

## **APPENDIX C 5: COMMENTS AND RESPONSES RECEIVED**

### **5.1. Initial Notification Phase**

### **5.2. Draft Amendment Phase**

**From:** [EIA Applications](#)  
**To:** [Thando Boo](#)  
**Cc:** [Ashleigh Blackwell](#); [Mpho Monyai](#); [Olivia Letlalo](#)  
**Subject:** 2020-07-0039  
**Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020 12:05:50 PM  
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Dear Thando.

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

**Type of Application:** Pre-Application Meeting Request for 2 Part 2 amendment applications and 1 X application for EA;  
**Reference Number:** 2020-07-0039;  
**Date Received:** 31/07/2020;  
**Action Required:** Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set.

*\*EAP/Applicant: please use this reference number when submitting the application for EA/amendment application, as well as attached the approved PP Plan if the application requires a PP process.*

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Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

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**From:** Ashleigh Blackwell <[ashleighb@arcusconsulting.co.za](mailto:ashleighb@arcusconsulting.co.za)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2020 10:08  
**To:** EIA Applications <[EIAApplications@environment.gov.za](mailto:EIAApplications@environment.gov.za)>  
**Subject:** Request for a Pre-Application Meeting for 2 Amendments and a Basic Assessment for the Paulputs WEF

**For Attention:**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

Kindly see below and attached for your consideration.

WKN-WindCurrent ('WKN') under the SPV, Paulputs WEF (RF) (Pty) Ltd, received environmental

authorisation for the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (WEF) on 11 December 2019, DEFF Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1160.

Paulputs WEF is currently authorised for a maximum of 75 wind turbines with a total generation capacity of 300 MW, each with a maximum hub height of 140 m (rotor diameter height 180 m), one on-site substation (Option A) and an Overhead Power Line (grid connection) (Option C). Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (RE) (Pty) Ltd are proposing **to amend and split** the authorised Paulputs WEF into Paulputs North WEF and Paulputs South WEF.

**Two EA amendment applications** will be submitted to the DEFF (the Competent Authority). The Applicants (Paulputs North WEF (Pty) Ltd and Paulputs South WEF (Pty) Ltd) will request that the Department consider issuing three separate Environmental Authorisations for the amendments.

**A Separate Basic Assessment** process and Environmental Authorisation Application will be undertaken to authorise (1) a grid connection Option and (2) an on-site substation option for Paulputs South WEF. Paulputs South WEF (Pty) Ltd will request that the Department consider issuing two separate Environmental Authorisations for the Basic Assessment.

In this instance, and in accordance with any Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations), Arcus Consulting Services (Pty) Ltd, wishes to propose a virtual/online pre-application meeting with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, as the Competent Authority.

We look forward to further communication.

Kind Regards

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**From:** [Thando Boo](#)  
**To:** [Ashleigh Blackwell](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 2020-07-0039: Paulputs WEF Amendments and BAR PP Plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 1:11:33 PM  
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Dear Ashleigh

Please note that the Department has no mandate to approve the Public Participation Plan during alert level 2 of Covid-19. The direction that required submission of PPP during level 3 is no longer applicable in level 2. However, you are required to ensure that the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended are strictly followed and ensure that the disaster management directions which are still applicable are considered.

Kind regards

Thando Boo

Cell number: 066 156 0221

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**From:** Ashleigh Blackwell [mailto:[ashleighb@arcusconsulting.co.za](mailto:ashleighb@arcusconsulting.co.za)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 August 2020 12:26

**To:** Thando Boo

**Subject:** 2020-07-0039: Paulputs WEF Amendments and BAR PP Plan

Dear Thando,

Please find herewith attached the PP Plan for the 2020-07-0039: Paulputs WEF Amendments and BAR.

Please give me a call or send me an email should you wish to discuss anything further.

Have a great day,

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**From:** Ashleigh Blackwell  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2020-07-0039: Paulputs WEF Amendments and BAR Meeting Minutes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:28:00 PM  
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Dear All Attendees,

Kindly find herewith attached a copy of the Pre-Application Meeting minutes, the attendance register and the meeting presentation that was discussed.

Action items have been included for consideration in the minutes.

Should you have any comments or questions, please contact myself, or email [paulputs@arcusconsulting.co.za](mailto:paulputs@arcusconsulting.co.za)

Kind regards,

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**From:** [Ashleigh Blackwell](#)  
**To:** [Thando Boo](#)  
**Subject:** REF: 2020-07-0039: PAULPUTS WEF AMENDMENTS AND BAR MOTIVATION AS PER REGULATION 11 OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS (AS AMENDED)  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 12:33:00 PM  
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Good Afternoon Thando,

Thank you for your call this morning.

We have amended the following two letters as per our discussion. I trust you will find this in order.

Please let me know if anything is missing or unclear and we will gladly amend.

Kind Regards,

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**Chief Director**

**Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

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**Pre-Application Meeting Reference Number: 2020-07-0039**

02 September 2020

Attention: Case Officer: Thando Booï

**MOTIVATION AS PER REGULATION 11 OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS (AS AMENDED)  
TO COMBINE THE BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION FOR THE PAULPUTS WIND ENERGY  
FACILITY SOUTH SUBSTATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION**

REQUEST TO ISSUE TWO SEPARATE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS AS PART OF  
ONE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT AND APPLICATION.

WKN-WindCurrent ('WKN') under the SPV, Paulputs WEF (RF) (Pty) Ltd, received environmental authorisation for the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (WEF) on 11 December 2019, DEFF Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1160. Paulputs WEF is currently authorised for a maximum of 75 wind turbines with a total generation capacity of 300 MW, each with a maximum hub height of 140 m (rotor diameter height 180 m), one on-site substation (Option A) and an Overhead Power Line (grid connection) (Option C).

Two separate Part II Amendment Application is being undertaken to split the authorised Paulputs WEF into (1) Paulputs WEF North and (2) Paulputs WEF South - divided by the N14 National Highway. This letter addresses the Basic Assessment undertaken in respect of a 132 kV on-site substation and 132 kV Grid Connection for the Paulputs WEF South.

Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (Pty) Ltd ('Paulputs WEF South') are proposing the construction and operation of:

- Paulputs WEF South 132 kV, double circuit, loop-in/loop-out Grid Connection
- Paulputs WEF South 4 Ha on-site substation and battery storage.

Both the 132 kV grid connection and on-site substation were assessed as part of the approved Paulputs WEF (Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1160), however the DEA:DEFF only considered the preferred alternative for the approval of the EA. The Applicant appeals to the DEA:DEFF to consider allowing for a combined Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application and Basic Assessment report to be submitted in terms of Regulation 11 (3) and Regulation 11 (4).

**Regarding Regulation 11 (3 and 4) Motivation:** The Applicant intends to undertake activities triggered in respect of the on-site substation, as well as activities triggered in respect of the grid connection, within the same development, of which both are located on the Paulputs WEF South site. The grid connection will terminate at the Paulputs Eskom Substation. The proposed development of the on-site substation and grid connection are interrelated - the development of one may not proceed without the other. Combining the on-site substation and grid connection into a single basic assessment report will be preferable to simplify the EA Application process.

Following the above motivation, the Applicant would require the receipt of separate EA's, as the Grid Connection EA is expected to be transferred to Eskom after construction of the overhead powerline.

Impacts (including cumulative impacts) in respect of the on-site substation and grid connection have already been assessed as part of the Approved Paulputs WEF. For the submission of this basic assessment application, the original assessments undertaken by independent specialists (August 2019) have been revisited and verified. Verification letters will be submitted, alongside the original assessments, with this basic assessment report.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, the Department can expect the submission of one basic assessment EA application, for which two separate Environmental Authorisations is requested.

It would be duly appreciated if the above can be considered and allowed for by the DEA:DEFF. If there is any further information requested please do not hesitate to contact:

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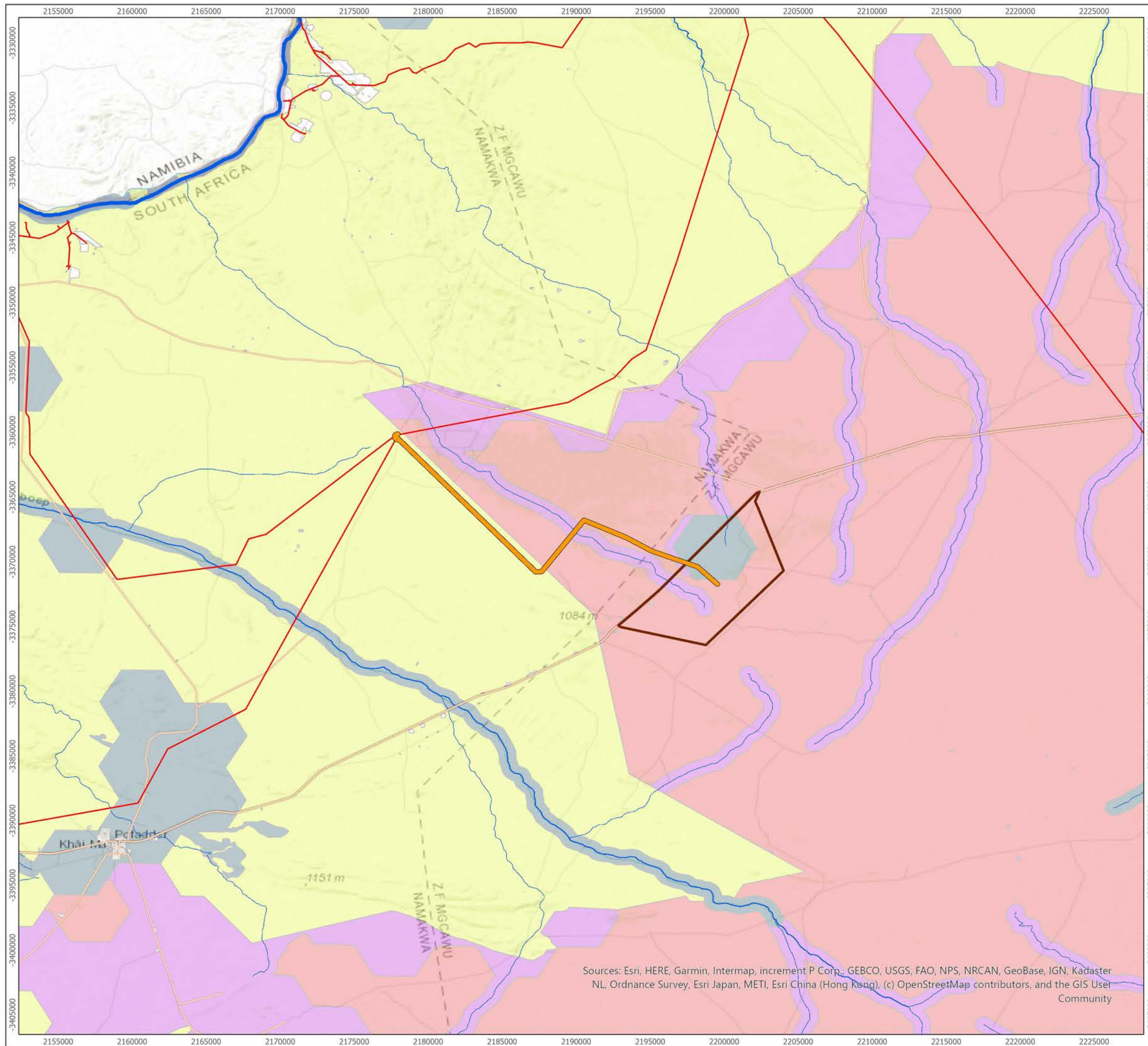
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Yours Sincerely,

Jasper Dick

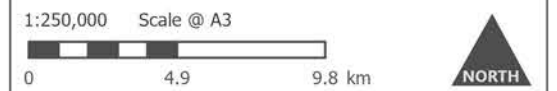
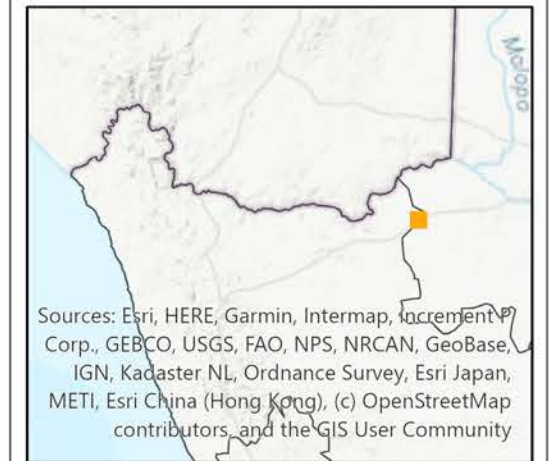
**The proposed layout of the on-site substation and grid connection has been added to this request.**





Grid Connection Paulputs South WEF

- Grid Connection Paulputs South WEF
- Paulputs South WEF Boundary
- Existing Eskom Lines
- National Roads
- NFEPA rivers
  - 1
  - 5
  - 10
- Northern Cape CBA Map
  - Critical Biodiversity Area One
  - Critical Biodiversity Area Two
  - Ecological Support Area
  - Other Natural Areas
  - Protected Area



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**Locality**

**Paulputs South WEF  
Grid Connection**

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**Cc:** [Thando Boo](#); [EIAAdmin](#)  
**Subject:** 14/12/16/3/1/7/150  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 12:39:11 PM  
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Good day.

Please find herein the attached letter for the above mentioned.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,  
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## PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Mr Dick

### **REQUEST TO SUBMIT A COMBINED APPLICATION FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS WIND ENERGY FACILITY SOUTH 132kV DOUBLE CIRCUIT LOOP-IN/LOOP-OUT GRID CONNECTION AND PAULPUTS WIND ENERGY FACILITY SOUTH 4HA ON-SITE SUBSTATION AS WELL AS THE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM**

The motivation letter requesting permission to submit a combined application for the Basic Assessment Report for the proposed Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South 132kV double circuit loop-in/loop-out grid connection and Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South 4ha on-site substation as well as the battery energy storage system (BESS) as received by this Department on 26 August 2020 as well as the additional information received on 02 September 2020, refer.

The Department has considered the information submitted in support of this request and has decided to grant WKN Wind Current SA (Pty) Ltd permission to submit one application for the abovementioned projects, in terms of Regulation 11(3) and 11(4) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, which states that:

- *"If a proponent or applicant intends undertaking more than one activity as part of the same development within the area of jurisdiction of a competent authority, a single application must be submitted for such development and the assessment of impacts, including cumulative impacts, where applicable, and consideration of the application, undertaken in terms of these Regulations, will include an assessment of all such activities forming part of the development"*

and

- *"If one or more proponents intend undertaking interrelated activities at the same or different locations within the area of jurisdiction of a competent authority, the competent authority may, in writing, agree that the proponent or proponents submit a single application in respect of all of those activities and to conduct a consolidated assessment process but the potential environmental impacts of each activity, including its cumulative impacts, must be considered in terms of the location where the activity is to be undertaken"*

Furthermore; the applicant must comply with Regulation 11(5) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended, which states that:

- "Where a combined application is submitted as contemplated in these Regulations, the proponent must, prior to submission of the application, confirm with the competent authority the fee payable in terms of the applicable regulations for such combined application"

To comply with the aforementioned regulation 11(5) of the EIA Regulations as amended, the applicant must contact the Department at [EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za](mailto:EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za) for guidance.

The applicant is required to attach this approval letter on the application form on submission to the Department.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss the points raised above, please do not hesitate to contact this Department on the contact details provided above

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Environmental Affairs**  
**Letter signed by: Ms Millicent Solomons**  
**Designation: Director: Priority Infrastructure Projects**  
**Date: 08/09/2020.**

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| cc: | Ashleigh Blackwell | Arcus Consultancy Services (Pty) Ltd | Tel: (079) 895 1456 | E-mail: <a href="mailto:ashleighb@arcusconsulting.co.za">ashleighb@arcusconsulting.co.za</a> |
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**From:** [paulputs](#)  
**To:** [Michael Moreland](#)  
**Cc:** [Javier Merry Nuñez](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Paulputs Wind Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:09:45 PM

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Good Afternoon Mike,

Apologies for such a late response.

At present the project is on hold. We anticipate submitting the Application for this project in May. As such, we are only in the beginning stages of Environmental Authorisation and do not foresee this project impacting on your proposed works for later this year/early next.

Should the status of this change, I will keep you informed.

Have a great day.

Ashleigh

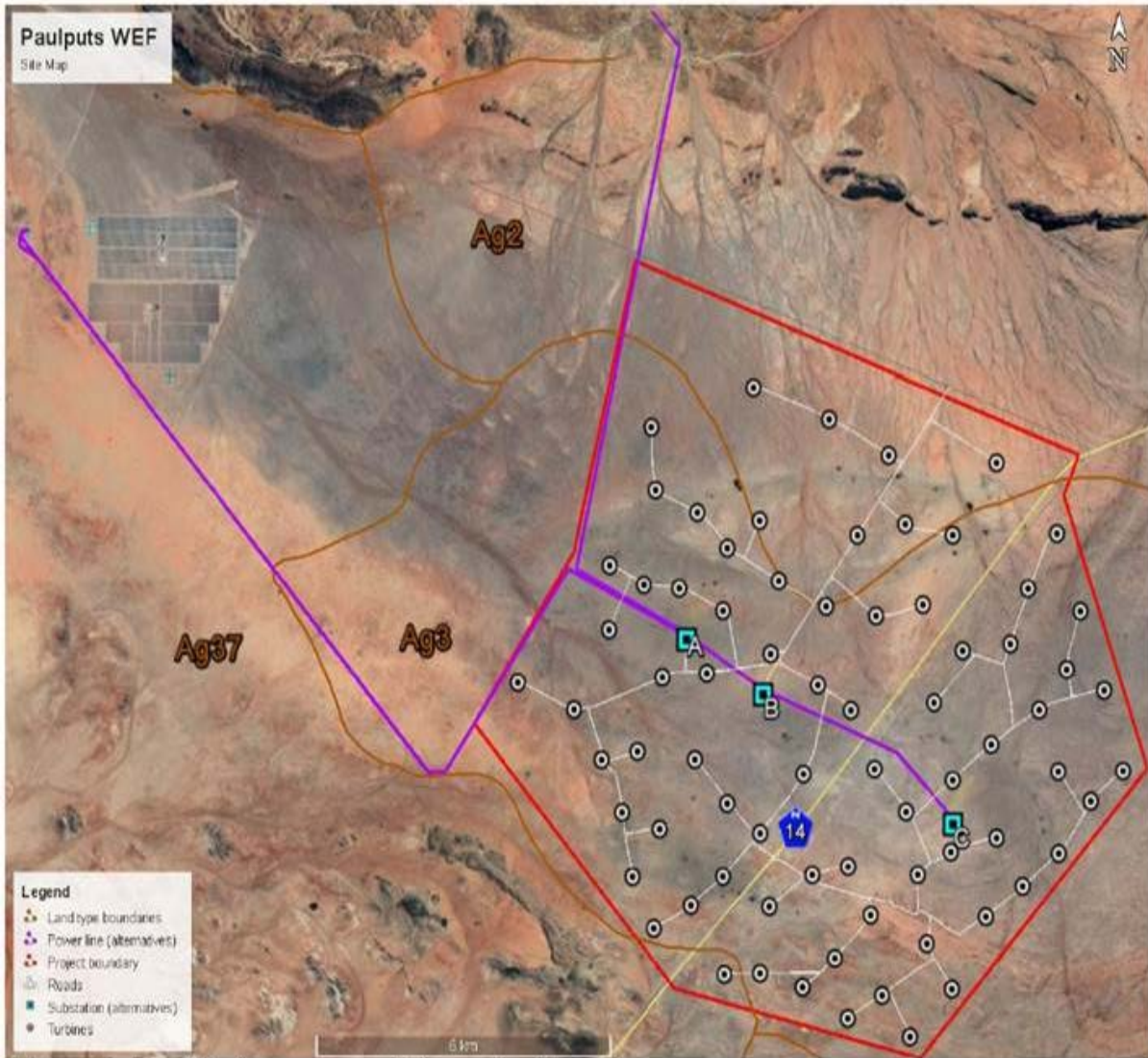
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**From:** Michael Moreland [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 11:26 AM  
**To:** paulputs; Office  
**Cc:** Javier Merry Nuñez  
**Subject:** RE: Paulputs Wind Project

Good day Jackie

I am enquiring about the proposed Paulputs wind farm, our project is located in the North West corner of the map below.



**Figure 2.** Satellite image map of the project layout.

We would like some information about the status of the project and planned commencement dates, we are planning some works at a high level for late 2021 and 2022 would like to know if the proposed project can potentially impact our planning regarding:

Road accessibility

Substation outage

Dust fall out for construction during months with high winds (August)

Regards

Michael Victor Moreland

Environmental & Quality Manager

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**From:** [paulputs](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Bcc:** [Ashlin Bodasing](#); [Ashleigh Blackwell](#)  
**Subject:** Request to be registered as an I&AP for the Paulputs Project Development Process  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 11:14:37 AM  
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Dear Claudia,

This e-mail is to confirm your e-mail addresses as received telephonically this morning.

**DEFF Reference Numbers: To Be Confirmed**

**Older DEFF Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120**

**Nature and Location of Activity:** The authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and Grid Connection is located approximately 50 km north-east of Pofadder and approximately 80 km north-west of Kakamas, in the Northern Cape Province. Paulputs North Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd intend to follow two Part II Amendment Processes and Paulputs South Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd intend to follow a Part II Amendment and Basic Assessment Process.

Your details will be added to the Interested and Affected Party Database for this Project and you will receive all correspondence once the Public Participation Process to be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, commences.

Thank You

Kind Regards

**Aneesah Alwie**

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**From:** [Salizwa Camagu](#)  
**To:** [paulputs](#)  
**Cc:** [Veronique Fyfe](#); [Caryn Clarke](#)  
**Subject:** Registration as Interested and Affected Party(I&AP)  
**Date:** Monday, June 14, 2021 2:41:55 PM

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Hi Aneesah

Can you please register us as an I&AP for the following project:  
Paulputs WEF and Grid Connection - 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120

Thanks,

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Salizwa Camagu | Environmental Intern  
G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd



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**To:** [paulputs](#)  
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In reference to the above mentioned please refer and forward the above request to Veronique Fyfe as the main contact point, using the following email address [eia@g7energies.com](mailto:eia@g7energies.com)

Thanks,

On Mon, 14 Jun 2021 at 14:41, Salizwa Camagu <[salizwa@g7energies.com](mailto:salizwa@g7energies.com)> wrote:

Hi Aneesah

Can you please register us as an I&AP for the following project:  
Paulputs WEF and Grid Connection - 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120

Thanks,

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Salizwa Camagu | Environmental Intern  
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## Ashleigh von der Heyden

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**From:** paulputs  
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**To:** Ashleigh von der Heyden  
**Subject:** Initial Notification: Proposed Amendments of the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility and Basic Assessment Process  
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Dear Interested and Affected Parties

**Project Title 1: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility, Northern Cape Province.**

**Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility North (RF) (Pty) Ltd.**

**Project Title 2: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility 132kV grid connection,**

**Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility North (RF) (Pty) Ltd**

**Project Title 3: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility, Northern Cape Province.**

**Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd**

**Project Title 4: Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection & associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd**

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Person : Ashleigh von der Heyden

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Thank you,

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Good Day

Can we kindly have the kmz files for the project.

Kind regards

Martina



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Kind regards

**Thea Liebenberg**

Media Administrator



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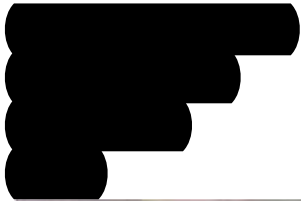
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Dear Managers

Kindly note for your attention.

Regards

**Lindiwe Franks**  
**Office of the Provincial Head: Northern Cape Region**



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Good day

Please note that I am on leave from the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 19 August 2021, for any work related issues please contact:

Lerato Mokgwatlheng

[Redacted contact information]

Or

Rudzani Ranwedzi

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Thank you

Warm regards

Khululwa



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Good day

For all enquiries please call the office at 053 807 5700 or email to Mr. Mokale [REDACTED] or Ms. Romain [REDACTED]

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Kind regards

Ryan

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Mnr Martin Arendse by [redacted] kontak.  
Sy telefoonnommer is: [redacted]  
Vriendelike Groete  
Petro

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Thank you for the information. Could you kindly send me kmz files of these proposed developments to see exactly where they are in relation to our infrastructure and future projects.



Regards,  
Mpilo



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Please send me KMZ files of the proposed grid connections, affected properties and layout of the WEF's.

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Thank you Rene. You have been removed.

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Kind regards

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**To:** [Kate MacEwan](#)  
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Thank you Kate. Noted.

I trust you are doing well in the USA.

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**Subject:** Re: Initial Notification: Proposed Amendments of the Paulputs Wind Energy Facility and Basic Assessment Process

Dear Ashleigh

Please kindly take me off your I&AP mailing list and rather be in touch with the new SABAA chair – Kate (Eleanor) Richardson as to whether she would like to be the recipient of these notices or who should be at SABAA.

I now live in the USA.

Kind regards  
Kate MacEwan

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Thank you Natasha. Noted

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**From:** [Lydia Kutu](#)  
**To:** [Ashleigh von der Heyden](#)  
**Cc:** [Thando Boo](#); [Salome Mambane](#)  
**Subject:** 14/12/16/3/3/1/2417  
**Date:** Friday, August 27, 2021 3:51:53 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS) AND BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS SOUTH WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON-SITE SUBSTATION, BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Application form and draft Basic Assessment Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 20 August 2021. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

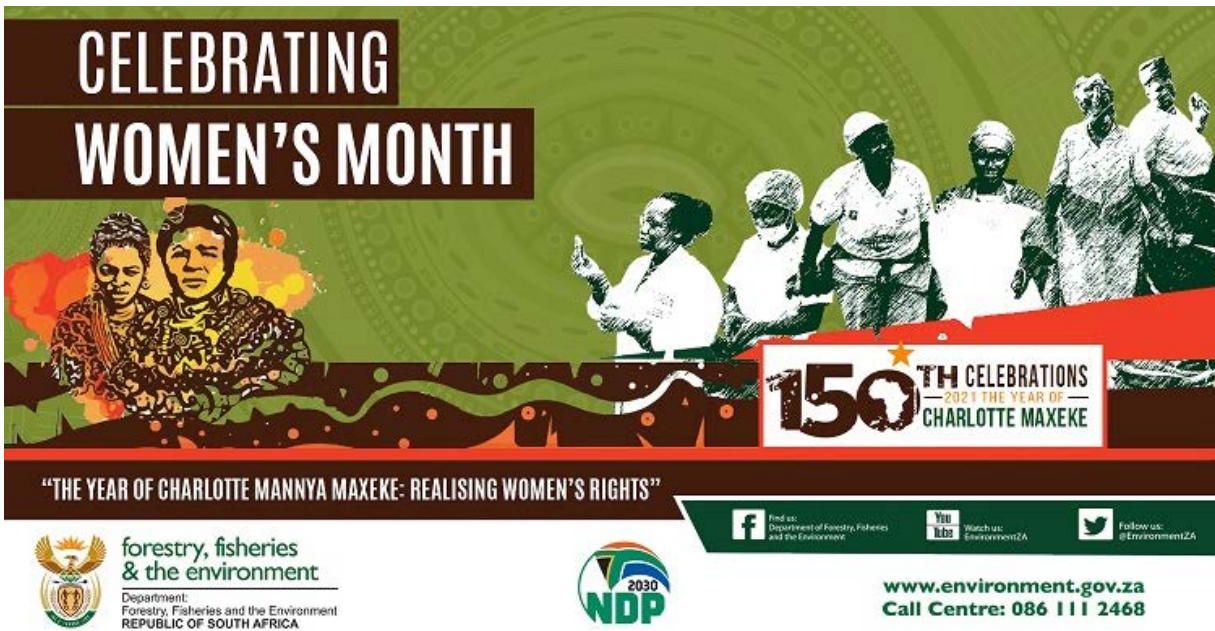
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You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kind Regards,  
Lydia Kutu  
Integrated Environmental Authorisations:  
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**Lydia Kutu**  
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**To:** [paulputs](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Notification of Resubmission of Application and unchanged Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection and Paulputs South WEF Substation  
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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**NOTIFICATION OF RESUBMISSION OF TWO BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**THE PROPOSED BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR PAULPUTS WIND ENERGY FACILITY SOUTH (PTY) LTD 132KV GRID CONNECTION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

**AND**

**THE PROPOSED BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR PAULPUTS WIND ENERGY FACILITY SOUTH (PTY) LTD SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd ('PWEF'), a wholly owned subsidiary of WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd, was granted environmental authorisation for the 300MW (75 turbines) Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated 132kV OHPL on 11 December 2019 by the Department Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) (Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120). As part of the original Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), three alternative OHPL options (A, B and C) and three alternative onsite substation options (A, B and C) were assessed. The Competent Authority (CA), DEFF, chose to only issue a favourable authorisation for the preferred OHPL option 'C' and onsite substation option 'A'.

To comply with the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) bidding requirements, the abovementioned 300MW Paulputs WEF is being split into the 150MW Paulputs South WEF and the 150MW Paulputs North WEF (being split as part of a separate amendment application). The authorised OHPL option 'C' and on-site substation option 'A' will be used for Paulputs North WEF and a new authorisation for additional electrical infrastructure is now required to connect Paulputs South WEF to the National Grid.

In effect of the above, Paulputs South (the Applicant) intend to apply for two separate Environmental Authorisations for the construction and operation of the proposed development, which includes: A 132 kV, double circuit, loop-in/loop-out Grid Connection and 4.4 ha substation yard comprising: 1.2 ha on-site substation, 1 ha for offices, 1.2ha battery energy storage systems (BESS), and 1 ha permanent laydown area.

On 03 August 2021, a combined application for both the grid connection and substation was submitted, and two separate Environmental Authorisation reference numbers was requested from the DFFE. The DFFE acknowledged this application in compliance with the NEMA EIA Regulations on 04 August 2021. The same day, this application was then rejected stating that a combined application could not be accepted. As a result, Arcus have resubmitted the same reports and appendices, however split the combined application into two:

- **Application One:** A 132 kV, double circuit, loop-in/loop-out Grid Connection; and
- **Application Two:** 4.4 ha substation yard comprising: 1.2 ha on-site substation, 1 ha for offices, 1.2ha battery energy storage systems (BESS), and 1 ha permanent laydown area

Public Participation for the **Draft Reports remain unchanged. No changes have been made to the contents of the Draft Reports.** The Draft Reports have been made available for public review and comment from the **Monday, 02 August 2021 to Thursday, 02 September 2021 (both days inclusive).** The reports are subjected to compliance in accordance with EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA). These reports and applications have been submitted under Chapter 4 (basic assessment). Moreover the processes take into consideration Chapter 2 Regulation 3 (1); (2) and (3) of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998).

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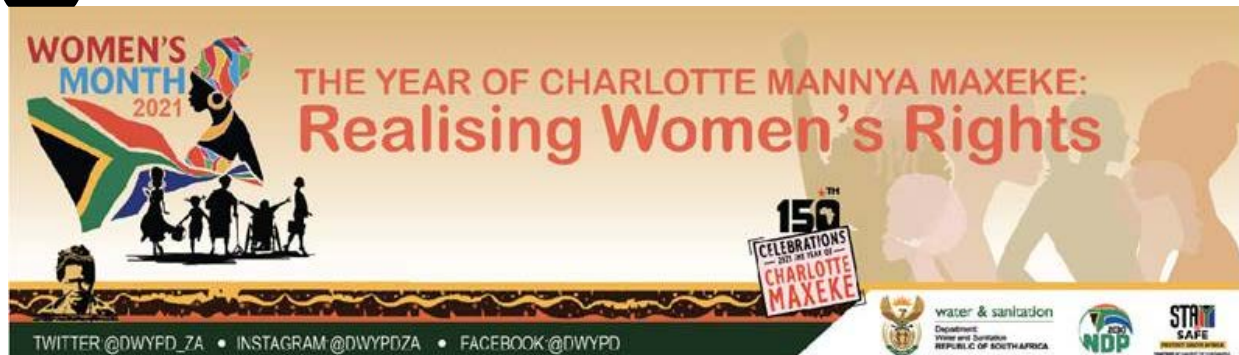
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**Lindiwe Franks**  
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Good Morning,

A CD copy can be couriered to you. Please provide a forwarding address.

Kindly note however, that the 30 –day I&AP comment period for the project closes tomorrow 02 September.

Regards,

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Good day

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Regards  
Alexia

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**To:** Hlengani Alexia (UPN) <[HlenganiA@dws.gov.za](mailto:HlenganiA@dws.gov.za)>; paulputs <[paulputs@arcusconsulting.co.za](mailto:paulputs@arcusconsulting.co.za)>

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- D81E Samoep
- D81F Kaboep

The above-mentioned mainstem catchment systems are short tributaries of the Orange (Gariep) River, which are largely ephemeral alluvial systems

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Regards  
Alexia

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**To:** [paulputs](#)  
**Cc:** [Ashleigh von der Heyden](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, August 16, 2021 7:53:00 AM  
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Good Morning Ashleigh

I trust you are well.

Enviroworks would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party on behalf of XiNa Solar One (RF)(PTY) Ltd on the following:

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4. **Project Title 4: Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection & associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd.**

We are in process of assessing the impacts that the proposed development will have on the XiNa Solar One Power Generation Facility and will provide comments before the closing date of the Notification Period.

Can you please confirm receipt of this email.

I hope you find the above mentioned in order, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

Christoff (Doepie) du Plessis



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**Subject:** Acknowledgement of receipt -14/12/16/3/3/2/1120/AM1  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 7:53:57 PM

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Dear Ms von der Heyden

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The Department confirms having received the application for amendment of the Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 05 August 2021.

Please note that your application for amendment of the environmental authorisation falls within the ambit of amendments to be applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of these Regulations.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sabelo Malaza  
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
Letter signed by: Mr Mahlatse Shubane  
Designation: Control Environmental Officer: Priority Infrastructure Projects  
Date: 11 August 2021

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**To:** paulputs  
**Cc:** Shalot Sekonko; Aulicia Maifo  
**Subject:** DBAR comments for Paulputs wef's and grid connections  
**Attachments:** Signed Comments on the proposed Paulputs WEF South.pdf; Signed Comments on the DBAR for the Paulputs South Grid Connection.pdf; Signed Comments for the Paulputs North WEF Associated Infrastructure.pdf; Signed Comments for the Paulputs 132KV Grid Connection.pdf

Dear Ms. Von der Heyden

Please receive the attached comments from Directorate :Biodiversity Conservation for your attention and implementation.

Trust that you find all in order.

Regards,  
Ms M Rabothata  
Tel: 012 399 9174

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## PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Ashleigh Von der Heyden

### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS SOUTH WEF GRID CONNECTION, BESS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned draft report.

Based on the information provided in the report, the northern section of the powerline intersects with a designated Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) 2 and the southern end with a designated Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) 1. Developments within CBA 1 are not permitted as are regarded as areas that are irreplaceable or near irreplaceable for meeting biodiversity targets unless being transformed, but in CBA 2 developments are considered to be favorable and suitable as they fall within medium or low area. Therefore, no fatal flaws are to be anticipated as the footprint within these areas will be restricted to pylon footprints only and will be minor in the area.

Notwithstanding the above, the following recommendations must be considered in the final report:

- Final walk-through of the approved development footprint must be conducted to ensure that sensitive habitats and species are avoided where possible.
- Search and rescue plan must be developed for confirmation of those species that have a high probability of occurrence and which will be impacted by the proposed development.
- Any protected plant species must not be removed or damaged prior to obtaining permit from relevant National or Provincial Authorities.
- Sensitive habitats in close proximity to the development footprint must be avoided or demarcated as No-Go area i.e. Nests and Kaboep River.



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- Alien Invasive Plant Species Management and Rehabilitation Plans must be developed and submitted as part of the final report to mitigate on habitat degradation due to erosion and alien plant invasion.
- Suitable bird repelling structures and bird diverters must be considered to avoid collision of birds with the infrastructure.

In conclusion please note that all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: [BCAdmin@environment.gov.za](mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za) for attention of **Mr Seoka Lekota**.

Yours faithfully



**Mr. Seoka Lekota**  
**Control Biodiversity Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment**  
**Date: 01/09/21**

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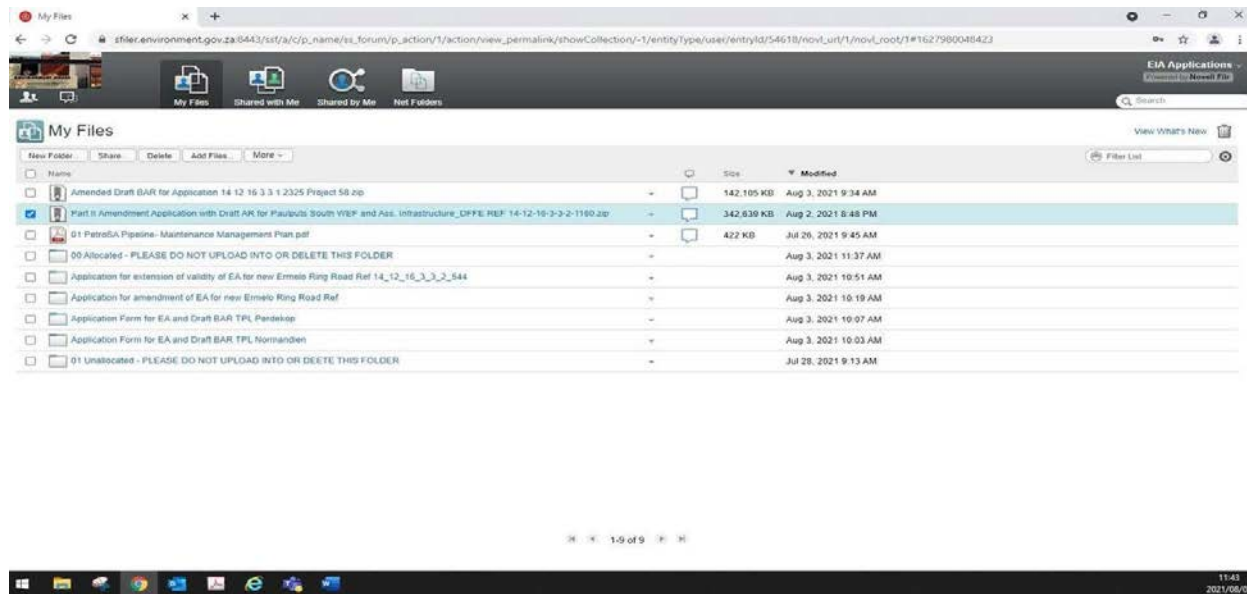
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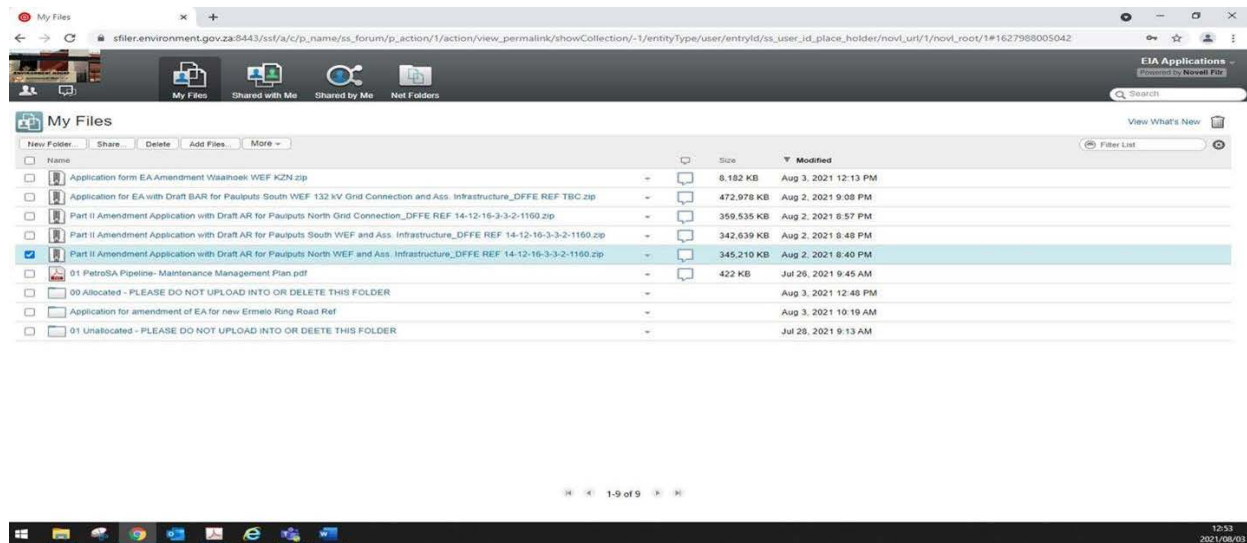
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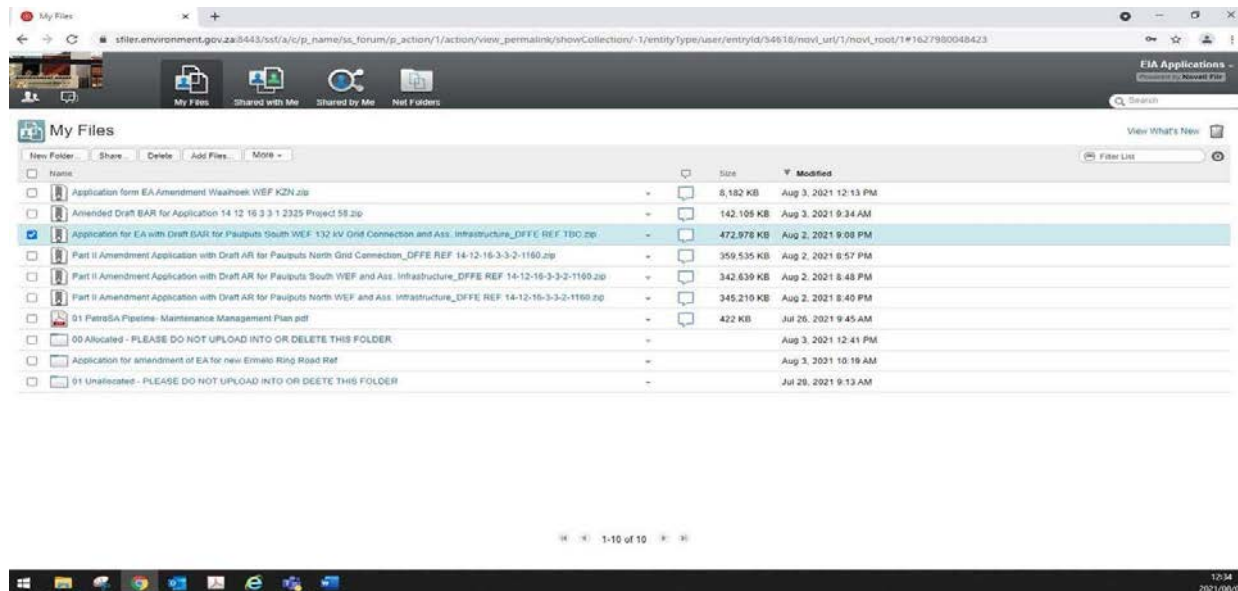
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Dear Ashleigh/Paulputs

14/12/16/3/3/1/2403

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION AND DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOLLOWING A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS SOUTH WIND ENERGY FACILITY 132kV GRID CONNECTION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

The Department confirms having received the Application and Draft Basic Assessment Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 03 August 2021. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 2 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kindly quote the abovementioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application

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**Subject:** RE: Notification of Availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection  
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Kind regards,

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Good Afternoon,

I would like to ask if there has been any change in the properties involved, as per initial e-mails circulated in January 2020.

At that time we indicated that our department, DRDLR (now known as the DALRRD) was not the owner of any of the properties involved/ identified.

We noted that there *may* be communities (as identified in terms of the Transformation of Certain Rural Areas Act – TRANCRAA) that might be impacted; You were subsequently referred to Mr Itumeleng Mashune for further engagement/ confirmation (if neighbouring farms form part of TRANCRAA land, and if so, contact details for relevant community representatives).

**If** there have been any changes in properties, please provide that information, i.e. complete property description(s) which would include farm number, name and Registration Division (RD), to myself and Deidre Koopman (also copied in this e-mail), so we can confirm ownership and respond accordingly.

Kind Regards

Cindy


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Dear Sir/Madam

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the Notification of availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Ms Rabothata (both copied on this email) and myself.

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Regards  
Ms Sekonko

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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

**NOTIFICATION OF RESUBMISSION OF TWO BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**THE PROPOSED BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR PAULPUTS WIND ENERGY FACILITY SOUTH (PTY) LTD 132KV GRID CONNECTION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

**AND**

**THE PROPOSED BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR PAULPUTS WIND ENERGY FACILITY SOUTH (PTY) LTD SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd ('PWEF'), a wholly owned subsidiary of WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd, was granted environmental authorisation for the 300MW (75 turbines) Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated 132kV OHPL on 11 December 2019 by the Department Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE) (Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120). As part of the original Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), three alternative OHPL options (A, B and C) and three alternative onsite substation options (A, B and C) were assessed. The Competent Authority (CA), DEFF, chose to only issue a favourable authorisation for the preferred OHPL option 'C' and onsite substation option 'A'.

To comply with the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) bidding requirements, the abovementioned 300MW Paulputs WEF is being split into the 150MW Paulputs South WEF and the 150MW Paulputs North WEF (being split as part of a separate amendment application). The authorised OHPL option 'C' and on-site substation option 'A' will be used for Paulputs North WEF and a new authorisation for additional electrical infrastructure is now required to connect Paulputs South WEF to the National Grid.

In effect of the above, Paulputs South (the Applicant) intend to apply for two separate Environmental Authorisations for the construction and operation of the proposed development, which includes: A 132 kV, double circuit, loop-in/loop-out Grid Connection and 4.4 ha substation yard comprising: 1.2 ha on-site substation, 1 ha for offices, 1.2ha battery energy storage systems (BESS), and 1 ha permanent laydown area.

On 03 August 2021, a combined application for both the grid connection and substation was submitted, and two separate Environmental Authorisation reference numbers was requested from the DFFE. The DFFE acknowledged this application in compliance with the NEMA EIA Regulations on 04 August 2021. The same day, this application was then rejected siting that a combined application could not be accepted. As a result, Arcus have resubmitted the same reports and appendices, however split the combined application into two:

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Good Morning Christoff,

Doing fantastic thanks for asking. I trust you are well as well? Always nice hearing from other EAPs.

Super. You have been registered on our database.

Should there be anything that you would like clarity on, I would be happy to set up a meeting to discuss? This way the team can make sure that all comments/concerns are adequately addressed prior to the submission of the final amendments and BAR.

Please do let me know.

Have a super day.

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**Cc:** Ashleigh von der Heyden <ashleighvdh@arcusconsulting.co.za>

**Subject:** 3944 Paulputs WEF Amendments & BAR - Registration of XiNa Solar One (RF)(PTY) Ltd as I&AP.

Good Morning Ashleigh

I trust you are well.

Enviroworks would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party on behalf of XiNa Solar One (RF)(PTY) Ltd on the following:

1. **Project Title 1: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility North (RF) (Pty) Ltd;**
2. **Project Title 2: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility 132kV grid connection, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility North (RF) (Pty) Ltd;**
3. **Project Title 3: Part II Amendment of the Authorised Paulputs Wind Energy Facility, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd; and,**
4. **Project Title 4: Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection & associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province. Application in respect of Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd.**

We are in process of assessing the impacts that the proposed development will have on the XiNa Solar One Power Generation Facility and will provide comments before the closing date of the Notification Period.

Can you please confirm receipt of this email.

I hope you find the above mentioned in order, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards/Vriendelike Groete

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Good Morning Cobus,

Apologies for the late response. I trust that you are doing well?

I see that you own Farm Lucas Vlei 93, Portion 5?

You have been identified as a indirectly affected landowner (surrounding landowner) and no infrastructure will be located on any portion of your farm.

Please do let me know if you have any other questions.

Have a fantastic day further.

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**Subject:**

Hi Ashleigh

Is it possible to send me a map of all the farms where the wind turbines will be erected as it is not clear on the previous maps that I received. Our farm is in the area and I just want clarity if any of the turbines will be on our property. I have no objections and just want clarity.

Kind regards

Cobus Greeff

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Good Morning Cynthia,

Thank you for your email.

There has been **no change** in the properties from the email circulated in January 2020.

The remainder of your email is noted. Although no communities have been identified at this stage in the Application process, the EAP will make contact with Mr Itumeleng Mashune as suggested.

Kind Regards,

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**Subject:** FW: Notification of Availability of Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment



Report: Paulputs WEF Amendment and Split and Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection

Good Afternoon,

I would like to ask if there has been any change in the properties involved, as per initial e-mails circulated in January 2020.

At that time we indicated that our department, DRDLR (now known as the DALRRD) was not the owner of any of the properties involved/ identified.

We noted that there *may* be communities (as identified in terms of the Transformation of Certain Rural Areas Act – TRANCRAA) that might be impacted; You were subsequently referred to Mr Itumeleng Mashune for further engagement/ confirmation (if neighbouring farms form part of TRANCRAA land, and if so, contact details for relevant community representatives).

**If** there have been any changes in properties, please provide that information, i.e. complete property description(s) which would include farm number, name and Registration Division (RD), to myself and Deidre Koopman (also copied in this e-mail), so we can confirm ownership and respond accordingly.

Kind Regards

Cindy

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Dear Stakeholder

**NOTIFICATION OF THREE PART II AMENDMENT PROCESSES AND A NEW BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**Notice is hereby given for each project.** You are identified as the Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) / Stakeholder for the following four projects:

1. 150MW Paulputs WEF North and Associated Infrastructure – Amendment Application 1
2. 132kV Grid Connection for Paulputs WEF North – Amendment Application 2
3. 150 MW Paulputs WEF South and Associated Infrastructure - Amendment Application 3
4. A Separate Basic Assessment process and Environmental Authorisation will be undertaken to

authorise a 132kV Grid connection, On-site substation and Battery Energy Storage as part of the Paulputs South WEF. Both the grid connection and substation were assessed as part of the approved Paulputs WEF (Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1160)

**Public Participation Process (PPP) will be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended. Kindly find the Notification Letters for the respective projects attached.**

**NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENT AND BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

**The Draft Reports** are available for public review and comment for 30 days from the **Monday, 02 August 2021 to Wednesday, 01 September 2021 (both days inclusive)** in hard copy and online (electronic copy), as per the below:

- Volume I - Draft Reports (Amendment / BA Report)
- Volume II - Specialist Statements and / or Report

**Electronic Copy Access:**

Paulputs WEF Part II Amendments: <https://arcusconsulting.co.za/projects/paulputs-wef-part-ii-amendments/>

Paulputs South WEF 132kV Grid Connection (BA Process):

<https://arcusconsulting.co.za/projects/paulputs-south-wef-132kv-grid-connection/>

**Hard Copy of each Amendment and BA Report is available at the following public location:**

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With reference to the proposed projects, please send your comments on the Draft Amendment Reports and Draft Basic Assessment Report in writing or verbally on or before the **01 September 2021** using the following platforms:

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Thank You

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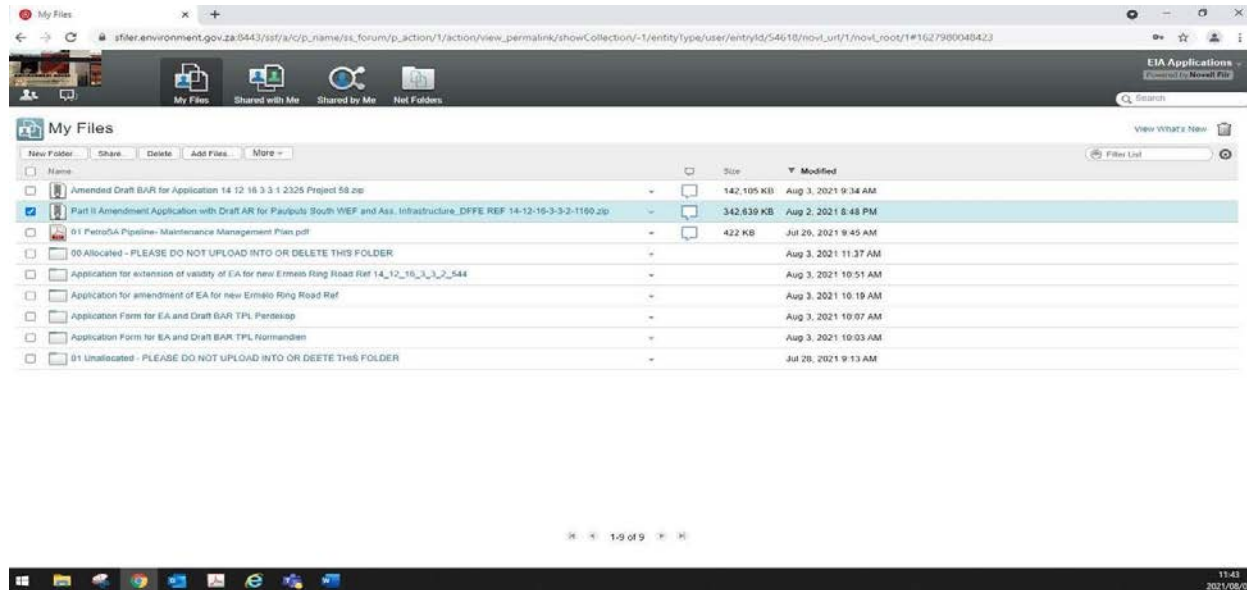
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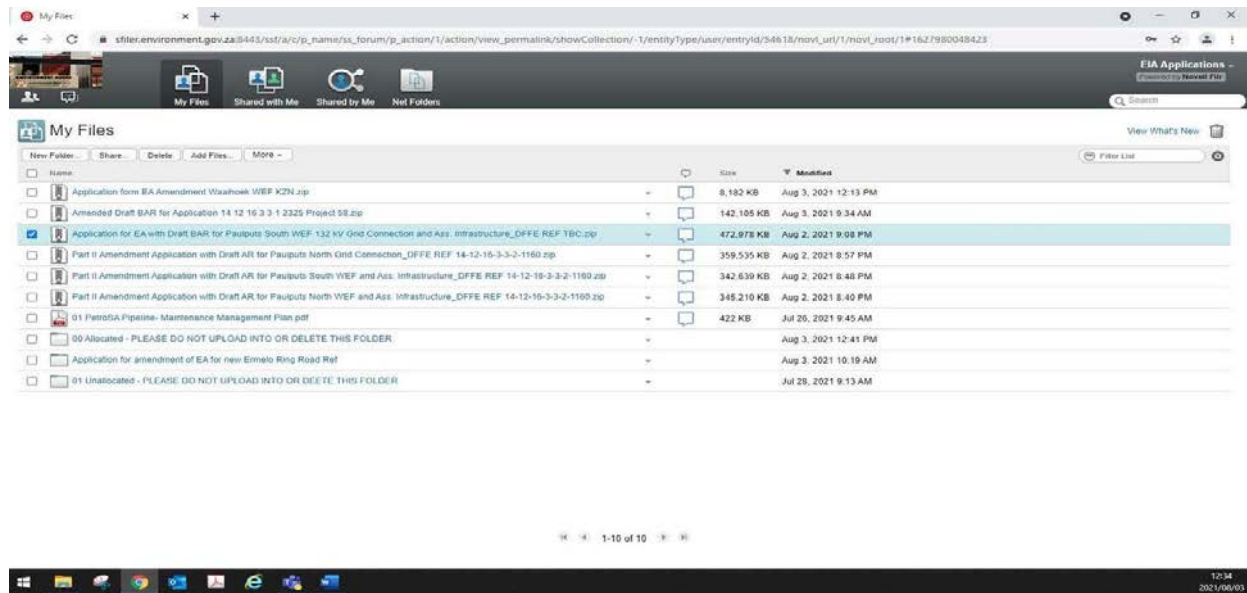
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Kindly note that the Department have approved the request that two separate EAs be issued in regard to the abovementioned project. Please find approval attached for reference. This approval is also contained in Appendix 6 of the PPP Report.

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## Final Comment

**In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

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**Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (RF) (Pty) Ltd ('PWEF'), a wholly owned subsidiary of WKN Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd, was granted environmental authorisation for the 300MW (75 turbines) Paulputs Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated 132kV OHPL on 11 December 2019 by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) (DEFF Reference No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/1120). As part of the original Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), three alternative OHPL options (A, B and C) and three alternative on-site substation options (A, B and C) were assessed. The Competent Authority (CA), DEFF, chose to only issue a favourable authorisation for the preferred OHPL option 'C' and on-site substation option 'A'. To comply with the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) bidding requirements, the abovementioned 300MW Paulputs WEF is being split into the 150MW Paulputs South WEF and the 150MW Paulputs North WEF (being split as part of a separate amendment application). The authorised OHPL option 'C' and on-site substation option 'A' will be used for Paulputs North WEF and a new authorisation for additional electrical infrastructure is now required to connect Paulputs South WEF to the National Grid. In effect of the above, Paulputs South (the Applicant) intend to apply for Environmental Authorisation for the construction and operation of the proposed development, which includes: • A 132 kV, double circuit, loop-in/loop-out Grid Connection; and a • A 4.4 ha substation yard comprising: 1.2 ha on-site substation, 1 ha for offices, 1.2 ha battery energy storage systems (BESS), and 1 ha permanent laydown area**

Arcus Consultancy Services South Africa (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Paulputs Wind Energy Facility South (RF) (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed Paulputs South Wind Energy Facility (WEF) Grid Connection and associated infrastructure, Northern Cape Province.

A draft Basic Assessment Report (DBAR) has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA EIA Regulations. The proposed development includes the construction of a double circuit overhead powerline which will loop-in and loop-out of the on-site substation

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and existing Eskom Paulputs Main Transmission Substation. The substation yard will comprise a on-site substation, offices, temporary storage area which will be used by the Battery Energy Storage System (NESS) and permanent laydown area. It is noted that the footprint of the development was assessed during the original EA application for the Paulputs WEF discussed in SAHRIS Case ID 13356 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/paulputs-wind-energy-facility-northern-cape-province>). In a Final Comment issued on the 16/08/2019, SAHRA noted no objections to the development and provided conditions (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/527055>).

ASHA Consulting has been appointed to provide heritage specialist input as part of the EA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA, and in terms of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) as required by section 38(8) of the NHRA.

*Orton, J. 2020. Paulputs Wind Energy Facility Split: Heritage Considerations*

The specialist stated that no new/unanticipated impacts are envisaged, and the original impact assessment ratings apply. Recommendations provided include the following:

- The final authorised layout for the power line, substation, battery storage system and any other areas to be disturbed must be surveyed by an archaeologist prior to construction in order to identify any remaining potential impacts that may need mitigation;
- Identified sensitive sites must be treated as no-go areas throughout the lifetime of the project. These are to be confirmed during the pre-construction survey;
- If any archaeological material or human burials are uncovered during the course of development then work in the immediate area should be halted. The find would need to be reported to the heritage authorities and may require inspection by an archaeologist. Such heritage is the property of the state and may require excavation and curation in an approved institution.

## Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final BAR and EMP:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) has no objections to the proposed development;

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- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialists are supported and must be adhered to. Further additional specific conditions are provided for the development as follows:
- A report detailing the results of the pre-construction survey must be submitted to SAHRA for review and comment prior to the construction phase. No construction may occur without comments in this regard;
- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
  - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
  - The Final BAR and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
  - The decision regarding the EA Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

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**Terms & Conditions:**

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

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Good day.

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I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

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## **PER MAIL / E-MAIL**

Dear Ms von der Heyden

### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PAULPUTS SOUTH WIND ENERGY FACILITY 132kV GRID CONNECTION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE.**

The draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) dated July 2021 and received by this Department on 20 August 2021, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final BAR:

#### **Project description**

On page 7 of the application form in the project description, it is indicated that both monopoles and lattice structures are being considered for this development while on page 20 of the draft BAR it is stated that "*the preferred supporting structure would be a concrete or steel monopole as these are the Eskom standard and are cost effective*". Ensure that the same type of structure to be used in this development is indicated throughout the report.

#### **Listed Activities**

- On page 14 of the application form in the description of the project activity that triggers the listed activity that relates to activity 14 of Listing Notice 3, the word "**may**" is used in relation to construction of bridges and infrastructure within 32m of a watercourse. You are advised to refrain from using the word may, rather the word will should be used to qualify what it is listed and to be considered during the review and decision making.
- In listed activities 4, 12, 14, 18 and 23 of Listing Notice 3, the sub activities "(ee) Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans; (ee) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem services areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans and (ii) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans" are applied for. You are required to confirm whether or not there is a systematic

biodiversity plan adopted by the MEC of the Northern Cape Provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation or a bioregional plan.

- Listed activity 23 of Listing Notice 3 has been applied for. However, the threshold in terms of square metres was not mentioned on page 14 of 34 of the application form.
- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. Only activities applicable to the development must be applied for and assessed.
- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final BAR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.

### **Project details**

- It has been noted on page iii under executive summary that the Applicant is expecting the Department to issue 2 (two) separate environmental authorisation for overhead power line and substation including BESS. Taking into consideration there are separate applications (Ref. No 14/12/16/3/3/1/2417 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/2418) already submitted, you are advised to correct the aforesaid information and clearly indicate what is expected from the Department.
- You are required to clearly indicate the technical details and other details that are applicable to this application i.e. project description, location, listed activities and conditions recommended for inclusion in the environmental authorisation.
- Furthermore, it has been noted that the DBAR for the overhead power line (14/12/16/3/3/1/2418) and on-site substation as well as BESS (14/12/16/3/3/1/2417) are the same, therefore, you are advised to compile these reports taking into consideration what has been applied for in each application, ensure relevant impacts are identified, assessed and mitigation measures incorporated in the final report.

### **Alternatives**

- On page iv under the summary of the consideration of alternatives of the draft BAR, it is stated that "*Layout Alternatives: The preferred layout of the OHPL and substation was assessed as part of the authorised Paulputs WEF EIA (Arcus, 2019)*" however this development does not include a substation, therefore, you are required to provide a layout alternative that is relevant to this development as per the requirements of Appendix 1(3)(1)(h)(i). In addition, you are reminded that the power line applied for in this application and its location were not part of the approved application. Therefore, you are advised to refrain from referring to the previous application and ensure impacts for the proposed power line are adequately identified, assessed and measures are included in the final report.

### **Specialist Assessment**

- It has been noted that the two screening tool reports titled "*Paulputs WEF Part II Amendments*" and "*Basic Assessment for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection*" are appended to this application. Ensure that the correct screening report is appended to the application.
- Additionally, the correct screening report will inform the specialist studies to be conducted as part of this application.
- On the screening tool report titled "*Basic Assessment for the Proposed Paulputs South WEF Grid Connection*" the project site has a sensitivity rating of very high for aquatic biodiversity theme as such Aquatic Biodiversity Specialist Assessment must be compiled as per the requirements of GN320 of 20 March 2020.

### **Cumulative Assessment**

Should there be any other similar projects within a 35km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must be refined to indicate the following:

- Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined.



- Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
- A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

### **Recommendation and conclusion**

In section 13 on page 120 of the draft BAR, it is stated that "*The proposed development of a OHPL, Battery Energy Storage System and on-site substation*" is required for the authorised Paulputs South WEF to provide much needed renewable energy to the country's grid", however this application is for 132kV grid connection, not BESS and onsite-substation. Ensure that the final BAR refer to the correct activities applied for.

### **Layout and sensitivity map**

- The Department has noted that a layout plan has not been provided for the proposed development instead a map titled Paulputs South Grid connection site sensitivity (Figure 11.1) is provided, therefore, ensure that a layout at an appropriate scale for the proposed development is attached to the final BAR. The layout plan must indicate the following:
  - All onsite infrastructure (existing and proposed);
  - The location of sensitive environmental features on site, e.g., wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;
  - Buffer areas; and all "no-go" areas;
  - The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map.
  - Must have clear legend that communicate with the details on the map.

### **Locality map**

It has been noted that a locality map titled "*Paulputs South WEF Grid, substation and BESS*" is appended to the BAR, however, a locality map that is relevant to this application must be appended to the final BAR.

### **Environmental Management Programme**

Ensure that the maps attached in section 7.2 of the generic EMP are specific to this application.

### **Undertaking of an Oath**

- The Department has noted that the submitted application form has an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP. However, the aforementioned oath was not included in the draft BAR, but rather an appendix of the application form attached to the BAR. Please note that the final BAR must also have an undertaking under oath/ affirmation by the EAP.
- Based on the above, you are therefore required to include an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP (administered by a Commissioner of Oaths) as per Appendix 1(3)(r) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that the BAR must include:  
*"an undertaking under oath or affirmation by the EAP in relation to:*
  - a) the correctness of the information provided in the reports;*
  - b) the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs;*
  - c) the inclusion of inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports where relevant; and*
  - d) any information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested and affected parties".*

### **Public Participation Process**

- Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final BAR. This includes but not limited to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Biodiversity Planning and Conservation at BCAdmin@environment.gov.za; Department of Environment and Nature Conservation: Northern Cape; Department of Economic Development and Tourism;

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development, Northern Cape; Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS); Department of Rural Development and Land Reform; Department of Social Development; Department of Transport, Roads and Public Works; Department of Transport; Department of Mineral Resources; ESKOM Holdings SOC; Khai-Ma Local Municipality; Kai !Garib Local Municipalities; Namakwa District Municipality; ZF Mgcawu District Municipality; South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); Square Kilometre Array (SKA); South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA); Air Traffic and Navigation Services SOC Limited (ATNS), Agri SA Northern Cape; Birdlife South Africa; Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA); Endangered Wildlife Trust; Leads 2 Business and Building Energy South Africa (PTY) Ltd.

- Furthermore, ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft BAR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final BAR.
- Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final BAR. This must indicate that this draft BAR has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.

Please also ensure that the final BAR includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 1(3)(1)(q) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 19(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: *“Where basic assessment must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority – (a) a basic assessment report, inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority”.*

Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the BAR or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 19(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: *“the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a) and that the revised documents will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days.”*

Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



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