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BRANDVALLEY WIND ENERGY FACILITY SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STATEMENT LETTER

INTRODUCTION

Brandvalley Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd (the applicant), a subsidiary of G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd (G7), proposes to develop a 140 megawatt (MW) wind energy facility (WEF) near Laingsburg, on the border of the Northern Cape Province and the Western Cape Province in South Africa. The proposed WEF is located in the Karoo Hoogland, the Witzenberg (Ceres) and the Laingsburg Local Municipalities, which fall within the Namakwa, the Cape Winelands and the Central Karoo District Municipalities, respectively.

EOH Coastal and Environmental Services were appointed by Brandvalley Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd to undertake and manage the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposed WEF. Tony Barbour was appointed by EOH Coastal and Environmental Services to undertake a specialist Social Impact Assessment (SIA) to inform the EIA process. The findings of the SIA for the proposed Brandvalley WEF are contained in the SIA Report submitted to EOH Coastal and Environmental Services on 11 April 2016.

Based on the findings of the ecological walk-through the total footprint has been reduced by 34% and resulted in a reduction of an additional 10 turbines (over and above 38 and 40).

IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The findings of the ecological walk-through which has reduced the total footprint by 34% and resulted in a reduction of an additional 10 turbines (over and above 38 and 40) will not have a bearing on the findings of the Social Impact Assessment dated April 2016. No changes to the SIA Report (April 2016) are therefore required.

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