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Dear Mr Torr

## **RE: RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER DATED 05 JULY 2017**

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 05 July 2017.

My Department together with SKA South Africa have held several consultative workshops with all the interested and affected communities surrounding the SKA site in recent times to address issues pertaining to regulations, land acquisition and other broader socio-economic matters. In the same vein the Department of Environmental Affairs, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and SKA South Africa also conducted several consultative workshops in the area.

I am satisfied that the consultative meetings have thoroughly engaged all relevant stakeholders in finding solutions to matters raised by the concerned communities. I am also grateful for the active participation of community members in the various workshops and meetings. It is my intention to visit the communities in the near future to thank them for their cooperation in the SKA project.

Should you require any further information or clarity, kindly contact Mr. Takalani Nemaungani (Acting Chief Director) on email: takalani.nemaungani@dst.gov.za or telephone number: +2712 843 6473.

Yours sincerely,

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