

DEA Reference: Ithemba - **14/12/16/3/3/2/1016**

Our reference: 13622 – Ithemba

Date: 17 May 2018

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party / Stakeholder,

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ITHEMBA WIND FARM NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

- **DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1016**

We would like to inform you that the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (FEIARs) for the proposed Graskoppies Wind Farm (**DEA Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1017**), Hartebeest Leegte Wind Farm (**DEA Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/32/1015**), Ithemba Wind Farm (**DEA Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1016**) and !Xha Boom Wind Farm (**DEA Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1018**) were received by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for consideration on the **22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2018**.

After reviewing the documentation, the DEA has issued Environmental Authorisation (EA), in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, for all four (4) above-mentioned Mainstream Wind Farms near Loeriesfontein in the Northern Cape Province. The notice of EA for the Graskoppies Wind Farm and Hartebeest Leegte Wind Farm were sent out on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. In addition, the notice of EA for the proposed !Xha Boom Wind Farm was sent out on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.

This letter serves to inform you of the EA for the Ithemba Wind Farm that was issued on and dated the **4<sup>th</sup> of May 2018**. The DEA is satisfied, on the basis of the information provided and subject to compliance with the conditions of the EA, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the triggered activities for the above-mentioned proposed project.

The reasons given are as follows – but not limited to:

**ITHEMBA WIND FARM:**

- The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the EIAr dated 17 January 2018 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts were completed.
- The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- The information contained in the EIAr dated 17 January 2018 is deemed to be accurate and credible.
- The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- The EMPr proposed the mitigation measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development and were included in the EIAr. The mitigation measures will be implemented to manage the identified environmental impacts during the construction phase.

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 twenty (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, by means of the following methods:

By Post: Department of Environmental Affairs  
Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria,  
0001; **or**

By Hand Environment House  
473 Steve Biko,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria,  
0083;

**Appeals must be submitted in writing to:**

The Director, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of the DEA at the above addresses.

Tel: 012 399 9356  
E-mail: [Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za](mailto:Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za)

Please note that appeals should not be sent solely to SiVEST.

It should be noted that the EA has been made available on SiVEST's website: <http://www.sivest.co.za/>, click on 'Downloads' then browse to the folder '13622 Mainstream Wind Farms'.

For further information please contact SiVEST as follows:

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Please refer to the guideline on the administration of appeals attached herewith for details pertaining to the appeal process.

We would like to thank you for participating in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes and for being part of the public participation process during the EIA for the above-mentioned proposed projects. Your participation has been valuable and highly appreciated and was a key factor in assisting the preparation of the EA.

Yours Sincerely,



Andrea Gibb  
Senior Manager  
**SiVEST Environmental Division**

Documents Included: Guideline on the administration of appeals