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**NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT PROCESS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

**COAL-FIRED POWER STATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE -THABAMETSI POWER STATION,
NEAR LEPHALALE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE
(DEA REF NO: 14/12/16/3/3/40)**

Dear Stakeholder

Thabametsi Power Company Proprietary Limited proposes the construction of the coal-fired power station and associated infrastructure – Thabametsi Power Station, near Lephalale, Limpopo Province (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/40).

The project was authorised by the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on 25 February 2015 (in terms of the 2010 NEMA EIA Regulations). The project was selected as a Preferred Bidder Project under the Department of Energy's (DoE) Coal Baseload Independent Power Producer (IPP) Procurement Programme (CBIPPPP). Construction is planned to commence following financial close.

In terms of Condition 5 of the Environmental Authorisation and Regulation 31 of the EIA Regulations of December 2014, as amended on 07 April 2017, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for a change or deviation from the project description to be approved. The proposed amendments to the Environmental Authorisations include:

- » Extension of the validity of the Environmental Authorisation;
- » Amendment of the power line corridor;
- » Inclusion of all farms affected by the project and associated infrastructure into the project description included in Environmental Authorisation; and
- » Inclusion of the Conditions from the Minister's Appeal Resolution of March 2016 into the Environmental Authorisation.

Savannah Environmental has compiled a Motivation Report in support of the amendment application. The Motivation Report is available for public review and comment. The report is available for review from **03 April 2018** to **07 May 2018** at www.savannahsa.com. Please note that a password to the downloads page can be requested from Rozanne Els (rozanne@savannahsa.com) The due date for written comment is **07 May 2018**.

All comments received will be included in the final motivation report which will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs for review and decision-making. Comments can be made as written submission of fax, post or email to the undersigned.

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards

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