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Energy  
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## **Media Advisory**

### **Minister of Energy unveils one of the world's largest Solar Photovoltaic plants**

The Minister of Energy Ms Tina Joemat-Pettersson will unveil "Solar Capital De Aar 3" Solar Photovoltaic (PV) plant, worth a project value of R2, 6 billion at De Aar in the Northern Cape.

**Date: Thursday, 17 March 2016**

**Time: 11h30 – (site visit commences followed by lunch)**

**Venue: Solar Capital De Aar 3**

The Minister will highlight South Africa's glittering success in pursuing the green economy and its inextricable link to the attainment of employment creating-growth, the industrialisation of rural communities and their economic empowerment.

The Solar Capital De Aar 3 (PV) is a 75MW facility which will be able to power 49 500 South African homes every year, and with the introduction of lithium batteries, will soon transfer power at night when most needed. Amongst the positive socio-economic benefits for the community are the creation of 60 permanent jobs in maintenance and operations, with 8 700 non-permanent jobs created at the peak of construction. R11 million would have been invested by end of 2016 towards community upliftment programmes, and a total of R281 million earmarked for the 20 year lifespan of the project.

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