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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Fulufhelo Nelwamondo
NRF CEO

From: Pontsho Maruping
SARAO: Managing Director

Date: 4 November 2023

RE: REQUEST FOR NRF CEO SIGNATURE TO SUBMIT A JOINT REZONING APPLICATION TO THE KAREEBERG, KAROO HOOGLAND AND HANTAM MUNICIPALITIES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH LAND USE PLANNING REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN RELATION TO THE SKA MID 1 FOOTPRINT IN THE SPIRAL ARMS.

1. Purpose

In accordance with the signed delegation (attached as Appendix A) the NRF CEO is the delegated signatory for SARAO Rezoning and Development Approval applications to the 3 local municipalities for the SKA1-Mid Footprint infrastructure. The application form forms part of a greater set of motivational documentation to be submitted as a Joint Land Planning Application to the Land Use Planning Tribunals of the Kareeberg, Karoo Hoogland and Hantam Municipalities.

2. Background

The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013 focus on the development of a framework to govern planning permissions and approvals, sets parameters for new developments and provides for different lawful land uses in South Africa. The SKA1-MID Footprint stretches over the SKA Core Area, land which the NRF owns but also over approximately 1200 ha in the spiral arms over privately-owned farms. Access to land have been secured through servitude agreements on these private properties.

In compliance with the local land use planning regulations a comprehensive motivation report has been compiled for land use authorization in the spiral arms which deals with spot zoning for the SKA Base Stations and PV Plants but also for the negotiated private servitudes with individual land owners.

3. Documents for consideration

Please see attached:

- a) **Annexure A:** Delegations per application, delegating the NRF CEO as the signatory for approval applications to identified local authorities for the NRF/SARAO by the NRF Board.
- b) **Annexure B:** Municipal by law application forms for your consideration and signature.
- c) **Annexure C:** An electronic link to the motivational documentation as the document exceed echo-sign software capability
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U1RcWigrsVCo8Gk_SMpSy_njCF0iN0Rm/view?usp=sharing

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 4.1 The attached **Annexure B** Land use planning applications to be signed by the NRF CEO for submission to the Kareeberg, Karoo Hoogland and Hantam Municipalities for SKA Phase 1 to commence, in-line with the permitted conditions and requirements.

Accepted:

Dr. Adrian Tiplady
SARAO Deputy Managing Director

Recommended:

Pontsho Maruping
SARAO Managing Director

Recommended:

Dr Angus Paterson
(Acting) Deputy CEO: NRIP

Approved:

Dr. Fulufhelo Nelwamondo
NRF CEO