



**LESOTHO ELECTRICITY AND WATER AUTHORITY**

## **NOTICE TO ISSUE GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION LICENCES TO 1 POWER T/A SOTHO MINIGRID PORTFOLIO SPV**

### **Notice**

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Lesotho Authority Act of 2002, as amended, Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority (LEWA) hereby issues a notice that One Power Company trading as Sotho Minigrid Portfolio SPV (hereinafter referred to as SMP) has applied for generation and distribution licences for the Ha Makebe electrification project in the Berea district. The licences, when issued, shall be for a period of 25 years from the date of issue.

The issuance of the licences is driven mainly as part of implementing Government's Energy Policy initiatives of increasing electricity access, diversifying sources, promoting renewable energy and attracting private sector participation in the energy sector. A determination and issuance will only be made after due consideration of all representations made in respect of the application.

### **Background**

SMP is a company incorporated in Lesotho that intends to build and operate a solar photo-voltaic (PV) mini-grid system at Ha Makebe, a place with about 205 households, a population of 887 people, six (6) SMEs and two (2) schools. SMP shall develop a program of solar PV powered mini-grids to supply sustainable energy using a PV system with batteries and DC to AC inverters, PV systems configured in three separate sizes of 60, 150 or 200 kW, a power distribution system, a back-up power system using a generator and step-up/down transformers.

### **Connection**

SMP customers will pay a connection fee that is proportional to their desired level of consumption. Customers are free to choose between straight payment of the connection fee or partial payment with a tariff surcharge that will spread the payment over time.

### **Tariffs**

The proposed tariff for Ha Makebe is five Maloti per kilowatt hour (M5.00/kWh)

### **Representations**

Copies of the application are available at LEWA Headquarters or can be accessed at [www.lewa.org.ls](http://www.lewa.org.ls). The public is accordingly requested to submit representations to LEWA on or before 31 March 2020. Inputs and representations can be sent to [mkabi@lewa.org.ls](mailto:mkabi@lewa.org.ls) or hand delivered at 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Moposo House, Kingsway Street, Maseru.