

**Umsinde Emoyeni Wind Energy  
Facility Phase 1**

Public Participation Report

DEFF Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/686

September 2020

# 1 Introduction

The Phase 1 Umsindi Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility (WEF) <sup>1</sup> (hereafter referred to as the Umsinde Emoyeni WEF) is located near the town of Murraysburg in the Western Province. A number of amendments have been proposed to the project scope (as detailed in the Amendment Report) and requires a Part 2 amendment process<sup>2</sup> to be undertaken, including a 30-day Public Participation Process (PPP)<sup>3</sup>.

The aim of the PPP is to inform all potential and registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the proposed amendments and any associated changes in the assessed impacts. It also allows the Competent Authority, the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF), to make an informed decision based on a transparent and meaningful process.

This Public Participation Report (PPR) has therefore been compiled to collectively represent the consultation process that has been undertaken through the PPP.

## The following sections are included:

- Section 2 The requirement for a Public Participation Plan is explained in Section 2 and describes the process that needs to be followed for public participation during the COVID-19 lockdown period.
- Section 3 The I&AP database from the original Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process was used as the baseline document for PPP. All registered I&APs have been requested (via email) to confirm and/or update their contact details. In instances where email addresses were not available, phone calls and sms's were made to the applicable I&AP. Contact details of commenting authorities were also confirmed and updated where necessary. The database will continue to be updated and maintained throughout the amendment process.
- Section 4 The PPP undertaken to date is described in this section. Proof of advertisements, site notices and deliveries will be made available in the Final PPR.
- Section 5 All comments received during the 30-day comment period will be included and responded to in this section for DEFF to consider in the final report version.
- Section 6 The way forward is described in this section.

# 2 Public Participation Plan

The Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries ("DEFF") published a Direction in terms of the Disaster Management Act (57 of 2002) under GN R439 on 31 March 2020 in respect of the undertaking and administration of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and related processes during the COVID-19 Lockdown ("EIA Directions").

To ensure that reasonable notice is given to potential and registered interested and affected parties ("I&APs"), the competent authority requested a proposed Public Participation Plan setting out all the public participation steps to be undertaken. This was approved by the competent authority on 21 July

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the proposed amendments also includes a request to change the project name to *Umsinde Emoyeni WEF*.

<sup>2</sup> In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice Regulation (GN R) 982 of 4 December 2014, as amended) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended.

<sup>3</sup> In terms of Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations (GN R982).

2020, prior to commencement of any Public Participation Process (PPP). The Public Participation Plan and its approval is included in Appendix C1.

### 3 I&AP Database

**Table 1: provides a summary of the I&AP database for the Umsindi Emoyeni WEF. Please note that contact details have been omitted for privacy reasons.**

Stakeholder	Contact	Organisation
National Government	Queen Poolo	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
	Khayaletu Matrose	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
	Pieter Swart	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
	Mmboneni Mutheiwana	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
	Ompi Aphane	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
	Radithoana Selepe	National Department of Provincial and Local Government
	Elroy Africa	National Department of Provincial and Local Government
	Ida Cloete	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Thoko Buthelezi	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Mashudu Marubini	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Serah Muobeleni	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	R L Bosoga	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	S. Hilzinger-Maas	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Mdu Shabane	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Nomfundo Gobodo	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Serah Muobeleni	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	NP Makgalemele	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Joey van Rooyen	Department of Water affairs Land Mat
	Lucky Mzanywa	Department of Water affairs
	Hestor Lyons	Department of Water affairs
	Frans Vilakazi	Department of Water affairs
	Mmamhoale Kabasa	Department of Environmental, Forestry and Fisheries
	Coenrad Agenbach	Department of Environmental, Forestry and Fisheries
	Muhammad Essop	Department of Environmental, Forestry and Fisheries
	Ishaam Abader	Department of Environmental, Forestry and Fisheries
	Mariagrazia Galimberti	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
	Natasha Higgitt	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
	Dumisani Sibayi	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)

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<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
	Zethu Kapika	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)
	Andile Gxasheka	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)
	Stanley Tshitwamolomoni	DEFF: Biodiversity
	Natasha Higgins	South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)
<b>Provincial Government</b>	Hildegarde Fast	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
	Pieter van Zyl	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
	Anneliz de Villiers	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
	Adr La Meyer	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
	Gavin Benjamin	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
	Colline Fordham	CapeNature
	Ronda Naik	Western Cape Department of Mineral Resources
	Sibongile Kunene	Western Cape Department of Mineral Resources
	Craig Househam	Western Cape Department of Health
	Manie Abrahams	Western Cape Department of Health
	Jacqueline Samson	Western Cape Department of Human Settlements
	Andiswa Somketile	Western Cape Department of Human Settlements
	Jacqui Gooch	Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works
	Anele Speelman	Western Cape Department of Agriculture
	Mogale Sebopetsa	Western Cape Department of Agriculture
	Cor van der Walt	Western Cape Department of Agriculture
	Gail Jacobs	Western Cape Department of Agriculture
	Solly Fourie	Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism
	Rashid Khan	Western Cape Department of Water Affairs
	S Mashicila	Western Cape Department of Water Affairs
	A Petersen	Western Cape Department of Water Affairs
	Glenville Smith	Western Cape Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
	David Smit	Western Cape Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
	Juanita Fortuin	Western Cape Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
	Susan Steyn	Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
	Thando Ndudula	Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
	Ayub Mohamed	Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
Jessica Christie	Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: George office	
Lourette Brown	Western Cape Department of Land Affairs	
M.L. Watters	Western Cape Government: Transport and Public Works	

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<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
	Cornelius Malgas	Provincial Government of the Western Cape
	Crystal Le Bron	Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism
	Leona Bruiners	Western Cape Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
	Chantal Harigobin	SALGA - Western Cape
	Ali Diteme	Northern Cape Department of Environment & Nature Conservation
	Ayanda Hollow	Western Cape Department of Communications
	Brian Fisher	Northern Cape Department of Environment & Nature Conservation
	Dineo Moleko	Northern Cape Department of Environment & Nature Conservation
	Albert Mabunda	Northern Cape Department of Environment & Nature Conservation
	Elizabeth Botes	Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation
	Brian Fisher	Northern Cape of Environment and Nature Conservation
	Ntsundeni Ravhugoni	Northern Cape Department of Mineral Resources
	Obed Mvula	Northern Cape Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
	Cindy Benyane	Northern Cape Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
	Natasha Corns	Northern Cape Department of Transport, Roads and Public Works
	Gamiem Abrahams	Northern Cape Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs
	G Botha	Northern Cape Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs
	Jacoline Mans	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Upington)
	Itumeleng Thatelo	SALGA Northern Cape
		Northern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation
	Lindiwe Franks	Northern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation
	Viljoen Mothibi	Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Ali Diteme	Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
	Collleen Smuts	Northern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation
	Ratha Timothy	SAHRA Northern Cape
	Marius	Northern Cape Department of Communications
	Sharon Lewis	Northern Cape Tourism
	J. Rabe	Department of Transport and Public Works: Oudtshoorn Regional Office
	Johanna Van der Berg	Department of Transport & Public Works: Eden Regional Office (Oudtshoorn)
	Carinne Muller	Department of Transport & Public Works: Eden Regional Office

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<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
	Chantal Harigobin	SALGA - Western Cape
	Solly Fourie	Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism
	N constable	Beaufort West Local Municipality
	Kosie Harhoof	Beaufort West Local Municipality
	Sinki Miceal Motsoane	Beaufort West Local Municipality
	Latitia Deyce	Beaufort West Local Municipality
	JDF Muller	Beaufort West Local Municipality
	Edward Z. Njadu	Central Karoo District Municipality
	Stefanus Jooste	Central Karoo District Municipality
	Gerrit van Zyl	Central Karoo District Municipality
	Moira Rigard	Ubuntu Local Municipality
	Martin Fillis	Ubuntu Local Municipality
	Hendry Jacobs	Ubuntu Local Municipality
	Cheryl Jantjies	Ubuntu Local Municipality
	Rodney Pieterse	Pixley ka Seme District Municipality
	Hennie Greeff	Pixley ka Seme District Municipality
	Sibonelo Ndlela	Pixley ka Seme District Municipality
	Patrick Malebye	Pixley ka Seme District Municipality
<b>Landowners</b>	Geoff Kingwill	Witteklip 2/32, Klein Driefontein 1/152 and RE/152
	Percy Reynolds	Driefontein RE2/26, 3/26, 10/26
	Andrew Wallis	De Hoop 4/30
	Hugh Retief	De Hoop RE/30
	Percy Reynolds & Martin Hesselink	Driefontein 7/26
<b>I&amp;APs</b>	Linda Khoza	Eskom Holdings SOC Limited
	Louis Albrecht de Jager	Kleinfontein Boerdery Trust
	Fanus van der Merwe	SE van der Merwe - Trustees
	A Marais	Klipplaat Trust
	Andrew Wallis	De Oudeplaats Trust
	Daniel Retief	Farm Kleinefonteyn
	Colene Runkel	South African National Roads Agency Ltd
	Frederick Hayward	Adjacent landowner
	Daniel Marais	Adjacent landowner
	Roelof Theron	Loskop Boerdery Trust
	Kayne Kingwill	Denyl Kingwill Family Trust
	Willem Coetzee	Willem Coetzee Trust
	Izak and Susanna van der Merwe	Farm Badsfontein
	Stephanus Botha	Farm Boksfontein
	Christoffel Slabbert	Towerwater Farms (Pty) Ltd
	John Butterworth	Schanskraal Farming CC
	Jan Pickard	Barnard Farms (Pty) Ltd

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<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
	Jan Pickard	Ratelfontein Hunting Safaris
	Mbulelo Sibhozo	Surrounding Landowner
	Gloria Douglas	Adjacent landowner
	Miriam Saba	Adjacent landowner
	Gladwell Zahela	Adjacent landowner
	Siena Bans	Adjacent landowner
	Willvin Pieterse	Adjacent landowner
	Johan Theron	Theron Roelof Johannes Erasmus
	Nellis Botha	Phillipsplaas (Portion 3 Boksfontein)
	Frank Theron	Frank Theron
	Jan Pickard	Jan Pickard
	Gerhard Viljoen	Gerhard Viljoen
	Kobus van Heerden	Kobus van Heerden
	Danie Hugo	Danie Hugo
	Thanduxolo Williams	Thanduxolo Williams
	Hermaans Wibooi	Hermaans Wibooi
	Booi Goeieman	Booi Goeieman
	Daniel Jacobs	Daniel Jacobs
	Bronwen Seekoei	Bronwen Seekoei
	Andries Goeieman	Andries Goeieman
	Paul Avenant	Kay's Shop, Restaurant and Self-Catering
	Derick Welgemoed	Material and Plant Hire
	Willem Rank	Occupier
	Carel van Heerden	Occupier
	Dirk van der Merwe	Occupier
	Enzyl Kathu (Doppies)	Occupier
	Gerrit Booyesen	Occupier
	Godfrey Williams	Occupier
	Randal Blom (Bloetie)	Occupier
	Daniel Retji	Occupier
	Alexander Desmond	Occupier
	Steven Nuwegeld	Occupier
	Frans George	Occupier
	Johannes De Vos	Occupier
	Koos van Heerden	Occupier
	Leon Fourie	Occupier
	Cember Pieterse	Occupier
	Jakob Louw	Occupier
	Martin Hesseling	Occupier
	Piet Arries	Occupier
	Frans Pieter	Occupier
	Pieta Adams	Occupier
	Shelton Lettering	Occupier

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Stakeholder	Contact	Organisation
	Jaco van Heerden	Occupier
	Sophia van Heerden	Occupier
	Stefanus Booysen	Occupier
	Setumo Mohapi	Sender Technology Park (STP) SENTECH
	Mpathi Makoa	SANRAL
	Colene Runkel	SANRAL
	Marilyn Kleinhans	SANRAL
	Nicole Abrahams	SANRAL
	Rydall Jardine	Weather South Africa
	Makaya Mamogale	Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) SOC Limited
	Deidre Herbst	Eskom
	John Geeringh	Eskom
	Lungile Motsisi	Eskom
	Rochelle McPherson	Eskom
	Ayanda Noah	Eskom
	Debbie Harding	Eskom
	Kevin Leask	Eskom
	Ronald Marais	Eskom
	Xolisa Songcaka	Eskom
	Henk Landman	Eskom Distribution Western Operating Unit
	Stephen Koopman	Eskom
	Tom Smith	Eskom Distribution: Southern Operating Unit
	Sibulele Mdingi	Eskom Land Development and Environment Western Cape Operations Unit
	Portia Makhanya	Eastern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation
	M. Bloem	Eastern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation
	Chris Wells	Transnet
	Eddie Seaton	Transnet
	Ramotholo Sefaku	The Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) - Sutherland and Cape Town
	Mabule Mokhine	Earthlife Africa
	Mona Lakhani	Earthlife Africa
	Richard Weppelmann	RWBE Geotechnical Drilling
	Makoma Lekalakala	SECCP of Earthlife Africa
	Lana Ignjatovic	Leads2Business
	Rudzani Nemukula	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
	Philippa Huntly	Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)
	Suzanne Erasmus	WESSA Northern Cape Region
	Daniel Marnewick	Birdlife South Africa
	Charmaine Uys	Birdlife South Africa
	Simon Gear	Birdlife South Africa
	Pamela Berret	Birdlife South Africa



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Stakeholder	Contact	Organisation
	Carolyn Ah Shene-Verdoorn	Birdlife South Africa
	Haneline Smit	Birdlife South Africa
	Sam Ralston	Birdlife South Africa
	Shadrack Moephuli	Agricultural Research Council
	Constant Hoogstad	Endangered Wildlife Trust
	Lourens Leeuwner	Endangered Wildlife Trust
	Ronelle Visagie	Endangered Wildlife Trust
	Lizelle Stroh	South African Civil Aviation Authority
	Christopher Isherwood	South African Civil Aviation Authority
	Adrian Tiplady	Square Kilometer Array (SKA) Project
	Duval Johnson	Murraysburg Development Council of Stakeholders
	Donovan Snyder	Murraysburg Public Library
	Troy Smuts	Heritage Western Cape
	Johan van den Berg	South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA)
	Henning Holm	Sustainable Energy Society of Southern Africa (SESSA)
	Adriana Chickesh	Sustainable Energy Society of Southern Africa (SESSA)
	Alwyn Smith	Southern African Alternative Energy Association (SAAEA)
	Mandy Barnett	Cape Action for People and the Environment (C.A.P.E.)
	Frans Retief	Bo Buffelsrivier Landbouvereniging
	Jacobus Albertus van den Berg	Murraysburg Distrikse Landbouvereniging
	Melodie McGeoch	SANParks
	Johan van de Venter	SANParks
	Tronny Mutsenga	SANParks
	Hans van der Merwe	Agri SA
	Carl opperman	Agri Wes-Cape
	Grahame Lindop	The Great Karoo Conservancy
	Marina Beal	Nama Karoo Foundation
	Phumezo Nakani	CKDM
	John Swanepoel	High School
	Mbulelo Ngqokelani	CBW
	Mette Kromhout	Community Member
	Elsabé Louwrens	NG Kerk
	André Louwrens	NG Kerk
	JD Titus	Primary School
	Fikile Tshikolo	SAPS
	René Theron	The Murraysburger
	Jenny Ballantyne	The Murraysburger
	Chris Barr	Developer
	Hendrik Klaassen	BWM
	Adri Smit	Murraysburg Farmers Association

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	Vuyakazi Ruiters	BWM
	Bernie Fanaroff	SKA South Africa
	Stella George	Librarian
	Sanie Thousand	Librarian
	Francois van Niekerk	Die Courier
	Werner Swart	Community Member
	Dion Wilmans	Green South Developments
	Jonathan Visser	4 Green Development Africa (Pty) Ltd
	Gerrit Viljoen	Community Member
	Deon Swarts	Community Member
	Adam Conlais Hector	Community Member
	Leonard Shaw	Telkom SA SOC
	Paul Lochner	CSIR - Stellenboch
	Ismail Banoo	CSIR - Durban
	Samantha Naidoo	CSIR - Durban
	Ameerah Peters	Heritage Western Cape
	Paul Rubidge	Community Member
	Wayne Rubidge	Zoetvlei
	Duval Johnson	Murraysburg Development Council of Stakeholders
	Neville van Rooy	Murraysburg Emerging Farmers Union
	Karoo News Group	Community Member
	First Africa	Community Member
	Karoo Boedery	Community Member
	Richard Moya Lucas	M.E.F.U
	Fanus van der Merwe	SE van der Merwe - Trustees
	Aletta/Jan Susanna du Plessis/Claassen	C H Du Plessis CC
	Benny Carl Conradie	FC Conradie Trust
	Gabriel Cupido	Community Member
	Barend Cupido	Community Member
	Romeo Daniels	Community Member
	Jacobus van den Berg	Farm Snyderskraal
	Timothy Mathews	Community Member
	Astrolia Plaatjies	GPF
	Dail Mathews	Church
	Nico Claasen	ADP Dissable
	Colin Baadtjies	Community Member
	Marius Booyesen	Community Member
	Flink Willemse	Born to Protect
	Roseline Barbes	City of Cape Town
	Kalie van Heerden	Community Member

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Stakeholder	Contact	Organisation
	Jean Retief	Community Member
	Mbulelo Ngyokelane	Community Member
	Benjamin Walton	Community Member
	Blekiwe Ngqondo	Community Member
	J. Lapere	Community Member
	Jurian Martin	Beaufort West Municipality
	Edward Daniels	Alpha Omega Ministries
	Morris David Baadtjies	Community Member
	Blekiwe Ngqondo	Community Member
	Adriaan Absa Davids	Community Member
	Kenneth Musheiwane Mause	IETI
	Adam Conrad Hector	Beaufort West Municipality
	Bradley Gerson Solomons	Community Member
	Elicia Hugo	ANC Jeug Ligt CPO
	Hermaans Witbooi	Murraysburg Community member
	Garth Murray	Youthful Murraysburg (NGO)
	Lushian Moiloy	
	Gerswin Jacobs	Suid Kaap College: Mossel Bay
	Martino Randall Brouels	Community Member
	Rochelle	Community Member
	Andrew Solomons	Community Member
	Enrico Jooste	Community Member
	Vuyisile Desmond Mlilwana	Community Member
	Danwell McKenzie	LMVM Construction
	Ida Cloete	Community Member
	Bradley Gibbons	
	Andre van der Spuy	AVDS Environmental Consultants
	Chris Shelton	
	Anton Wagner	Community Member

## 4 AMENDMENT PHASE CONSULTATION

Prior to the circulation of the Draft Amendment Report and submission of the amendment application form to DEFF, the following measures were undertaken to ensure that the legislated 30-day public comment period will be available to the relevant parties.

### 4.1 Advertisements

Advertisements, in English was placed in *Die Burger* (national newspaper) and in the *Die Courier* (Local newspaper) on Friday 25 September 2020 and in the *Graaff-Reinet Advertiser* (*English and Afrikaans*) (Local newspaper) the 24 September 2020. The English text is available in Figure 1 to ensure legibility. Proof of the pages on which the advertisements were published in *Die Burger*, *Die Courier* and *Graaff-Reinet Advertiser* will be included in the final PPR.

**EMOYENI WIND ENERGY FACILITIES  
NEAR MURRAYSBURG IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND RICHMOND IN THE  
NORTHERN CAPE HAVE REFERENCE (DEA REF: PHASE 1 -  
14/12/16/3/3/2/686, PHASE 2 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/687).**

**Application for Amendment of Environmental Authorisation**

Applications have been submitted to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) to amend the Environmental Authorizations that were granted by the Department on 06 September 2018. This amendment application includes the following:

- Improved wind turbine technology (increased hub height, rotor diameter and rated power of the turbines); and
- An optimized layout to accommodate the revised turbine specifications.

**Location of projects:** **Phase 1** - Remainder and remainder of Portion 1 of Farm De Hoop 30; Portion 3, 7, 10 and Remainder of Portion 2, of Farm Driefontein 26; Portion 1 and Remainder of the Farm Klein Driefontein 152 and Portion 2 of Farm Witteklip 32. **Phase 2** - Remainder of Farm 28; Portion 1 of Farm 29; Remainder, Portion 1, 2, 3 of Farm De Hoop 30; Portion 4 of Farm Driefontein 26; Portion 2 of Farm Swavel Kranse 28; Remainder, Portion 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and Remainder of Portion 2 of Farm Klipplaat 109.

The proposed amendments are considered to be substantive and requires a Part 2 amendment to be undertaken in terms of Regulation 31 and 32 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulation (GN R982 as amended) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended. Amendment Reports have been compiled for the project and are available for public review as indicated below. The Amendment Reports provide a description of the proposed amendments; the changes to the impact assessment ratings originally authorised in 2018; additional mitigation measures to be considered; and subsequently any advantages and disadvantages associated with the proposed amendments.

The Amendment Reports are accessible to the public at the following locations for a period of 30 days, from **28 September 2020** until **27 October 2020**:

- Kays Kafee (6 Pastorie street, Murraysburg)
- Murraysburg Farmers' Co-operative/ Karoo Vleisboere Kooperasie (36 Leeb Street Murraysburg)
- Richmond Post Office (Pienaar Street, Richmond)
- Dropbox:  
[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/20xxm5wxwk2ja4p/AACr7neEWY24jrbZFHgzHXu\\_a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/20xxm5wxwk2ja4p/AACr7neEWY24jrbZFHgzHXu_a?dl=0)

For further information on accessing the reports, or to submit comment on the projects, please contact Mrs Andrea Siebritz (Email: [Andrea.Siebritz@zutari.com](mailto:Andrea.Siebritz@zutari.com)) or Wynand Loftus (E: [Wynand.Loftus@Zutari.com](mailto:Wynand.Loftus@Zutari.com) , No: 0723542607/ 044 805 5458) of Zutari by **27 October 2020**

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Figure 1: Copy of the advertisement text that was published in the newspapers

## 4.2 Site notices and Posters

Site notices in English and Afrikaans were fixed at nine points along the boundary of the site and at key public road intersections in the vicinity of the site. Posters were put up in five public areas to inform the public of the proposed project. The text of the site notice is included below in **Figure 2**.

### 4.2.1 Proof of placement

Proof of site notices and posters will be made available in the Final Amendment Report.

## 4.3 Availability of Amendment Report

The Draft Amendment Report was made available for a 30-day public comment period from 28 September 2020 to 27 October 2020. Registered I&APs identified during the original EIA process were notified of this comment period. The written notification provided to the I&APs is included in Appendix C2.

The Draft Amendment Report has been made available to national and provincial authorities/stakeholders. Copies of the report were also made available to I&APs as follow:

#### ■ **Electronic:**

- **Dropbox:** [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/20xxm5wxwk2ja4p/AACr7neEWY24jrbZFHgzHXu\\_a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/20xxm5wxwk2ja4p/AACr7neEWY24jrbZFHgzHXu_a?dl=0)

#### ■ **Hard copies:**

- Kays Kafee (6 Pastorie street, Murraysburg)
- Murraysburg Farmers' Co-operative/ Karoo Vleisboere Kooperasie (36 Leeb Street Murraysburg)
- Richmond Post Office (Pienaar Street, Richmond)

Proof of delivery and notification will be included in the Final Amendment Report .

**EMOYENI WIND ENERGY FACILITIES  
NEAR MURRAYSBURG IN THE WESTERN CAPE AND RICHMOND IN THE  
NORTHERN CAPE**

DEFF REF: PHASE 1 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/686, PHASE 2 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/687.

**Description:** Emoyeni Wind Farm Project (Pty) Ltd received Environmental Authorization (EA) on 6 September 2018 in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended, for the development of two 147 MW wind energy facilities (WEFs) and associated infrastructure, namely Phase 1 (Umsinde Emoyeni) and Phase 2 (Khangela Emoyeni) WEF. Emoyeni Wind Farm Project is proposing to amend the EAs for the WEFs to allow for:

- Improved wind turbine technology (increased hub height, rotor diameter and rated power of the turbines); and
- An optimized layout to accommodate the revised turbine specifications.

**Location:** The Emoyeni WEFs are located near the town of Murrayburg in the Western Cape and Northern Cape Provinces. The Emoyeni WEF falls within the jurisdiction of the Central Karoo District Municipality and Pixley Ka Sema District Municipality. The properties involved are shown in the table below.

Phase 1 (Umsinde Emoyeni):	Phase 2 (Khangela Emoyeni):
Remainder and remainder of Portion 1 of Farm De Hoop 30; Portion 3, 7, 10 and Remainder of Portion 2, of Farm Driefontein 26; Portion 1 and Remainder of the Farm Klein Driefontein 152 and Portion 2 of Farm Witteklip 32	Remainder of Farm 28; Portion 1 of Farm 29; Remainder, Portion 1, 2, 3 of Farm De Hoop 30; Portion 4 of Farm Driefontein 26; Portion 2 of Farm Swavel Kranse 28; Remainder, Portion 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and Remainder of Portion 2 of Farm Klipplaat 109.

The proposed amendments are considered to be substantive and requires a Part 2 amendment to be undertaken in terms of Regulation 31 and 32 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulation (GN R982 as amended) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) as amended. Amendment Reports have been compiled for the project and are available for public review as indicated below. The Amendment Reports provide a description of the proposed amendments; the changes to the impact assessment ratings originally authorised in 2018; additional mitigation measures to be considered; and subsequently any advantages and disadvantages associated with the proposed amendments.

*Zutari (Pty) Ltd (Zutari)* has been appointed by Emoyeni Wind Farm Project (Pty) Ltd to undertake the above-mentioned amendment process.

The proposed amendments will be assessed in the amendment reports, which will be made available at Kays Kafee (6 Pastorie street, Murrayburg, Murrayburg Farmers' Co-operative/Karoo Vleis boere Kooperasie (36 Leeb Street and Richmond Post Office, Pienaar Street, Richmond) for a 30-day public comment period.

If you would like to obtain more information, be kept informed throughout the process or wish to submit any comments or concerns, please register as an Interested and Affected Party by contacting Mrs Andrea Siebritz (E: [Andrea.Siebritz@zutari.com](mailto:Andrea.Siebritz@zutari.com)) or Mr. Wynand Loftus ([Wynand.Loftus@Zutari.com](mailto:Wynand.Loftus@Zutari.com), No: 0723542607/ 044 805 5458) of Zutari



**EMOYENI WINDKRAGAAANLEGTE  
NABY MURRAYSBURG IN DIE WES-KAAP EN RICHMOND IN DIE NOORD-  
KAAP**

DOBV Verwysingsnr.: FASE 1 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/686, FASE 2 - 14/12/16/3/3/2/687

**Beskrywing:** *Emoyeni Wind Farm Project* (Edms.) Bpk. het omgewingsmagtigings ontvang op die 6 September 2018 in terme van die gewysigde Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet (No. 107 van 1998), vir die ontwikkeling van twee 147 MW windkragaanlegte, naamlik Fase 1 (Umsinde Emoyeni) en Fase 2 (Khangela Emoyeni). *Emoyeni Wind Farm Project* stel voor om die omgewingsmagtigings te wysig om die volgende veranderinge in te sluit:

- Verbeterde windturbine tegnologie (verhoging van die naaf-hoogte, vergroting van die rotor-deursnee en gebruik van turbines met 'n groter vermoë om krag op te wek); en
- Optimalisering van die uitleg met inagneming van die gewysigde turbine-spesifikasies.

**Ligging:** Die Emoyeni windkragaanlegte is naby Murrayburg in die Wes-Kaap en Richmond in die Noord-Kaap. Die projek val binne die jurisdiksie van die Sentraal-Karoo en Pixley Ka Sema Distriksmunisipaliteite. Die betrokke eiendomme word in die onderstaande tabel aangedui:

Fase 1 (Umsinde Emoyeni):	Fase 2 (Khangela Emoyeni):
Restant en restant van Gedeelte 1 van plaas De Hoop 30; Gedeeltes 3, 7, 10 en Restant van Gedeelte 2 van plaas Driefontein 26; Gedeelte 1 en Restant van plaas Klein Driefontein 152 en Gedeelte 2 van plaas Witteklip 32.	Restant van plaas 28; Gedeelte 1 van plaas 29; Restant en Gedeeltes 1, 2, 3 van plaas De Hoop 30; Gedeelte 4 van plaas Driefontein 26; Gedeelte 2 van plaas Swavel Kranse 28; Restant en Gedeeltes 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 en die Restant van Gedeelte 2 van plaas Klipplaat 109

Bogenoemde wysigings word as wesenlike veranderinge beskou en vereis 'n Deel 2-wysigingsaansoek vervolgens Regulasies 31 en 32 van die gewysigde Omgewingsimpakstudie Regulasies (GK R982) van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998), soos gewysig. Wysigingsverslae is dus saamgestel en beskikbaar vir openbare oorsig. Die verslae beskryf die voorgestelde wysigings, veranderinge aan die goedgekeurde 2018 impakstudie graderings, bykomende versagende maatreëls vir oorweging, asook die voordele en nadele wat verband hou met die voorgestelde wysigings.

*Zutari* (Edms.) Bpk. is deur *Emoyeni Wind Farm Project* (Edms.) Bpk. aangestel om die bogenoemde wysigingsproses te hanteer.

Die voorgestelde wysings sal beoordeel word in die wysingsverslae wat beskikbaar sal wees by Kays Kafee (Pastoriestraatno 8, Murrayburg), Karoo Vleisboere Koöperasie (Leebstraatno 36, Murrayburg) en Richmond Poskantoor (Pienaarstraat, Richmond) vir 'n 30-dae publieke kommentaar periode.

Indien u meer inligting verlang, op hoogte wil bly gedurende die wysigingsproses of graag kommenaar of bekommernisse wil indien, kan u as 'n Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party registreer deur Mev. Andrea Siebritz (Email: [Andrea.Siebritz@zutari.com](mailto:Andrea.Siebritz@zutari.com)) of Mnr. Wynand Loftus ([Wynand.Loftus@Zutari.com](mailto:Wynand.Loftus@Zutari.com), No: 0723542607/ 044 805 5458) van Zutari te kontak.



**Figure 2: Poster and site notice text**

## 5 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Table 2 contains one comment that was received during the process that was followed to confirm the contact details of registered I&APs (see Appendix C3 for a copy of the original comment). The table will further be updated to include comments received during the 30-day public comment period.

**Table 2 Comments receiving prior to the amendment report being made available for public comment**

No	Details regarding the comment received	Comment	Response from the Applicant, EAP, Specialist
1	<p>Date received: 08/07/2020</p> <p>Submitted via: Email by the Karoo News Group</p>	<p>We would like to place on record the response given to us by the Department Environmental Appeals Directorate when appealing this unscrupulous development. The Director stated that "...political motivations override all other considerations and facts in appeal decisions." Additionally it was said by the Departments Appeals Directorate "....."all" of the EAP's conducting the EIA's are biased."</p> <p>Due to the obvious impacts such a development will have in a area which has the highest levels of breeding Black Eagle sites in the country it is our intention to enact criminal proceedings for the intentional killing of protected species should a single protected species be killed by this ridiculous development</p>	<p>The Karoo News Group's comment is noted. A copy of the appeal decision is available in Appendix A of the Amendment Report for interested parties to view the Minister's response to the Karoo News Group on this matter. We would also like to put on record that declarations of independence have been signed by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and specialists as required in terms of the EIA Regulations.</p> <p>The Group's concern regarding potential impacts on eagles is noted. The avifauna specialist has taken these into consideration and undertook a site visit in June 2020 to determine if new nests have been built since the original impact assessment was completed in January 2018. In addition, the Verreaux's Eagle Risk Assessment Tool (VERA) was utilised to model areas of high sensitivity for Verreaux's Eagles (also known as Black Eagles) that needs to be avoided. Based on the results of this model, the project layout was amended to exclude the revised and extended "no-go" buffers. Please refer to Section 4.3.3 of the Amendment Report for more information on the assessed impacts.</p>

## 6 WAY FORWARD

Following the 30-day public comment period, the Draft Amendment Report will be updated by incorporating I&AP comments received (where relevant). All comments will be recorded and responded to in this PPR which will be circulated to all who have provided comment. The updated Amendment Report will then be submitted to DEFF for their decision-making process. Once DEFF has made their decision on the proposed amendment project, all registered I&APs will be notified of the outcome of the decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of the decision and the right to appeal the project.



# In diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

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