



environmental affairs

Department:
Environmental Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Application for amendment of an environmental authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2010

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 - a) adding, substituting, removing or changing a condition or requirement of an environmental authorisation, or
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Application for Amendment of Environmental Authorisation

1. Application Details

Name of person to whom the environmental authorisation was issued:	Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power (Pty) Ltd		
Contact person:	Ms Karen Versfeld		
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Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP):	N/A		
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
	Postal code:		
Telephone:		Cell:	
E-mail:		Fax:	
EAP Qualifications:			
EAP Registrations/Associations:			
Name of landowner if the person to whom the environmental authorisation has been issued is not the owner:	Please refer to Annexure B for the list of landowners.		
	In instances where there is more than one landowner, please attach a list of landowners with their contact details to the back of this page, together with copies of the notices given to these landowners about the amendment application.		
Project Description:	<p>Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power (Pty) Ltd (hereafter referred to as Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power) applied for environmental authorisation in 2010 to establish a wind energy facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure on farms Smauspoort (remaining extent of Farm 130) and Zwartkoppies (remaining extent of portion 2 of Farm 131). A positive decision was issued on 15 August 2011.</p> <p>The site is approximately 11 767ha in extent with the project footprint equating to less than 0.01% (67ha) of the total area. The WEF comprises of 67 turbines each with a generation capacity of 1.5MW. The turbines will have a hub height of 80m and a rotor blade diameter of up to 86m. Associated infrastructure would</p>		

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	<p>include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access roads and temporary turning circles. • Hard standing adjacent to each turbine which will be utilised by the crane. • Three temporary construction yards. • Substation / control building. • Overhead electrical reticulation lines which will follow the route of the proposed access roads where possible. 															
Farm name, Erf No., portion etc:	Landowner list and property details are included in Annexure B .															
Physical address where authorised activity is taking or will take place:	<p>Please refer to Annexure B.</p> <p>We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the property descriptions included in the Final Environmental Impact Assessment (FEIAR) (Table 1.1), dated November 2010, are incorrect. The error in the project description arises from an editorial error. The properties assessed in the EIA were correct. The corrections to the project description as included in the EA have been <u>underlined in the extract below for ease of reference</u>.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Farm</th> <th>Erf</th> <th>Title ref</th> <th>Size</th> <th>Zoning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Smouspoort, <u>Remaining Extent</u>, Britstown RD 130</td> <td>RE 130</td> <td>T4827/1975</td> <td>9 039.2677</td> <td>Agriculture</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zwartekopjes, <u>Remaining Extent of Portion</u> 2, Britstown RD 131</td> <td>RE 2/131</td> <td>T3960/1983</td> <td>2 727.3264</td> <td>Agriculture</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Farm	Erf	Title ref	Size	Zoning	Smouspoort, <u>Remaining Extent</u> , Britstown RD 130	RE 130	T4827/1975	9 039.2677	Agriculture	Zwartekopjes, <u>Remaining Extent of Portion</u> 2, Britstown RD 131	RE 2/131	T3960/1983	2 727.3264	Agriculture
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Departmental reference number of the previous environmental authorisation in respect of which an amendment is applied for:	DEAT/EIA/6159/2009															
Date of issue of environmental authorisation:	Environmental Authorisation was issued on 15/08/2011. An amendment application was submitted to the Department to change the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) name from "Mulilo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd" to "Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power (Pty) Ltd". This amendment was granted on 24/10/2011.															
Activity/ies for which authorisation was granted:	GN R 386: Items 7, 12 and 16(b) GN R 387: Items 1(a), 1(l), and 2															
Please Note: A certified copy of the environmental authorisation must be attached to this application.																

2. DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Was the activity commenced with during the validity period of the environmental authorisation? If yes, please describe the implementation of the previous environmental authorisation to date:	YES	<u>NO</u>
The activity has not yet commenced. The validity period of the Environmental Authorisation will expire on 15 August 2014.		

3. AMENDMENTS APPLIED FOR AND RELATED INFORMATION

Please indicate which of the following is relevant:

3.1. The holder of an environmental authorisation may at any time apply to the relevant competent authority for the amendment of the authorisation if:

(a) there is a material change in the circumstances which existed at the time of the granting of the environmental authorisation;	YES	<u>NO</u>
(b) there has been a change of ownership in the property and transfer of rights and obligations must be provided for; or	YES	<u>NO</u>
(c) any detail contained in the environmental authorisation must be amended, added, substituted, corrected, removed or updated.	<u>YES</u>	NO

3.2. Describe the amendments that are being applied for:

Approved condition	Proposed Amendment															
<p>Property descriptions: It has been brought to our attention that the property descriptions included in the FEIAR (Table 1.1), dated November 2010, are incorrect. The error in the project description is due to an editorial error. The properties assessed in the EIA were correct. The corrections to the project description included in the EIA have been <u>underlined</u> in the adjacent table.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Farm</th> <th>Erf</th> <th>Title ref</th> <th>Size</th> <th>Zoning</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Smouspoort, <u>Remaining Extent</u>, Britstown RD 130</td> <td>RE 130</td> <td>T4827/1975</td> <td>9 039.2677</td> <td>Agriculture</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zwartekopjes, <u>Remaining Extent of Portion 2</u>, Britstown RD 131</td> <td>RE 2/131</td> <td>T3960/1983</td> <td>2 727.3264</td> <td>Agriculture</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Farm	Erf	Title ref	Size	Zoning	Smouspoort, <u>Remaining Extent</u> , Britstown RD 130	RE 130	T4827/1975	9 039.2677	Agriculture	Zwartekopjes, <u>Remaining Extent of Portion 2</u> , Britstown RD 131	RE 2/131	T3960/1983	2 727.3264	Agriculture
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<p>Condition 1.7: In accordance with the Environmental Authorisation (EA) "<i>the activity must commence within a period of three (3) years from the date of issue</i>".</p>	<p>The Environmental Authorisation is dated 15/08/2011 and is therefore only valid until 15/08/2014. Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power requests that the validity period of the Environmental Authorisation be extended to 15/08/2015.</p>															
<p>Condition 6.5: Condition 6.5 of the EA states that "<i>The applicant must appoint a qualified botanical and fauna</i></p>	<p>Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power requests that condition 6.5 be amended to "<i>The applicant must appoint a qualified botanical specialist to ground-truth</i></p>															

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<p><i>specialist to ground-truth every turbine footprint and their recommendation must form part of the final layout of the Wind Energy Facility and EMP to be submitted to the department for approval".</i></p>	<p><i>every turbine footprint and their recommendation must form part of the final layout of the Wind Energy Facility and EMP to be submitted to the department for approval. The ECO shall be responsible to ground-truth each turbine footprint prior to construction to ensure that no fauna will be endangered".</i></p>
<p>Condition 10.3.1: Condition 10.3.1 states that "Access to the Swartkoppies section must be gained through the Smauspoort Road and not the R348. The Smauspoort Road must be surfaced as per the recommendation of the Traffic Impact Assessment Report in the EIR dated November 2010".</p>	<p>Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power requests that this condition be amended to "Access to the Swartkoppies section must be gained through the Smauspoort Road and not the R348. The Smauspoort Road must be maintained on a regular basis to a satisfactory condition".</p>
<p>Condition 10.13.4: Condition 10.13.4 of the EA states that "The substation site must be located at 30°43'37.37"S and 23°54'32.15"E and the proposed control building right next to it".</p>	<p>Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power requests that the location of the substation site and control building be amended to "The substation site and control building must be located within a 200m radius of central point 30°43'18.84"S 23°55'0.57"E".</p>
<p>3.3. Please provide the reasons and/or a motivation for the application for amendment:</p>	
<p>Property descriptions: The property descriptions included in the FEIAR (Table 1.1), dated November 2010, are incorrect. This is an editorial error that does not affect the development footprint. As the EA is a legal document, it is essential that this error is corrected.</p> <p>Condition 1.7: This project was only awarded Preferred Bidder status in October 2013. As such, the authorised activity could not commence at an earlier date. Construction is scheduled to commence at the end of 2014, which would fall outside the Environmental Authorisation (EA) validity period. For this reason, Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power requests that the validity period of the EA be extended to 15/08/2015.</p> <p>Condition 6.5: Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power requests that the Environmental Control Office (ECO) ground-truth each turbine footprint prior to construction to ensure that no fauna will be endangered. The benefit of assessing the site prior to construction will ensure that animals can be relocated before clearing activities commence.</p> <p>It should be borne in mind that two of the most vulnerable fauna groups, namely bird and bats, have been assessed by specialists over a period of twelve months. These assessments have resulted in the establishment of buffer zones from which the footprints will be excluded to avoid impacts to birds and bats. A botanical specialist, Dr David Hoare, was appointed to ground-truth every turbine footprint and all associated infrastructure and identified sensitive vegetation to be avoided. Dr Hoare is registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professionals as an Ecologist and a Botanist.</p>	

Both the bird and botanical specialists have compiled a list of fauna identified on site. The list below has been compiled by the bird specialist who undertook 12 months pre-construction monitoring at the site. The list of fauna identified by Dr Hoare (botanical specialist) is included in Annexure C.

List of mammal species identified during the bird pre-construction surveys

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Zwartekopjes	Smouspoort
Aardwolf	<i>Proteles cristatus</i>	LC	X	X
Aardvark	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>	LC	-	X
Caracal	<i>Caracal caracal</i>	LC	-	X
Cape Fox	<i>Vulpes chama</i>	LC	X	-
Cape Ground Squirrel	<i>Xerus inauris</i>	LC	X	X
Cape Hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>	LC	X	-
Scrub Hare	<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>	LC	X	X
Black-Backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	LC	X	-
Small Grey Mongoose	<i>Galarella pulverulenta</i>	LC	-	X
Yellow Mongoose	<i>Cynictis penicillata</i>	LC	-	X
Striped Polecat	<i>Ictonyx striatus</i>	LC	-	X
Cape Porcupine	<i>Hystrix africaeustralis</i>	LC	X	X
Western Rock Elephant Shrew	<i>Elephantulus rupestris</i>	LC	-	X
Smith's Red Rock Rabbit	<i>Pronolagus rupestris</i>	LC	X	X
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	LC	X	X
Springhare	<i>Pedetes capensis</i>	LC	X	X
Suricate	<i>Suricata suricata</i>	LC	-	X
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	LC	X	X

* LC = Least Concern

It is evident from the fauna identified by the specialists that there are no rare or endangered fauna that may be impacted by the WEF. Furthermore, any affected fauna would generally be mobile and would relocate during the construction phase and are likely to recolonise the area once the construction phase has been completed and the disturbed areas rehabilitated. Should any fauna be observed during the construction and operational phases, appropriate mitigation measures have been provided in the Environmental Management Programme to ensure the protection of fauna.

Condition 10.3.1:

ITS Engineers conducted the transport impact assessment (TIA) for the proposed De Aar 1 Wind Farm (report dated September 2010). The September 2010 TIA recommended that the Smauspoort Road should be upgraded with a permanent sealed surface. This recommendation was based on a provisional estimate at the time of a high number of heavy vehicles anticipated during the construction and operation period. ITS Engineers have now conducted a recent updated study and have predicted far lower traffic volumes concluding that the upgrade is not justified in terms of traffic volumes generated by the construction and operations of the wind farm. Furthermore, ITS Engineers have concluded that the resurfacing is not an ideal solution, as it will introduce safety issues with regards to speeding along the road. The horizontal and

vertical alignment along the Smauspoort Road has not been designed for speeds associated with a sealed surface road. With the sealed surface the road user speeds are likely to increase along these sections of the road, which is a road safety concern. The long term maintenance of the road will not be impacted by the operation of the wind farm due to the low anticipated traffic generated.

Based on the above, it is recommended by ITS Engineers that the Smauspoort Road rather be maintained on a regular basis by the Contractor. After construction of the development is completed the Smauspoort Road must be repaired where necessary and restored to a satisfactory condition.

Please refer to the letter from ITS Engineers, dated 12 March 2014 (Annexure C), which provides the motivation for the amendment.

Condition 10.13.4:

The relocation of the substation is required as the original position was assessed to be at a high risk of flooding from the Elandsfontein River. The revised position is located further away from the main watercourse and at a higher level relative to the original location, thereby eliminating the risk of flooding.

The following specialists have provided comment on the proposed relocation of the substation / control building:

Visual Specialist (Karen Hansen)

Ms Karen Hansen assessed the new location of the substation / control building and commented that the substation / control building will be situated in a position where the visual impact would be limited as (a) the building would not break the skyline as it is backed by a hill, (b) it is set back from the road and (c) would be located approximately 880m from the farmstead. Furthermore, the building would be finished in neutral colours which would fit in with the landscape.

Ms Hansen concluded that the proposed new location is appropriate and within the terms of the mitigation measures, conclusions and recommendations of the original report (Viridian Consulting, 2010). Please refer to the letter from Ms Hansen, dated 17 February 2014 (Annexure C), which includes the assessment of the proposed amendment.

Freshwater Specialist (Toni Belcher)

Ms Toni Belcher undertook a freshwater impact assessment of the surface water systems on site (Annexure C). Ms Belcher noted that the on-site substation and control building would be located in the vicinity of the Elandsfontein River. There are some drainage lines passing through the site which are relatively small and of a low ecological importance. Ms Belcher has recommended that these drainage lines can be easily diverted around the proposed substation and/or to do some minor adjustment to the location of the facility. The recommended mitigation measures would be to ensure that on-site storm water management is such that erosion within the drainage lines is minimised and that the channels are rehabilitated once construction activities are complete. These mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme and will be implemented. The assessment of the construction phase impact of the substation / control building on surface water systems was deemed to be low (-) to very low (-) without mitigation. The implementation of mitigation would reduce the significance of these impacts to very low (-).

Botanical Specialist (Dr David Hoare)

Dr Hoare undertook a botanical survey of the site to assess the new location of the substation / control building and to evaluate whether the site posed any risks in terms of the botanical receiving environment. Please refer to the letter from Dr Hoare, dated 14 February 2014 (Annexure C), which includes the assessment of the proposed amendment.

The vegetation type was identified as Northern Upper Karoo, which is listed as Least Threatened. The vegetation has low diversity and variability and has no botanically sensitive features within this area. No threatened or listed plant species in terms of the Red List of South African Plants (<http://redlist.sanbi.org/>) nor the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act 10 of 2004) and National Forests Act (Act 84 of 1998) were recorded on site.

Heritage Specialist (Jonathan Kaplan)

Jonathan Kaplan undertook a detailed survey of the site and concluded that no archaeological mitigation is required. The South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) are in agreement with this opinion stating that *"no additional archaeological survey work is considered necessary in this instance"* (see letter from SAHRA included in Annexure C).

3.4. Should the amendment being requested result due to 3.1 (b) above, you are requested to furnish the Department with a written undertaking that the new holder of the environmental authorisation is willing and able to assume responsibility of the environmental authorisation issued. Provide a short motivation and explanation below:

Not applicable.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

4.1. Describe any negative environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is granted, amongst others information on any increases in air emissions, waste generation, discharges to water and impacts of the natural or cultural environment must be included.

Property descriptions:

No negative environmental impacts are anticipated if this amendment is granted as this is an editorial error that has no effect on the assessed and approved development footprint.

Condition 1.7:

The extension of the validity period will not result in additional negative environmental impacts to those that have already been assessed in the approved 2010 EIA.

Condition 6.5:

No negative environmental impacts are anticipated if this amendment is granted as the ECO ground-truth each turbine footprint prior to construction to ensure that no fauna will be endangered. The benefit of assessing the site prior to construction will ensure that animals can be relocated before clearing activities commence. Furthermore, the most vulnerable fauna groups, namely bird and bats, have been monitored by specialists over a period of twelve months. This monitoring contributed to the assessment of impacts on these faunal groups and the layout has been informed by the recommended mitigations. In addition, a botanical specialist has been appointed to ground-truth every turbine footprint. In all, the site has been

assessed by three qualified specialists who have provided input to the final layout.

Both the bird and botanical specialists have confirmed that there are no rare or endangered fauna occurring within the site. Any affected fauna would generally be mobile and would relocate during the construction phase and are likely to recolonise the area, once the construction phase has been completed and the disturbed areas rehabilitated. Should any fauna be observed during the construction and operational phases, appropriate mitigation measures have been provided in the Environmental Management Programme to ensure the protection of fauna.

Condition 10.3.1:

No negative impacts are anticipated if this condition is amended, as this amendment requires that Smauspoort Road be maintained regularly during the construction phase. In addition, ITS have recommended that the Smauspoort Road must be repaired where necessary and restored.

Condition 10.13.4:

The proposed relocation of the substation / control building has been assessed by the visual, freshwater, botanical and heritage specialists (specialist comment included in **Annexure C**).

These specialists are of the opinion that potential impacts associated with the proposed site are of low significance and that the proposed mitigation measures adequately minimise impacts. All specialists are therefore in favour of this new site and have confirmed that there will be no significant negative impacts.

4.2. Describe any negative environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is **not** granted.

Property descriptions:

No additional negative environmental impacts are anticipated if this amendment is not granted as this is an editorial error that has no effect on the assessed and approved development footprint. However, should the amendment request not be approved, there will be a discrepancy between the properties listed in the EA and landowner contracts.

Condition 1.7:

Should the extension of the validity period not be granted, then positive impacts on energy production, local economy (employment), climate change and social conditions will not be realised as the WEF will not be constructed.

Condition 6.5:

No negative environmental impacts are anticipated if this amendment is not granted as the turbine footprints have been ground-truthed by the botanical specialist who has not identified any rare or endangered fauna within the site. Furthermore, the two most vulnerable fauna groups, namely bird and bats, have been assessed by specialists over a period of twelve months. These assessments have resulted in the establishment of buffer zones from which the footprints will be excluded to avoid impacts to birds and bats.

Condition 10.3.1

Should this amendment not be granted, the upgrade of the Smauspoort Road with a sealed surface will introduce safety issues for the public as a result of speeding along the road. The

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horizontal and vertical alignments along the Smauspoort Road are not designed for a sealed surface. The revised letter from ITS Engineers identifies these safety concerns and recommends that the road should be maintained to a satisfactory condition.

Condition 10.13.4

Should the position of the substation / control building not be revised, then the infrastructure would be placed in an area which has a high risk of flooding. The revised position is located further away from the main watercourse and at a higher level relative to the original location, thereby substantially reducing the risk of flooding. The visual, botanical, archaeological and freshwater specialists have assessed the new location and are in favour of this new site.

4.3. Describe any positive environmental impacts that may occur if the application for amendment is granted, amongst others information on any reduction in the ecological footprint, air emissions, waste generation and discharges to water must be included.

Property descriptions:

No positive environmental impacts are anticipated if this amendment is granted as this is an editorial error that has no effect on the assessed and approved development footprint.

Condition 1.7:

Should the extension of the validity period be granted, then the project can be implemented and positive impacts on energy production, local economy (employment), climate change and social conditions will be realised.

Condition 6.5:

Should this amendment be granted, then a final check of turbine footprints prior to construction will be undertaken by the ECO. This will ensure that if any fauna are found within the footprint, they can be safely relocated before clearing commences.

Condition 10.3.1:

Should this amendment be granted, this will result in improved public safety as a surfaced Smauspoort Road is deemed unsafe.

Condition 10.13.4

Positive environmental impacts are anticipated if the request to relocate the substation / control building is granted. The revised position is located further away from the main watercourse and at a higher level relative to the original location, thereby substantially reducing the risk of flooding. All specialists who have assessed this revised layout (i.e. visual, botanical, freshwater and heritage) are in favour of the revised position.

5. AUTHORISATION FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

5.1. Are any permission, licenses or other authorisations required from any other departments before the requested amendments can be effected?	YES	NO
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If yes, please complete the table below.

Name of department and contact person	Authorisation required	Authorisation applied for (Yes/ No)

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6. RIGHTS OR INTERESTS OF OTHER PARTIES

In your opinion, will this proposed amendment adversely affect the rights and interests of other parties?	YES	<u>NO</u>
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Please provide a detailed motivation of your opinion.

Property descriptions:
 Changing the property description will not adversely affect the rights and interests of other parties as this is an editorial error and has no effect on the assessed and approved development footprint. During the EIA process Interested and Affected parties (I&APs), including neighbouring landowners, received layout maps indicating the property footprint, as such the correct information was presented to I&APs and included in the EIA Reports.

Condition 1.7
 Extending the validity period will not adversely affect the rights and interests of other parties as landowners have long-term agreements with the applicant.

Condition 6.5
 The rights and interests if other parties will not be adversely affected by this proposed amendment, as the two most vulnerable fauna groups, namely bird and bats, have been monitored by specialists over a period of twelve months. These assessments have resulted in the establishment of buffer zones from which the footprints will be excluded to avoid impacts to birds and bats. A botanical specialist, Dr David Hoare, was appointed to ground-truth every turbine footprint and all associated infrastructure and identified sensitive vegetation to be avoided. Finally, there no rare or endangered fauna that may be impacted by the WEF. Should this amendment be granted, then the ECO will undertake a final check of each each turbine footprint prior to construction to ensure that no fauna will be endangered. The benefit of assessing the site prior to construction will ensure that animals can be relocated before clearing activities commence.

Condition 10.3.1
 The rights and interests if other parties will not be adversely affected by this proposed amendment, as the proposed amendment will avert a potential safety issue.

Condition 10.13.4
 The rights and interests if other parties will not be adversely affected by this proposed amendment, as the landowner has been consulted and accompanied the applicant on a site visit in January 2014. Specialists have assessed the proposed new location and are all in agreement with the new position.

NOTE: The Department is entitled to request further information if it believes it is necessary for the consideration of the application. If the application is for a substantive amendment or if the rights or interests of other parties are likely to be adversely affected, the Department will instruct the applicant to conduct a public participation process and to conduct any investigations and assessments that it deems necessary.

7. DECLARATION:

I, Karen Versfeld, declare that I will comply with all my legal obligations in terms of this application and provide accurate information to everyone concerned in respect to this application.

Signature of the applicant:



Name of company or organisation: Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power (Pty) Ltd

Date:

26/03/2014