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To whom it may concern:

# <u>SPLIT OF THE SAN KRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND CHANGE OF WIND TURBINE SPECIFICATIONS – PART II AMENDMENT, NOUPOORT</u>

The original specialist report, produced in 2016, for the San Kraal Wind Energy Facility (WEF), which received Environmental Authorisation by the Department of Environmental Affairs in June 2018, addressed all relevant aspects concerning soils and agricultural potential. At that stage, a single larger study area was assessed.

I can hereby confirm that, regarding the proposed split ("Hartebeesthoek East") to the authorised study area, the proposed amendments to the turbine specifications and layout, and the proposed Hartebeesthoek East study area, falls within the area originally assessed. Therefore, the findings of the original report on **soils and agricultural potential** will remain unchanged, specifically:

- The impacts that were identified and the significance ratings assessed
- Any impact management and/or mitigation measures

No further assessments are required to be undertaken for the proposed changes and authorisation can be granted to the applicant for the Hartebeesthoek East Amendment Application.

Yours sincerely,

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## CURRICULUM VITAE: D G Paterson

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#### **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:**

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- BSc (Hons) Geography, 1980, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland
- MSc (Soil Science) cum laude, 1998, University of Pretoria
- PhD (Soil Science), 2014, University of Pretoria

#### **PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

- 1981-1987: Soil Scientist: Soil and Irrigation Research Institute, Pretoria
- 1987-1992: Senior Soil Scientist: Soil and Irrigation Research Institute, Pretoria
- 1992-2017: Senior Soil Scientist: ARC-Soil, Climate & Water, Pretoria
- 2017- : Research Team Manager (Soil Science): ARC-Soil, Climate & Water

#### FIELDS OF SPECIALITY AND COMPETENCE:

- Soil classification and mapping
- Soil interpretations
- Soil conservation, including biotextiles
- Soil rehabilitation (especially coal mine soils)
- Soil survey project management
- Environmental assessment and land evaluation
- Soil survey and land capability course presentation
- Ground penetrating radar

#### PUBLICATIONS (see attached list):

- Fifteen refereed articles
- Nine Congress papers/posters
- Two book chapter contributions
- S.A. Soil Classification (1991 and 2018 editions) (Member of working group)
- Five 1:250 000 Land Type Maps
- Three Land Type Memoirs
- More than 250 soil survey reports and/or maps

#### **COURSES COMPLETED:**

- Course in Project Management (University of Stellenbosch)
- Course in Junior Personnel Management (Dept of Agriculture)
- Course in Handling of Grievances and Complaints (Dept of Agriculture)
- Course in Marketing (ARC-ISCW)
- Course in National Qualifications Framework Assessment, ARC-CO
- Training Course in Ground Penetrating Radar (GSSI, USA)
- Introduction to ArcGIS 8, GIMS, 2004

#### **PROFESSIONAL STATUS:**

- ➤ Registered Natural Scientist: Soil Science (SA National Council for Natural Scientific Professions) registration number 400463/04
- ➤ Member of South African Soil Classification Working Group, 1990-present
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- ➤ Member of Soil Science Society of South Africa (1982-present)
- ➤ President of Soil Science Society of South Africa (2005-2007)
- ➤ Member of South African Soil Survey Organisation (2000-present)
- ➤ Council Member of South African Soil Survey Organisation (2002-2003)
- ➤ Member of International Erosion Control Association
- > Scientific Referee, S.A. Journal for Plant and Soil
- ➤ External Examiner: University of Pretoria, University of Witwatersrand, University of Venda, University of the Free State

#### **AWARDS:**

Best article on Soil Science, South African Journal for Plant and Soil, 2011

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- ➤ Editor, Soil Science Society newsletter, 1993-present
- ➤ Member, Clapham High School (Pretoria) Governing Body, 1998-2002
- ➤ Member, Northern Gauteng Football Referee's Association, 2000-2002
- ➤ Committee Member, Rosslyn Golf Club (Club Champion 2002 and 2007)

#### **INTERESTS:**

Sport, especially golf and soccer; wildlife; reading; music

#### **PUBLICATIONS LIST:**

#### Refereed Articles:

**BüHMANN, C., KIRSTEN, W.F.A., PATERSON, D.G. & SOBCZYK, M.E.**, 1993. Pedogenic differences between two adjacent basalt-derived profiles. 1. Textural and chemical characteristics. *S. Afr. J. Plant & Soil*, 10: 155-161

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#### **Books & Reports:**

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#### Congress Papers:

**PATERSON**, **D.G.**, 1987. The relationship between geology and soil type in the northern Kruger National Park. 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Soil Science Society of S.A. Nelspruit, 14-17 July 1987.

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**PATERSON, D.G. & LAKER, M.C.**, 1998. Locating subsoil features with ground penetrating radar. 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Soil Science Society of S.A. Alpine Heath, 20-22 January 1998.

**PATERSON, D.G.**, 2000. Mapping rehabilitated coal mine soils in South Africa using ground penetrating radar. Eighth International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar, Gold Coast, Australia, 23-26 May 2000.

**PATERSON**, **D.G. & VAN DER WALT**, **M.**, 2003. The soils of South Africa from the Land Type Survey. 24<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Soil Science Society of S.A., Stellenbosch, 20-24 January 2003.

**PATERSON**, **D.G.**, 2015. Geotextiles – applications for soil conservation. Congress of the Soil Science Society of S.A., George, 19-22 January 2015.

#### Land Type Maps:

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**PATERSON, D.G., PLATH, B.L. & SMITH, H.W.,** 1987. 1:250 000 scale land type map 2428 Nylstroom. Dept. Agriculture, Pretoria.

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**PLATH, B.L. & PATERSON, D.G.**, 1987. 1:250 000 scale land type map 2426 Thabazimbi. Dept. Agriculture, Pretoria.

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**PATERSON, D.G., PLATH, B.L. & SMITH, H.W.,** 1988. Field Investigation. In: *Land types of the maps 2426 Thabazimbi & 2428 Nylstroom. Mem. Agric. Nat. Res. S. Afr.* No. 10. Dept. Agriculture, Pretoria.

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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)

#### **PROJECT TITLE**

HARTEBEESTHOEK EAST SPLIT OF THE SAN KRAAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND CHANGE OF WIND TURBINE SPECIFICATIONS – PART II AMENDMENT, NOUPOORT

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I, DG Paterson, declare that -

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- I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings
  that are not favourable to the applicant;
- I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;
- I have expertise in conducting the specialist report relevant to this application, including knowledge of the Act,
   Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that
  reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by
  the competent authority; and the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for
  submission to the competent authority;
- all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct; and
- I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

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#### 3. **UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION**

I, DG Paterson, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.

Signature of the Specialist

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