



## environmental affairs

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### PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Cullum

### AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 01 MARCH 2013 FOR THE PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITY SITUATED ON THE EASTERN PLATEAU (SOUTH) NEAR DE AAR, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 01 March 2013, the amendments to the EA issued on 21 May 2013; 14 August 2014; 25 January 2016; 07 April 2016; 05 July 2018 and your application for amendment to the EA received by this Department on 26 June 2019, the acknowledgement letter issued by the Department on the 01 July 2019 and the correspondence dated 26 July 2019 refer.

#### Amendment 1:

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 project description as follows:

The turbine specifications typed as:

<b>Component</b>	<b>Description/Dimensions</b>
<i>Hub height from ground level</i>	120m
<i>Rotor Diameter</i>	160m
<i>Maximum of turbines</i>	61
<i>Permanent affected area (foundation size)</i>	<i>The foundation size would be 18.4m in diameter that narrows up to 10.6m at the surface (the visible portion) with a depth of 3.5m once completed.</i>
<i>Generation capacity per turbine</i>	2.3MW – 4.0MW
<i>Maximum Output of the Wind Energy Facility</i>	140MW

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**Is amended to:**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Description/Dimensions</b>
<i>Hub height from ground level</i>	120m
<i>Rotor Diameter</i>	160m
<i>Maximum of turbines</i>	25 - 61
<i>Permanent affected area (foundation size)</i>	<i>The foundation size would be 18.4m in diameter that narrows up to 10.6m at the surface (the visible portion) with a depth of 3.5m once completed.</i>
<i>Generation capacity per turbine</i>	2.3MW – 6.0MW
<i>Maximum Output of the Wind Energy Facility</i>	140MW

The reasons for the amendments are as follows:

The applicant intends to increase the generation capacity of the turbines at the Mulilo De Aar 2 South wind energy facility in order to align to current international wind turbine generator (WTG) models, while reducing the number of WTGs at the facility. A fewer number of turbines will also result in less ecological disturbance and improve competitiveness of the project.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 01 March 2013 and subsequent amendments stated above.

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 abuses or compromises 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.

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**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 Road,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria,  
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,  
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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



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Date: 04/09/2019

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