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Dear Stakeholder

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE H2 ENERGY POWER STATION ON A SITE NEAR  
KWAMHLANGA, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

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A preferred site has been identified for the project, and forms the basis of investigation of this Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. The preferred project site is approximately 568ha in extent, and comprises three properties, all of which belong to the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality.

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**AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORT FOR REVIEW & PUBLIC MEETING**

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Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), responsible for managing the integrated application and undertaking a full S&EIA process to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts associated with the project for the area as identified, and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures in an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). As part of these environmental studies, Interested and/or Affected Parties (I&APs) will be actively involved through the public participation process.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING REPORT FOR REVIEW**

A Scoping Report has been prepared for the proposed project by Savannah Environmental and is available for review. The review period is from **06 January 2017 – 06 February 2017**. The Scoping Report can be viewed at:

- » Tweefontein Library, Moloto Road, Along the R573, Thembisile.
- » Kghodwana Cultural Village, R569, Bronkhorstspuit.
- » Thembisile Hani Local Municipality, Stand 24 Kwaggafontein C, eMpumalanga
- » [www.savannahSA.com/projects](http://www.savannahSA.com/projects)

Please submit your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will be included in the final Scoping Report which will be submitted to the DEA. Comments can be made as written submission of fax, post or email.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

In order to facilitate comments on the Scoping Report, a public meeting will be held during the public review period as follows:



**Date:** Wednesday 25 January 2017  
**Time:** 14:00 – 16:00  
**Venue:** Loopspruit Winery, R569 North, Bronkhorstspuit, 1020

The aim of the public meeting is to provide you with more information regarding the proposed project (including technical details, project process and timeframes etc.), to provide a summary of the findings of the Scoping Report, to invite comment on the proposed project, and to further discuss possible issues of specific concern to you which may need to be addressed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards,

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