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ATTENTION: Mr Philip Rosenthal

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Dear Mr Rosenthal,

**PROPOSED PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION FACILITY
NEAR AUGRABIES [DEA: 14/12/16/3/3/1/453]**

This matter refers.

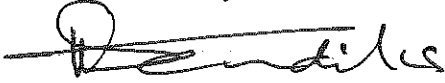
South African National Parks (SANParks) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Photovoltaic Solar Energy Generation Facility near Augrabies. SANParks herewith submit that;

1. The proposed site for the facility falls outside the demarcated buffer zone footprint for the Augrabies Falls National Park (AFNP);
2. The organisation would object to Site 2 due to its visual impact in the eastern extent of AFNP;
3. SANParks is not in principal opposed to Site 1, provided development proceeded with the mitigations suggested in the report D-6-1 Visual Impact Assessment (2nd draft).pdf, Section 5.1 & 5.2: single axis tracking arrays, structures as low as possible, colours and finishes of structures blend into the surrounding environment, lighting that reduces light pollution;
4. While on the evidence provided by your Agency, Site 1 does not have a visual impact on the principal view points in the east of the park (Moon Rock, Mount Arrarat, Swartrante etc), SANParks note that it is visible from certain stretches of park tourist road in the centre of the park;
5. The organisation argues against the planting of trees to maintain the natural landscape of the Augrabies environment;
6. The Environmental Consultant for the construction of this facility will inform SANParks as duly registered Interested and Affected Party on any updates and further communication to this effect.

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In anticipation that the above will receive your favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely

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DR HOWARD HENDRICKS

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