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PER EMAIL

Dear Mr Vandrey

CORRECTION TO THE AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 26 OCTOBER 2021 FOR THE 217MW PHEZUKOMOYA WIND ENERGY FACILITY, 132KV GRID CONNECTION TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR NOUPOORT WITHIN THE UMSOBOMVU AND INXUBA YETHEMBA LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NORTHERN CAPE AND EASTERN CAPE PROVINCES

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above application by this Department on 26 October 2021, your letter dated and received by this Department on 05 November 2021, refer.

In terms of Regulation 27 (4) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended this Department has decided to amend the abovementioned decision to correct the 'non-substantive' error as requested. In reaching its decision, the Department considered the following information:

1. The request for correction letter dated 05 November 2021;
2. The EA issued for the original EA 14/12/16/3/3/2/1028 issued on 28 June 2018;
3. The original application for splitting the EA dated 26 September 2019 and the accompanying final Amendment Report dated December 2019; and
4. The EA issued for the split EA (14/12/16/3/3/2/1028/1) following the appeal process for Phezukomoya WEF on 26 October 2021.

The applicant requested the following amendments:

Amendment 1: Amendment to the Technical details of the proposed powerline:

The applicant requested that the height of the powerline poles on page 9 of the EA be changed from

"A max of 30m"

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To:

"A max of 45m"

Reason for amendment:

The details are as per the final revised amendment report dated July 2021. This is the maximum height permitted base on SACAA.

Amendment 2: Removal of Condition 43:

Condition 43 on page 17 of the EA is hereby removed.

Reason for amendment:

Turbine layout was changed based on the amendment applications and thus this condition is not applicable.

Amendment 3: Amendment of Condition 57:

Condition 57 on page 19 of the EA is amended from:

"All internal powerline/cables must follow internal access roads."

To:

"All internal powerline/cables must follow internal access roads where technically feasible."

Reason for amendment:

This allows for scope if following the internal access roads is not technically feasible.

Amendment 4: Amendment of Condition 58:

Condition 58 on page 19 of the EA is amended from:

"All powerlines linking the turbines to the on-site substation must be buried."

To:

"All powerlines linking the turbines to the on-site substation must be buried where technically feasible."

Reason for amendment:

This allows for scope if burying of the powerlines is not technically feasible.

Amendment 5: Amendment of Condition 100:

Condition 100 on page 22 of the EA is amended from:

"No turbines must be placed within 1km of the N9, N10 and R389 provincial road."

To:

"No turbines must be placed within 500m of the N9, N10 and R389 provincial road. "

Reason for amendment:

This is recommendation provided as per the visual impact amendment report.

Please note that this letter must be read in conjunction with the Environmental Authorisation dated 26 October 2021, as amended.

Yours faithfully



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