



## environmental affairs

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### PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Cullum

### AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 27 JULY 2011 FOR THE PROPOSED 55.5MW SPRINGBOK WIND ENERGY FACILITY NEAR SPRINGBOK IN NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 27 July 2011, the first EA amendment dated 24 October 2011, the second EA amendment 27 June 2014, the third EA amendment dated 02 July 2015, the fourth EA amendment dated 18 May 2016, the fifth EA amendment dated 25 June 2018, the sixth EA amendment dated 03 August 2018, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 03 June 2019 and the acknowledgement letter issued by the Department on 10 June 2019, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated, 27 July 2011 as follows:

#### Amendment (a): The project description on the EA amendment dated 25 June 2018

##### From:

Component	Approved
Number of turbines	Maximum of up to 25 (i.e. potential range of 12 turbines @ 4.5MW to 25 turbines @ 2.0MW – 2.2MW)
Generation capacity per turbine	2.0MW – 4.5MW
Generation capacity of the WEF	Same as authorised (55.5MW)
Rotor diameter	Maximum of 160m
Hub height	Maximum of 140m (except for turbines 4, 8, 15 & 16, which will have a maximum hub height of 105m)

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**Is amended to:**

	<b>Amendment</b>
Number of turbines	Maximum of up to 25 (i.e. potential range of 10 turbines @ 6MW to 25 turbines @ 2.0MW2.2MW)
Generation per turbine	2.0 – 6 MW
Generation capacity of WEF	55.5MW
Rotor diameter	160m
Hub height	Max. of 140m (except for turbines 4, 8, 15 & 16 which have a hub height of 105m)

**Amendment (b): Condition 1.1 of the environmental authorisation as amended (EA amendment decision dated 25 June 2018), currently states the following:**

**From:**

*“The amended Alternative A1 (up to 25 Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) with a generating capacity of 2.0MW to 4.5 MW per turbine resulting in an optimal generation capacity 55.5MW per annum) is approved”*

**Is amended to:**

“The amended Alternative A1 (up to 25 Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) with a generating capacity of 2.0MW to 6MW per turbine resulting in an optimal generation capacity 55.5MW per annum) is approved”

**Reason for decision:**

Mulilo Springbok Wind Power (Pty) Ltd wishes to increase the generation capacity of the turbines at the Springbok WEF in order to align to current international WTG models, while reducing the number of WTGs at the Wind Energy Facility.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 27 July 2011, as amended.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulates that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribe the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

**Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:**

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za);

By hand: Environment House

473 Steve Biko,

Arcadia,

Pretoria,

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By post: Private Bag X447,

Pretoria,

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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at [https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@environment.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**

**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**

**Department of Environmental Affairs**

Date: 08/07/2019