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Dear Sir/Madam

DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MULILO RENEWABLE ENERGY (PTY) LTD PHOTOVOLTAIC (SOLAR) ENERGY PLANT NEAR AUGRABIES, KAI! GARIB LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, ZF MGCAWU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY PREVIOUSLY (SIYANDA), NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The above Draft Basic Assessment report dated November 2013, refer.


The DENC reviewed the Draft Basic Assessment report and came to the following concerns on the report that was reviewed.

1. In the report there was stated that the solar arrays should be positioned in such a way as to fall a minimum of 30 m outside defined watercourses and pans. The Department recommends that the watercourses and pans must be avoided with a 32m buffer where no development may take place.

2. During the construction phase of the project will diesel be stored on site and if the diesel will be stored on site in what quantities will the diesel be stored?
3. When clearance of the vegetation takes place permits must be obtained to clear or remove indigenous vegetation from the relevant authorities.
4. The relevant authorisation needs to be obtained from the Department of Water Affairs prior to the construction of the proposed project.
5. On page 29 there was stated that the water that will be used for the cleaning of the panels will be absorbed by the soil. When cleaning the panels will there be made use of hazarded chemicals?
6. There was stated in the report that the total amount of workers will be 50. Will these workers be local or non-local?
7. Can you also kindly indicate how the health risk of HIV/AIDS will be managed during the construction of the proposed project and operational phase of the project?
8. Kindly provide the Department with a copy of the comment and response report.

Please contact the Department if you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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