

# FOREWORD

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This Integrated Environmental Management Plan (IEMP) for SKA Phase 1 mid-frequency array (SKA1\_MID) in South Africa has been developed with the purpose of being used to exclude from the Environmental Authorisation requirement in terms of section 24(2)(e) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) and is being submitted formally by Dr Molapo Qhobela, Chief Executive Officer of the National Research Foundation of South Africa and Dr Rob Adam, Project Director of the South African Office of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), to the Minister of Environmental Affairs for consideration for adoption.

The Notice of adoption:

- a. excludes, in terms of section 24(2)(e) of the Act, the National Research Foundation from the requirement to obtain environmental authorisation for the development known as the SKA Phase 1 mid-frequency array (SKA1\_MID) in South Africa as described in Chapter 2 (project scope), inclusive of all activities identified in terms of the Act necessary for the realisation of such development;
- b. requires the NRF to comply with chapter 5 (environmental management programme) of the Integrated Environmental Management Plan (IEMP) for SKA Phase 1 mid-frequency array (SKA1\_MID) in South Africa.

Failure to comply with Chapter 5 (environmental management programme) of the Integrated Environmental Management Plan (IEMP) for SKA Phase 1 mid-frequency array (SKA1\_MID) in South Africa would constitute an offence in terms of Section 49(A)(1)(d) of the Act.



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