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SUBMISSION OF A DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION FOR 10MWAC GROOTFONTEIN AGROVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY NEAR CALA WITHIN THE SAKHISIZWE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE.

Abantu Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd, an independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner was appointed by iLinge Energy Automation (Pty) Ltd to undertake the process of applying for environmental authorisation for the proposed 10MWac Grootfontein Agrovoltaic SEF near Cala, in the Eastern Cape. These proposed activities trigger listed activities from Listing Notice 1 (GN. R 327) and Listing Notice 3 (GN. R 324) and shall need to follow the Basic Assessment Process.

A Draft Basic Assessment Report and supporting specialist studies are being submitted for the regulatory 30-days comment period from 03 November – 04 December 2026.

We hope you will find the application in order.

Yours Sincerely
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