

DEA Reference: Graskoppies - **14/12/16/3/3/2/1017**
Hartebeest Leegte - **14/12/16/3/3/2/1015**
Ithemba - **14/12/16/3/3/2/1016**
!Xha Boom - **14/12/16/3/3/2/1018**

Our reference: 13622 – Wind Farms
Date: 29 March 2018

Dear Interested and/or Affected Party / Stakeholder,

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS (EAs) FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR (4) WIND FARMS NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

- **Graskoppies Wind Farm – DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1017**
- **Hartebeest Leegte Wind Farm – DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1015**
- **Ithemba Wind Farm – DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1016**
- **Xha! Boom Wind Farm – DEA Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/2/1018**

We would like to inform you that the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (FEIARs) for the four (4) above-mentioned proposed wind farm developments (i.e. Graskoppies Wind Farm, Hartebeest Leegte Wind Farm, Ithemba Wind Farm and !Xha Boom Wind Farm) were received by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for consideration on the **22nd of January 2018**.

After reviewing the documentation, the DEA has thus far issued Environmental Authorisations (EAs), in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act 107 of 1998) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended, for the development of two (2) of the four (4) above-mentioned Mainstream Wind Farms near Loeriesfontein in the Northern Cape Province (namely the Graskoppies Wind Farm and Hartebeest Leegte Wind Farm).

The EAs for the above-mentioned Graskoppies and Hartebeest Leegte Wind Farms were issued on and dated the **15th of March 2018**. The DEA is satisfied, on the basis of the information provided and subject to compliance with the conditions of the EAs, that the applicant should be authorised to undertake the triggered activities for each of the above-mentioned proposed projects.

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

GRASKOPPIES AND HARTEBEEST LEEGTE WIND FARMS:

- The identification and assessment of impacts are detailed in the EIA dated 17 January 2018 and sufficient assessment of the key identified issues and impacts have been completed.
- The procedure followed for impact assessment is adequate for the decision-making process.
- The information contained in the EIA dated 17 January 2018 is deemed to be accurate and credible.
- The proposed mitigation of impacts identified and assessed adequately curtails the identified impacts.
- EMP measures for the pre-construction, construction and rehabilitation phases of the development were proposed and included in the EIA and 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, 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:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of the DEA at the above addresses.

Tel: 012 399 9356
E-mail: Appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

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

It should be noted that the EAs have 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 the above-mentioned proposed projects. Your participation has been valuable and highly appreciated and was a key factor in assisting the preparation of the EAs.

Yours Sincerely,



Andrea Gibb
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SiVEST Environmental Division

Documents Included: Guideline on the administration of appeals