritchie Public Library, Ritchie Street (Wednesdays only)

Kimberley Public Library, (Cnr Sydney and Chapel road, Kimberley)

www.savannahSA.com

The 30-day period for review is from **15 November 2011 to 15 December 2011**. Please submit written comment to Savannah Environmental no later than 15 December 2011. All comments received will be included in the Final EIA Report, which will be submitted to DEA for their consideration and decision.

Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail.

Please submit your comments to
Shawn Johnston of Sustainable Futures ZA PO Box 749, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7701 Fax: 086 510 2537 E-mail: swjohnston@mweb.co.za
The due date for comments on the Draft EIA Report is 15 December 2011

Yours sincerely

Shawn Johnston

Comments Reminder

The screenshot shows an Outlook window titled "Draft EIA Report: Proposed Ramphele PV Solar Energy Facility, near Ritchie, South of Kimberley, Northern Cape Province - Message (HTML)". The interface includes a ribbon with "File" and "Message" tabs, and a ribbon menu with various actions like Ignore, Delete, Reply, Forward, Meeting, etc. The email header shows the sender as Shawn Johnston and the subject as "Draft EIA Report: Proposed Ramphele PV Solar Energy Facility, near Ritchie, South of Kimberley, Northern Cape Province". The main body of the email contains the following text:

Dear Stakeholder

Just a reminder for you to send us your comments for the abovementioned project before the end of the review period.

Should you require extra copies, see instructions below to download the electronic versions of the report.

Follow the link below to download the report:

<http://www.savannahsa.com/projects/index.php#34>

When the page opens click **view** to download the relevant section of the report.

Please let me know if you experience any problems.

We would appreciate your comments.

Regards

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At the bottom of the Outlook window, there is a link "See more about: Shawn Johnston." and a taskbar with various application icons and a system tray showing the time as 01:09 PM on 2011/12/14.