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Our Ref: E-BL01.200445 - Proposed Gas to Power Powership Project at the Port of Saldanha Bay, Saldanha Bay Local Municipality, Western Cape

Attention: Stakeholders and Registered I&APs

Subject: Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed Gas to Power Powership Project at the Port of Saldanha Bay, Saldanha Bay Local Municipality, Western Cape

Dear Stakeholders and Registered I&APs,

Due to its size, the Draft Scoping Report and appendices will be available via the GoogleDrive link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1No7lhEADrLald_sGuOTLBY89LvpJoiO2?usp=sharing

Please see electronic copies of the Draft Scoping Report and associated appendices in relation to the application for the Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the establishment of the Proposed Gas to Power Powership Project at the Port of Saldanha, Saldanha Bay Municipality, Western Cape.

The Proposed Gas to Power Powership Project has been initiated by Karpowership SA (Pty) Ltd (Karpowership) in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for New Generation Capacity under the Risk Mitigation IPP Procurement Programme issued by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy to alleviate the immediate and future capacity deficit as well as the limited, unreliable and poorly diversified provision of power generating technology with its adverse environmental and economic impacts. The RFP stipulates stringent environmental, social and economic criteria, for example, the shift from coal and LPG to NG as a cleaner and more cost effective resource, BBBEE criteria and skills development. The "Emergency/Risk Mitigation Power Purchase Procurement Programme (2000MW): National" has also been designated the status of a Strategic Integrated Project (SIP) under the Infrastructure Development Act, 2014 by the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission. SIPs are considered to be projects of significant economic or social importance to South Africa as a whole or regionally that give effect to the national infrastructure plan and for this reason, can be expeditiously implemented through the provisions of the enabling Act.

This Draft Scoping Report and Plan of Study for the Gas to Power Powership Project at the Port of Saldanha is being undertaken in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 (as amended).

Please submit all comments or queries pertaining to the Draft Scoping Report to the undersigned.

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