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Geagte belangstellende en geaffekteerde party:

**VIR AANSOEKE OM OMGEWINGS GOEDKEURING VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE  
UMSINDE EMOYENI WINDENERGIE-AANLEG EN GEPAARDGAANDE  
INFRASTRUKTUUR IN DIE WES EN NOORD-KAAP**

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) is deur Arcus Consulting namens Emoyeni Wind Farm Project (Pty) Ltd (EWFP) aangestel om die Publieke Deelnameproses Proses (PPP) uit te voer teenoor die aansoeke vir Omgewings magtiging (OM) vir die voorgestelde Umsinde Emoyeni Windkragaanleg (WEF) en netwerk-konneksie infrastruktuur. Die presiese ligging van die voorgestelde WEF infrastruktuur sal tydens die Omgewingsimpakstudie (OIE)-proses gedefinieer word. Met verwysing na die aangehegte ligging plan, is die voorgestelde WEF terrein geleë, ongeveer 30km noordoos van die dorp Murraysburg in die Wes-Kaap, met 'n klein gedeelte wat die grens van die Noord-Kaap Provinsie oorkruis, suidoos van die dorp Richmond. Die studie area dek 'n totale oppervlakte van ongeveer 93 038 hektaar, 'n klein gedeelte van die area gaan uiteindelik deur die projek gebruik word. 'n Agtergrond inligtingsdokument (AID) en liggings plan van die voorgestelde WEF en netwerk-konneksie terrein is beskikbaar op die EIMS webwerf ([www.eims.co.za](http://www.eims.co.za)).

As gevolg van die beplanning vereistes, insluitende onder andere, die Netwerk of Distribusie Kode, sal die voorgestelde WEF en netwerk-konneksie infrastruktuur komponente elk verdeel word in twee fases, met elk van hierdie komponente ingedien as afsonderlike EA aansoeke. 'n Totaal van vier EA aansoeke is by die Nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake (DEA) ingedien. 'n Gekonsolideerde OIE-proses sal uitgevoer word ter ondersteuning van al vier aansoeke naamlik:

- Umsinde Emoyeni WEF naby Murraysburg, Wes Kaap: Fase 1;
- Umsinde Emoyeni WEF naby Murraysburg, Wes Kaap: Fase 2;
- Elektriese netwerk konneksie and geassosieerde infrastruktuur vir Umsinde Emoyeni WEF naby Murraysburg, Wes Kaap: Fase 1; en
- Elektriese netwerk konneksie and geassosieerde infrastruktuur vir Umsinde Emoyeni WEF naby Murraysburg, Wes Kaap: Fase 2.

Die projek vereis OM kragtens Hoofstuk 5 van die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998 - NEMA), soos gewysig, en die aansoeker het aansoeke vir OM ingedien by die bevoegde owerheid, die DEA. Hierdie aansoeke vir OM en die nodige OIB-proses sal uitgevoer word in terme van die OIB-regulasies (GK R. 543) uitgevaardig kragtens artikel 24 (5) van die NEMA (soos gewysig), soos voorgeskryf vir gelyste aktiwiteite gepubliseer in GN R. 544, GN R. 545 en GN R. 546.

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Die publieke deelname proses (PPP) sal uitgevoer word as 'n integrale deel van die OIE-proses. Die PPP bied Belangstellende en Geaffekteerde Partye (I&AP's) die geleentheid om inligting te bekom, kommentaar te lewer, kwessies van kommer te opper, en saam te werk in die OIE-proses. Gedurende hierdie PPP, sal advertensies in steeks-en/ of plaaslike koerant (e) geplaas word, terrein kennisgewings, en plakkate op sentrale plekke geplaas word (bv. openbare biblioteek, supermarkte, plaaslike munisipaliteit) en kennisgewing dokumente van die voorgestelde aktiwiteit gestuur word na al die sleutel I&AP's (bv. grondeienaars, plaaslike owerhede, nasionale en provinsiale staatsdepartemente, ens.).

As 'n I&AP, word u uitgenooi om te registreer en kommentaar te lewer oor die projek, deur aand te dui aan watter komponent van die projek (WEF, Netwerkkonneksie, of albei) u geïnteresseerd is in. Indien u enige kommentaar of kommer oor die projek het, of indien u enige bykomende inligting benodig, kontak EIMS telefonies of skriftelik, by die kontakbesonderhede hieronder, of alternatiewelik, voltooi en stuur die aangehegte kommentaar vorm aan EIMS. Kommentaar sal opgeneem word in 'n Kommentaar-en Antwoord verslag (IRR) wat tydens die OIE-proses op verskillende intervale voorgelê sal word aan die DEA, ten einde hul besluitneming in te lig.

Enige kommentaar, beswaar, en reaksies op die aansoeke moet ingedien word by EIMS, **nie later nie as die 16 Junie 2014**, met behulp van die volgende kontakbesonderhede:

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- ✍ Faks: (011) 787 3059
- ✍ Tel: (011) 789 7170
- ✍ Pos adres: Posbus 2083, Pinegowrie, 2123
- ✍ Verwysings No: 0999

Moet asseblief nie huiwer om die ondergetekende te kontak indien u enige navrae of bekommernisse het nie.

Vriendelike Groete,

Nobuhle Hughes



16 May 2014

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Dear Interested and Affected Party:

**REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE  
PROPOSED UMSINDE EMOYENI WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED  
INFRASTRUCTURE, IN THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES**

Environmental Impact Management Services (Pty) Ltd (EIMS) has been appointed by Arcus Consulting (hereafter referred to as Arcus) on behalf of Emoyeni Wind Farm Project (Pty) Ltd (EWFP) to conduct the Public Involvement/Participation Process (PPP) towards applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Umsinde Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and Grid Connection infrastructure. The exact location of the proposed WEF infrastructure will be defined during the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process. With reference to the attached location plan, the proposed WEF site area is approximately 30km north-east of the town of Murraysburg in the Western Cape, with a small portion traversing the border of the Northern Cape Province, south-east of the town of Richmond. The study area covers a total area of approximately 93 038 hectares, a small portion of which will ultimately be used by the project. A Background Information Document (BID) and location plan of the proposed WEF and Grid Connection site area is included on the EIMS website ([www.eims.co.za](http://www.eims.co.za)).

Due to the planning requirements, including *inter alia*, the Grid or Distribution Code, the proposed WEF and Grid Connection infrastructure components have each been separated into two phases, with each of these components submitted as separate EA applications. Therefore, a total of four EA applications have been submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). A consolidated EIA process will be carried out in support of all four applications, which are as follows:

- Umsinde Emoyeni WEF near Murraysburg, Western Cape: Phase 1;
- Umsinde Emoyeni WEF near Murraysburg, Western Cape: Phase 2;
- Electrical Grid Connection and Associated Infrastructure for Umsinde Emoyeni WEF near Murraysburg, Western Cape: Phase 1; and
- Electrical Grid Connection and Associated Infrastructure for Umsinde Emoyeni WEF near Murraysburg, Western Cape: Phase 2.

The project requires EA under Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA) as amended, and the applicant has submitted applications for EA to the competent authority, the DEA. These applications for EA and the necessary EIA process will be carried out in terms of the EIA Regulations (GN R. 543) promulgated

under Section 24(5) of the NEMA (as amended), as prescribed for listed activities published in GN R.544, GN R. 545, and GN R. 546.

The PPP will be carried out as an integral part of the EIA process. The PPP offers Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) the opportunity to obtain information, comment, raise issues of concern, and collaborate in the EIA process. During this PPP, advertisements will be placed in regional and/or local newspaper(s), site notices, and posters will be placed at central locations (e.g. public library, supermarkets, local municipality) and notification documents of the proposed activity will be sent out to all key I&APs (e.g. landowners, local authorities, national and provincial government departments, etc.).

As an I&AP, you are invited to register and comment on the project, indicating which component of the project (WEF, Grid Connection, or both) you are interested in. Should you have any comments or concerns regarding the project, or should you require any additional information, please contact EIMS telephonically, or in writing, using the contact details below or alternatively complete and return the attached comment sheet. Comments will be taken up into an Issues and Responses Report (IRR) that will be submitted to the DEA, at different intervals during the EIA process, in order to inform their decision-making.

Any comments, objections, and responses to the applications must be submitted to EIMS, **no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**, using the following contact details:

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any queries or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nobuhle Hughes