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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

*It should be noted that a Part 2 Amendment Process for the amendment of the existing Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility (WEF) (DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) was initiated in December 2021 for a reduced 47-turbine layout (as well as other substantive and administrative amendments). The Draft Amendment Report was released for a 30-day public participation period from 09 December 2021 to 31 January 2022, which was later extended to 03 March 2022 to allow I&APs additional time to review and comment on the reports) as per the requirements of Section 32 (1) of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended). Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Part 2 Amendment Application was **withdrawn** before the Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) had made a decision on the application.*

*The proponent, Rietkloof Wind Farm (RF) (Pty) Ltd (Rietkloof), would like to recommence with the Part 2 Amendment application for the Rietkloof WEF, applying for the same amendments as detailed in the Draft Amendment Report (dated December 2021), with the following primary changes:*

- *Amend the number of authorised turbines to up to 32 turbines of up to 7MW capacity each (as opposed to 47 turbines); and*
- *Amend the turbine number of Turbine 3 on page 9 of the EA to correctly refer to Turbine 31 (administrative amendment).*

*This Draft Amendment Report has therefore been updated accordingly. All changes to the previous Draft Amendment report (dated December 2021) have been underlined for ease of reference.*

*Importantly, all comments received from stakeholders during the public participation process from 09 December 2021 to 03 March 2022 have been considered and addressed in the Draft Amendment Report. Comments received from registered stakeholders to date have been captured and responded to within the comments and response tables included in **Table 2-4** below.*

Rietkloof Wind Farm (RF) (Pty) Ltd (Rietkloof) proposes to develop the 183 megawatt (MW) Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility (WEF), located near Laingsburg, in the Western Cape Province, South Africa. The proposed project formed part of the Fifth Bid Window submissions under the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP). **The Rietkloof WEF has been confirmed a Round 5 Preferred Bidder Project and is a confirmed Strategic Infrastructure Project in terms of the Infrastructure Development Act 9 (Act No.23 of 2014).**

The proposed Rietkloof WEF is located, roughly 15km along the R354 heading north towards Sutherland (**Figure 1-1**). The project footprint lies within the Western Cape Province. The project is located within Ward 1 of the Laingsburg Local Municipality seated within the Central Karoo District Municipality (located in the Western Cape).

In 2016, Rietkloof appointed EOH Coastal and Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd (EOH) to facilitate the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for the construction and operation of the 147MW Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility (WEF). In November 2016, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (now known as the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment – DFFE) issued the Environmental Authorisation (EA), however, the authorisation only authorised 9 of the proposed 60 turbines with a capacity of 36MW (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/899).

The remaining Rietkloof WEF (51 turbines) were approved by the issuance of an EA dated 10 April 2019 (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977). The Appeals Directorate received an appeal on behalf of six appellants, against the decision of the Department to grant the 2019 EA to the applicant. An appeal decision was issued on 16 July 2019, which dismissed the appeal by the appellants, and the granting of the 2019 EA was confirmed.

However, as part of the appeal response, the Department was directed to merge the 2016 and 2019 EAs, in order to remove specific conditions that did not allow for the positioning of the now authorised 51 turbines (section 2.4.5 of the decision). Subsequent to the appeal decision issued in July 2019, the two EAs (issued on 23

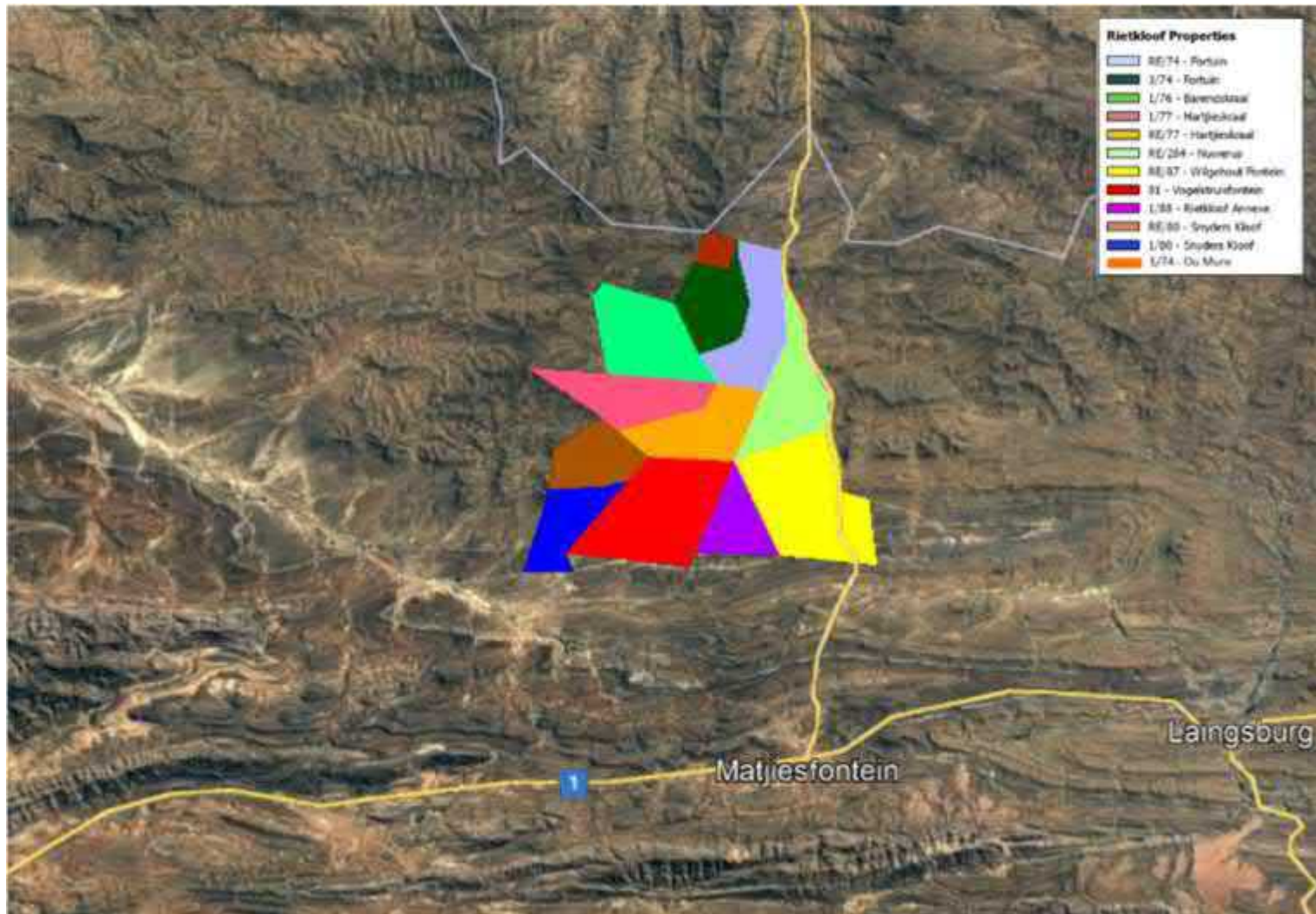
November 2016 and 10 April 2019) were successfully merged on 16 September 2019 and assigned a combined Reference 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1.

There have been numerous advances in wind turbine technology since the authorisation of the Rietkloof WEF. As such Rietkloof wishes to amend the EA to update the turbine specification and overall capacity of the facility as well as some respective administrative changes. The Amendment Report documents the process and findings of the Rietkloof's application for amendment of the EA

The EMPr was originally compiled by EOH as part of the 2016 EIA was subsequently updated by WSP in 2019 in accordance with the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended.

In line with Condition 16 of the EA, the previous EMPr was not approved and required amendment. The EMPr has been amended, as required, taking the final layout and relevant specialist walkdowns into consideration and is appended to the Amendment Report for approval. The final layout for the Rietkloof WEF is included in **Figure 1-2**.

Therefore, this Stakeholder Engagement Report (SER) forms part of the Part 2 Amendment and EMPr and final development layout processes. The Amendment Report and amended EMPr were released for a 30-day comment period, and comments received from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) have been captured in this SER, which forms part of the Final Amendment Report and EMPr for submission to the Department.



**Figure 1-1: Project locality map, indicating the general location of the project study area**

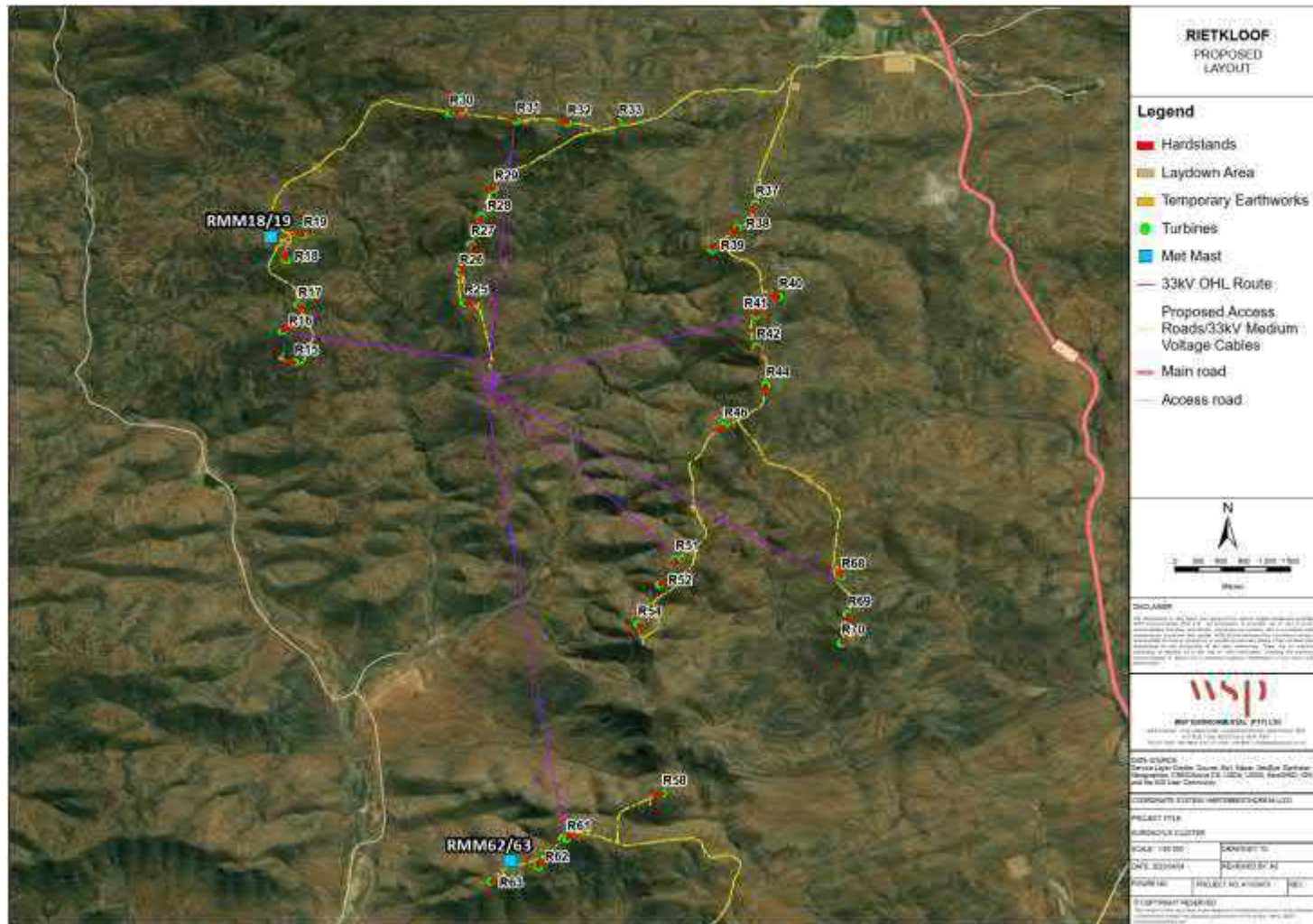


Figure 1-2: Final Layout Map (32 Turbines)

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## 1.2 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DETAILS OF THE EAP

WSP was appointed in the role of Independent EAP to undertake the Part 2 Amendment Process and update the EMPr in compliance with Condition 16 of the approved EA. This SER was compiled as part of the Part 2 Amendment and EMPr Amendment processes and must be read in conjunction with the Final Amendment Report and Final Amended EMPr being submitted to the DFFE for approval. The CV of the EAP is available in **Appendix A** of the Final EMPr. **Table 1-1** details the relevant contact details of the EAP.

**Table 1-1: Details of the EAP**

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To adequately identify and assess potential environmental impacts, the EAP was supported by a number of specialists, the details of which are provided in the EMPr.

### STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

Neither WSP nor any of the authors of this Report have any material present or contingent interest in the outcome of this Report, nor do they have any business, financial, personal or other interest that could be reasonably regarded as being capable of affecting their independence. WSP has no beneficial interest in the outcome of the assessment.

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## 1.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is understood to be a series of inclusive and culturally appropriate interactions aimed at providing stakeholders with opportunities to express their views, so that these can be considered and incorporated into the decision-making process. Effective public participation requires the prior disclosure of relevant and adequate project information to enable stakeholders to understand the risks, impacts, and opportunities of the proposed Project.

Basic reasons why the public are involved in the EMPr Amendment Process:

- The environment is held in public trust, therefore use of environmental resources is everyone's concern.
- To ensure that projects meet the citizens' needs and are suitable to the affected public.
- The project carries more legitimacy, and less hostility, if I&APs are able to influence the decision-making process.
- The final decision is deemed informed when local knowledge and values are included and when expert knowledge is publicly examined.

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### 1.3.1 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the public participation process (PPP) can be summarised as follows:

- Identify relevant individuals, organisations and communities who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project;
- Clearly outline the scope of the proposed Project, including the scale and nature of the existing and proposed activities;
- Identify viable proposed Project alternatives that will assist the relevant authorities in making an informed decision;
- Identify shortcomings and gaps in existing information;
- Identify key concerns, raised by interested and affected parties (I&APs) that should be addressed in the subsequent specialist studies;
- Highlight the potential for environmental impacts, whether positive or negative; and
- To inform and provide the public with information and an understanding of the proposed Project, issues and solutions.

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### 1.3.2 WHAT IS AN INTERESTED AN AFFECTED PARTY?

An I&AP is defined as any person, group of persons or organisations interested in or affected by an activity, and any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect of the activity.

The difference between an I&AP and a registered I&AP:

- An I&AP can be directly or indirectly impacted on by a proposed activity.
- A registered I&AP is a person whose name has been placed on the register of registered I&APs. According to the PPP Guidance document, 2017, only registered I&APs will be notified:
  - Of the availability of reports and other written submissions made to the competent authority (CA) by the Applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions; and
  - Of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision.

For the purpose of this report, registered I&APs will be referred to as Stakeholders.

### RIGHTS, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STAKEHOLDER

Registered stakeholders have the right to bring to the attention of the CA any issues that they believe may be of significance to the consideration of the application. The rights of stakeholder are qualified by certain obligations, namely:

- Stakeholders must ensure that their comments are submitted within the timeframes that have been approved by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), or within any extension of a timeframe agreed by the Proponent, EAP or competent authorities;
- Serve a copy of the comments submitted directly to the competent authorities, the Proponent or the EAP; and
- Disclose to the EAP any direct business, financial, personal or other interest that they might have in the approval or refusal of the application.

The roles of stakeholders in a public participation process usually include one or more of the following:

- Assisting in the identification and prioritisation of issues that need to be investigated;
- Making suggestions on alternatives and means of preventing, minimising and managing negative impacts and enhancing proposed Project benefits;
- Assisting in or commenting on the development of mutually acceptable criteria for the evaluation of decision options;
- Contributing information on public needs, values and expectations;
- Contributing local and traditional knowledge; and
- Verifying that their issues have been considered.

In order to participate effectively, stakeholders should:

- Become involved in the process as early as possible;
- Register as a stakeholder;
- Advise the EAP of other stakeholders who should be consulted;
- Contribute towards the design of the public participation process (including timeframes) to ensure that it is acceptable to all stakeholders;
- Follow the process once it has been accepted;
- Read the material provided and actively seek to understand the issues involved;
- Give timeous responses to correspondence;
- Be respectful and courteous towards other stakeholders;
- Refrain from making subjective, unfounded or ill-informed statements; and
- Recognise that the process is confined to issues that are directly relevant to the application.

## 1.4 APPROACH TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Our approach to stakeholder engagement is based on the following principles:

- Undertake meaningful and timely participation with stakeholders;
- Focus on important issues during the process;
- Undertake due consideration of alternatives;
- Take accountability for information used;
- Encourage co-regulation, shared responsibility and a sense of ownership over the proposed Project lifecycle;
- Apply “due process” particularly with regard to public participation as provided for in the EIA Regulations; and
- Consider the needs, interests and values of stakeholders.

The Public Participation guideline in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, drafted by the Department of Environmental Affairs (now DFFE) 2017, tabulates the level of Public Participation required for various levels of anticipated project impacts. This table has been used to identify additional Public Participation methods which are required for the Project. Highlighted cells indicate the applicable response to the anticipated impacts. Results of the process are shown in **Table 1-2** below.

**Table 1-2: Level of Public Participation as per Public Participation Guideline (DEA, 2017)**

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the local municipality?	Formal Consultation with other affected municipalities should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other municipalities during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met.
Are the impacts of the project likely to extend beyond the boundaries of the province?	Formal Consultation with other affected provinces should be carried out during the PPP.	No need to have a formal consultation with other provinces during PPP. Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA must be met.

SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Is the project a greenfields development (a new development in a previously undisturbed area)?	Extensive consultation with Registered Interested and Affected Parties (RI&APs) might be required before a decision is taken on the project to in order to gather more information, and to ensure that there is minimal impact on the environment.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the area already suffer from socio-economic problems (e.g. job losses) or environmental problems (e.g. pollution), and is the project likely to exacerbate these?	Extensive consultation with RI&APs within the area should be undertaken, to gather more information on both the socio-economic and environmental problems.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the project expected to have a wide variety of impacts (e.g. socio-economic and ecological)?	Thorough consultation needs to be conducted with RI&APs, in order to address variety of impacts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
<b>Public and environmental sensitivity of the project:</b>		
Are there widespread public concerns about the potential negative impacts of the project?	Broader consultation with all RI&APs will need to be undertaken.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high degree of conflict among RI&APs?	There might need to be more consultation to ensure that there is consensus reached among RI&APs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Will the project impact on private land other than that of the applicant?	Consultation with the private land owner must be done, and all their concerns need to be addressed.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Does the project have the potential to create unrealistic expectations (e.g. that a new factory would create a large number of jobs)?	Thorough consultation that addresses the perceptions of unrealistic expectations needs to be carried out.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
<b>Potentially affected parties:</b>		
Has very little previous public participation taken place in the area?	More thorough public participation should take place within the area, to ensure that all potential and RI&APs participate.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Did previous public participation processes in the area result in conflict?	Additional consultation might be needed to ensure that issues of conflict are addressed effectively.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Are there existing organisational structures (e.g. local forums) that can represent I&APs?	Organizational structures might minimise conflict whilst maximising the participation.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is the area characterised by high social diversity (i.t.o. socio-economic status, language or culture)?	Proper consultations that address language and cultural diversity should be promoted.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.



SCALE OF ANTICIPATED IMPACTS:	RECOMMENDED RESPONSE	
	IF “YES”	IF “NO”
Were people in the area victims of unfair expropriations or relocation in the past?	PPP should be extensive and address any unfair practices that occurred in the past.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Is there a high level of unemployment in the area?	The PPP should ensure that there are no unrealistic expectations created due to the project. The consultation should ensure that any unrealistic expectations are adequately addressed before the project starts.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met.
Do the RI&APs have special needs (e.g. a lack of skills to read or write, disability, etc)?	Consultation should include mechanisms that will ensure full participation by people with special needs.	Minimum requirements for public participation in accordance to EIA Regulations must be met. Minimum requirements for PP in accordance to the Act must be met as well as best practices relating to PP.

## 1.5 COVID-19 SCENARIO

Given the spread of the COVID-19 virus to various parts of the world, including to South Africa, on 15 March 2020, in terms of Section 27 of the Disaster Management Act (Act 57 of 2002) (DMA), President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a national state of disaster in South Africa. From 01 May 2020 the Alert Level has been adjusted according to the risk-adjusted strategy, as and when required reflecting the level of risk associated with Covid-19 infections throughout the country.

Due to the restrictions imposed by the various Alert Levels, restrictions were imposed on public participation associated with COVID-19 on 31 March 2020, which meant that the PPP required by Regulation 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) could not reasonably be adhered to. On 05 June 2020, new Directions were issued by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*”, in respect of the undertaking and administration of EIA and related processes during Lockdown Alert Level 3. The Directions of 05 June 2020 repealed the Directions of 31 March 2020. On 09 September 2020, new Directions were again issued by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment in respect of the undertaking and administration of EIA and related processes during Lockdown Alert Level 2 and lower.

It is now possible to proceed with public participation in accordance with the “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*” (GN 650) published on 05 June 2020 and the “*Directions Regarding Measures to Address, Prevent and Combat the Spread of COVID-19 relating to National Environmental Management Permits and Licences*” (GN 970) published on 09 September 2020.

Annexure 2 of the Directions require that “*At all times it must be ensured that reasonable opportunity is provided for public participation and that all administrative actions are reasonable. While the COVID-19 pandemic is a unique circumstance, the specific circumstances in each case must be considered in order to determine what will be reasonable. If in the circumstances of a particular case reasonable alternative methods to give notice to potential interested and affected parties are available, then the relevant competent authority can be approached for an agreement in this regard as provided for in regulation 41(2)(e) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.*”

In line with the Directions, a public participation plan was compiled and presented to DFFE for approval at the outset of the assessment process (as detailed in Section 1.6). Due to the risks associated with COVID-19, as far as possible, the focus of the PPP has shifted from physical public engagements to digital and electronic communication (including e-mail and websites). No provision has been made for public or focus group meetings due to current COVID-19 restrictions as well as past experience with projects of this nature. Should significant

interest be obtained in this Project, a public meeting will be included as part of the PPP, should COVID-19 protocols and regulations permit.

## 1.6 APPROVED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

As part of the pre-application consultation meeting held with DFFE on 08 October 2021, a proposed plan for public participation was discussed for the following aspects of the Euronotus Complex permitting requirements:

- Part 2 Amendment Applications together with the amendment of the EMPs and layout plans as required by the EAs for the Brandvalley WEF and Rietkloof WEF<sup>1</sup>,
- The update of the Rietkloof and Brandvalley 132kV Powerline EMPs as required by the relevant EAs (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1591 respectively); and
- A new Basic Assessment Application required for a new 132kV powerline to connect the existing Bon Espirange substation to the existing Komsberg substation.

A public participation plan was subsequently submitted to DFFE, along with the meeting minutes, for approval on 16 November 2021. The Public Participation (PP) Plan was approved by DFFE on 19 November 2021. **Table 1-3** below outlines the approved PP Plan for the abovementioned projects.

**Table 1-3: Approved Public Participation Plan**

SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)	PLAN/ACTIVITIES
41(2) The person conducting a PPP must give notice to all potential I&APs by- (a) fixing a notice board at a place conspicuous to and accessible by the public at the boundary, on the fence or along the corridor of— (i) the site where the activity to which the application or proposed application relates is or is to be undertaken; and (ii) any alternative site;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Placement of six (6) site notices (in English and Afrikaans) at appropriate locations on site and in the surrounding area.</li> <li>– This will include the boundary/access road to the WEFs, as well as additional public places within the project area, such as grocery stores, municipalities, and/or local public libraries.</li> </ul>
(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to— (i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken; (ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken; (iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area; (iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Written notification (in English and Afrikaans) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the WEFs, municipality ward councillors, local and district municipalities, and relevant state departments.</li> <li>– General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the Part 2 and EMP amendment processes.</li> <li>– Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The focus of this SER is the update of the Rietkloof WEF Part 2 Amendment and Amended EMP.

**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

**PLAN/ACTIVITIES**

<p>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and (vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in— (i) one local newspaper; or (ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>An advert will be published in one provincial (Cape Times) and one local newspaper (Die Courier) (in English and Afrikaans), formally announcing the commencement of the Part 2 Amendment Applications and associated EMPr amendment processes, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft Part 2 Amendment Reports and amended EMPrs for public review and comment.</p>
<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken</p>	
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to— (i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The existing databases for the Rietkloof WEF and Brandvalley WEF projects will be verified and updated for the purposes of the Part 2 Amendment and EMPr amendment processes. As part of the verification process, existing I&amp;APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of communication. The POPI act will also be put into consideration to confirm all the relevant POPI requirements for the database.</li> <li>— The relevant ward councillors will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members.</li> <li>— No public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.</li> </ul>
<p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project will be identified at the outset of the Project. As noted above, the existing databases will be verified and updated for the purposes of the Part 2 Amendment and EMPr amendment processes. The database will also be updated to include landowners and other stakeholders relevant to the Projects.</li> <li>— All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the BA and EMPr amendment processes.</li> </ul>
<p>(43) &amp; (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&amp;APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft Amendment Reports and amended EMPrs will be made available to all stakeholders for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP. As a result, the Draft BAR and amended EMPrs will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Matjiesfontein Community Hall;</li> <li>— Laingsburg Public Library;</li> <li>— From WSP on request; and</li> <li>— Online on the WSP website</li> </ul>

**SUMMARY OF PPP REQUIREMENT (GNR 326 OF EIA REGULATIONS)**

**PLAN/ACTIVITIES**

	<p>At the time of disclosure, WSP will confirm the relevant COVID-19 protocols and regulations in place and <i>will confirm with the local libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review prior to placement.</i></p> <p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final Amendment Reports and amended EMPs for consideration by the competent authority.</p>
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## 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO DATE

### 2.1 PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

A pre-application meeting was held on 08 October 2021 with the DFFE in order to discuss the proposed Project. The minutes of this meeting as well as the approved PP Plan are included in **Appendix C1**.

### 2.2 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Section 41 of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) states that written notices must be given to identified stakeholders as outlined in **Table 2-1**.

Relevant authorities (Organs of State) have been automatically registered as I&APs. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), all other persons must request in writing to be placed on the register, submit written comments, or attend meetings to be registered as stakeholders, and included in future communication regarding the Project.

**Table 2-1: Interested and Affected Parties Table**

NEMA REQUIREMENT	DISCUSSION
<i>(i) the owner or person in control of that land if the applicant is not the owner or person in control of the land</i>	The project activity is located on fourteen (14) property portions. The landowners have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(ii) the occupiers of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken</i>	All landowners have been contacted to confirm whether there are any occupiers on the land portions. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
<i>(iii) owners and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken or to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken</i>	Adjacent landowner details were collected and have been included on the stakeholder database. Where applicable, occupiers have been included on the database.
<i>(iv) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site or alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area</i>	Ward Councillors of Ward 1 (Laingsburg Local Municipality) have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(v) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area</i>	The Laingsburg Local Municipality, which is located in the Central Karoo District Municipality have been included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(vi) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity</i>	DFFE has been, and will continue to be, consulted. The Western Cape Department Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) is included on the stakeholder database.
<i>(vii) any other party as required by the competent authority.</i>	All tiers of government, namely, national, provincial, local government and parastatals have been included on the stakeholder database. Inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)</li> <li>– Department of Environmental Affairs: Biodiversity Conservation Unit</li> <li>– Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)</li> <li>– Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)</li> <li>– Department of Transport</li> <li>– National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)</li> <li>– South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)</li> <li>– Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&amp;DP)</li> </ul>

NEMA REQUIREMENT	DISCUSSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Western Cape Department of Agriculture, (DoA)</li> <li>– Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works</li> <li>– Heritage Western Cape (HWC)</li> <li>– Eskom</li> <li>– CapeNature</li> <li>– Olifants/Doorn Water Management Area</li> </ul>

**Appendix A** provides a list of stakeholders registered on the Project database. The stakeholders along with the date on which they registered and reference to comments received, where applicable, are indicated in **Table 2-4**. The stakeholder database was updated throughout the Part 2 and EMPr Amendment process.

## 2.2.1 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

### DIRECT NOTIFICATION

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to potential Stakeholders, via direct correspondence (i.e. site notices and e-mail) on **19 May 2022**. The notification letter circulated is included in **Appendix B-3** of this report. Proof of notifications sent to Stakeholders are included in **Appendix B-4 and Appendix B-5**.

### ADVERTISEMENT

Notification of the proposed Project was issued to the general public via an advertisement on 09 and 10 December 2021 **and again on 19 and 20 May 2022**. The purpose of the advertisement was to notify the general public of the EMPr amendment and provide an opportunity to register on the Project database and provide input into the process. A copy of the advertisement is included as **Appendix B-1**. The advertisement publication details are provided in **Table 2-2**.

**Table 2-2: Dates on which the advert was published**

NEWSPAPER	PUBLICATION DATE
The Cape Times	09 December 2021
Die Courier	10 December 2021
<u>The Cape Times</u>	<b><u>19 May 2022</u></b>
<u>Die Courier</u>	<b><u>20 May 2022</u></b>



### SITE NOTICES

In accordance with GNR 326 Section 41(2)(a-b) site notices were developed (see **Appendix B-2**) and placed at three (3) strategic points along the OHPL route that are accessible by the public, as well as in three (3) public places within the town of Laingsburg and one (1) in Matjiesfontein. Site notices were placed on site on **03 December 2021 and again on 19 May 2022**. The purpose of the notification was to offer potential I&APs and Stakeholders the opportunity to register on the Project database and provide input into the process.

**Table 2-3** below shows details and proof of display. **Figure 2-1** shows the mapped locations of the site notice placements along the route.

**Table 2-3: Site Notice Locations (03 December 2021)**

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
<b>Public Venues in Laingsburg</b>		
Laingsburg Public Library Van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg	33°11'50.5"S 20°51'30.8"E	
Laingsburg Local Municipality Van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg	33°11'51.6"S 20°51'31.2"E	
Laingsburg OK Van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg	33°11'51.0"S 20°51'29.3"E	

LOCATION	CO-ORDINATES	PHOTOGRAPHS
Matjiesfontein Community Centre / Mini Library Matjiesfontein	33°14'03.4"S 20°35'04.3"E	
<b>Strategic Points Along the OHPL Route</b>		
Point A (R354 - Keurkloof)	33°13'23.8"S 20°34'54.1"E	
Point B (R354 - Rietkloof)	33°04'54.3"S 20°35'32.9"E	



**LOCATION**            **CO-ORDINATES**            **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Point C (R354 -Ou Mure Brandvallei)	32°56'55.92"S 20°33'1.69"E	 A photograph showing a dirt road in a rural, semi-arid landscape. A utility pole stands on the left side of the road. In the middle ground, there is a small, white, rectangular structure, possibly a shed or a small building, partially obscured by some vegetation. The background shows a flat horizon under a blue sky with light clouds.
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**Figure 2-1: Location of Site Notices (red balloon markers) in relation to the Rietkloof WEF land parcels (blue polygons) (December 2021)**

## AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT

A Part 2 Amendment Process for the amendment of the existing EA for the Rietkloof WEF (DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) was initiated in December 2021 for a reduced 47-turbine layout (as well as other substantive and administrative amendments). The Draft Amendment Report was released for a 30-day public participation period from 09 December 2021 to 31 January 2022, which was later extended to 03 March 2022 to allow I&APs additional time to review and comment on the reports) as per the requirements of Section 32 (1) of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended). Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Part 2 Amendment Application was **withdrawn** before the Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) had made a decision on the application.

Rietkloof would like to recommence with the Part 2 Amendment application for the Rietkloof WEF, applying for the same amendments as detailed in the Draft Amendment Report (dated December 2021), with the following primary changes:

- Amend the number of authorised turbines to up to 32 turbines of up to 7MW capacity each (as opposed to 47 turbines); and
- Amend the turbine number of Turbine 3 on page 9 of the EA to correctly refer to Turbine 31 (administrative amendment).

This Draft Amendment Report has therefore been updated accordingly. and will be placed on public review for a period of 30 days from **19 May 2022** to **21 June 2022**, at the venues as follows:

→ Hard Copies:

- Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck Street)
- Matjiesfontein Community Centre;

→ Electronic Version:

- WSP's website - to be accessed by the public via the following link: <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>
- WeTransfer link: <https://we.tl/t-o3t81bC06T>
- OneDrive link: [https://wsponlinezaf-my.sharepoint.com/:f/r/personal/jennifer\\_green\\_wsp\\_com/Documents/Part%20%20Amendment%20Application\\_Draft%20Amendment%20Report%20%26%20Amended%20EMPr%20for%20Rietkloof%20WEF%20\(14.12.16.3.3.1.1977.AM1\)?csf=1&web=1&e=WjaMsy](https://wsponlinezaf-my.sharepoint.com/:f/r/personal/jennifer_green_wsp_com/Documents/Part%20%20Amendment%20Application_Draft%20Amendment%20Report%20%26%20Amended%20EMPr%20for%20Rietkloof%20WEF%20(14.12.16.3.3.1.1977.AM1)?csf=1&web=1&e=WjaMsy)

Proof of report availability is included in **Appendix B-6** and **Appendix B-7**

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### 2.2.2 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION

All stakeholders that either called in or sent written correspondence, such as emails, fax, or post, to the EAP were added to the database and their comments and/or queries were responded to.

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## 2.3 COMMENTS RECEIVED AND RESPONSES PROVIDED

Comments received from registered stakeholders to date (including the public participation period from 09 December 2021 to 03 March 2022 for the withdrawn amendment application process) have been captured and responded to within the comments and response tables included in **Table 2-4** below. The original comments and responses are included in **Appendix D**. Additional comments received from registered stakeholders during the additional review period will be included in the comments and response report in the SER, which will form part of the FAR.

**Table 2-4: Comments and Responses Table**

DATE OF COMMENT, FORMAT OF COMMENT, NAME OF ORGANISATION/I&AP	COMMENT	RESPONSE	REPORT REFERENCE
<b>Natasha Higgitt – South African Heritage Resources Agency</b>			
Natasha Higgitt SAHRA E-mail 09 December 2021	Good morning,  As the development are located in the Western Cape, SAHRA does not have the jurisdiction to provide comments. Please contact Heritage Western Cape for comments in this regard.  Kind regards,	Heritage Western Cape was included on the I&AP database ( <b>Appendix A</b> ) and was contacted for comment on 08 December 2021. SAHRA has been removed from the I&AP database.	<b>Appendix A</b>
<b>Stephan Pienaar – Registered I&amp;AP</b>			
Stephan Pienaar Registered I&AP E-mail 13 December 2021	Dear EAP,  Wrt the advice below I would like to be supplied with the following appendices to the DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT for the Rietkloof WEF:  Appendix K – Visual Statement  Appendix Q-2 – I&AP Database.  Thanking you in anticipation.	<b>The following e-mail response was sent on 01 February 2022 with the following attachments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Appendix Q2: I&amp;AP Database - Public Copy</b></li> <li>– <b>Appendix K: Visual Statement</b></li> </ul> <p>Good morning Stephan</p> <p>Apologies for the delay, unfortunately your email went into our Quarantine and I note that your email was one of the emails in there.</p> <p>Please see attached requested documents. If you could please submit any comments you may have as soon as possible.</p> <p>Please let me know if you require any additional information.</p> <p>Could I kindly ask that you confirm receipt of this email. Please feel free to give me a call once you've sent a response and I can confirm receipt.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p>	<b>Appendix K of the Final Amendment Report</b>  <b>Appendix Q2 of the Final Amendment Report</b>  <b>Original Correspondence included in Appendix D of this SER.</b>

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<p>E-mail 01 February 2022</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong, Your email below refers.</p> <p>I sent an email to Babalwa Mqokeli on 13 December 2021, requesting certain appendices to your Draft Part 2 Amendment Report. See attached email item.</p> <p>I today only received the requested information with an apology that it took so long. See attached email item.</p> <p>It is obviously impossible to consider the information and to provide you with any comments by the original deadline of 31 January 2022.</p> <p>I did not again register as an I&amp;AP as my registration as an I&amp;AP on the project has not lapsed.</p> <p>Kindly revert to me on the following: Will the time for submitting comments be extended and, if so, by how long?</p> <p>I notice on the database of I&amp;AP's, all the names of I&amp;AP's have been redacted, ostensibly to comply with the POPI Act. A noticeable exception is that the names of I&amp;AP's who appealed during the previous EIA have not been redacted. This calls for an explanation. Should any I&amp;AP wish to oppose or appeal this latest application, how do you suggest he/she establishes who to copy the appeal to as required by the Regulations.</p> <p>Additionally, is it possible to establish from the developer the final number of turbines that will be erected and their positions? This information could influence any reposes to this application.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>	<p>The following e-mail response was sent on 03 February 2022:</p> <p>Dear Mr Pienaar</p> <p>Thank you for your email below.</p> <p>Please find responses to your queries below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— With regards to the submission of comments we afford you a 30-day period to comment – in addition all appendices have been conveniently placed on the website as well for anyone's perusal for the next 30-days. So please forward any comments through by 3 March 2022.</li> <li>— You are correct the redactions are as a result of compliance to the POPIA. Thank you for making us aware that the appellant names were still reflecting – this has been rectified in the documentation that has been uploaded to the website.</li> <li>— With regards to obtaining the database for purposes of appeals – WSP agrees that clarity on this from the DFFE is required.</li> <li>— Lastly, at this stage the developer is planning to erect up to 32 turbines as per the layout included in the amended EMPr.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for your participation in this process – we look forward to receiving your comments soonest.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p><b>Original Correspondence included in Appendix D of this SER.</b></p>
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<p>E-mail 03 February 2022</p>	<p>Dear Mrs Strong, Thank you for your response. The “final” layout as indicated in Figure 3-4 of the draft amended EMPr shows 47 turbines, albeit the “worst case scenario” as annotated. The developer now reportedly plans to erect up to 32 turbines, the reduced number seemingly brought about by the increased generating capacity of the new, larger turbines now being applied for. As noted in my email of 1<sup>st</sup> instant it would be helpful if we could be advised not only of the planned final number but also the final positions of these turbines. The position of the eventually constructed turbines could materially affect the visual impact on the sensitive visual receptors and thus also our response to the application. For example, the impact on sensitive receptors to the south of the project area would be materially reduced if turbines numbers 58 to 63 will no longer be constructed. Also, is there any assurance that, if only a reduced number of turbines are constructed now, the developer would not develop the remaining approved number at a later stage? Kindly advised us on the response by DFFE in the POPIA issue. Thanking you in anticipation. Kind Regards,</p>	<p><b>The following e-mail response was sent on 02 March 2022:</b> Dear Mr. Pienaar, I trust that you are well. Please find below a response to your email of 3 February 2022. The final layout submitted for PPP included 47 turbines as a worst-case scenario, however the developer has in the process dropped turbines based on information at hand (such as but not limited to turbine manufacturer, cost of infrastructure such as road, visual, bird, bat sensitivities etc.), which has resulted in the dropping of the 47 turbine layout to 32 turbines. Due to the turbine manufacturer having a more advanced turbine available which enables more efficient turbine performance and production numbers, the more advanced turbine has enabled the developer to drop the amount of turbines needed on the wind farm to 32 turbines. These 32 turbine positions will be a subset of the 47-turbine layout and is anticipated to be implemented on site. Further, the visual specialist has confirmed that the increase in the Rotor Diameter, Hub Height, and turbines MW size do not give rise to any additional impacts or exacerbate the impacts previously identified in the VIA for this development. No additional mitigation measures or specialist input into the EMPr are deemed necessary and the site layout is deemed acceptable from a visual perspective and the Environmental Authorisation (EA) should be amended. In the range of turbines 58 to 63, the developer has been able to omit turbines 59 and 60, however, turbines 58, 61, 62 and 63 are required due to the very favourable wind conditions at these locations for the finalised turbine solution. Without retaining these locations, the annual energy production of the</p>	<p><b>Original Correspondence included in Appendix D of this SER.</b></p>
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		<p>wind farm will be compromised along with the business case for the project as bid to the DMRE. Therefore, turbines 58, 61, 62 and 63 are included in the final layout.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	
<p>E-mail 02 March 2022</p>	<p>Dear Ms Strong,</p> <p>Thank you for your response, albeit rather late for me to formulate a possible response to the application, which I noted would be informed by your response.</p> <p>In my email of 3 February 2022 I inquired if the final position of the 32 planned turbines could be made known. You have only responded to the small group of turbines which I noted as an example of how final siting could determine a response.</p> <p>A simple list of 32 numbers would suffice.</p> <p>Kind Regards.</p>	<p>The following e-mail response was sent on 02 March 2022 with the following attachment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Rietkloof WEF layout</li> </ul> <p>Dear Mr Pienaar</p> <p>Attached please find the 32-turbine layout for your information.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> <p>The following additional response is provided:</p> <p>Furthermore, to date all appeals submitted on behalf of this I&amp;AP have been dismissed by the Minister. We can advise that we and the Holder of the EA have endeavoured to ensure to mitigate against all issues, that are mitigatable through the Final EMPr. A number of mechanisms will be established by the Holder of the EA and any sub-contractors to ensure that any issues/concerns that all I&amp;APs may have during construction and operation will be dealt with accordingly.</p> <p>Based on the finding of the Part 2 Amendment Application the so-called referenced destruction of the environment remains the same or have decreased with the clear drop of the turbines and moving the turbines as required by the Specialists. We understand that the Visual Impact has not changed but it has not been confirmed to be increased either, therefore, we are of the opinion that this has been adequately</p>	<p><b>Original Correspondence included in Appendix D of this SER.</b></p>

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		assessed and mitigated for where possible. We further confirm that all recommendations made by Professional Specialists have been taken into account and have also been mitigated as and when possible by means of their suggestions and inclusions of the EMPr.	
<b>Adri LaMeyer - Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</b>			
Adri LaMeyer DEA&DP E-mail 14 December 2021	Hi Jennifer,  Thank you for the email notification.  Unfortunately, I took too long to download the reports and the WeTransfer links expired. Can I please ask that you make the downloads available for the full period of public participation please? The reason for this request is that some I&APs and government departments may have gone on leave when the notification came through. Also, some of us have been rushing to meet deadlines for comments and have not been able to download the reports.  Can you please provide me with new links to access the appendices please?  Kind regards,	<b>The following e-mail response was sent on 15 December 2021:</b>  Hi Adri,  We have made the reports available via One Drive. Please let me know if you can access the links below.   <a href="#">Amended EMPr for Rietkloof Powerline (14.12.16.3.3.1.1590)</a>   <a href="#">Part 2 Amendment Application Draft Amendment Report &amp; Amended EMPr for Rietkloof WEF (14.12.16.3.3.1.1977.AM1)</a>  Kind regards,	<b>Original Correspondence included in Appendix D of this SER.</b>
E-mail 17 December 2021	Apologies, only the powerline documents managed to download.  The WEF documents did not load – see size of documents below (0 KB).	<b>The following e-mail response was sent on 05 January 2022:</b>  Hi Adri,  My apologies for all the trouble this is causing!  Please see the new link below to access the WEF documents:	<b>Original Correspondence included in Appendix D of this SER.</b>

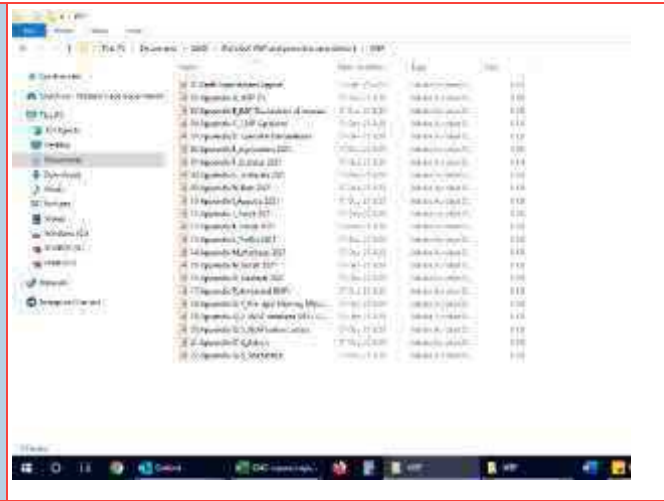


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		<p>Please let me know if you are able to accept a flash stick at your offices? We will then provide this as well to ensure that you receive the documents.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	
<p>E-mail 30 January 2022</p>	<p>Dear Jennifer,</p> <p>I hope you are well. Apologies for never responding to your email. I was still on leave when you sent this email and shared the documents with me via another e-mail. And then the internal tasks regarding the seismic survey on the West Coast hit me before I could even review all emails when I got back to work.</p> <p>I confirm that I have received both emails dated 05 January 2022 and have managed to download both folders. I have also received comments from our waste, air quality and pollution management directorates on your application. As you can see when you receive this email, I'm busy working on a Sunday evening to try and cope with 5 x 24O deadlines that are due on Monday (31 January 2022)! Stress levels are off the roof, because I'm still waiting for comments on 2 x DSRs and from our George office on this application. I unfortunately have to give preference to the DSRs</p>	<p><b>The following e-mail response was sent on 31 January 2022:</b></p> <p>Dear Adri</p> <p>Thanks for your email – we can completely understand the business!</p> <p>We can accommodate an extension to 1 February 2022 for you to submit comments.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p><b>Original Correspondence included in Appendix D of this SER.</b></p>

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	<p>due to the tight deadline for submission of the FSR to DMRE &amp; DFFE.</p> <p>I'm thus preparing for a worst-case scenario in that I may not get the comments on your application from our George Office in time for sign-off by my director. I'm not sure who the case officer is, so have emailed all the managers and admin earlier to remind them of the comments.</p> <p>I'm really, really sorry to have to ask for an extension considering that we had more than the "normal" 30-days to provide comments, but under the circumstances, I'm hoping that you would be able to grant me an extension until Tuesday, 01 February 2022 to submit comments please?</p> <p>Your assistance and understanding is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>		
<p>E-mail 31 January 2022</p>	<p>Dear Ashlea,</p> <p>Thanks so much for your positive response. It is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Will provide comments tomorrow.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	-	-
<p>Thea Jordan Letter (as e-mail attachment) 01 February 2022</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME, DRAFT PART 2 AMENDMENT REPORT, AND THE FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE AUTHORISED 183MW RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON VARIOUS FARM PORTIONS NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, LAINGSBURG MUNICIPALITY (DFFE REF NO. 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)</p>	<p>Please note the responses to the comments received below (responses are numbered to correspond with the comments received from DEA&amp;DP):</p>	

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	<p>The email notification of 08 December 2021 requesting comments on the Amended Environmental Management Programme (“EMPr”), the Draft Part 2 Amendment Report in support of the proposed amendments to the environmental authorisation (“EA”), and the final layout of the Rietkloof wind energy facility (“WEF”), refers.</p> <p>The Department expresses its gratitude to the environmental assessment practitioner (“EAP”) for graciously allowing a one-day time extension to submit comments on the reports. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the Amended EMPr dated December 2021 and the Draft Part 2 Amendment Report (hereinafter referred to as the “Draft Amendment Report”) dated December 2021 that was available for download from various online platforms provided by the EAP.</p> <p>1. Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer / Mr Ralph van Delin (Email: <a href="mailto:Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za">Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za</a> / <a href="mailto:Ralph.vanDelin@westerncape.gov.za">Ralph.vanDelin@westerncape.gov.za</a>; Tel.: (021) 483 2817):</p> <p>1.1. Please correct references noted as “Error! Reference source not found” and “Error! Not a valid bookmark self-reference” in the Amendment EMPr and the Draft Amendment Report.</p> <p>1.2. Cross references to various specialist assessments or walkdown letters referred to in the Amended EMPr must be checked for accuracy, e.g.:</p> <p>1.2.1. Section 5.2, page 48 of the EMPr refers to “Table 9 of the Terrestrial Ecology &amp; Biodiversity Walkdown Report (included in Appendix I)”. Please note the Terrestrial Ecology &amp; Biodiversity Walkdown Report was included as Appendix F.</p> <p>1.2.2. Section 5.3, page 49 refers to the Surface Water Walkdown Letter included as Appendix L; however, this was included as Appendix I.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments on the Amended EMPr and the Draft Part 2 Amendment Report.</p> <p>1.1 All instances of “Error! Reference source not found” and “Error! Not a valid bookmark self-reference” have been removed from the Amendment Report and Amended EMPr and correct references have been included.</p> <p>1.2 Cross references to appendices have been amended accordingly.</p> <p>1.2.1 The Terrestrial Ecology &amp; Biodiversity Walkdown Report has been included as Appendix F in accordance with Section 5.2 of the EMPr.</p> <p>1.2.2 The Surface Water Walkdown Letter has been included as Appendix L in accordance with Section 5.3 of the EMPr.</p> <p>1.2.3 The Heritage Walkdown Report has been included as Appendix J in accordance with Section 5.7 of the EMPr.</p>	
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	<p>1.2.3. Section 5.7, page 53 refers to the Heritage Walkdown Report included as Appendix J; however, this was included as Appendix M.</p> <p>1.3. This Directorate supports the relocation of the construction camp to the existing batching plant previously utilised by the Roggeveld WEF.</p> <p>1.4. Please correct the heading on page 29 of the Draft Amendment Report which refers to Table 5-5: 2016 Impact Assessment Summary as it should refer to the 2019 Impact Assessment Summary.</p>	<p>1.3 The EAP notes that DEA&amp;DP supports the relocation of the construction camp to the existing batching plant previously utilised by the Roggeveld WEF.</p> <p>1.4 The heading for Table 5-5 on page 29 of the Final Amendment Report has been corrected to refer to the 2019 Impact Assessment Summary.</p>	
	<p>2. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Nabeelah Achmat (Email: Nabeelah.Achmat@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 2975):</p> <p>2.1. This Directorate notes the statement in section 5.6.5, page 43 of the Draft Amendment Report: “It can be concluded that the updated November 2021 layout of the proposed Rietkloof WEF does not pose any additional negative impacts to any watercourses, but rather will generate less impacts and pose less of a risk than the originally assessed layout to the watercourses of the region.” As indicated by the Freshwater Specialist Opinion compiled by FEN Consulting dated 18 November 2021, “Only watercourse access road crossings will directly impact on the watercourses. All other proposed infrastructure will be located outside of the delineated extent of the watercourses; however, some will be located within the 100 m regulated area.” It is imperative that any materials used during the construction of the road crossings are not directly disposed of in the watercourse, and any machinery/trucks parked within proximity to the watercourse have drip trays underneath to ensure that no spillage enters the watercourse. Buffers around the watercourses need to be stipulated to regard those areas as no-go sections throughout the lifecycle of the project.</p>	<p>2.1 The following mitigation measures have been included in Section 8.9 (“Surface Water Management”) of the Amended EMPr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Any materials used during the construction of the road crossings may not be directly disposed of in the watercourse, and any machinery/trucks parked within proximity to the watercourse must have drip trays placed underneath to ensure that no spillage enters the watercourse.</li> <li>– Buffers around the watercourses need to be stipulated to regard those areas as no-go sections throughout the lifecycle of the project.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, Section 9.8 of the Amended EMPr includes a Protection Of Hydrological Features And Sensitive Areas Plan.</p>	

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	<p>2.2. This Directorate notes and supports the Stormwater Management Plan contained in the Amended EMPr.</p> <p>2.3. Pages 56 – 58 of the Amended EMPr (Table 5-1: Walkdown summary of recommendations) indicate the approximate distance of the crane pads from the watercourses. Please clarify if these measurements have been recommended by a specialist.</p> <p>2.4. Please provide additional information regarding the proposed conservancy tank to be installed for the sewage system, as indicated on page 25 of the Amendment EMPr and page 4 of the Draft Amendment Report.</p> <p>2.5. The following general recommendations are provided to prevent and manage the potential pollution emanating from the proposed development during the construction and operational phases:</p> <p>2.5.1. The refuelling and/or repair of heavy earthmoving vehicles should not take place within any sensitive areas and should be conducted over a dedicated impervious area within the construction camp as indicated on page 78 of the Amended EMPr.</p> <p>2.5.2. Should any spillage occur during the refuelling and/or repair, the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management is to be notified immediately in conformance to prescribed legislation.</p>	<p>2.2 The EAP notes that DEA&amp;DP Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management supports the Stormwater Management Plan included in the Amended EMPr.</p> <p>2.3 Table 5-1 provides a summary of the specialist observations and recommendations made following the walkdown. It should be noted that the Freshwater Specialist has concluded the following (<b>Appendix I</b>):</p> <p><i>It can be concluded that the updated November 2021 layout of the proposed Rietkloof WEF does not pose any additional negative impacts to any watercourses, but rather will generate less impacts and pose less of a risk than the originally assessed layout to the watercourses of the region.</i></p> <p>2.4 A standard conservancy tank will be utilised where sewage will be periodically removed by a licensed waste contractor.</p> <p>2.5.1 Section 8.2 (Vehicle, Equipment and Machinery Management) includes the following mitigation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— All vehicles must be regularly inspected for leaks. Re-fuelling must take place on a sealed surface area to prevent ingress of hydrocarbons into the topsoil.</li> </ul> <p>2.5.2 The Emergency Response Plan in Section 9.12 of the Amended EMPr indicates that “the Emergency Response Plan must take the incident procedures referred to in Section 30 of the NEMA into account” and that “any incident must immediately be reported to the relevant authorities and all the</p>	
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	<p>2.5.3. Machinery and equipment should be regularly inspected for any damage which could lead to contamination of the watercourse and receiving environment.</p> <p>2.5.4. In the event of an accidental spill or leakage of hazardous substances, such incident(s) must be reported to all relevant authorities, including the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management in accordance with section 30(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998(Act No. 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”) pertaining to the control of incidents.</p>	<p>necessary documentation must be completed and submitted to the relevant authorities within the prescribed timeframes.”</p> <p>2.5.3 Section 8.2 (Vehicle, Equipment and Machinery Management) includes the following mitigation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Adequately maintain equipment, machinery and vehicles to reduce the potential for spillages of oil, diesel, fuel or hydraulic fluid, as well as to ensure road-worthiness. Evidence of such maintenance must be recorded and maintained onsite for verification.</li> </ul> <p>2.5.4 A Hazardous Substances Leakage Or Spillage Monitoring Plan has been included in Section 9.10 of the Amended EMPr.</p> <p>Additionally, the Emergency Response Plan in Section 9.12 of the Amended EMPr indicates that “the Emergency Response Plan must take the incident procedures referred to in Section 30 of the NEMA into account” and that “any incident must immediately be reported to the relevant authorities and all the necessary documentation must be completed and submitted to the relevant authorities within the prescribed timeframes.”</p>	
	<p>3. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Etienne Roux (Email: Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 8378):</p> <p>3.1. This Directorate has no comments on the Draft Amendment Report. Waste management impacts/activities have been adequately addressed in the Amended EMPr, and as such, this Directorate has no further comment on the application.</p>	<p>3.1 The EAP notes that DEA&amp;DP Directorate: Waste Management does not have any comments on the Draft Amendment Report and is satisfied that waste management impacts and activities have been adequately addressed in the Amended EMPr.</p>	-

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	<p>4. Directorate: Air Quality Management – Mr Sibusiso Sinuka (Email: Sibusiso.Sinuka@westerncape.gov.za; Tel.: (021) 483 3463):</p> <p>4.1. The Amended EMPr indicates that dust may be created from cleared areas as well as from large vehicles and heavy earthmoving equipment traversing and operating on-site. The dust mitigation and management measures stipulated in the EMPr must be strictly implemented to monitor and prevent fugitive dust emissions.</p> <p>4.2. The generation of dust must comply with the National Dust Control Regulations, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) and published in Government Notice No. R. 827 of 1 November 2013. These regulations prohibit a person from conducting any activity in such a way as to give rise to dust in such quantities and concentrations that the dust, or dust fallout, has a detrimental effect on the environment, including human health.</p> <p>4.3. This Directorate notes that the modelling results of the Noise Specialist Statement indicated that the EA limit of 45 dB(A) will not be exceeded at any of the noise sensitive areas. The noise management measures stipulated in the EMPr must be strictly implemented during the construction- and operational phases of the proposed development.</p> <p>4.4. Noise generated on-site from the proposed development must comply with the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations published in Provincial Notice 200/2013.</p>	<p>4.1 The dust mitigation and management measures have been included in the Amended EMPr and will therefore be enforced for the duration of Project construction activities and monitored by the ECO.</p> <p>4.2 The requirement for dust generated on site from the proposed development to comply with the National Dust Control Regulations, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) and published in Government Notice No. R. 827 of 1 November 2013 has been included in Section 8.10 (“Air Quality Management”) of the Amended EMPr.</p> <p>4.3 The noise mitigation and management measures have been included in the Amended EMPr and will therefore be enforced for the duration of Project construction activities and monitored by the ECO.</p> <p>4.4 The requirement for noise generated on-site from the proposed development to comply with the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations published in Provincial Notice 200/2013 has been included in Section 8.11 (“Noise Management”) of the Amended EMPr.</p> <p>4.5 The EAP welcomes any additional comments or revisions of original comments from DEA&amp;DP Directorate: Air Quality Management.</p>	<p><b>Section 8.10 of the Amended EMPr</b></p> <p><b>Section 8.11 of the Amended EMPr</b></p>
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	<p>4.5. Please note that the above-mentioned recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by this Directorate should in any way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested.</p>		
	<p>5. The applicant is reminded of its “general duty of care towards the environment” as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998 which states that “Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.”</p> <p>Please direct all enquiries to the commenting officials should you require any clarity on any of the comments provided.</p> <p>The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	<p>5. The Applicant is aware of the general duty of care in terms of Section 28 of NEMA. This duty is highlighted in the Amended EMPr.</p> <p>Enquiries will be directed to the appropriate commenting officials using the contact details provided.</p> <p>The EAP welcomes any additional comments or revisions of original comments from DEA&amp;DP should any new information be circulated.</p>	
<p>Adri LaMeyer E-mail 03 March 2022</p>	<p>Hi Ashlea,</p> <p>Hope you are well. Just to confirm that we have no additional comments to our comments of 01 February 2022.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	<p>The following e-mail response was sent on 03 March 2022:</p> <p>Dear Adri</p> <p>Thank you for your confirmation.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	



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<b>Desire Hearne – Registered I&amp;AP</b>			
Desire Hearn Registered I&AP E-mail 22 January 2022	Good morning  Kindly register me as a upcoming entrepreneur to receive more information.  Thank you  Regards	Desire Hearn has been registered as an I&AP and has been included on the I&AP database ( <b>Appendix A</b> ).	<b>Appendix A</b>
<b>Brittan Van Wyk – Registered I&amp;AP</b>			
Brittan van Wyk Registered I&AP E-mail 12 December 2021	Good afternoon.  Kindly register me as a upcoming entrepreneur to receive more information.  Thank you.	Brittan van Wyk has been registered as an I&AP and has been included on the I&AP database ( <b>Appendix A</b> ).	<b>Appendix A</b>
<b>Julliet Mahlangu – Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment</b>			
Julliet Mahlangu DFFE Letter (a e-mail attachment) 25 January 2022	COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF A SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) ISSUED ON THE 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 183MW RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE  The application form for amendment of EA and Draft Amendment Report received by this Department on 08 December 2021, refer.  This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final Amendment Report:	<u>Please note the responses to the comments received below (responses are numbered to correspond with the comments received from DFFE):</u>  <u>Thank you for your comments on the Draft AR.</u>	

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	<p><b>(a) Listed Activities</b></p> <p>(i) Kindly ensure that no new listed activities are triggered by the proposed amendments. The EAP is to ensure that all the amendments applied for does not trigger any listed or specified activity as outlined in Regulation 31 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.</p> <p>(ii) If there are new activities that are being triggered a new process must be followed. Also please be reminded that the onus is on the applicant to ensure that all relevant and applicable listed activities are considered and assessed before the commencement of any activities.</p>	<p>(i) Section 3.2 of the Final Amendment Report states the following:</p> <p><i>“The proposed amendments detailed in section 4 do not trigger any new listed activities in terms of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended. Furthermore, no additional properties will be affected by the amendments that were not originally assessed. However, part of the amendments applied for were not originally assessed as part of the original EIA process and therefore the potential in impacts is assessed as part of this report.”</i></p> <p>(ii) No new activities are triggered as part of the amendment applied for. Section 4 of the Final Amendment Report details the amendments being applied for.</p>	<p><b>Section 3.2 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p> <p><b>Section 4 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p>
	<p><b>(b) Public Participation Process</b></p> <p>(i) The following information must be submitted with the final Amendment Report:</p> <p>a) A list of registered interested and affected parties as per Regulation 42 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended;</p> <p>b) Copies of all comments received during the Draft Amendment Report comment period; and</p> <p>c) A comment and response report which contains all comments received and responses provided to all comments and issues raised during the public participation process for the Draft Amendment Report.</p>	<p>a) The I&amp;AP database is attached as <b>Appendix A</b>,</p> <p>b) Copies of original comments received from I&amp;APs and organs of state are included in this Stakeholder Engagement Report as <b>Appendix D</b>.</p> <p>c) All issues raised and comments received from I&amp;APs and organs of state have been addressed in Table 2-4 of this Stakeholder Engagement Report and, where necessary, the Final Amendment Report and EMPr</p>	<p><b>Appendix A</b></p> <p><b>Appendix D</b></p> <p><b>Table 2-4</b></p>

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	<p>Please note that comments received from this Department must also form part of the comment and response report.</p> <p>(ii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft Amendment Report from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final Amendment Report.</p> <p>(iii) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final Amendment Report. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p> <p>(iv) The time periods within which the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, must be implemented.</p> <p>(v) The mechanism for monitoring compliance with the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p>	<p>have been amended in response to these comments and/or issues.</p> <p>Comments received from DFFE on 25 January 2022 have been incorporated into this SER. Responses to comments have been included in Table 2-4.</p> <p>ii) All issues raised and comments received from I&amp;APs and organs of state have been addressed in Table 2-4 of this Stakeholder Engagement Report. Comments were received from Seoka Lekota of the Biodiversity Conservation Directorate on 31 January 2022. These comments have been addressed and incorporated into the Final Amendment Report and EMPr, where required.</p> <p>(iii) Proof of correspondence with various stakeholders via newspaper advertisements, site notices, SMSs and e-mails are included in this Stakeholder Engagement Report as <b>Appendix B</b>. All I&amp;APs and organs of state included on the I&amp;AP database (<b>Appendix A</b>) were contacted for comment.</p> <p>The Public Participation Process (PPP) undertaken for the Project is detailed in Section 1 and Section 2 of this Stakeholder Engagement Report. Table 1-3 in Section 1.6 provides a description of how Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended have been complied with.</p> <p>(iv) Section 8 of the EMPr includes the time periods within which the impact management actions must be implemented in accordance with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.</p> <p>(v) Section 7, Section 8 and Section 9 of the EMPr includes the mechanism for monitoring compliance with the impact</p>	<p><b>Table 2-4</b></p> <p><b>Appendix A</b> <b>Appendix B</b></p> <p><b>Section 1.6</b></p> <p><b>Section 8 of the EMPr</b></p> <p><b>Section 7, 8 and 9 of the EMPr</b></p>
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	(vi) A program for reporting on compliance, taking into account the requirements as prescribed by the Regulations.	management actions in accordance with Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.  (vi) Section 7.5 of the EMPr includes a program for reporting on compliance, taking into account the requirements as prescribed by the Regulations.	<b>Section 7.5 of the EMPr</b>
	<b>(d) Environmental Management Programme</b>  (i) Kindly ensure that the EMPr and Layout Map submitted in the final Amendment Report complies with appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended and conditions of the EA. The content of EMPr as per appendix 4 must be used as the table of content for EMPr and must show the sections or page numbers where the all requirements of appendix 4 has been addressed in the EMPr.  (ii) Kindly ensure that all recommendations from the specialist are included in the EMPr.	(iii) Table 1-2 in Section 1.3 of the Amended EMPr cross-references the sections within the EMPr with the legislated requirements as per Appendix 4 of Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 982 (as amended). Table 1-2 indicates the sections where all the requirements of appendix 4 have been addressed in the EMPr. Table 1-3 in Section 1.4 of the Amended EMPr cross references the sections within the updated EMPr Report as per the applicable EA conditions and DFFE requirements.  (iv) The EMPr includes all specialist recommendations in appropriate sections of the Amended EMPr. Specialist reports and letters have been included in the EMPr as appendices.	<b>Section 1.3 of the Amended EMPr</b>  <b>Section 1.4 of the Amended EMPr</b>
	<b>(e) Specialist Declaration of Interest and undertaking under Oath</b>  The final amendment report must include the Specialist Declaration of Interest of all specialists who were commissioned for the amendment process and these must be submitted in the Department's template. The latest available Departmental templates are available at: <a href="https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms">https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms</a>	Signed Specialist Declarations have been included in <b>Appendix D</b> of the Final Amendment Report. The most recent forms (dated 01 September 2018) downloaded from DFFE's website have been used.	<b>Appendix D of the Part 2 Amendment Report</b>

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	<p><b>General</b></p> <p>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 32 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</p> <p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	<p>The timeframes stipulated in Regulation 19 of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014, as amended) have been adhered to throughout the Amendment Process.</p> <p>The applicant is aware of the requirements of Section 24F of NEMA and will not commence with construction until such time as an EA is granted.</p>	-
<b>Makhosi Mthimkhulu – Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency</b>			
<p>Makhosi Mthimkhulu Breede-Gouritz CMA E-mail 27 January 2022</p>	<p>Hello Ashlea</p> <p>We have no objections to the above-mentioned activity.</p> <p>We have no further comments please see the attached document.</p> <p>Kind regards and thanks</p>	<p>The EAP notes that the Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency does not have additional comments on the Amendment Report or Amended EMPr. The comments dated December 2018 are still applicable to the Project.</p>	
<p>14 December 2018 Letter (as e-mail attachment)</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BAR FOR THE PROPOSED RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY STREAM COVERING AT OVERBILLS TOWNSHIP, KLEINMOND.</p> <p>With reference to the application dated 14 November 2018 the Breede- Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) has the following comments:</p> <p>Rietkloof Wind Farm (Pty) LTD propose to develop a 147 megawatt Wind Energy Facility near Laingsburg.</p> <p>Comments from BGCMA relates to the fact that there are watercourses in the vicinity of the project, that could be impacted by the development.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p> <p>It should be noted that one of the proposed amendments applied for is a change from 60 turbines to “up to 47 turbines of up to 7MW capacity each.”</p> <p>The Freshwater Specialist has concluded the following (<b>Appendix I</b>):</p>	<b>Appendix I</b>

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	<p>Two watercourses, the Wilgerhout and Roggeveld Rivers, within the study area, JIID and JIIE quaternary catchment are in close proximity to the project area.</p> <p>According to the report titled "Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility: Aquatic Assessment (July 2018)", the development will pose a low significance impacts on the freshwater features on site. General Authorisation must therefore be applied for, in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998).</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need clarity or more information.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>	<p><i>It can be concluded that the updated November 2021 layout of the proposed Rietkloof WEF does not pose any additional negative impacts to any watercourses, but rather will generate less impacts and pose less of a risk than the originally assessed layout to the watercourses of the region.</i></p> <p>Section 5.6.5 of the Amendment Report confirms that "authorisation by means of a Water Use Licence Application (WULA) in terms of Sections 21 (c) and (i) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act No. 36 of 1998) must be obtained from the DWS for the proposed development prior to the commencement of any works. It can be noted that this application has already been submitted to the DWS."</p>	<p><b>Section 5.6.5 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p>
<p><b>Seoka Lekota – Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: Biodiversity Directorate</b></p>			
<p>Seoka Lekota DFFE Biodiversity E-mail 09 December 2021</p>	<p>Good morning Sir/Madam</p> <p>Hope you are well.</p> <p>DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge the receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the mentioned project. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to the officers, Mrs. Portia Makitla (copied on this email) and myself (Aulicia Maifo).</p> <p>Please note that all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: <a href="mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za">BCAdmin@environment.gov.za</a> for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>Thank you for your e-mail.</p> <p>The relevant case officers have been included on the I&amp;AP database as well as the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation and have been provided with all project-related correspondence and will be notified of additional opportunities to participate in the process.</p>	<p><b>Appendix A</b></p>

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<p>Letter (as e-mail attachment) 31 January 2022</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE PROPOSED RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the Amended Environmental Management Programme report.</p> <p>Based on the information provided in the Amended EMPr and the Management Plans, the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objection to the proposed Amended EMPr.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The EAP notes that the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objection to the proposed Amended EMPr.</p> <p>The relevant case officers have been included on the I&amp;AP database as well as the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation and have been provided with all project-related correspondence and will be notified of additional opportunities to participate in the process.</p>	<p><b>Appendix A</b></p>
<p>Letter (as e-mail attachment) 31 January 2022</p>	<p>COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PART 2 ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT MOTIVATION REPORT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned report.</p> <p>It is the Directorates view that the proposed amendments will not result in any significant changes to the impacts that have already been assessed and with stringent mitigation measures the proposed amendments will not result in any fatal flaws or major impediments that will prevent the project from going ahead to the final EIA stage.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The EAP notes that the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation is of the view that the proposed amendments will not result in any significant changes to the impacts that have already been assessed and with stringent mitigation measures the proposed amendments will not result in any fatal flaws or major impediments that will prevent the project from going ahead to the final EIA stage.</p> <p>Mitigation and management measures included in the Amended EMPr will be enforced for the duration of Project activities and monitored by the ECO.</p> <p>The relevant case officers have been included on the I&amp;AP database as well as the Directorate: Biodiversity</p>	<p><b>Appendix A</b></p>

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	<p>In conclusion, all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>	<p>Conservation and have been provided with all project-related correspondence and will be notified of additional opportunities to participate in the process.</p>	
<b>Cor van der Walt – Western Cape Department of Agriculture</b>			
<p>Cor van der Walt DoA E-mail 09 December 2021</p>	<p>Please ensure that this office receives a hard copy. We do not have an electronic filing system and cannot print applications. We are in consultation to develop an electronic filing system.</p> <p>Due to us not fully electronically yet, a hard copy will suit us better. We hope to be able to go electronically in the near future.</p> <p>Groete/Kind regards</p>	<p>Hard copies of all three reports (2 volumes each) were couriered to the Western Cape Department of Agriculture’s offices in Elsenburg on 14 December 2021. Proof of courier is attached as <b>Appendix B-7</b> to this Stakeholder Engagement Report.</p>	<p><b>Appendix B-7</b></p>
<p>Brandon Layman E-mail 03 February 2022</p>	<p>Hi Ashlea</p> <p>Please ensure that this office receives a HARD COPY of the application or the application on a CD or USB STICK. We unfortunately cannot afford to print applications and reports. We do not have an electronic filing system but are in process of developing an electronic filing system.</p> <p>We hope to have an electronic filing system in the near future.</p> <p>With many thanks and kind regards</p>	<p><b>The following e-mail response was sent on 03 February 2022:</b></p> <p>Dear Brandon</p> <p>Thank you for your email – I can confirm that we sent hard copies of all three reports (2 volumes each) on 14 December last year – would have arrived at their offices on the 15th.</p> <p>The reports have not changed since that submission – we have just extended the time available for comment purposes.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<p><b>Appendix B-7</b></p>



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SJ Swanepoel – Registered I&AP			
<p>SJ Swanepoel Registered I&amp;AP E-mail 03 February 2022</p>	<p>I objected numerous times to the destruction of the environment and my reasons therefore remain. I don't have to remind you to check your system for my objections. S J Swanepoel. Paalfontein and Keurkloof farms</p>	<p>It is noted that Mr Swanepoel has submitted objections to the previous application processes undertaken for the Rietkloof WEF Project. These comments have notably been addressed during the course of the previous processes.</p> <p>Furthermore, to date all appeals submitted on behalf of this I&amp;AP have been dismissed by the Minister. We can advise that we and the Holder of the EA have endeavoured to ensure to mitigate against all issues, that are mitigatable through the Final EMPr. A number of mechanisms will be established by the Holder of the EA and any sub-contractors to ensure that any issues/concerns that all I&amp;APs may have during construction and operation will be dealt with accordingly.</p> <p>Based on the finding of the Part 2 Amendment Application the so-called referenced destruction of the environment remains the same or have decreased with the clear drop of the turbines and moving the turbines as required by the Specialists. We understand that the Visual Impact has not changed but it has not been confirmed to be increased either, therefore, we are of the opinion that this has been adequately assessed and mitigated for where possible. We further confirm that all recommendations made by Professional Specialists have been taken into account and have also been mitigated as and when possible by means of their suggestions and inclusions of the EMPr.</p> <p>Section 8 of the Final Amendment Report includes the following conclusion:</p> <p><i>“All of the specialists concluded that the proposed amendments are acceptable with no additional mitigation required.”</i></p>	<p><b>Section 8 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p>

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		<i>Additional mitigations as a result of the amendments and as a result of the specialist walkdowns of the Final layout have been included in the updated EMPr.”</i>	
<b>Gail Louw – Registered I&amp;AP</b>			
Gail Louw Registered I&AP E-mail 03 February 2022	<p>Morning Ashlea,</p> <p>My objections against the proposed Rietkloof wind farm still remain.</p> <p>These are based on the destruction of the sensitive Karoo environment (roads being gouged out) and veld recovery which will not happen in our lifetime. The senseless waste of precious water which the Karoo can ill afford. (I have first-hand knowledge of water being used, millions of litres to water roads!!). Lastly and most importantly the security of our area which is already being compromised as a result of the windfarms.</p> <p>In short, they are unsightly and mar the unspoilt vistas which characterize the Karoo. As a result it impacts on our agri tourism business.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. Your objections have been noted.</p> <p>The proposed amendments are deemed to be acceptable from a Biodiversity perspective. The Biodiversity Specialist concluded the following (<b>Appendix F</b>):</p> <p><i>“It is recommended that in terms of terrestrial ecological process and impact, the amendment to change the WTG technology/infrastructure be approved.”</i></p> <p>Additionally, Section 5.6.2 of the Final Amendment Report states the following:</p> <p><i>“The ecologist found that the proposed changes in technology/infrastructure in respect of capacity output, hub height, rotor diameter, blade length and maximum blade tip height will not result in any change in the nature of impacts, nor in the significance of direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts, of the project. As such, no further ecological assessment are required in this regard. Given the above outcome, this Rietkloof Amendment is supported in terms of terrestrial ecology impacts.”</i></p> <p>The watering of roads is noted to be included in Section 8.10 of the EMPr as a mitigation measure against the generation of construction dust.</p> <p>The Visual Specialist concluded the following in Section 5.6.7 of the Final Amendment Report:</p>	<p><b>Appendix F</b></p> <p><b>Section 5.6.2 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p> <p><b>Section 8.10 of the Final Amended EMPr</b></p>

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		<p><i>“The change in the turbine specifications being proposed for the Rietkloof WEF has allowed for a reduction in the number of turbines required for the facility. Hence, a total of thirteen (13) turbines have now been removed from the original 60 turbine layout and Rietkloof has advised that the number of turbines is likely to be further reduced to up to 34. Fewer turbines will result in a slight reduction in the area from which the turbines will be visible (viewshed) there will be less visual clutter in the landscape resulting in a slight reduction in the cumulative impacts experienced.</i></p> <p><i>In light of this, and the limited human habitation and relatively remote location of the proposed Rietkloof WEF, the proposed changes in the turbine specifications are not expected to result in any increased visual impacts on the identified receptors, or affect any additional receptors in the surrounding area.</i></p> <p><i>The overall appraisal is that the proposed amendments, will thus not alter the previous visual impacts as long as mitigation measures as detailed and required in the EMPr (Appendix P) are implemented. Given the above outcome, this Rietkloof Amendment is supported in terms of visual impacts”</i></p> <p>Section 5.6.10 of the Final Amendment Report includes confirmation that the Socio-economic specialist supports the proposed amendments from a socio-economic perspective.</p> <p>Section 9.16 of the EMPr includes a Security Policy to be implemented for the project. Additionally, Section 8.15 of the EMPr includes socio-economic mitigation and management measures, including security-related measures.</p> <p>Section 8 of the Final Amendment Report includes the following conclusion:</p>	<p><b>Section 5.6.7 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p> <p><b>Section 5.6.10 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p> <p><b>Section 9.16 of the EMPr</b> <b>Section 8.15 of the EMPr</b></p>
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		<p><i>“All of the specialists concluded that the proposed amendments are acceptable with no additional mitigation required. Additional mitigations as a result of the amendments and as a result of the specialist walkdowns of the Final layout have been included in the updated EMPr.”</i></p> <p>Furthermore, to date all appeals submitted on behalf of this I&amp;AP have been dismissed by the Minister. We can advise that we and the Holder of the EA have endeavoured to ensure to mitigate against all issues, that are mitigatable through the Final EMPr. A number of mechanisms will be established by the Holder of the EA and any sub-contractors to ensure that any issues/concerns that all I&amp;APs may have during construction and operation will be dealt with accordingly.</p> <p>Based on the finding of the Part 2 Amendment Application the so-called referenced destruction of the environment remains the same or have decreased with the clear drop of the turbines and moving the turbines as required by the Specialists. We understand that the Visual Impact has not changed but it has not been confirmed to be increased either, therefore, we are of the opinion that this has been adequately assessed and mitigated for where possible. We further confirm that all recommendations made by Professional Specialists have been taken into account and have also been mitigated as and when possible by means of their suggestions and inclusions of the EMPr.</p>	<p><b>Section 8 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p>
<p><b>Lucille Behrens – Registered I&amp;AP</b></p>			
<p>Lucille Behrens Registered I&amp;AP E-mail 25 January 2022</p>	<p>Hi Ashlea Please could you add me to the I&amp;AP database for the Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility, Part 2 Amendment? Many thanks</p>	<p><b>The following e-mail response was sent on 28 January 2022:</b> Dear Lucille,</p>	<p><b>Appendix A</b></p>

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		<p>We can confirm that you have been added to the I&amp;AP database for the Proposed Amendment to the EA for the Rietkloof WEF.</p> <p>The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPRs and Final Layouts are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for 30 days from 9 December 2021 to 31 January 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Matjiesfontein - Matjiesfontein Community Centre (Tel: 023 551 1019);</li> <li>– Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019); and</li> <li>– Website - <a href="https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents">https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents</a></li> </ul> <p>Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided below, by 31 January 2022. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP.</p> <p>The contact details of the EAP:</p> <p>Babalwa Mqokeli (T) 031 240 8804 (F) 031 240 8801 (E) <a href="mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com">Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com</a> (A) PO Box 98867, Sloane Park, 2152</p> <p>We look forward to your participation in this process and your meaningful contributions.</p> <p><b>Protection of Personal Information</b></p>	
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		<p><i>WSP will be processing certain personal information about you as an interested and affected party (I &amp; AP) for purposes of enabling your registration as an I &amp; AP and for purposes of storing your details on our database, if you consent for us to do so. WSP uses these details to contact you about other projects in the future. WSP will always process your personal information in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013. You are entitled to exercise your rights as a data subject and let us know if you wish to be deregistered as an I &amp; AP or if you no longer want your contact details to be included on our database.</i></p> <p>Kind regards</p>	
<b>Maanda Maseli – Registered I&amp;AP</b>			
<p>Maanda Maseli Registered I&amp;AP E-mail 15 February 2022</p>	<p>Hi Ashlea, can please provide the shapefile/kml for the below project?  Regards,</p>	<p><b>The following e-mail response was sent on 16 February 2022 with the following attachment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Kmz of the Rietkloof WEF layout</b></li> </ul> <p>Dear Maanda</p> <p>As requested – please find attached the kmz for the Rietkloof WEF.</p> <p>Please note that this is a worst case scenario layout with 47 turbines – however it is likely that turbine positions will still be removed – as noted in the Amendment Report.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	

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<b>Rebecca Thomas – Registered I&amp;AP</b>			
E-mail 11 January 2022	-	<p>The following e-mail response was sent on 11 January 2022:</p> <p>Dear Rebecca</p> <p>Compliments of the New Year to you.</p> <p>As per your telephonic request late last year – Please find the Avifauna Walk Down Report for the Rietkloof WEF EMPr Amendment that is currently out for public review.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	-
Rebecca Thomas Registered I&AP E-mail 12 January 2022	<p>Hi Ashlea, and best wishes to you too for 2022.</p> <p>Thank you for getting back to me on this. Seems the attachment was not included.</p> <p>Would you mind please resending?</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	<p>The following e-mail response was sent on 12 January 2022 with the following attachment:</p> <p>– <b>Appendix G – Avifauna</b></p> <p>Hi there</p> <p>Oh blast – sorry about that!! – I was convinced that I had attached it.</p> <p>Please see attached</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<b>Appendix G of the Final Amendment Report</b>
<b>Colin Fordam – CapeNature</b>			
Colin Fordam CapeNature Letter (as e-mail attachment) 08 March 2022	<p>THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND AMENDED EMPR AND THE FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE, LAINGSBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE.</p> <p>DEA reference: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1</p>		

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	<p>CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the above report. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application.</p> <p>CapeNature has previously provided comments into the dBAR and wishes to make the following comments:</p> <p>Any loss to natural habitat should be avoided, as far possible, and the proposed amendments should be in line with the objectives as stipulated in the Western Cape Land Use Guideline Handbook (WCBS 2017) (Pool-Stanvliet et.al. 2017)1. It should be noted that in arid habitats disturbed areas could take years to rehabilitate, even from temporary disturbances.</p> <p>All endangered species or protected species listed in Schedules 3 and 4 respectively, in terms of the Western Cape Nature Conservation Laws Amendment Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000) may not be picked or removed without the relevant permit, which must be obtained from CapeNature. This is also to ensure that rescued plant material is accounted for and used in the rehabilitation or relocation process. The indigenous vegetation that requires removal should be rescued and used for rehabilitation purposes.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. It is noted that these comments pertain only to the biodiversity-related impacts and not the application as a whole.</p> <p>Section 8.6.3 of the EMPr includes the following mitigation: <i>Preconstruction walk-through of the approved development footprint must be undertaken to ensure that sensitive habitats and species are avoided where possible.</i></p> <p>Furthermore, the Re-Vegetation and Habitat Rehabilitation Plan in Section 9.3 of the EMPr states the following: <i>Habitat destruction should be limited to what is absolutely necessary for the construction of the infrastructure, including the construction of new roads. In this respect, the recommendations from the Ecological Specialist Study should be applied strictly. Personnel should be adequately briefed on the need to restrict habitat destruction, and must be restricted to the actual construction area;</i></p> <p>Section 8.6.3 of the EMPr requires the following: <i>A flora and fauna search and rescue (relocation) must be undertaken before commencement of vegetation clearing. A more comprehensive list of species for which permits will be required is provided in Appendix 1: Plant Species of Conservation Concern (Red listed) and Appendix 2: Flora Protected in Terms of Provincial of the Ordinance(s) of the Ecology &amp; Biodiversity Walkdown Report (Appendix I).</i></p> <p>Section 9.2 of the EMPr includes the requirements or a Plant Rescue and Protection Plan, which includes relevant aspects of the site, such as SCC present on site and relevant</p>	<p><b>Section 8.6.3 of the EMPr</b></p> <p><b>Section 9.3 of the EMPr</b></p> <p><b>Section 8.6.3 of the EMPr</b></p>
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		<p>mitigation measures. Section 9.3 of the EMPr includes the requirements for a Re-Vegetation and Habitat Rehabilitation Plan, which has the following objectives, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Re-vegetate all disturbed areas with suitable local plant species;</i></li> <li>– <i>Re-vegetation of disturbed surfaces should occur immediately after construction activities are completed. This should be done through seeding with locally indigenous species typical of the representative botanical unit;</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Section 9.2 of the EMPr Section 9.3 of the EMPr</b></p>
	<p>For this reason, a rehabilitation plan must be drafted by a qualified specialist to outline the ecological functioning of the rescued plants and their success, mitigation of plant species that will be removed and to provide details regarding their location. The specialist should determine a suitable location before search-and-rescue is undertaken. The season should also be considered to give the plants an adequate chance to re-establish.</p>	<p>Section 9.3 of the EMPr includes the requirements for a Re-Vegetation and Habitat Rehabilitation Plan, which includes the following mitigation measure:</p> <p><i>Re-vegetation should aim to accelerate the natural succession processes so that the plant community develops in the desired way, i.e. promote rapid vegetation establishment</i></p> <p>Section 9.2 of the EMPr includes the requirements for a Plant Rescue and Protection Plan, which includes relevant aspects of the site, such as SCC present on site and relevant mitigation measures, including:</p> <p><i>A flora and fauna search and rescue (relocation) must be undertaken before commencement of vegetation clearing and should preferable be undertaken in the Spring season.</i></p>	<p><b>Section 9.3 of the EMPr  Section 9.2 of the EMPr</b></p>
	<p>The rehabilitation plan must have a monitoring programme to determine if the protection measures are achieving their objectives and to report on the success and challenges. Furthermore, the monitoring of the recovery and possible impacts post construction should be monitored for more than one year. To assess the longer-</p>	<p>Section 9.3 of the EMPr includes the following requirement:</p>	<p><b>Section 9.3 of the EMPr</b></p>

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	<p>term recovery and possible impacts of this project in relation to climate change patterns (i.e., continued drought and large-scale flash flooding events). These monitoring reports should be submitted to CapeNature to determine the success. CapeNature does not consider any habitat as rehabilitated until a comparable lever of ecosystem functionality has been proven.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that a site-specific Alien Plant Species Management Plan be compiled and included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). Unless an alien control plan is compiled the impact rating of alien vegetation cannot be rated as low. The eradication and monitoring of the spread of invasive alien species should follow the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No.10 of 2004)2. Prior to the closure of the construction phase, the last monitoring report must confirm that there are no introduced alien flora species on site. If at any stage during the construction phase any such species are noted they should be eradicated using suitable methods. Confirmation of eradication of all such species must be recorded within the last monitoring report. The removal of invasive alien plant species must be continuous and should continue beyond the operational phase. Suitable indigenous vegetation must be used during the rehabilitation.</p>	<p><i>Monitoring programme to ensure that rehabilitation efforts are successful to ensure that risks such as erosion, spread of exotic species and the edge effect are avoided.</i></p> <p>Section 9.3 of the EMPr has been updated to include the following requirements:</p> <p><i>The monitoring of the recovery and possible impacts post construction should be monitored for more than one year in order to assess the longer-term recovery and possible impacts of this project in relation to climate change patterns (i.e., continued drought and large-scale flash flooding events). These monitoring reports should be submitted to CapeNature to determine the success.</i></p> <p>Section 9.1 of the EMPr includes a site-specific Alien Invasive Management Plan (adapted from the EOH Environmental Management Programme for the proposed Rietkloof WEF, Dated 20 September 2016). Section 9.1 of the EMPr references the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 (NEMBA) as well as the regulations published in the Government Gazette on 1 August 2014, which stipulate categories for the classification of invasive potential (and thus risk), of the different known problem species in the country.</p> <p>The plan includes suitable mechanical and chemical control methods as well as monitoring requirements for the construction and operation phase.</p> <p>Section 9.3 of the EMPr includes the requirements for a Re-Vegetation and Habitat Rehabilitation Plan, which has the following objectives, amongst others:</p>	<p><b>Section 9.1 of the EMPr</b></p> <p><b>Section 9.3 of the EMPr</b></p>
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	<p>The amended Rietkloof WEF is situated along sensitive freshwater features. The construction of the road crossing should have been planned outside of all freshwater features and within already disturbed areas. Furthermore, has mitigation been included for spillages, pollution, or any disturbances around the aquatic buffers?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <i>Re-vegetate all disturbed areas with suitable local plant species;</i></li> <li>— <i>Re-vegetation of disturbed surfaces should occur immediately after construction activities are completed. This should be done through seeding with locally indigenous species typical of the representative botanical unit;</i></li> </ul> <p>The Final Amendment Report notes the following on page 53:</p> <p><i>The access roads as per the provided layout are final and thus no further movements can be accommodated. However, water us licence applications have been applied for where applicable.</i></p> <p>Section 8.9.3 of the EMPr includes the following mitigation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <i>All development footprint areas to remain as small as possible and vegetation clearing to be limited to what is essential. It must be ensured that the watercourse habitat is off-limits to construction vehicles and non-essential personnel. Buffers around the watercourses need to be stipulated to regard those areas as no-go sections throughout the lifecycle of the project.</i></li> <li>— <i>Any materials used during the construction of the road crossings may not be directly disposed of in the watercourse, and any machinery/trucks parked within proximity to the watercourse must have drip trays placed underneath to ensure that no spillage enters the watercourse.</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Pg. 53 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p> <p><b>Section 8.9.3 of the EMPr</b></p> <p><b>Pg. 53 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p>
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	<p>The Species of Conservation Concern, CR, EN, VU, NT, and rare plant species observed during the 2021 walkthrough is indicative of the high diversity and sensitivity of the area. The southern access road will cross areas with high diversity as several plants are localised at this area and are not recorded elsewhere. These areas should have been excluded and mapped as No-Go. The list of plants species that were recorded must be included. CapeNature does not support infrastructure or turbines located in high sensitive areas.</p> <p>The value of having the high sensitive areas remain in a natural state is of significant importance to conservation. Due to the high sensitivity area and occurrence of rare and threatened plant species CapeNature would recommend that the applicant consider the option for Biodiversity Stewardship. The consultant can contact CapeNature to request a stewardship site assessment and</p>	<p>The Final Amendment Report notes the following on page 53:</p> <p><i>The access roads as per the provided layout are final and thus no further movements can be accommodated.</i></p> <p>Section 9.2 of the EMPr includes the requirements for a Plant Rescue and Protection Plan, which includes relevant aspects of the site, such as SCC present on site and relevant mitigation measures, including:</p> <p><i>A flora and fauna search and rescue (relocation) must be undertaken before commencement of vegetation clearing and should preferable be undertaken in the Spring season.</i></p> <p><b>Furthermore, the Biodiversity Specialist provided the following response on 08 March 2022:</b></p> <p><i>There is ecological sensitivity in the vicinity of the Southern access road but placement of the road in no way disrupts the functioning the ecosystem. I do not see that the southern access route needs to be moved at all (and that there is an existing farm road there anyways). The sensitive plant species in this area are well suited for search and rescue. The Biodiversity Specialist's opinion is based on intimate knowledge of the site. This area is not seen as a No-go area. A Search and Rescue is recommended.</i></p> <p>The recommendation regarding the option for Biodiversity Stewardship in light of the high sensitive areas and occurrence of rare and threatened plant species has been noted. The Applicant has been made aware of this recommendation and will consider the option for</p>	<p><b>Section 9.2 of the EMPr</b></p>
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	<p>presentation of this site to the Protected Area Expansion and Stewardship (PAES) Review Committee, to determine if this site will qualify for stewardship status.</p> <p>Table 2-3 listed all the surrounding renewable energy development projects of which three are under construction. It is noted that the development footprint has areas of medium to high sensitivity and thus CapeNature does not agree that this amended application will not have a negative impact on biodiversity. The cumulative impacts of renewable energy facilities, if not properly considered and planned for, could be quite significant. Thus, on-going monitoring throughout the various phases of this project is important to assess the impacts of these developments on different species biodiversity and the impact these facilities will have on habitat fragmentation and associated ecological corridors.</p> <p>CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.</p>	<p>Biodiversity Stewardship outside of this Amendment process. The Applicant will contact CapeNature accordingly.</p> <p>It should be noted, however, that the Biodiversity Stewardship framework is specific to landowners and the applicant does not constitute an affected landowner for this project.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Final Amendment Report does not state that the proposed amendments will not have a negative impact on biodiversity. Rather, the Biodiversity Specialist confirms in Section 5.6.2 that the proposed amendments “will not result in any change in the nature of impacts, nor in the significance of direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts, of the project.”</p> <p>Additionally, Table 5-7 of the Final Amendment Report confirms a low negative cumulative biodiversity impact post-mitigation.</p> <p>Provision is made in the EMPr for continual monitoring of the project. Section 9.3 of the EMPr makes provision for monitoring reports to be submitted to CapeNature.</p> <p>Finally, it is noted that the Rietkloof WEF falls within the Komsberg REDZ. As such, cumulative impacts were already assessed and regarded as acceptable as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment undertaken by CSIR for the Komsberg REDZ and gazetted in GN 114 of February 2018.</p> <p>The EAP welcomes any additional comments or revisions of original comments from CapeNature should any new information be circulated.</p>	<p><b>Section 5.6.2 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p> <p><b>Table 5-7 of the Final Amendment Report</b></p> <p><b>Section 9.3 of the EMPr</b></p>
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Cor van der Walt – Western Cape Department of Agriculture			
<p>Cor van der Walt Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management Letter dated 10 March 2022 Email received 17 March 2022</p>	<p>DRAFT PART 2 AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION &amp; AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME: RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY: DIVISION LAINGSBURG</p> <p>The Draft Part 2 Environmental Authorization amendment and Environmental Management Programme dated 09 December 2021 has reference.</p> <p>Rietkloof Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd have appointed WSP to facilitate the Part 2 Amendment of the existing Environmental Authorization and the Draft amended Environmental Management Programme, for the proposed development of a Wind Energy facility +-126.6ha in extent. The Rietkloof WEF has been confirmed a "round 5 Preferred Bidder Project" and is a confirmed "strategic infrastructure project" in terms of the Infrastructure Development Act 23 (Act no. 23 of 2014).</p> <p><u>EIA process history:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– In November of 2016, The Department of Environmental Affairs issued an Environmental Authorization, however, the authorization only authorized 9 of the proposed 60 turbines, with a capacity of 36MW (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/899).</li> <li>– On 10 April 2019, the remaining 51 turbines of 174MW total capacity, received environmental authorization (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977).</li> <li>– The Department was directed to merge the 2016 and 2019 EAs, in order to remove specific conditions which prevented the positioning of the remaining 51 turbines. This merge was successful on the 16 September 2019, which resulted in (Reference Number: 14/1 2/1 6/3/3/1 /1977/AM1).</li> </ul>	<p>Please note the responses to the comments received below (responses are numbered to correspond with the comments received from DoA):</p> <p>Thank you for your comments.</p>	

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– The September 2019 EA authorized up to 60 Turbines of a maximum generating capacity of 183MW in total, a hub height of 120m (original 9 turbines) and 125m (additional 51 turbines), a rotor diameter of up to 140m (original 9 turbines) and 160m (additional 51 turbines).

The Proposed amendments to the EA:  
 Below is a summary of the proposed part 2 amendments.

<i>Technical aspects:</i>		
<i>Aspects to be amended:</i>	<i>Authorized</i>	<i>Proposed Amendments</i>
<i>No. of Turbines</i>	Up to 60.	Up to 47 turbines, of up to 7MW capacity each.
<i>Area occupied by each turbine and hard standing area</i>	Each with a foundation of up to 25m in diameter and up to 4m in depth standing areas = 0.35ha.	Each with a foundation up to 25m in diameter and 4m in depth. Standing area = 0.45ha
<i>Turbine height hub</i>	9 Turbines hub heights of 120m & 51 Turbine hub heights of 120m.	All turbine heights up to 125m.
<i>Rotor Diameter</i>	9 Turbines up to 140m & 51 Turbines up to 160m.	All turbines up to 180m.

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	<b>Turbine Foundation area</b>	Each will be 25m diameter and 4m deep of the 60 turbines. Approximately 3,75ha	Each will be 25m diameter x 4m depth of the 47 turbines. Approximately 3r75ha.		
	<b>Construction camp location</b>	Construction camp alternative 10.	The final layout: Moved to the existing batching plant previously used by Roggerveld WEF.		
	<b>Width of Internal roads</b>	No more than 9m wide. A 200m wide corridor along the access & internal road.	No more than 12m wide. A 200m corridor along the access & internal road.		
	<b>Condition 14,2</b>	The final Conservation Management plan.	Remove condition		
	<b>Condition 36</b>	Location of the construction camp and internal substation be proximity to turbine 31 & 32.	Remove condition		
	<b>Condition 735</b>	Rietkloof must engage with CapeNature regarding Condition 14,2.	Remove condition		



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	<p>The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management office has a mandate to protect and appropriately manage agricultural and rural resources.</p> <p>The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management office provides the following comments:</p> <p><u>Soil &amp; Land management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The design and implementation of the appropriate storm water structures are required for all new infrastructure (e.g Roads, turbine bases) to prevent the erosion and movement of soil from surface water runoff.</li> <li>ii. Construction activities must only be within the demarcated construction footprint.</li> <li>iii. The fencing of the WEF infrastructure should be limited, to allow for sufficient grazing and movement of livestock and game within the site.</li> <li>iv. The upper 15-20 cm of topsoil that has been allocated for rehabilitation, must not be mixed with the subsoil materials. Instead, it must be stored, banded and labelled separately.</li> <li>v. An ECO should monitor the depth and cover of the topsoil spreading during rehabilitation, to ensure a 20cm depth.</li> <li>vi. All other sub soils that are excavated are required to be stockpiled separately from topsoil</li> <li>vii. Plant Indigenous floral species on the affected areas, with the objective to limit the loss of topsoil and subsoil as a result of the construction activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Section 9.5 of the EMPr includes the requirement for a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) and considers stormwater management for all new infrastructure including roads, turbine bases and the substation.</li> <li>ii. Section 8.1.3 of the EMPr requires that “Construction activities to remain within demarcated project footprint.” (Ref EMP1).</li> <li>iii. Section 8.5.3 requires that “Fencing of WEF infrastructure should be limited as far as possible to allow for maximum grazing and movement of livestock and game within the site.” (Ref ASLC 9/ ALC 13).</li> <li>iv. Section 8.5.3 requires that “Topsoil allocated for rehabilitation must not be mixed with other materials, such as building rubble, rock, subsoil, etc.” (Ref ASLC 7)</li> <li>v. Section 8.5.3 of the EMPr requires that “An ESCO / ECO must monitor depth and cover of topsoil spreading during rehabilitation to ensure a 20cm depth in valleys. Rocky areas do not require topsoil</li> </ul>	
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	<p><u>Biodiversity Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A flora and fauna search and rescue, if required by an ecologist, must be undertaken before the clearance of vegetation commences. Any fauna that is directly threatened by the construction activities are required to be appropriately relocated, facilitated by the ECO.</li> <li>ii. The disturbance and removal of any protected Fauna and Flora species are prohibited unless a removal permit from the relevant authorities is presented.</li> <li>iii. Alien invasive species Vegetation must be appropriately managed during the construction and operational phase of the project.</li> </ul>	<p>but must be monitored by the ESCO / ECO during rehabilitation.” (Ref ASLC 8).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vi. Section 8.5.3 of the EMPr requires that “All other soil excavated will be stockpiled separately from topsoil as subsoil..” (Ref ASLC 8).</li> <li>vii. Section 8.5.3 of the EMPr requires that “As much vegetation growth as possible (of indigenous floral species) should be encouraged to protect soil.” (Ref ASLC 4).</li> </ul> <p><u>Biodiversity Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Section 8.6.3 of the EMPr requires that “A flora and fauna search and rescue (relocation) must be undertaken before commencement of vegetation clearing. A more comprehensive list of species for which permits will be required is provided in Appendix 1: Plant Species of Conservation Concern (Red listed) and Appendix 2: Flora Protected in Terms of Provincial of the Ordinance(s) of the Ecology &amp; Biodiversity Walkdown Report (Appendix I).” (Ref BIO1). Additionally, Section 8.6.3 of the EMPr requires that “During construction any fauna directly threatened by the construction activities must be removed to a safe location by the ESCO / ECO or other suitably qualified person.” (Ref BIO7).</li> <li>ii. Section 8.6.3 of the EMPr requires that “Disturbance or removal of any protected fauna and flora species is prohibited prior to a permit approval from the relevant authorities.” (Ref BIO1).</li> </ul>	
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	<p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.</li> <li>– The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.</li> </ul> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	<p>iii. Section 9.1 of the EMPr includes an Alien Invasive Management Plan.</p> <p>The reference number included in the letter from DoA will be quoted in any future correspondence in respect of this application.</p> <p>The EAP welcomes any additional comments or revisions of original comments from DoA should any new information be circulated.</p>	
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# APPENDIX

# A STAKEHOLDER DATABASE



Affiliation	
Farm Name	Property
Ou Mure	1/74
Fortuin	3/74 and RE/74
Barendskraal	1/76
Hartjieskraal	1/77
Hartjieskraal	RE/77
Nuwerus	RE/284
Wilgehout Fontein	RE/87
Vogelstruisfontein	81
Rietkloof Annexe	1/88
Snyders Kloof	RE/80
Snyders Kloof	1/80
Farm Name	Property
Hasjes Vley	RE/162
Barendskraal	RE/76
Ou Mure	Re/74
Kabeltouw	160
Brandvalley	RE/75
Bon Espirange	RE/73
Bon Espirange	Jan-73
Aprilskraal	105
Aurora	285
Wilgehout Fontein	2/87
Doorn Kloof	100
Rietkloof (De Rante)	1/89 + RE/88
De Rante / Blitskolk	RE/89
Annex Vogelstruisfontein	90
Palmiet Fontein / Vrede	1/91
Drie Koppen	RE/92
Luipaards Kloof	RE/79
DEA: Integrated Environmental Authorisations	
DEA: Biodiversity and Conservation Unit	
DEADP: Development Management Region 3	
DEADP	
DEADP	
DEADP	
DEADP: Waste Management	
DEADP: Air Quality Management	
DEADP: Road Network Management	
DENC	Officer
Department of Defence/ SA Army	Signal Formation
Department of Water& Sanitation (DWS)	
Department of Water& Sanitation (DWS)	Chief Director
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	Delegate of the Minister (Act 70 of 1970 )
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	AgriLand Liaison office
Department of Energy (DoE)	Director: Renewable Energies
Department of Economic Development and Tourism	Head of Department
Department: Science & Technology	Eskom
Department of Mineral Resources (Western Cape)	Regional Manager
Department of Transport	Directorate: Environmental Analysis
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	
Central Karoo District Municipality (Laingsburg)	Municipal Manager
Laingsburg Local Municipality	Head of Technical Department
Laingsburg Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
Ward	Ward 12 Councillor (Witzenberg)
Ward	Ward 1 Councillor (Laingsburg)
Cape Nature	
Cape Nature	
Heritage Western Cape	
Heritage Western Cape (Assistant Director)	Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport
CAA	Aviation Obstacle Analyst
Astronomy Management Authority	Deputy Director
SAAO (South African Astronomical Observatory)	Director
SAAO (South African Astronomical Observatory)	Telescope Operations (TOPS)
SALT (The Southern African Large Telescope)	
SKA (Square Kilometer Array)	Head of Strategy
SKA (Square Kilometer Array)	GIF Specialist
CAA	
CAA	
Senior Consultant Environmental Management: Eskom GC: Land Development	
Department of Public Works	Director General Office
Department of Public Works	Chief Directorate:
Department of Public Works	Chief Directorate
Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works (Road Network Management)	
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South African National Roads Agency	Regional Manager: Western Region
ATNS	Manager of the Western and Northern Cape
Eskom	Land and development
Witteberg Private Nature Reserve	Private Nature Game Reserve
Laingsburg Tourism	IDP Officer
Farmer's Association	Senior Media Liaison Officer
EWT	Renewable Energy Project Manager
Birdlife	BirdLife
SAWS - south african weather SA	
Sentech	
SANRAL	
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	
Western Cape Black Eagle Project	
Telkom (Network Engineering)	Operations Manager: Wayleave Management
Telkom (National Radio Site Engineering )	
MTN	MTN – Innovation Centre Engineering
Vodacom	Network
BreedNet	Network Operations Director
Cell C	
The Chairman: Rietpoort Trust	
Polmiet Fontein	
Environmental Coordinator, SANRAL	
System Specialist Radar   Technical Services Cape Town International Airport	
Manager: Technical Support   Technical Services Cape Town International Airport	
Roggeveld Wind Power (Pty) Ltd	
Professional Valuer	
BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd	
Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency	
Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency	
Vodacom	
JO KROUKAMP	
G7 Energies	
G7 Energies	
ACED	
G7 Energies	
G7 Energies	
Mainsteam	
AVDS Environmental Consultants	
ENERCON	
CEN	
ZEEKOEIGAT	
BOELHOUER/DOORNKLOOF	
RIETFontein	
RIETFontein	
AASVOELBOS	
JAGERSKRAAL 95	
GEELHOEK	
Keurkloof farm	
PAALFontein / KEURKLOOF	
DRIEKOPPEN	
LUIPERDKLOOF	
PATATSRIVIER	
TSWAING	
GROOTWATER	
BOELHOUER/DOORNKLOOF	
9 Dedi	
Granaatbos Street 50	
2de laan 23	
4de laan 34	
Acasia Park	
Rivierstraat 35	
2de laan 13	
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Pluto Str no.11	
Pluto Str no.24	
Pluto str. 12	
Pluto Str. 13	
Pluto Str. 14	
4De Laan 36	
Uranus straat	
Uranus straat	
Uranus straat	
Uranus straat 6	
Baviansweg 59	
Rivierstraat 43	
Rivierstraat 41	
Rivierstraat 41	
Vygie st 14	
Revier str. 33	
Revier str. 13	
Revier str. 29	
Revier str. 25	
2 de laan 4	
7 de laan .5	
5 de laan 21	
Viskuil	
4 de Laan 39	
3 de Laan 7	
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Granaatbos str 62	
Orien str 15	
9 de laan 9	
2de laan 45	
29 Hootlaan	
10 de laan 18	
1ste laan 18	
matjiesfontein Ays 21	
matjiesfontein Ays 21	
8ste laan 67	
8ste laan 67	
8ste laan 67	
Hooflaan 38	
Uranus str.24	
2de laan 48	
matjiesfonteinspaarweg29	
5de laan 1	
Vygie st 4	
Granaatbos str 33	
Hooflaan 6	
Willebronghorst str 356	
melkweg 4	
Wolliebrongbr st 3	
Rivier str 98	
Orienstr. 46	
Rivier str 123	
Klipblom str 12	
71 Rivier str	
Rivier Str 123	
49 Soutkloof str	
Tienke laan 16	
6de laan 4	
Koste str 2 Laingsburg	
Kambro str 9	
5 Wilger str	
6de laan 48	
Middelplaas	
Hugostraat	
Swatbergstraat 5	
derdelaan	
Hospitaal str	
4de laan 17	
Gousblomstr 4	
Rivier Str 58	
6de laan 25	
Orion str 40	
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Arunus 49	
melkweg str 25	
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Pluto str 5	
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Pluto str 23	
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Uranus str 38	
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Uranus str 38	
Uranus 31	
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Aanblom straat 12	
Aanblomstr 12	
Aanblomstr 12	
Aanblomstr 3	
Rivierstraat 39	
Viooltjiesstraat 8	
Rivier str 37	
Rivierstr 2	
Baviaansweg 9	
Baviaansweg 15	
Baviaansweg 15	
Gwarriebosstr 4	
Gwarrbosstr 4	
7de laan 21	
Klipblom 12	
Gwarrebosh 10	
Rivier str 12	
Vygiestr 24	
Aanblom str 11	
Granaatbosstraat 41	
Bariaanstraat 51	
Hooflaan 6	
Skoolstraat	
Hooflaan 42	
Iranus 7	
Rivier straat 61	
Vygiestr 52	
Rivierstr 101	
Granaatbostr 47	
Vygie Straat 42	
Rivierberg 50	
Rivierstr 50	
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Vygiestr 7	
89 Rivierstr	
Hooflaan 6	
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Rivierstr 83	
Riviesstr 77	
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Rivierstr 57	
Rivierstr 47	
Rivierstr 43	
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2de Laan 51	
10de Laan 10	
10de Laan 41	
6de Laan 27	
4de Laan 32	
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Orion straat 12	
7de Laan 22	
Rivier Straat 8	
Granaatbosstr 27	
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2de Laan 11	
Hooflaan 36	
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8ste Laan 71	
Granaatbos str 19	
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6de Laan 11	
7de Laan 12	
7de Laan 12	
2de Laan 29	
2de Laan 33	
Hugostraat 33	
Wallie Bronkhorst str 28	
Willie Bronkhorst	
10de Laan 8	
2de Laan 40	
2de Laan 11	
2de Laan 20	
10de Laan 23	
7de Laan 4	
1ste Laan 4	
Melkbos 48	
8ste Laan 3	
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6de Laan 24	
8ste Laan	
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8ste Laan 5	
2de Laan 38	
24 Rivier str	
10 Rivier str	
Rivier Straat 87	
Rivier str 66	
Orion straat 7	
Kambro str 10	
Naem 5	
2de Laan 51	
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4de laan 17	
Melkbis str	
Melkbosstr 1	
Klipblomstraat 1	
Klipblom str 12	
Rivierstr 55	

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Noem-Noem str 8	
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Kambrostr 1	
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Vygie str 1 Bergsig	
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Viskuil	
Laingsberg	
Laingsberg	
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SAA, House nr.4 Sutherland	
4Rivierstraat	
31 Vygie street	
8ste Laan 91	
Hoof laan 43	
15delaan 7	
6de Laan 46	
Baviaansweg 33	
Hooflaan 33	
Rivier straat 87	
Rivier str 29	
Middelplaas	
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Uitbeiding 4	
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Pluto str 8	
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Van Riebeeck str 26	
Van Riebeeck str 43	
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49 van Riebeeck	
Huisie op Built	
Wolliebronkbr st 35	
27 Sout kloof str	
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Hooflaan 22	
Melkbos str 29	
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22 Hospitaal str	
Klapbosstr 1	
Uranus str 21	
6de Laan 22	
4de Laan 2	
7de Laan 9	
6de laan 16	
Orion str 6	
7de Laan 6	
8ste Laan 10	
6de laan 33	
Borchrds str 1	
8ste Laan 45	
Hooflaan 28	

Uranus straat 10	
Orion str 1	
Willem Destro no.2	
Protea straat	
Noem-Noem str 12	
Klipblomstraat 9	
Klipblomstr 13	
Rivierstraat 47	
Bochard str 2B	
7Bloem Bergsig	
9de Laan 18	
Granaatbos str 40	
43 Southkloof str	
Newtown Maitjies	
Shop no.5	
Orion str 10 Acacia P	
Orion str 2760 Acacia P	
7 de Laan 7	
Hoofflaan 24	
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7 Hoofflaan	
Protea straat 5	
Hoofflaan 15	
2de Laan 39	
6de Laan 36	
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Van Riebeeck str 5	
70 Vygie straat	
8STE Laan 46	
60 Vygie str	
8ste Laan 63	
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# APPENDIX

## **B** NOTIFICATIONS



## APPENDIX

# ***B-1*** ADVERTISEMENT

# PART 2 AMENDMENT AND EMPR AMENDMENT PROCESS

## NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

AND

## THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED 132KV POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 32 (GNR 982) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of applications for an Amendment in terms of a Part 2 Amendment Process described in Regulation 31.

In addition, notice is given in terms of Condition 13 and 16 of the authorised Environmental Authorisations (EAs) that the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPr) for the Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and the Rietkloof 132kV Powerline, respectively, have been amended.

### PART 2 AMENDMENT PROCESS

In 2019, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (now known as the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment – DFFE) issued an Environmental Authorisation (EA) (Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) approving an up to 183MW WEF. The proponent, Rietkloof Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd (Rietkloof), now wishes to amend the above-mentioned EA to undertake substantive amendments e.g. increase the hub height and rotor diameter to 125 m and 180 m respectively, increase the generation capacity of the individual authorised turbines, as well as undertake administrative amendments (the entire scope of the amendment request is detailed in the amendment report). None of amendments trigger new listed activities in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). However, the proposed amendments will result in a change in scope of the valid EA. As such, a Regulation 31 Amendment Process in terms the EIA Regulations (GNR 982) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended is applicable. The authorised Rietkloof WEF is a confirmed Round 5 Preferred Bidder project and is located within the Laingsburg Local Municipality in the Central Karoo District Municipality near Matjiesfontein in the Western Cape Province. The project is also situated within the Komsberg Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) promulgated in GNR 114 of 2018, and includes the following properties:

- Portion 1 of Barendskraal 76
- The Remainder and Portion 3 of Fortuin 74
- The Remainder and Portion 1 of Hartjieskraal 77
- The Remainder of Nuwerus 284
- Portion 1 of Rietkloof Annexe 88
- The Remainder and Portion 1 of Snyders Kloof 80
- Vogelstruisfontein 81
- Remainder of Wilgehout Fontein 87
- Portion 1 of Ou Mure 74

### EMPR AMENDMENTS

The EMPRs submitted as part of the Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) for the Rietkloof WEF and Rietkloof 132kV Powerline projects were not approved. In terms of Condition 13 and 16 of the authorised EAs 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590 respectively, the EMPRs are to be amended to include measures dictated by the final layout maps, micro-siting and the provisions of the EAs. The amended EMPRs and Final Layouts are to be made available to interested and affected parties (I&APs) for comment.

### REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Rietkloof, to manage and undertake the Part 2 Amendment process and to amend the EMPRs. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the project amendments, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered interested and affected parties will be forwarded all future project related correspondence.

### DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT AND EMPR REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPRs and Final Layouts are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for 30 days from **9 December 2021 to 31 January 2022**:

- Matjiesfontein - Matjiesfontein Community Centre (Tel: 023 551 1019);
- Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019); and
- Website - <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided below, by **31 January 2022**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP.

The contact details of the EAP:

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# DEEL 2 OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING - EN OMGEWINGSBESTUURSPROGRAMWYSIGINGSPROSES

**KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE WYSIGING VAN DIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING UITGEREIK 16  
SEPTEMBER 2019 VIR DIE RIETKLOOF WINDENERGIE FASILITEIT (VERW: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)  
EN**

**DIE GEWYSIGDE OMGEWINGSBESTUURSPROGRAM EN FINALE UITLEG VIR DIE RIETKLOOF WINDENERGIE  
FASILITEIT EN GEASSOSIEERDE 132KV KRAGLYN (VERW: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)**

**Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 32 (GNR 982) van die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies, 2014 soos  
gewysig gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos  
gewysig) vir die indiening van wysigings aansoeke ingevolge Regulasie 31.**

**Daarby word kennis gegee in terme van Voorwaarde 13 en 16 van die gemagtigde Omgewingsmagtigings (OM's) dat die  
Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBP) vir die Rietkloof Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) en die Rietkloof 132kv Kraglyn,  
onderskeidelik, gewysig is.**

## DEEL 2 WYSIGINGSPROSES

In 2019 het die Departement van Omgewingsake (DEA) (nou bekend as die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing – DFFE) 'n Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) uitgereik (Verw. No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/ 1977/AM1) vir die goedkeuring van die 183MW Rietkloof WEF r. Die voorstaander, Rietkloof Wind Farm (Edms) Bpk (Rietkloof), wil die bogenoemde OM wysig om wesenlike wysigings te onderneem bv. Verhoging van die naafhoogte en rotorsnee tot onderskeidelik 125 m en 180 m, vermeerdering van die opwekkingskapasiteit van die individuele gemagtigde turbines, asook administratiewe wysigings (die hele omvang van die wysigingsversoek word in die wysigingsverslag uiteengesit). Geen van die wysigings veroorsaak nuwe gelyste aktiwiteite ingevolge GNR 983, 984 en 985 van die OIB-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig) nie. Die voorgestelde wysigings sal egter lei tot 'n verandering in omvang van die geldige OM. Sodanig is 'n Regulasie 31-wysigingsproses ingevolge die OIB-regulasies (GNR 982) van die OIB-regulasies, 2014 soos gewysig van toepassing. Die gemagtigde Rietkloof WEF is 'n bevestigde Ronde 5 Voorkeurbieër-projek en is geleë binne die Laingsburg Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Sentraal Karoo Distriksmunisipaliteit naby Matjiesfontein in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie. Die projek is ook geleë binne die Komsberg Hernubare Energie-ontwikkelingsone (REDZ) wat in GNR 114 van 2018 afgekondig is, en sluit die volgende eiendomme in:

- Gedeelte 1 van Barendskraal 76
- Die Restant en Gedeelte 3 van Fortuin 74
- Die Restant en Gedeelte 1 van Hartjieskraal 77
- Die Restant van Nuwerus 284
- Gedeelte 1 van Rietkloof Annexe 88
- Die Restant en Gedeelte 1 van Snyders Kloof 80
- Vogelstruisfontein 81
- Die Restant van Wilgehout Fontein 87
- Gedeelte 1 van Ou Mure 74

## OBP WYSIGINGS

Die EBBP'e wat as deel van die Basiese Assesseringsverslae vir die Rietkloof WEF- en Rietkloof 132kv-kraglynprojekte ingedien is, is nie goedgekeur nie. Ingevolge voorwaarde 13 en 16 van die OM'e 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 en 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590 onderskeidelik, moet die OBPs gewysig word om maatreëls in te sluit soos gedikteer in die finale uitlegkaart, mikro-sitplek en die bepalinge van die OMs. Die gewysigde OBP'e en Finale uitlegte moet aan belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye (B&GP's) beskikbaar gestel word vir kommentaar.

## REGISTRASIE

WSP Group Africa (Edms) Bpk (WSP) is deur Rietkloof as die onafhanklike en toepaslik gekwalifiseerde Omgewingsbeoordelingspraktisyn (OBP) aangestel om die Deel 2 Wysigingsproses te bestuur en te onderneem en om die OBPs te wysig. Partye wat formeel as belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye wil registreer om meer inligting te ontvang en/of hul kommentaar(s) op die projekwysigings te lewer, word versoek om hul volledige kontakbesonderhede aan die WHP te stuur en hul direkte besigheid, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belangstelling in die projek. Enige kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek kan by die WHP ingedien word via die besonderhede hieronder verskaf. Geregistreeerde belangstellende en geaffekteerde partye sal alle toekomstige projekverwante korrespondensie aangestuur word.

## KONSEP-WYSIGINGSVERSLAG EN OBP-OORSIGTYDPERK

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Maak asseblief seker dat alle kommentaar oor die voorgestelde projek of versoeke om geregistreeer te word as 'n Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party ingedien word by die kontakbesonderhede hieronder verskaf, teen **31 Januarie 2022**. Indien u enige navrae/opmerkings het, moet asseblief nie huiwer om die OBP te kontak nie. .

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# Die Courier Hoor

# Die Courier 50 jaar gelede

Dipdag deur Karoo (Beaufort-Wes) DBV in Hillside (oorkant die kerk) op 11 Desember. Tyd: 09:00 – 12:00 Prys: R5.00 elk vir dip, ontworming en hondsdoelheid inspuiting.

On Tuesday 30 November National Treasury made use of the opportunity to take the Beaufort West community in confidence with regards to the development of Beaufort West, to encourage and empower the community in the Beaufort West Municipal area in developments in the recovery plan and to ensure the sustainable finance of the Beaufort West Municipality.

Op Sondagoggend 28 November, helder oordag, is daar by die munisipale substasie in Nuwestraat ingebreek en is koperdraad gesteel. Hierdie voorval het plaasgevind terwyl Beaufort-Wes se krag af was sodat die Munisipaliteit dringende onderhoud aan die elektriese infrastruktuur kan doen.

Inwoner: "Hoekom word crime geduld? Sondagoggend is daar ingebreek in Nuwestraat en groot verliese is deur nuwe besighede gely. 'n Krag-installasie van die Munisipaliteit ook beskadig. Dit terwyl die krag af was. So kan besighede mos nie oorleef nie! Die SAPD in Beaufort-Wes beantwoord ook nie hul 10111 nommer nie. Die nommer word egter geantwoord deur personeel Mosselbaai of Laingsburg wat myle ver weg is."

## Grappies

Ons land is nou in groot moeilikheid... Genoeg is nou genoeg! Vanaf 1 Januarie 2016 staak die pensionarisse ook! Hulle soek R15 000 per maand of hulle gaan terug werk toe! Bobbejaan: "Gisteraand was dit weer die skool se prysuitdeling. Soos verlede jaar het my seun weer met amper al die trofees weggestap." Leeu: "En hoe ver het hy hierdie jaar gekom voordat hulle hom gevang het?"

Twee pelle sit vroegoggend langs die viswaters, dis nog donker en die manne kan nie lekker sien wat hulle doen nie. Die een ou vra: "Het jy al ingegooi?" Die ander ou sê: "Nee, ek soek nog die glase!"

Die ou sien 'n hot girl in die bar en langs haar staan haar lelike vriendin. Hy vra die lelike een of sy wil dans. Sy sê baie opgewonde ja. Hy sê: "Nou gaan dans dat ek met jou vriendin kan praat!"

Die beste kommentaar oor Eskom se gemors was die ou wat onlangs gesê het: "Ten minste was die Titanic se ligte aan toe dit gesink het!"

Die 25ste George Oumotorskou sal gehou word op 12 & 13 Februarie 2022.

Dit was nie net munisipale werkers en amptenare wat nie verlede maand salarisse ontvang het nie, maar Raadslede ook!

Julle klomp wat so spog met julle kers-inkopies en vakansieplanne... onthou net, Januarie het 182 dae en elkeen daarvan het 78 ure!

'n Hele paar Beaufort-Westers is Sondagmiddag aan De Rust se kant van Meiringspoort verhinder om terug te keer na Beaufort-Wes toe die Grootrivier in vloed afgekrom het en klippe, modder en opdrifels die pad op 'n paar plekke versper het.

### Op Vrydag 10 Desember 1971 word daar as volg in Die Courier berig:

In sy jaarverslag sê Mnr. W.A.S. Basson, skoolhoof van Laerskool Niko Brummer, dat die skool se bouprogram nou wel vertrap is as gevolg van die inkorting van kapitaalbesteding, maar wat die finansiële steun van die ouers, vriende en belangstellendes betref kan die skool werklik bors uitstoot. Deur die mildelike ondersteuning van donateurs is daar vanjaar oorhoofse projekte geïnstalleer, tennisbane gebou, 'n nuwe skooluniform is ontwerp en 'n stel rugbytruie is aan die skool geskenk.

Die Stadstoesourier, Mnr. Martin van Staden, sê in die opsomming van sy begroting vir 1972 dat daar glad nie voorsiening gemaak is vir die aanpak deur die Raad vir kapitaalwerke nie. Dit wil dus voorkom of die Sportsentrum, stormwaterdreinerings in beide Hospitaalheuwel en die kleurlinggebied, die teerprogram,

meganisasie van die boekhouding, nuwe kantore en 'n nuwe slagpale vir nog 'n jaar agterweë sal moet bly.

Strate wat vanjaar in geheel of gedeeltelik geteer is sluit in Danie Theronstraat (verby die hoërskool), Weidemanstraat, 'n gedeelte van Reneestraat (waar werk nog aan die gang is), 'n deel van Breitenbachstraat, Lubbestraat, verskeie strate in die Lande, asook verskeie strate in die nuwe woonbuurt in die omgewing van die gevangenis.

Die huidige stryd tussen opponerende busdienste wat nou reeds tot gevolg het dat nie minder as ses busse tot beskikking van kleurlinge is vir vervoer van passasiers uit Rustdene, Newlands en Hooyvlakte, het tot gevolg dat kleurlingsakemanne aansienlik geknou word. Twee sakemanne het Die Courier meegedeel dat sedert die busdienste op groot skaal opereer hulle 'n skerp afname in hulle omset bespeur, veral oor naweke. Een kleurlingsakeman het sy afname bereken op 30% en die stelling gemaak dat dit verbasend is hoeveel kleurlinge met die busse ry, slegs as 'n plesierit, en dan as hulle in die dorp is sommer hulle inkopies daar doen. 'n Ander nadeel van die kleurlingbusdienste is dat twee van die groot busse Sondag stampvol is as hulle na Oudtshoorn of ander naburige



dorpe gaan vir uitstappies. Die passasiers spandeer nou hulle geld op buskaartjies en ook op die plek waarheen hulle gaan.

In sy jaarverslag wens Mnr. W.A.S. Basson, skoolhoof van Laerskool Niko Brummer, vir Brian Pienaar geluk met sy opname in die S.W.D. Laerskole krieketspan. Dit is die eerste keer in die geskiedenis van die skool dat een van sy krieketspelers provinsiale kleure verwerfhet.

Mnr. Vlok Burger wat Maandag ongesteld geraak het sterk nog by sy huis aan.

Daar is nog tien sprinkaanbestrydings-eenhede in die Beaufort-Wes distrik doening.

**Ons dank aan die Beaufort-Wes Museum vir toegang tot ou uitgewes van Die Courier.**



## DEEL 2 OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING - EN OMGEWINGSBESTUURSPROGRAMWYSIGINGSPROSES

### KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE WYSIGING VAN DIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING UITGEREIK 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 VIR DIE RIETKLOOF WINDENERGIE FASILITEIT (VERW: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) EN DIE GEWYSIGDE OMGEWINGSBESTUURSPROGRAM EN FINALE UITLEG VIR DIE RIETKLOOF WINDENERGIE FASILITEIT EN GEASSOSIEERDE 132KV KRAGLYN (VERW: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 32 (GNR 982) van die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies, 2014 soos gewysig gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig) vir die indiening van wysigings aansoek ingevolge Regulasie 31. Daarby word kennis gegee in terme van Voorwaarde 13 en 16 van die gemagtigde Omgewingsmagtigings (OM's) dat die Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBP) vir die Rietkloof Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) en die Rietkloof 132kV Kraglyn, onderskeidelik, gewysig is.

#### DEEL 2 WYSIGINGSPROSES

In 2019 het die Departement van Omgewingsake (DEA) (nou bekend as die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing – DFFE) 'n Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) uitgereik (Verw. No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/ 1977/AM1) vir die goedkeuring van die 183MW Rietkloof WEF r. Die voorstaander, Rietkloof Wind Farm (Edms) Bpk (Rietkloof), wil die bogenoemde OM wysig om wesenlike wysigings te onderneem bv. Verhoging van die naafhoogte en rotorsnee tot onderskeidelik 125 m en 180 m, vermeerdering van die opwekkingskapasiteit van die individuele gemagtigde turbines, asook administratiewe wysigings (die hele omvang van die wysigingsversoek word in die wysigingsverslag uiteengesit). Geen van die wysigings veroorsaak nuwe gelyste aktiwiteite ingevolge GNR 983, 984 en 985 van die OIB-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig) nie. Die voorgestelde wysigings sal egter lei tot 'n verandering in omvang van die geldige OM. Sodanig is 'n Regulasie 31-wysigingsproses ingevolge die OIB-regulasies (GNR 982) van die OIB-regulasies, 2014 soos gewysig van toepassing. Die gemagtigde Rietkloof WEF is 'n bevestigde Ronde 5 Voorkeurbieër-projek en is geleë binne die Laingsburg Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Sentraal Karoo Distriksmunisipaliteit naby Matjiesfontein in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie. Die projek is ook geleë binne die Komsberg Hernubare Energie-ontwikkelingsone (REDZ) wat in GNR 114 van 2018 afgekondig is, en sluit die volgende eiendomme in:

- Gedeelte 1 van Barendskraal 76
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- Die Restant van Nuwerus 284
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- Die Restant en Gedeelte 1 van Snyders Kloof 80
- Vogelstruisfontein 81
- Die Restant van Wilgehout Fontein 87
- Gedeelte 1 van Ou Mure 74

#### OBP WYSIGINGS

Die EBBP'e wat as deel van die Basiese Assesseringsverslae vir die Rietkloof WEF- en Rietkloof 132kV-kraglynprojekte ingedien is, is nie goedgekeur nie. Ingevolge voorwaarde 13 en 16 van die OM'e 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 en 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590 onderskeidelik, moet die OBPs gewysig word om maatreëls in te sluit soos gediktee in die finale uitlegkaarte, mikro-sitplek en die bepalings van die OMs. Die gewysigde OBP'e en Finale uitlegte moet aan belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye (B&GP's) beskikbaar gestel word vir kommentaar.

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# PART 2 AMENDMENT AND EMPR AMENDMENT PROCESS

## NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

AND

## THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED 132KV POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 32 (GNR 982) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of applications for an Amendment in terms of a Part 2 Amendment Process described in Regulation 31.

In addition, notice is given in terms of Condition 13 and 16 of the authorised Environmental Authorisations (EAs) that the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPr) for the Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and the Rietkloof 132kV Powerline, respectively, have been amended.

### PART 2 AMENDMENT PROCESS

In 2019, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (now known as the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment – DFFE) issued an Environmental Authorisation (EA) (Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) approving an up to 183MW WEF. The proponent, Rietkloof Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd (Rietkloof), now wishes to amend the above-mentioned EA to undertake substantive amendments e.g. increase the hub height and rotor diameter to 125 m and 180 m respectively, increase the generation capacity of the individual authorised turbines, as well as undertake administrative amendments (the entire scope of the amendment request is detailed in the amendment report). None of amendments trigger new listed activities in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). However, the proposed amendments will result in a change in scope of the valid EA. As such, a Regulation 31 Amendment Process in terms the EIA Regulations (GNR 982) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended is applicable. The authorised Rietkloof WEF is a confirmed Round 5 Preferred Bidder project and is located within the Laingsburg Local Municipality in the Central Karoo District Municipality near Matjiesfontein in the Western Cape Province. The project is also situated within the Komsberg Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) promulgated in GNR 114 of 2018, and includes the following properties:

- Portion 1 of Barendskraal 76
- The Remainder and Portion 3 of Fortuin 74
- The Remainder and Portion 1 of Hartjieskraal 77
- The Remainder of Nuwerus 284
- Portion 1 of Rietkloof Annexe 88
- The Remainder and Portion 1 of Snyders Kloof 80
- Vogelstruisfontein 81
- Remainder of Wilgehout Fontein 87
- Portion 1 of Ou Mure 74

### EMPR AMENDMENTS

The EMPRs submitted as part of the Basic Assessment Reports (BARs) for the Rietkloof WEF and Rietkloof 132kV Powerline projects were not approved. In terms of Condition 13 and 16 of the authorised EAs 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590 respectively, the EMPRs are to be amended to include measures dictated by the final layout maps, micro-siting and the provisions of the EAs. The amended EMPRs and Final Layouts are to be made available to interested and affected parties (I&APs) for comment.

### REGISTRATION

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Rietkloof, to manage and undertake the Part 2 Amendment process and to amend the EMPRs. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the project amendments, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered interested and affected parties will be forwarded all future project related correspondence.

### DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT AND EMPR REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPRs and Final Layouts are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for 30 days from **19 May 2022 to 21 June 2022**:

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- Website - <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided below, by **21 June 2022**. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP.

The contact details of the EAP:

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# DEEL 2 OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING - EN OMGEWINGSBESTUURSPROGRAMWYSIGINGSPROSES

**KENNISGEWING VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE WYSIGING VAN DIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING UITGEREIK 16  
SEPTEMBER 2019 VIR DIE RIETKLOOF WINDENERGIE FASILITEIT (VERW: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)  
EN**

**DIE GEWYSIGDE OMGEWINGSBESTUURSPROGRAM EN FINALE UITLEG VIR DIE RIETKLOOF WINDENERGIE  
FASILITEIT EN GEASSOSIEERDE 132KV KRAGLYN (VERW: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)**

**Kennis word gegee ingevolge Regulasie 32 (GNR 982) van die Omgewingsimpakbepaling (OIB) Regulasies, 2014 soos  
gewysig gepubliseer kragtens artikel 24 en 24D van die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurswet (No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos  
gewysig) vir die indiening van wysigings aansoeke ingevolge Regulasie 31.**

**Daarby word kennis gegee in terme van Voorwaarde 13 en 16 van die gemagtigde Omgewingsmagtigings (OM's) dat die  
Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBP) vir die Rietkloof Windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) en die Rietkloof 132kv Kraglyn,  
onderskeidelik, gewysig is.**

## DEEL 2 WYSIGINGSPROSES

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- Gedeelte 1 van Ou Mure 74

## OBP WYSIGINGS

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## APPENDIX

# ***B-2*** *SITE NOTICES*

## PART 2 AMENDMENT AND EMPR AMENDMENT PROCESS

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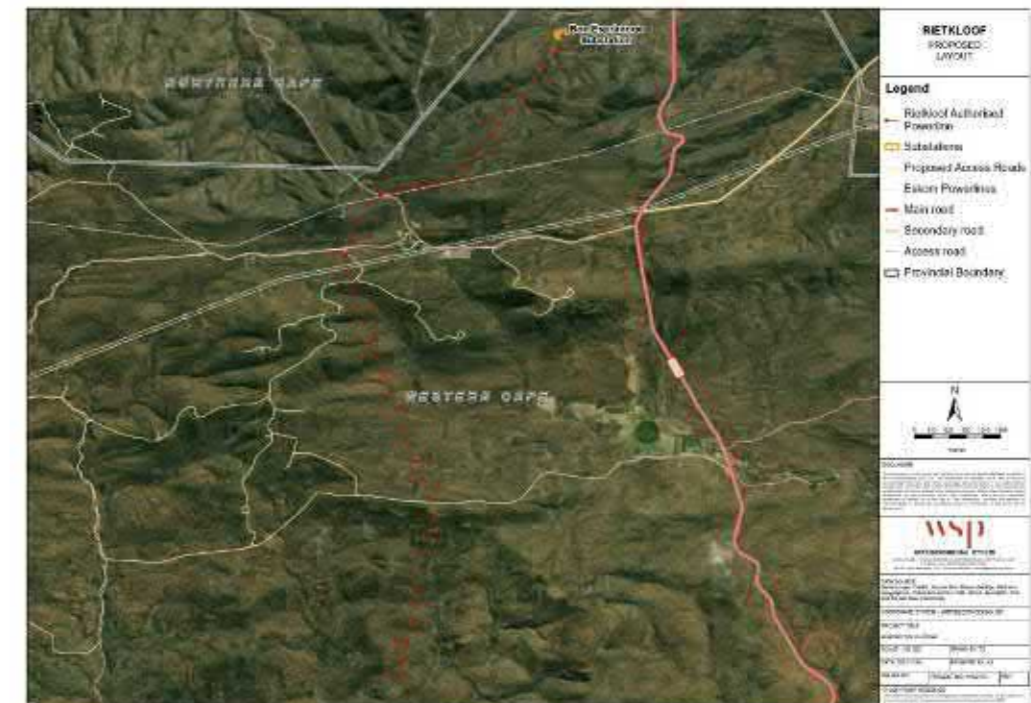
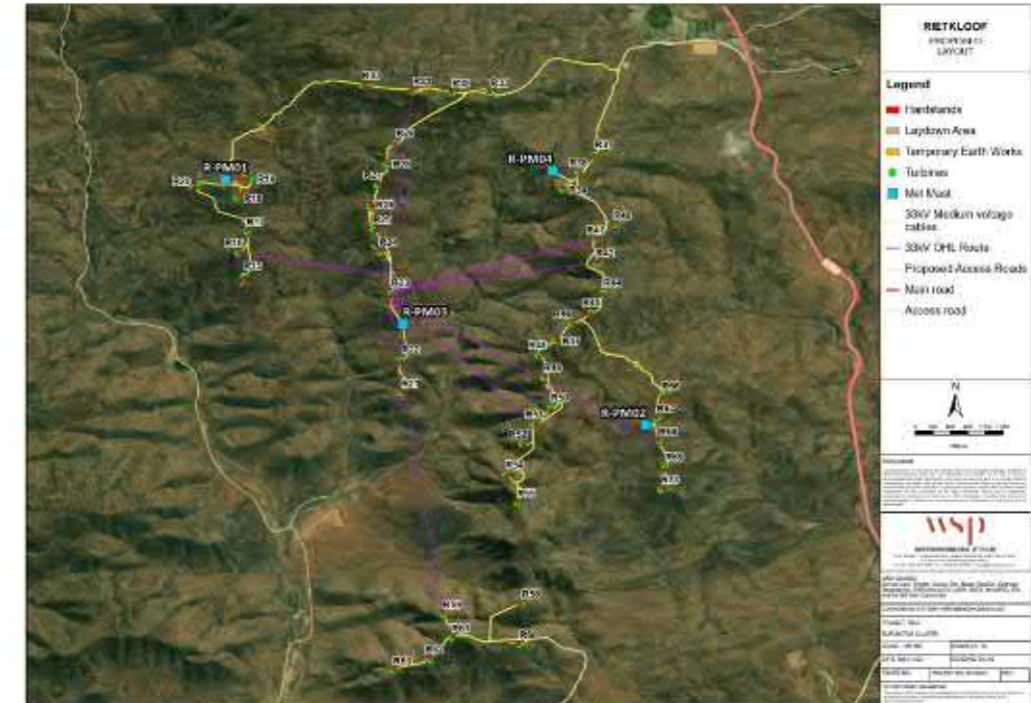
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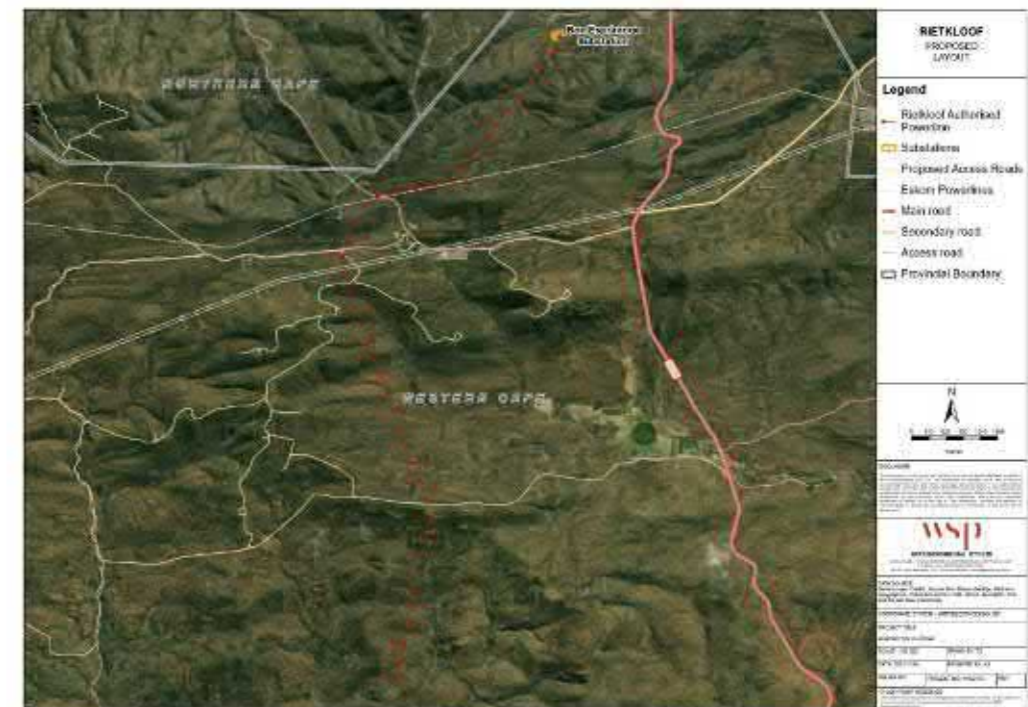
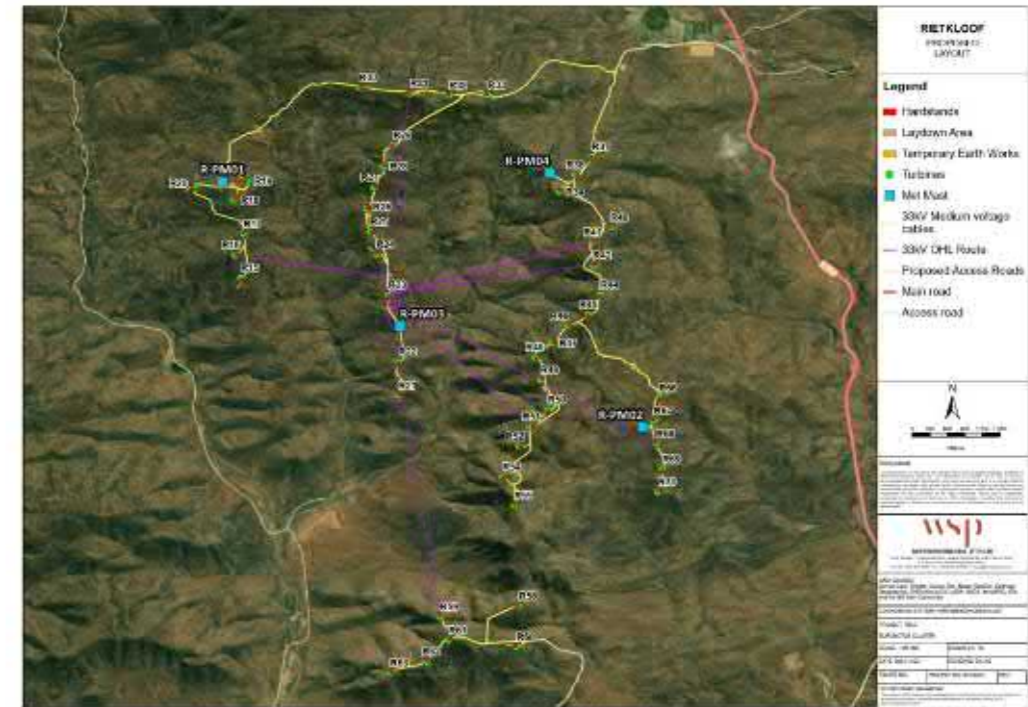
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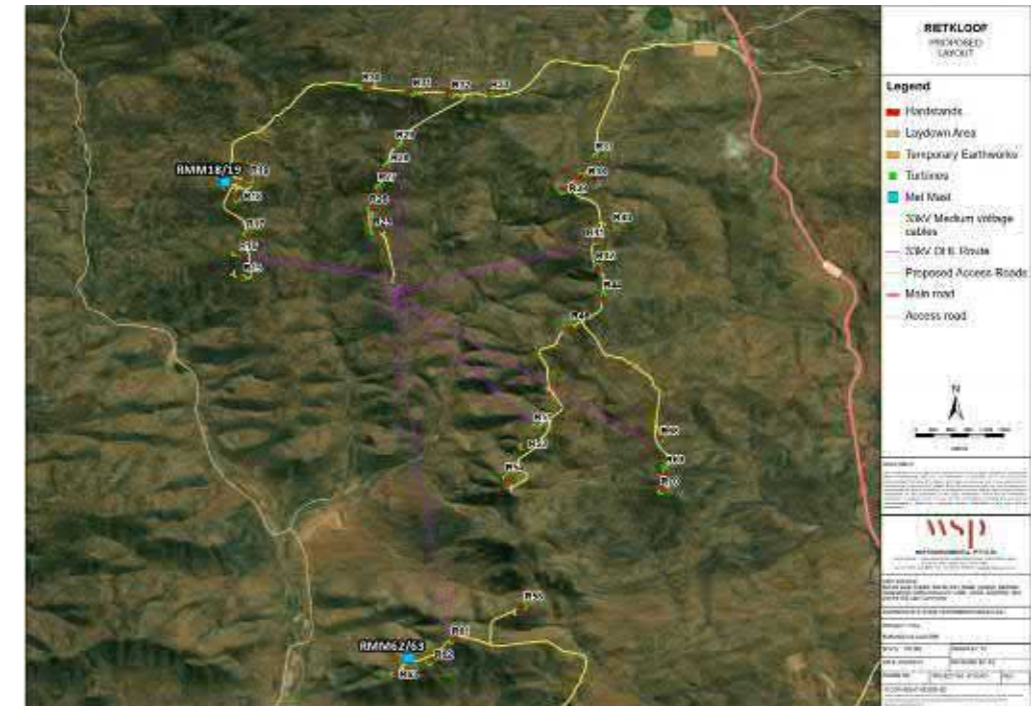
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## APPENDIX

# ***B-3*** NOTIFICATION LETTER



Client ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1  
WSP ref.: 41103473\_RKP2

09 December 2021

Dear Stakeholder

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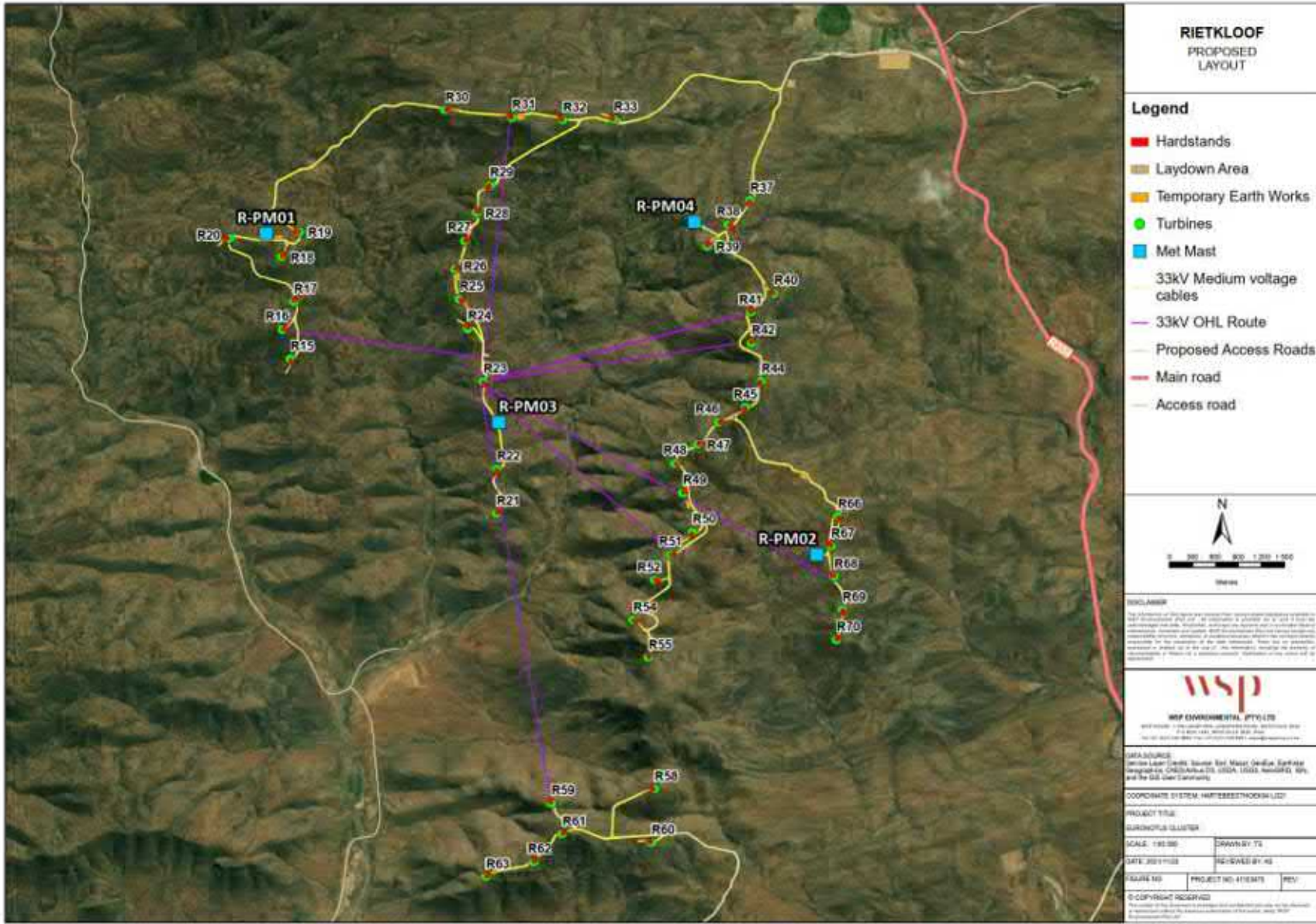
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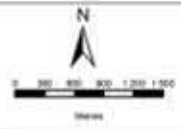
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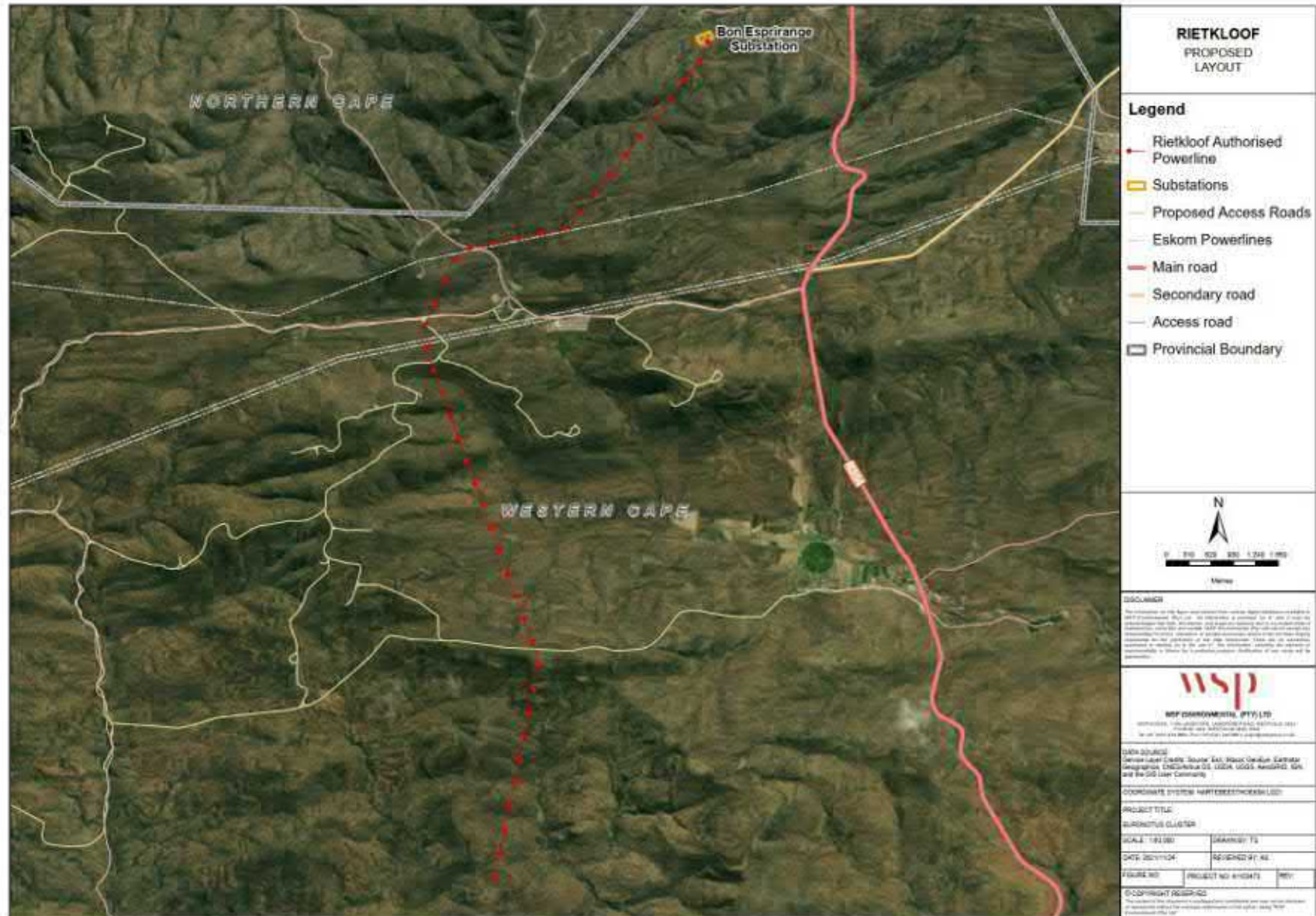
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09 December 2021

Geagte Belanghebbende

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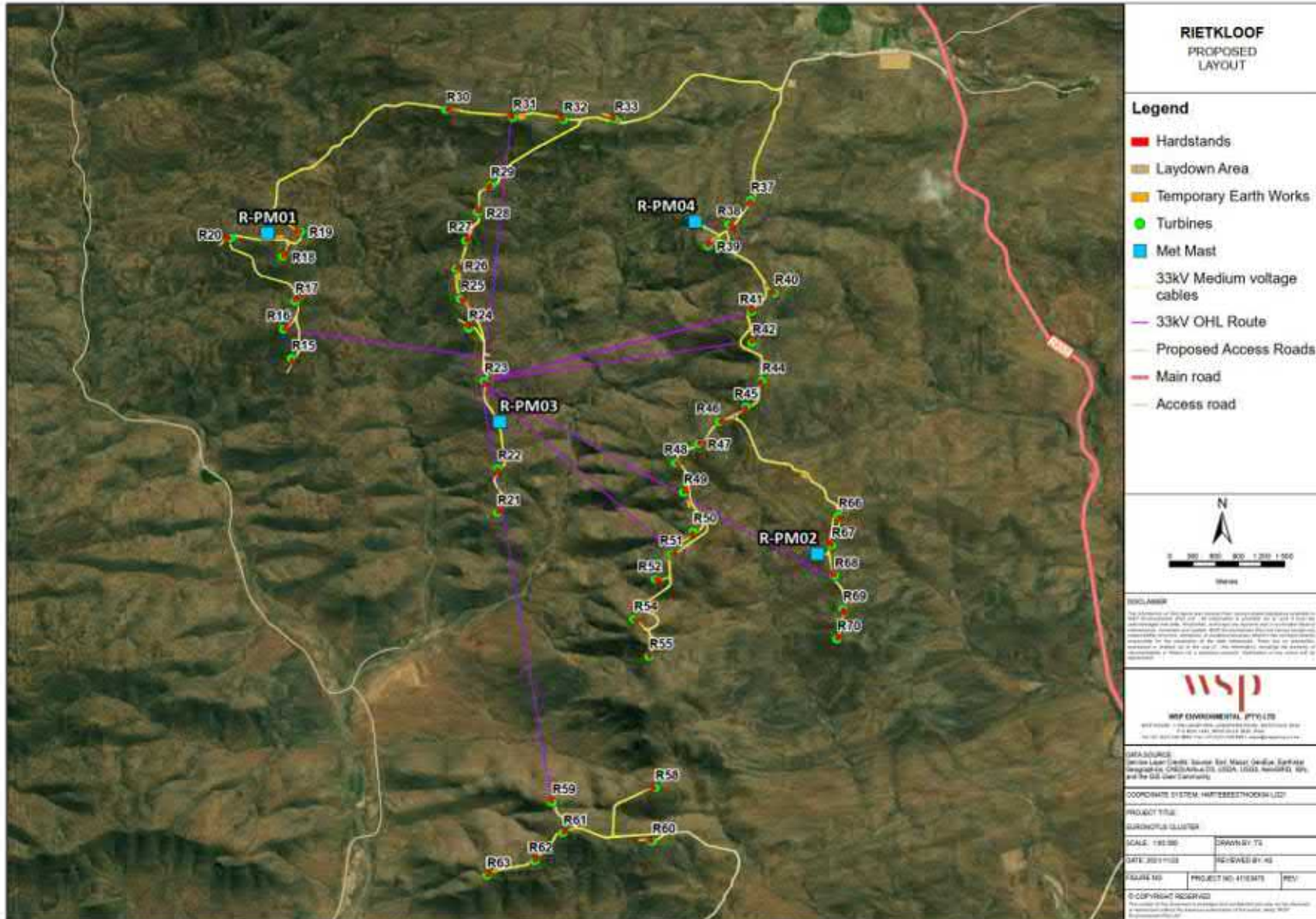
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Client ref.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1  
WSP ref.: 41103473\_RKP2

19 May 2022

Dear Stakeholder

**Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) AND THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED 132KV POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)**

**Notice is given in terms of Regulation 32 (GNR 982) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of applications for an Amendment in terms of a Part 2 Amendment Process described in Regulation 31.**

**In addition, notice is given in terms of Condition 13 and 16 of the authorised Environmental Authorisations (EAs) that the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPr) for the Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and the Rietkloof 132kV Powerline, respectively, have been amended**

#### **PART 2 AMENDMENT PROCESS**

In 2019, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) (now known as the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment – DFFE) issued an Environmental Authorisation (EA) (Ref No: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) approving an up to 183MW WEF. The proponent, Rietkloof Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd (Rietkloof), now wishes to amend the above-mentioned EA to undertake substantive amendments e.g. increase the hub height and rotor diameter to 125 m and 180 m respectively, increase the generation capacity of the individual authorised turbines, as well as undertake administrative amendments (the entire scope of the amendment request is detailed in the amendment report). None of amendments trigger new listed activities in terms of GNR 983, 984 and 985 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). However, the proposed amendments will result in a change in scope of the valid EA. As such, a Regulation 31 Amendment Process in terms the EIA Regulations (GNR 982) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended is applicable. The authorised Rietkloof WEF is a confirmed Round 5 Preferred Bidder project and is located within the Laingsburg Local Municipality in the Central Karoo District Municipality near Matjiesfontein in the Western Cape Province. The project is also

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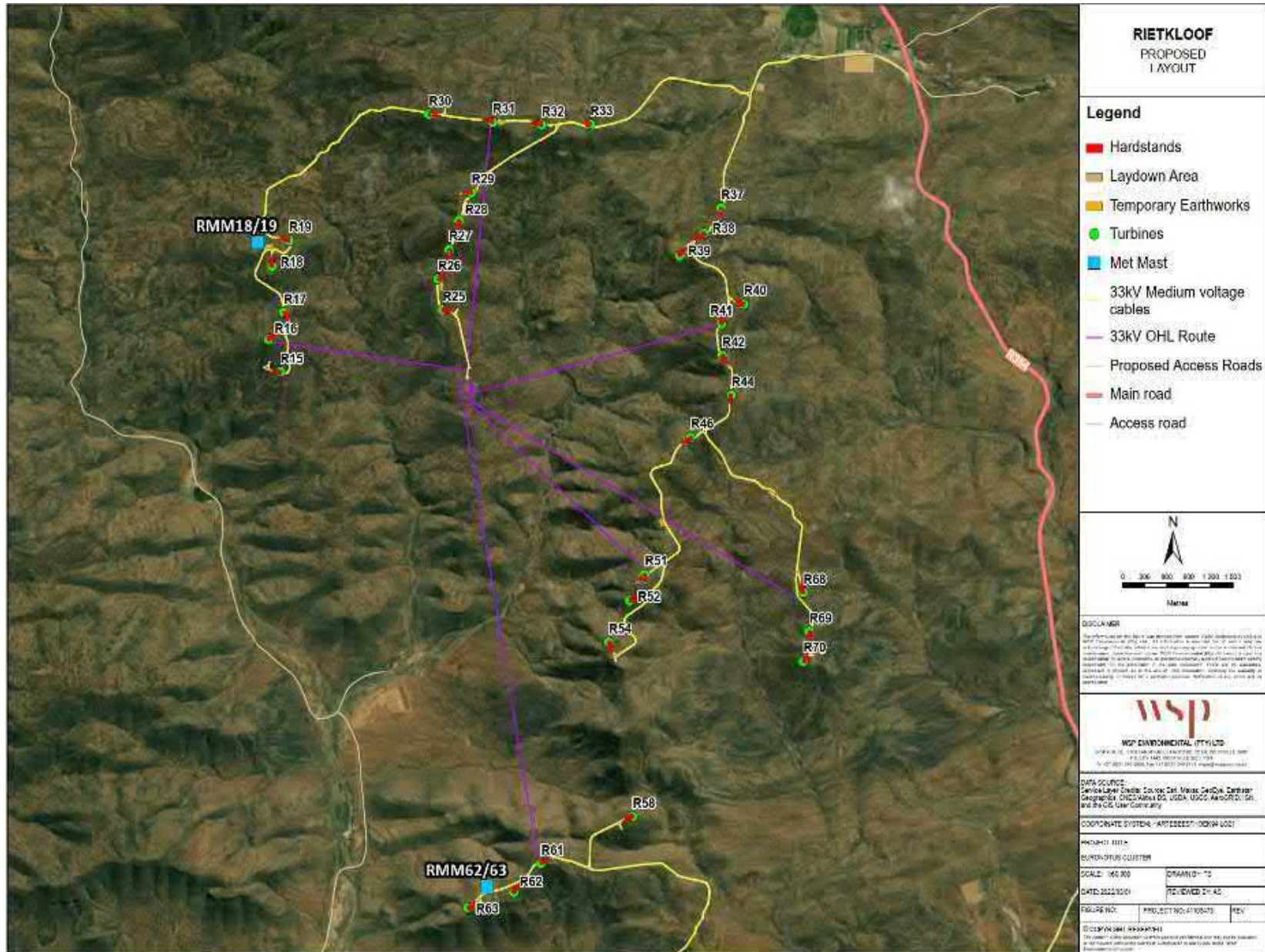
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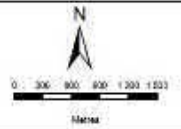
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19 Mei 2022

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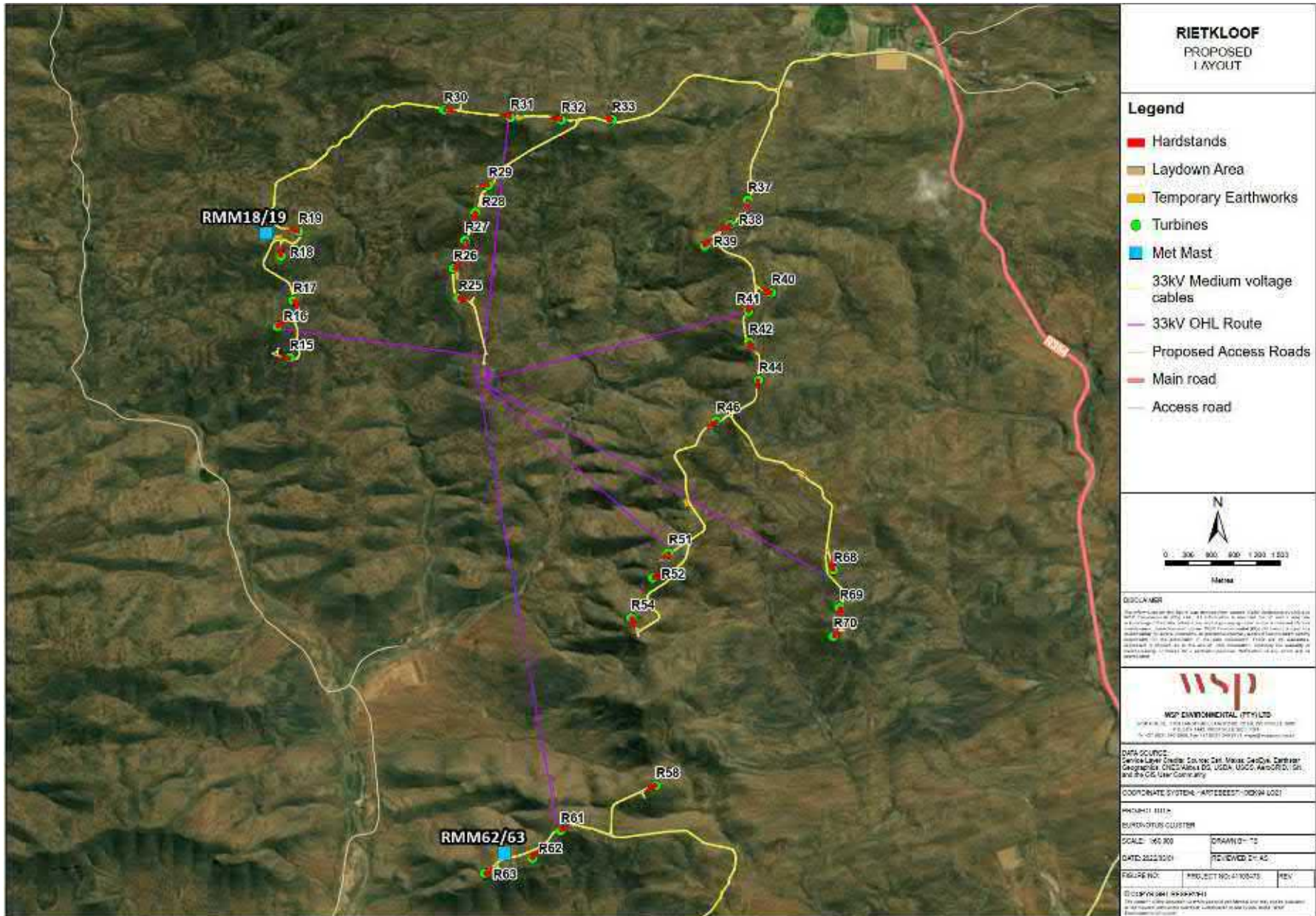
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## APPENDIX

# ***B-4 PROOF OF EMAIL NOTIFICATION***

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To: Strong, Ashlea  
Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa  
Subject: EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

Dear Stakeholder

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) AND THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME AND FINAL LAYOUTS FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

Further to the notice distributed on 8 December 2021 – we would like to inform you that the following documentation for the above-mentioned Project has been made available for an extended public review period:

- Draft Part 2 Amendment Report for the Rietkloof WEF and associated appendices
- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof WEF

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPR and Final Layout are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for an additional 30 days from 3 February 2022 to 3 March 2022:

- Matjiesfontein - Matjiesfontein Community Centre (Tel: 023 551 1019);
- Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019); and
- Website - <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided below, by 3 March 2022. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP

The contact details of the EAP:  
Babalwa Mqokeli  
(T) 031 240 8804  
(E) [Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com](mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com)

We kindly request that all comments already submitted be resubmitted in order to ensure that they have been captured.

We look forward to your participation in this process and your meaningful contributions.

#### Protection of Personal Information

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Kind regards,



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Strong, Ashlea

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From: Strong, Ashlea  
Sent: Wednesday, 08 December 2021 19:58  
To: Strong, Ashlea  
Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa  
Subject: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590) [Filing cancelled]  
Attachments: 41103473\_20211209\_Euronotus\_RK WEF\_Part 2&EMPr\_Notification Letter\_Afrikaans\_Final.pdf; 41103473\_20211209\_Euronotus\_RK WEF\_Part 2 &EMPr\_Notification Letter\_English\_Final.pdf

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Kindly refer to the attached notification letter regarding the availability of the following documentation for the above-mentioned Project:

- Draft Part 2 Amendment Report for the Rietkloof WEF
- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof WEF
- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof 132kV Powerline

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Rietkloof, to manage and undertake the Part 2 Amendment process and to amend the EMPrs. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the project amendments, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered interested and affected parties will be forwarded all future project related correspondence.

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPrs and Final Layouts are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for 30 days from 9 December 2021 to 31 January 2022:

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Sent: Wednesday, 08 December 2021 10:39  
To: Strong, Ashlea  
Cc: Mqokeli, Babalwa  
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Dear Commenting Authority,

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- WeTransfer: Rietkloof WEF - Amended EMPr and Final Layout - <https://we.tl/t-minddloaRJ>
- WeTransfer: Rietkloof - Powerline Amended EMPr and Final Layout - <https://we.tl/t-o3t81bC06T>
- WeTransfer: Rietkloof WEF – Part 2 Amendment Report - <https://we.tl/t-vvd4fueu5e>
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## APPENDIX

# ***B-5*** *PROOF OF SMS NOTIFICATIONS*

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Credits: **1134.18** | Daily Quota Used: **1338 of 3000**

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**Message History Detail: Batch 1237360160**

**Time submitted** 2021-12-08 09:31:18.0

**Total messages** 1338

**Total credits** 1336.40

**Delivery summary**

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Delivery failed	11.43%
Delivered upstream	60.91%
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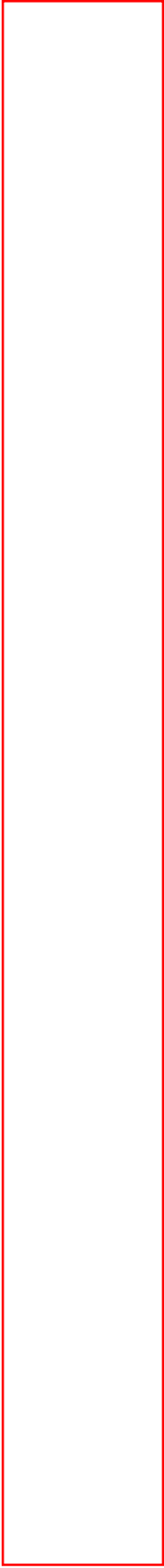


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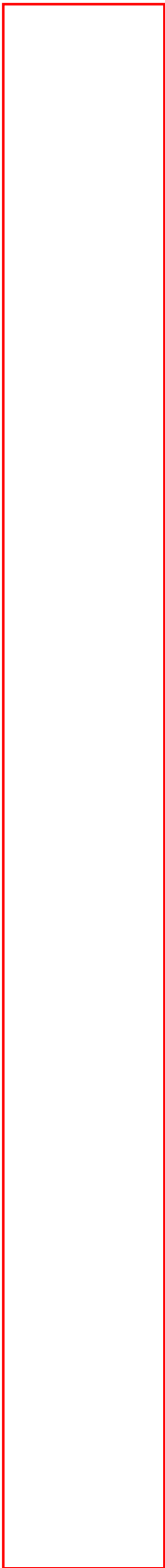


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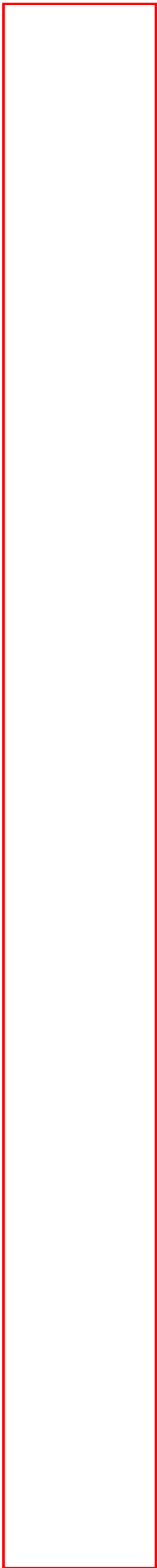
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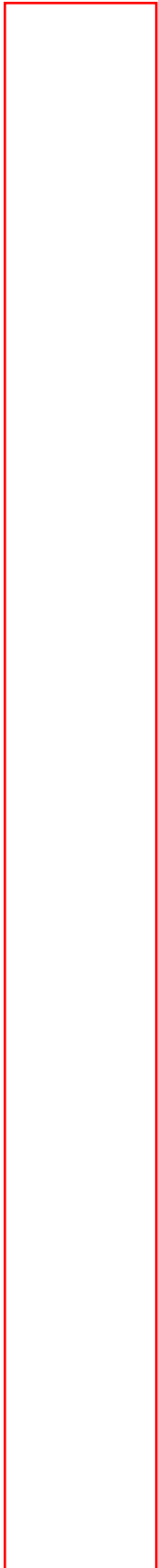
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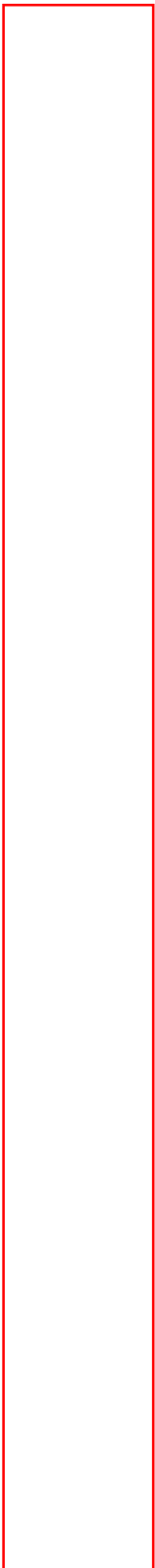
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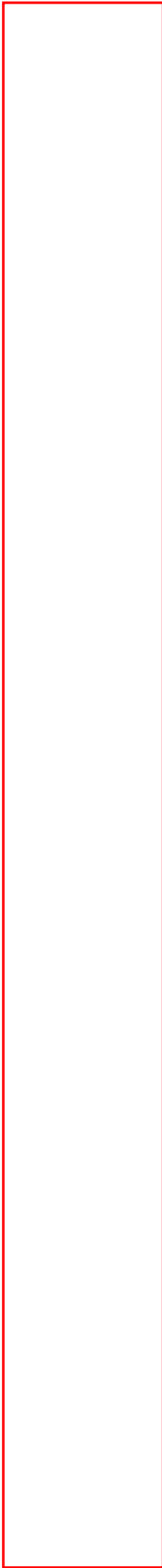
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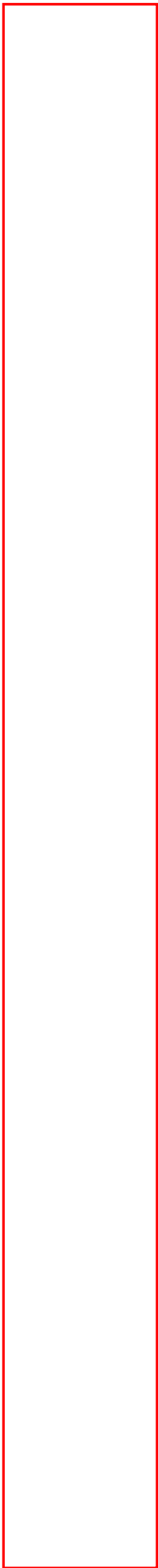
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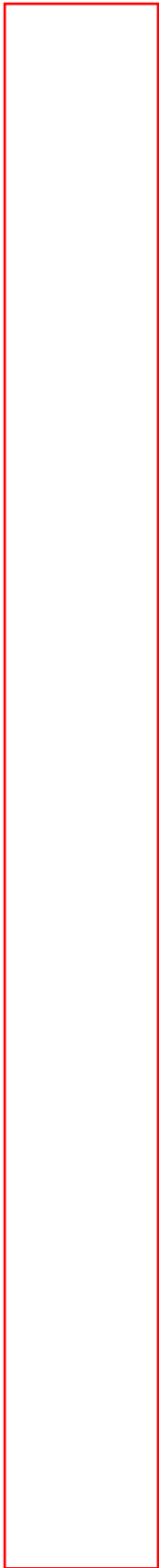


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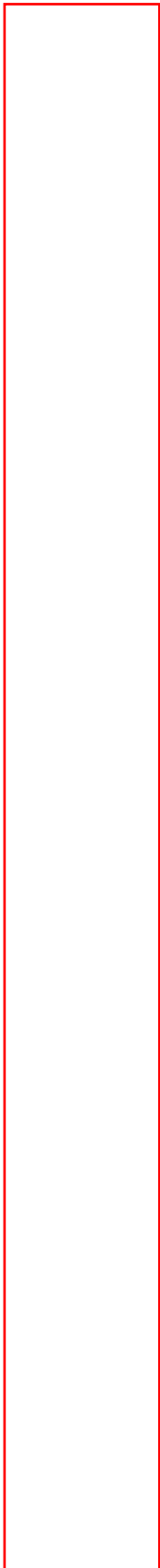
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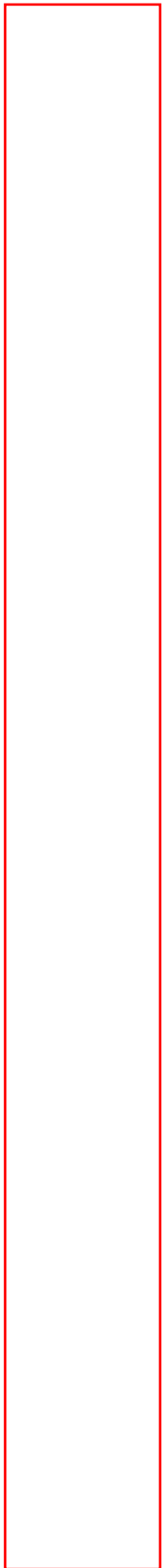
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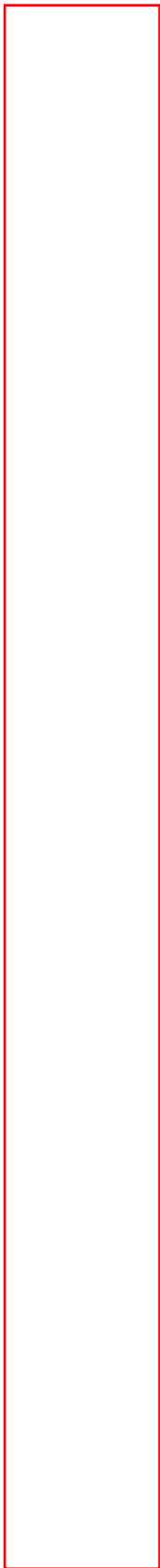
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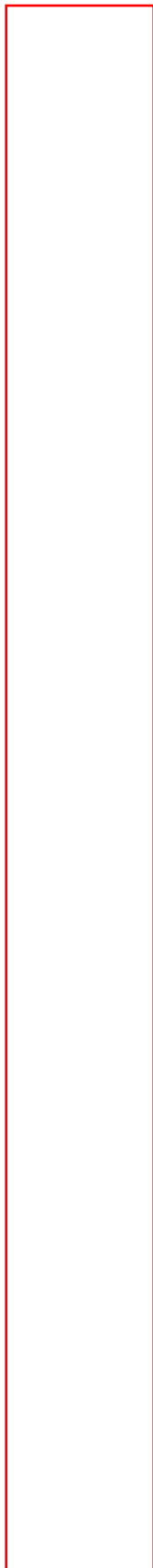


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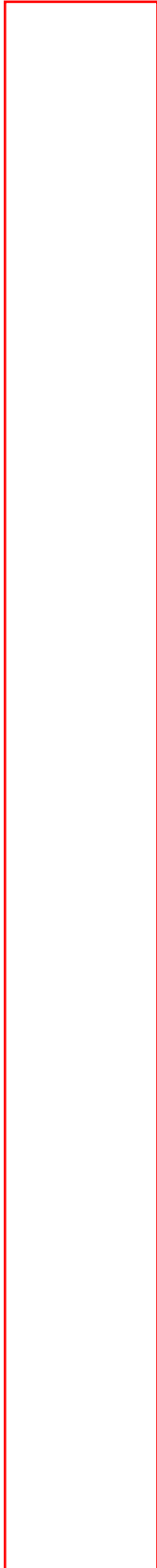
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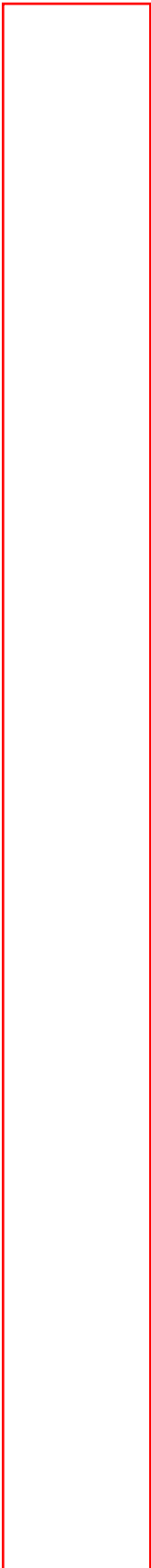
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# APPENDIX

## C MEETINGS



## APPENDIX

# ***C-1 DFFE PRE- APPLICATION MEETING***



**APPENDIX 1  
COPY OF THE PRE-APPLICATION MEETING MINUTES**

**A copy of the approved Public Participation Plan and Proof of Approval is also included**



## MEETING NOTES

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	Euronotus Consents
<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	41103473
<b>DATE</b>	08 October 2021
<b>TIME</b>	10h00
<b>VENUE</b>	Online (MS Teams)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Pre-Application Meeting with DFFE
<b>CLIENT</b>	Red Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd / G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd
<b>PRESENT</b>	Zama Langa (DFFE) – ZL Juliet Mahlangu (DFFE – Case Officer) – NN Dr. Danie Smit (DFFE) – DS Caryn Clarke (G7) - CC Colette Stander (G7) - CS Janine Brasington (Red Rocket) - JB Magdalena Logan (Red Rocket) - ML Ashlea Strong (WSP) – AS Babalwa Mqokeli (WSP) – BM
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Jennifer Green (WSP) Veronique Vyfe (G7)
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	As above ( <b>Appendix A</b> )

<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.0 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— AS welcomed everyone followed by a round of introductions and an overview of the meeting agenda.</li><li>— A PowerPoint presentation was presented to all attendees to provide information on the projects.</li></ul> <p><i>*AS received consent from all parties present to record the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>** A copy of the PowerPoint presentation has been attached hereto for reference (<b>Appendix B</b>).</i></p>	
<b>2.0 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>2.1 Project Background and Description</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— AS provided a brief overview of the Project, outlining the various consents required for the complex as well as identifying the three Special Project Vehicles (SPVs) as the</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Minutes and PPP to be submitted via email</li></ul>

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**MATTERS ARISING**

**ACTION**

<p>Applicants (i.e. Brandvalley Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd, Karreebosch Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd and Rietkloof Wind farm (Pty) Ltd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The consents include the following:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updating and approval of the EMPs and layouts for the WEFs and overhead powerlines (OHPL) as required by the existing EAs</li> <li>▪ Part 1 Amendment Processes to increase the turbine size from 5.5 MW to 6 MW (Karreebosch and Brandvalley)</li> <li>▪ Part 2 Amendment Process to increase the hub height and rotor diameter of 9 turbines to the same specifications as approved WTGs; WTGs will also be increased to 6 MW (Rietkloof)</li> <li>▪ Undertaking one new Basic Assessment Process for a new Transmission integration powerline to integrate the Karreebosch WEF to the National Grid</li> </ul> </li> <li>– Layouts of the WEFs and the Powerlines were shown.</li> <li>– The location of the Project areas was identified as being in the Karoo Hoogland and Laingsburg Local Municipalities, in the Northern and Western Cape.</li> <li>– The farm portions affected by the three WEFs were outlined.</li> <li>– Key considerations noted included the presence of CBAs, ESAs, NPAES, and that the projects fall within the Central Strategic Transmission Corridor (STC) and the Komsberg Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– PP Plan must include stakeholder databases</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.2 EMPs Updates and Final Layouts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS ran through the EMPs updates that are required.</li> <li>– It was confirmed that these are not Regulation 37 processes as the EMPs are not yet approved.</li> <li>– Furthermore, it was confirmed that the final layouts will be submitted as part of the EMPs approval process and will not trigger a Part 2 amendment as they are not yet approved.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2.3 Part 1 and Part 2 Amendment Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS presented the proposed Part 1 Amendments applicable to the Karreebosch and Brandvalley WEFs regarding the increase in turbine capacity.</li> <li>– It was confirmed that the construction camp location change for the Karreebosch WEF can be accommodated within the Final Layout and EMPs amendment.</li> <li>– It was confirmed that the changes related to Karreebosch WEF and Brandvalley WEF do constitute Part 1 Amendments</li> <li>– AS presented the Part 2 Amendment applicable to the Rietkloof WEF regarding the increase in hub height and rotor diameter of the 9 smaller approved turbines.</li> <li>– ZL confirmed that proposed changes to the Rietkloof WEF to constitute a Part 2 Amendment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2.4 Karreebosch OHPL Basic Assessment Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS ran through the applicable Listed Activities of the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended), noting a Basic Assessment (BA) process is required for the application for Environmental Authorisation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2.5 Specialist Assessments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS ran through the identified sensitivities as per the DFFE Online Screening Tool report, and specialist assessments noted therein.</li> <li>– AS identified the specialist assessments that are to be undertaken as part of the BA process, as well as the studies that are not being undertaken as part of the assessment and supporting reasons for their exclusion.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2.6 Competent Authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS indicated that DFFE had been identified as the Competent Authority (CA).</li> <li>– ZL confirmed that DFFE is the CA</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2.7 Public Participation Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– AS provided an overview of the proposed public participation process in accordance with the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended).</li> <li>– AS noted that a draft Public Participation (PP) Plan will be issued to DFFE along with the meeting minutes for review and approval.</li> </ul>	

## MEETING NOTES

MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
<p>— ZL requested that the Final PP Plan must indicate the PP proposed for each separate process (i.e. EMPr updates, Part 2 Amendment and the Basic Assessment)</p> <p>— ZL requested the PP Plan to include the existing Stakeholder Databases such that the DFFE can confirm that the relevant stakeholders (such as DFFE: Biodiversity, CAA, SKA, SAWS etc.) are included.</p> <p><b>2.8 Timeframes</b></p> <p>— AS noted the following Authority timeframes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basic Assessment – 57 days</li> <li>▪ EMPr Updates – 30 days</li> <li>▪ Part 1 Amendment – 30 days</li> <li>▪ Part 2 Amendment – 57 days</li> </ul> <p>— JM confirmed that these timeframes were correct.</p>	
<p><b>3.0 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS</b></p>	
<p>JG opened the floor for any comments or questions. The following items were raised and discussed.</p> <p><b>3.1 Confirmation of Online Submission</b></p> <p>— AS noted that the BA and Amendment Applications would be submitted via the DFFE online submission platform.</p> <p>— AS requested confirmation that the DFFE online submission platform will also be utilised for the submission of the EMPr and Layout updates?</p> <p>— ZL confirmed that the DFFE online submission platform should be used for all submissions</p> <p><b>3.2 Future Pre-Application Meeting requests</b></p> <p>— ZL requested that in future a separate pre-application request should be submitted for each aspect of the project so that the DFFE can allocate different case officers to each aspect of the project.</p> <p>— This request was acknowledged.</p>	
<p><b>4.0 WAY FORWARD</b></p>	
<p>— AS summarised the following action points for the way forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WSP to formalise meeting minutes and submit via email to DFFE, along with the PP Plan, for approval.</li> <li>▪ WSP to draft the application form and submit to DFFE.</li> <li>▪ WSP to submit all documentation via the online platform.</li> </ul> <p>No further points were raised for discussion.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 11:00</p>	<p>— WSP to formalise meeting minutes and distribute, along with PPP, for approval</p>

## NEXT MEETING

No additional meetings have been scheduled.


## MEETING NOTES

### APPENDIX A: MEETING ATTENDANCE

<b>Meeting Start Time</b>	10/8/2021, 9:56:02 AM					
<b>Meeting End Time</b>	10/8/2021, 12:11:03 PM					
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Mqokeli, Babalwa	10/8/2021, 9:56:02 AM	10/8/2021, 12:11:03 PM	2h 15m	Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com	Presenter	Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com
Strong, Ashlea	10/8/2021, 9:56:02 AM	10/8/2021, 12:11:03 PM	2h 15m	Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com	Organizer	Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com
Dr. Danie Smit	10/8/2021, 9:56:08 AM	10/8/2021, 10:57:13 AM	1h 1m	dsmit@environment.gov.za	Presenter	dsmit@environment.gov.za
Zama Langa	10/8/2021, 9:58:48 AM	10/8/2021, 10:57:12 AM	58m 23s	zlanga@environment.gov.za	Presenter	zlanga@environment.gov.za
Julliet Mahlangu	10/8/2021, 9:59:29 AM	10/8/2021, 10:57:14 AM	57m 45s	jmmahlangu@environment.gov.za	Presenter	jmmahlangu@environment.gov.za
Colette Alisha Stander	10/8/2021, 10:00:38 AM	10/8/2021, 10:09:25 AM	8m 47s	Colette@g7energies.onmicrosoft.com	Presenter	Colette@g7energies.onmicrosoft.com
Janine Brasington	10/8/2021, 10:01:16 AM	10/8/2021, 10:57:11 AM	55m 54s	j.brasington@redrocket.energy	Presenter	j.brasington@redrocket.energy
Caryn Clarke	10/8/2021, 10:01:46 AM	10/8/2021, 10:03:38 AM	1m 52s	caryn@g7energies.onmicrosoft.com	Presenter	caryn@g7energies.onmicrosoft.com
Caryn Clarke	10/8/2021, 10:09:43 AM	10/8/2021, 10:57:13 AM	47m 29s	caryn@g7energies.onmicrosoft.com	Presenter	caryn@g7energies.onmicrosoft.com

## MEETING NOTES

### APPENDIX B: PRESENTATION




**DFFE Pre-Application Meeting**  
*Euronotus Cluster - Environmental Consents, Northern and Western Cape*

October 2021

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**Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Overview of the Project
  - Background
  - Location
  - Technical Description
3. Overview and Confirmation of Permitting Processes
  - EMPr Updates and Final Layouts
  - Part 1 Amendments
  - Part 2 Amendment
  - Basic Assessment
    - Listed Activities
    - Specialist Assessments as identified by DEA Screening Tool
    - Specialist Studies commissioned
  - Competent Authority
4. Public Participation Process
5. Timeframes
6. Questions and Discussions
7. Way Forward



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## 1. Introductions

- G7 Renewable Energies (Pty) Ltd:
  - Veronique Fyfe
  - Caryn Clarke
- Red Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd:
  - Magdalena Logan
  - Janine Brasington
- WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd:
  - Jennifer Green (Environmental Consultant)
  - Babalwa Mqokeli (Senior Environmental Consultant)
  - Ashlea Strong (Project Manager)
- Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE):
  - Julliet Mahlangu
  - Zama Langa
  - Danie Smit



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## 2. Overview of the Project

### Background

- Applicants:
  - Brandvalley Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd
  - Karreebosch Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd
  - Rietkloof Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd
- Red Rocket South Africa (Pty) Ltd have included all three of the above-mentioned Wind Energy Facilities (WEFs) as part of their submissions for the Round 5 REIPPPP Bidding.
- As part of this process they were required to ensure that the required Environmental Consents for these projects are underway. These include:
  - Updating and approval of the EMPs and layouts for the WEFs and overhead powerlines (OHPL) as required by the existing EAs
  - Part 1 Amendment Processes to increase the turbine size from 5.5 MW to 6 MW (Karreebosch and Brandvalley)
  - Part 2 Amendment Process to increase the hub height and rotor diameter of 9 turbines to the same specifications as approved WTGs; WTGs will also be increased to 6 MW (Rietkloof)
  - Undertaking one new Basic Assessment Process for a new Transmission integration powerline to integrate the Karreebosch WEF to the National Grid



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## 2. Overview of the Project



### Existing Environmental Authorisations

- Karreebosch WEF:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/807 – 29 January 2016
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/807/AM1 – 10 June 2016
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/807/AM2 – 15 November 2018
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/807/AM3 – 30 October 2019
- Brandvalley WEF:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/1/900 – 23 November 2016
  - 14/12/16/3/3/1/900/AM1 – 14 February 2019
- Brandvalley Power Integration:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/1/1591 – 23 November 2016
- Rietkloof WEF:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/899 – 23 November 2016 (9 Turbines)
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/1977 – 10 April 2019 (51 Turbines)
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/1977/AM1 – 9 May 2019
  - 14/12/16/3/3/2/1977/AM1 – 16 September 2019 (Merged EA)
- Rietkloof Power Integration:
  - 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590 – 23 November 2016

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## 2. Overview of the Project



### Location

	Brandvalley WEF	Karreebosch WEF	Rietkloof WEF
Province:	Western and Northern Cape Province	Western and Northern Cape Province	Western Cape Province
Local Municipality:	Karoo Hoogland and Laingsburg	Karoo Hoogland and Laingsburg	Laingsburg
Farms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm Barendskraal 76 Remainder and Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Brandvalley 75 Remainder and Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Fortuin 74 Remainder, Portion 1 and Portion 3</li> <li>• Farm Kabettouw 160 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm Muishond Rivier 161 Remainder and Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Rietfontein 197.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm Appelsfontein 201</li> <li>• Farm Ekkraal 199 Remainder, Portion 1 and Portion 2</li> <li>• Farm Karreebosch 200 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm Karreekloof 196 Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Kiepbanksfontein 198 Remainder and Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Kranskraai 189</li> <li>• Farm Oude Huis 195</li> <li>• Farm Rietfontein 197</li> <li>• Farm Roode Wal 187</li> <li>• Farm Standvastigheid 210 Portion 2</li> <li>• Farm Wilgebosch Rivier 188 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm Apn'Is Kraal 105</li> <li>• Farm Bon Espirange 73 Remainder and Portion 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm Barendskraal 76 Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Fortuin 74 Remainder and Portion 3</li> <li>• Farm Hartjieskraal 77 Remainder and Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Nuwerus 284 Remainder</li> <li>• Farm Rietkloof Annexe 88 Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Snyders Kloof 80 Remainder and Portion 1</li> <li>• Farm Vogelstruisfontein 81;</li> <li>• Farm Wilgehout Fontein 87 Remainder</li> </ul>

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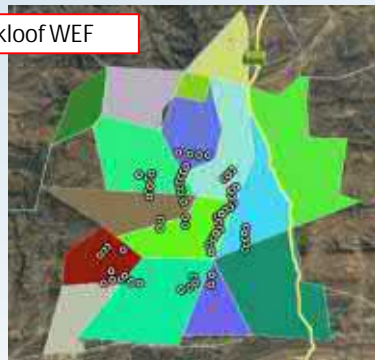
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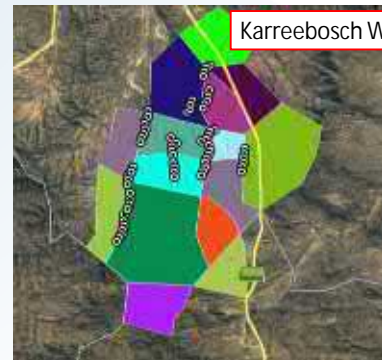
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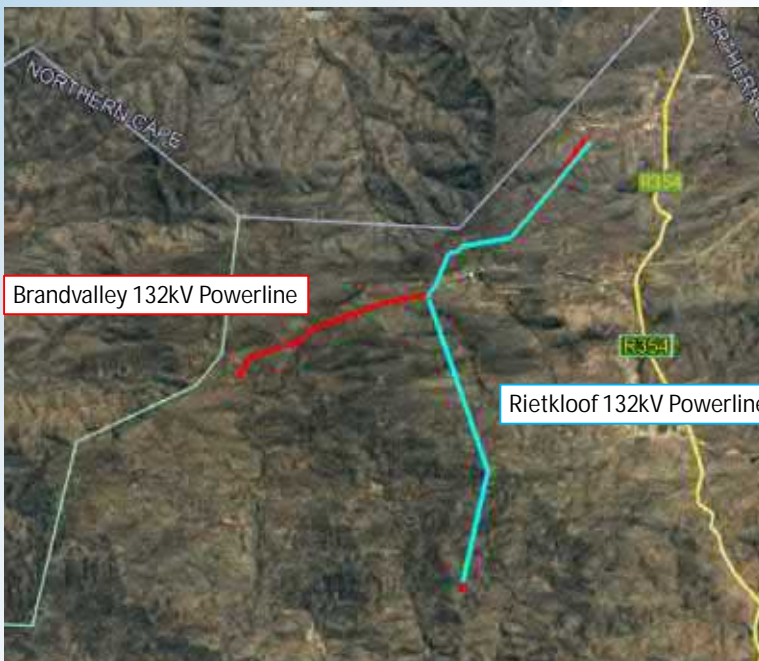
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Brandvalley 132kV Powerline

Rietkloof 132kV Powerline

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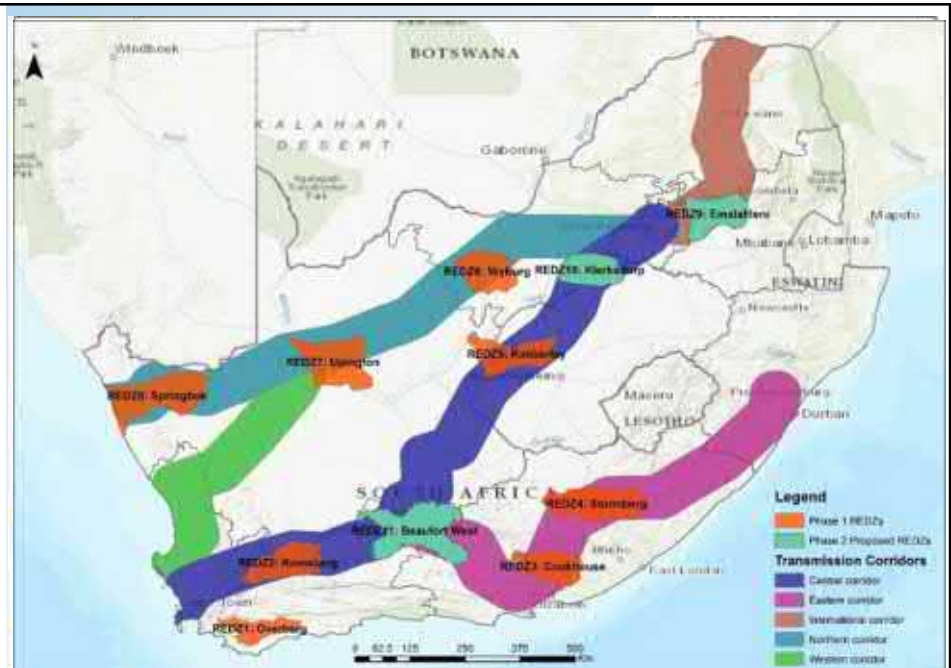
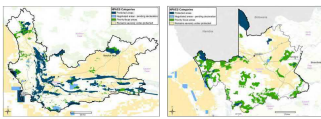
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Karreebosch 132kV Powerline



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## 2. Overview of the Project



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### 3. Permitting Processes

## EMPr Update and Final Layout Processes

- The EAs issued for the WEFs and the Rietkloof and Brandvalley powerlines indicate that the EMPrs and layouts submitted as part of the original EIA process were not approved and must be updated.

16. The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) submitted as part of the EIA is not approved and must be amended to include measures as dictated by the final site lay-out map and micro-siting; and the provisions of this environmental authorisation. The EMPr must be made available for comments by registered Interested and Affected Parties and the holder of this environmental authorisation must consider such comments. Once amended, the final EMPr must be submitted to the Department for written approval prior to commencement of the activity. Once approved the EMPr must be implemented and adhered to.

- Confirmation:
  - Amended EMPrs will just be submitted for approval
  - These are not Regulation 37 processes as the EMPrs are not yet approved
  - The final layout will be submitted as part of the EMPr approval process and will not trigger a Part 2 amendment as they are not yet approved



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### 3. Permitting Processes

## Part 1 Amendment Processes

- Karreebosch WEF
  - The Applicant intends to use turbines of up to 6MW. The EA currently authorises turbines of 5.5MW.
  - The increase in MW per turbine will not alter the hub height or rotor diameter of the turbine. The number of approved turbines will also be decreased to a maximum of up to 35. This is also applicable to Rietkloof and Brandvalley.
  - A Part 1 Amendment will therefore be required to amend the EA to allow for turbines of up to 6MW as this is a non-substantive amendment.
  - Following a recent specialist site walkover, it was noted that the approved construction camp for Karreebosch is currently located in an 8m wide watercourse and will therefore need to be relocated. The construction camp is proposed to be located closer to the R354 in an area with lower environmental sensitivities. The construction camp will remain on the same farm portion that was previously assessed as part of the EIA.
  - The EMPr update and final layout will reflect the new location of the construction camp.
  - Specialists will provide input regarding the new construction camp location.


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### 3. Permitting Processes

#### Part 1 Amendment Processes

- Brandvalley WEF
  - A Part 1 Amendment Application was submitted on 14 September 2021 to extend the validity period of the EA and a decision is expected by 15 October 2021.
  - As with Karreebosch, the Applicant intends to use turbines of up to 6MW. The EA currently authorises turbines of 5.5MW.
  - The increase in MW per turbine will not alter the hub height or rotor diameter of the turbine.
  - The number of approved turbines will also be decreased to a maximum of up to 35.
  - A Part 1 Amendment will therefore be required to amend the EA to allow for turbines of up to 6MW as this is a non-substantive amendment.



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### 3. Permitting Processes

#### Part 2 Amendment Process


- Rietkloof WEF
  - The EA currently approves two types of wind turbines with different specifications.
  - The Project engineers and wind turbine manufacturers have advised that the 9 smaller approved turbines (with an approved hub height of 120m and rotor diameter of 140m) should be used in the final layout.
  - The hub height and rotor diameter of these 9 turbines will need to be increased to the same specifications as the approved 51 WTGs.
  - The Applicant intends to use turbines of up to 6MW. The EA currently authorises turbines of 5.5MW.
  - A Part 2 Amendment Process will therefore need to be undertaken as the increase in hub height and rotor diameter is a substantive amendment.
  - The construction camp for the Rietkloof WEF needs to be relocated out of viable agricultural land to the Roggeveld WEF batch plant area as this will result in lower environmental and social impacts.
  - The relocation of the construction camp will be applied for in the same Part 2 Amendment process to increase the hub height and rotor diameter of the turbines.



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### 3. Permitting Processes




### Basic Assessment Processes for 132kV Powerline

- The Applicant is looking to investigate a 132kV power integration option for the Karreebosch WEF.
- Overhead Powerline
  - Approximately 20km in length
  - 132kV steel single or double structure with kingbird conductor
  - A 100m corridor around the powerline will be assessed
  - Pole positions will only be available post preferred bidder award (i.e. once the powerline design has started)
- Construction Methodology
  - Standard overhead line construction methodology will be employed-
  - Drill holes or excavate (depending on ground conditions), plant poles, string conductor
  - Not envisaged that any large excavations and stabilized backfill will be required

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### 3. Permitting Process



### Listed Activities

- Listing Notice 1 - GNR 327

LISTED ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITY
<b>Activity 11:</b> The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity— (i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts; or (ii) inside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more; excluding the development of bypass infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity where such bypass infrastructure is— (a) temporarily required to allow for maintenance of existing infrastructure; (b) 2 kilometres or shorter in length; (c) within an existing transmission line servitude; and (d) will be removed within 18 months of the commencement of development.	The 132 kV transmission line will connect the Karreebosch WEF to the national grid. The WEF and the transmission line are outside of the urban edge. This activity is therefore triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.
<b>Activity 12 (i), (a) and (c):</b> The development of— (i) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; or (c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse	The powerline will require the erection of tower structures, which may require a construction area of approximately 100m <sup>2</sup> . There is the potential that a tower structure or access road will transverse a watercourse (or drainage line). This activity will potentially be triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.
<b>Activity 19</b> The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 10 cubic metres from a watercourse	The powerline will require the erection of tower structures and access roads. There is the potential that a tower structure or access road will transverse a watercourse (or drainage line) which will require excavation of removal of soil or sand from the watercourse. This activity will potentially be triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.
<b>Activity 27:</b> The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for— (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.	The powerline is considered a linear activity and therefore this activity is not triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission lines. However, the construction of the common 132 kV on-site substation will require the clearance of indigenous vegetation of more than 1ha but less than 20 ha.

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### 3. Permitting Process

A Basic Assessment Process is therefore proposed for the Project



### Listed Activities (Cont.)

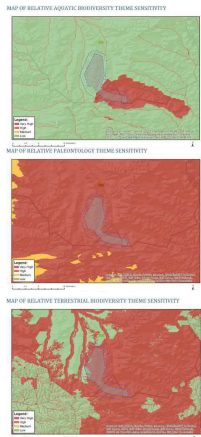
- Listing Notice 3 - GNR 324

LISTED ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ACTIVITY
<p><b>Activity 4:</b> The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13.5 metres.</p> <p>(i) Western Cape; (ii) areas outside urban areas (aa) containing indigenous vegetation</p>	<p>The transmission line routes traverse Critical Biodiversity Areas and fall within National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Focus Areas. The transmission line may require an access road (of approximately 4 m in width) although it will likely be a two-track road. This activity is potentially triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.</p>
<p><b>Activity 12 (i) (i) and (ii):</b> The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation. Except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</p> <p><u>Northern Cape</u> i. Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; ii. Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The transmission line routes traverse Critical Biodiversity Areas and fall within National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Focus Areas. The construction of the common 132 kV on-site substation will require the clearance of more than 300 m<sup>2</sup> of indigenous vegetation. This activity is therefore triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure.</p>
<p><b>Activity 14 (i) (a) and (c) (i) (bb) and (ff):</b> The development of— (i) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs— (a) within a watercourse; or (c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse;</p> <p><u>Northern Cape</u> i. Outside urban areas; (bb) National Protected Area Expansion Strategy Focus areas; (ff) Critical biodiversity areas or ecosystem service areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The transmission line routes traverse Critical Biodiversity Areas and fall within National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy Focus Areas.</p> <p>The powerlines will require the erection of tower structures, which may require a construction area of approximately 100m<sup>2</sup>. There is the potential that a tower structure or access road will transverse a watercourse (or drainage line). This activity is therefore triggered by the proposed construction of the transmission infrastructure</p>

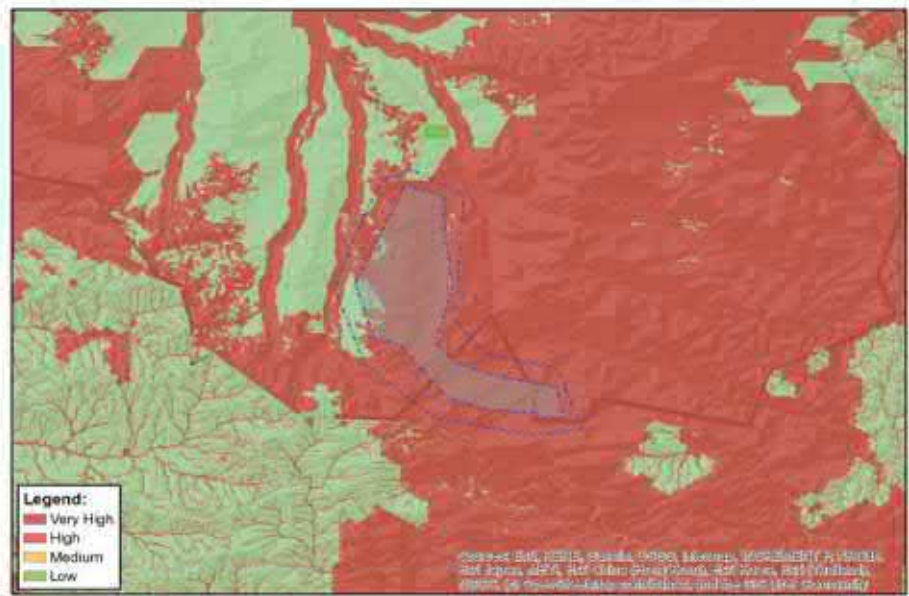
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### 3. Permitting Process



MAP OF RELATIVE TERRESTRIAL BIODIVERSITY THEME SENSITIVITY



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### 3. Permitting Process

## DEA Screening Tool Specialist Assessments

- Agricultural
- Landscape/Visual
- Archaeological & Cultural Heritage
- Palaeontology
- Terrestrial Biodiversity
- Aquatic Biodiversity
- Avian
- Civil Aviation
- Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)
- Geotechnical
- Plant Species
- Animal Species

Specialist Assessment	Assessment Protocol
1	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
1.1	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
1.2	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
1.3	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
1.4	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
1.5	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
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1.7	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
1.8	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
1.9	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
1.10	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
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1.12	<a href="#">https://www.wsp.com.au/~/media/Assets/ScreeningTool/Assessments/Assessments/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol/Overhead_Powerline_Assessment_Protocol.pdf</a>
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### 3. Permitting Process

## Specialist Studies Commissioned

SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT	COMMENT
Soils and Agricultural Potential Assessment	A soils and agricultural survey will be undertaken.
Archaeological and Cultural heritage Desktop Assessment	The powerline could potentially negatively impact on heritage and archaeological resources. An Archaeological and Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
Palaeontology	The powerline could potentially negatively impact on Palaeontological resources. A Palaeontological Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
Visual Impact Assessment	The powerline could potentially negatively impact sensitive visual receptors. A Visual Impact Assessment will therefore be undertaken.
Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment	A large portion of the route falls within a CBA and NPAES focus areas. A Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment has therefore been included in the BA process.
Freshwater Impact Assessment	The proposed route falls within an FEPA. A Freshwater Impact Assessment will therefore be undertaken.
Avifauna Impact Assessment	Due to the potential impacts on birds as a result of the Overhead Powerline, an Avifauna Assessment will be undertaken as part of the BA Process.
Social Impact Assessment	A detailed social assessment will be prepared. The social statement will be based on a desktop review and telephonic interviews with key stakeholders.
Geotechnical	A desktop Geotechnical Assessment will be undertaken as part of the BA Process.
Traffic Assessment	A Traffic Assessment and a Traffic Management Plan will be compiled as part of the BA Process






### 3. Permitting Process

## Specialist Studies NOT Commissioned

SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT	COMMENT
Geotechnical	A Detailed Geotechnical Assessment will not be undertaken as part of the BA Process as this will be undertaken during the design phase, once preferred bidder status is obtained.
RFI	A Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) Study will not be undertaken. During the previous EIA and BA processes the SKA-SA confirmed that the WEFs will have no impact on the SKA. SKA-SA as well as the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) will be engaged with as part of the Public Participation Process.
Civil Aviation	The Civil Aviation Authority will be included on the project stakeholder database. They will be informed of the proposed Project, and comment will be sought. An Application for the Approval of Obstacles will also be submitted to SACAA once preferred bidder status is obtained.




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## Competent Authority

- Section 24C(2)(a) of NEMA
  - The Minister must be identified as the CA if the activity has implications for international environmental commitments or relations
- GN 779 of 01 July 2016
  - Identifies the Minister as the CA for the consideration and processing of environmental authorisations and amendments thereto for activities related the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2010 – 2030
- DFFE is therefore deemed to be the Competent Authority



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## 4. Public Participation Process



### Public Participation Plan

- Site notices:
  - English and Afrikaans
- Compilation and management of I&AP Database
- Written notification:
  - Owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site
  - Municipality Ward Councillor
  - District Municipality
  - Relevant State Departments
- Advertisement (One English and one Afrikaans in local newspaper)
- Draft Report Review for 30 days
  - WSP on request
  - Online on the WSP website
  - WSP will confirm with local Public Libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review
- No provision has been made for public or focus group meetings due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

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## 5. Timeframes



- Basic Assessment
  - Falls within Central Strategic Transmission Corridor (GN 113)
  - Falls within the Komsberg REDZ (GN 114)
  - Authority decision making timeframe is 57 days
- Updated EMPr and Final layout
  - Authority decision making timeframe is 30 days
- Part 1 Amendment (Karreebosch and Brandvalley)
  - Authority decision making timeframe is 30 days
  - The Part 1 Amendment Application for the Karreebosch WEF will be submitted after the appeal period for the amended EA (expected to be received by 15 October) has ended.
- Part 2 Amendment (Rietkloof)
  - Falls within the Komsberg REDZ (GN 114)
  - Authority decision making timeframe is 57 days

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## 6. Questions and Discussion



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## 7. Way forward



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# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE BON ESPIRANGE KOMSBERG 132KV POWERLINE, PART 2 AMENDMENTS AND UPDATING OF TWO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES (EMPRS) FOR THE BRANDVALLEY AND RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITIES (WEFS) AND THE UPDATING OF TWO EMPRS FOR THE BRANDVALLEY AND RIETKLOOF POWERLINES

DFFE REF NUMBER: 2021-09-0003

The restrictions enforced in terms of Government Gazette 43096 which placed the country in a national state of disaster limiting the movement of people to curb the spread of the COVID-19 Virus has placed some limitations on the commencement and continuation of the public consultation as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Considering these limitations, the following consultation process has been designed and will be implemented, on approval by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), to cater for the facilitation of the public participation process (PPP). The PPP includes Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), the competent authority, directly impacted landowners/occupiers, adjacent landowners/occupiers, relevant Organs of State departments, Municipalities, ward councillors and other key stakeholders and all other parties that may have interest on this project.

The Public Participation Plan is submitted as per the requirements of the General Provisions of Annexure 2 of the Regulations issued in terms of Section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No.57 of 2002) and published on 05 June 2020 in Government Notice No R560 of Government Gazette No 43412.

**It must be noted that both the Brandvalley and Rietkloof Wind Energy Facilities (WEFs) are confirmed Round 5 Preferred Bidder Projects.**

This plan has been developed for the following aspects of the Euronotus Complex Permitting requirements:

- Part 2 Amendment Applications together with the amendment of the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs) and layout plans as required by the environmental authorisations (EAs) for the Brandvalley WEF and Rietkloof WEF,
- The update of the Rietkloof and Brandvalley 132kV Powerline EMPrs as required by the relevant EAs (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1591 respectively); and
- A new Basic Assessment Application required for a new 132kV powerline to connect the existing Bon Espirange substation to the existing Komsberg substation.

According to Section (2)(4)(f) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), the participation of all I&APs must be promoted and all potential I&APs must be informed early and in an informative and proactive way regarding applications that may affect their lives or livelihood in order to give effect to the above sections, and that it is essential to ensure that there is adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation in decisions that may affect the environment.

The existing Rietkloof and Brandvalley Projects interested and affected party (I&AP) databases will also be utilised for the amendment processes. I&APs will be provided with opportunity to review and make comments on the amendment application.

**Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3** below, provide the competent authority with the detailed PPP that will be undertaken by the project.

Furthermore, the Stakeholder Databases for both the Rietkloof and Brandvalley WEFs are included in **Appendix A** as requested during the Pre-Application Meeting (held on 8 October 2021).

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Table 1: Proposed Public Participation Plan – Part 2 Amendment Applications and the associated EMPr updates for Rietkloof and Brandvalley WEFs

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<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <p>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;</p> <p>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</p> <p>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</p> <p>(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Written notification (in English and Afrikaans) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the WEFs, municipality ward councillors, local and district municipalities, and relevant state departments.</li> <li>— General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the Part 2 and EMPr amendment processes.</li> <li>— Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.</li> </ul>
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>An advert will be published in one provincial (Cape Times) and one local newspaper (Die Courier) (in English and Afrikaans), formally announcing the commencement of the Part 2 Amendment Applications and associated EMPr amendment processes, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft Part 2 Amendment Reports and amended EMPrs for public review and comment.</p>
<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken</p>	
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to—</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The existing databases for the Rietkloof WEF and Brandvalley WEF projects will be verified and updated for the purposes of the Part 2 Amendment and EMPr amendment processes. As part of the verification process, existing I&amp;APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of</li> </ul>



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<p>(i) illiteracy; (ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<p>communication. The POPI act will also be put into consideration to confirm all the relevant POPI requirements for the database.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The relevant ward councillors will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members.</li> <li>— No public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.</li> </ul>
<p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project will be identified at the outset of the Project. As noted above, the existing databases will be verified and updated for the purposes of the Part 2 Amendment and EMPr amendment processes. The database will also be updated to include landowners and other stakeholders relevant to the Projects.</li> <li>— All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the BA and EMPr amendment processes.</li> </ul>
<p>(43) &amp; (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&amp;APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft Amendment Reports and amended EMPrs will be made available to all stakeholders for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP. As a result, the Draft BAR and amended EMPrs will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Matjiesfontein Community Hall;</li> <li>— Laingsburg Public Library;</li> <li>— From WSP on request; and</li> <li>— Online on the WSP website</li> </ul> <p>At the time of disclosure, WSP will confirm the relevant COVID-19 protocols and regulations in place and <i>will confirm with the local libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review prior to placement.</i></p> <p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final Amendment Reports and amended EMPrs for consideration by the competent authority.</p>



Table 2: Proposed Public Participation Plan – Update of the Rietkloof and Brandvalley Powerline EMPs

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<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <p>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;</p> <p>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</p> <p>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</p> <p>(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Written notification (in English and Afrikaans) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project sites, municipality ward councillors, local and district municipalities, and relevant state departments.</li> <li>— General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the EMP amendment processes.</li> <li>— Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.</li> </ul>
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>An advert will be published in one provincial (Cape Times) and one local newspaper (Die Courier) (in English and Afrikaans), formally announcing the commencement of the EMP amendment process, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft amended EMPs for public review and comment.</p>
<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken</p>	
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to—</p> <p>(i) illiteracy;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The existing databases for the Rietkloof OHPL and Brandvalley OHPL projects will be verified and updated for the purposes of the EMP amendment processes. As part of the verification process, existing I&amp;APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of communication. The POPI act will also be put into consideration to confirm all the relevant POPI requirements for the database.</li> </ul>



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<p>(ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The relevant ward councillors will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members.</li> <li>— No public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.</li> </ul>
<p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project will be identified at the outset of the Project. As noted above, the existing databases will be verified and updated for the purposes of the EMPr amendment processes. The database will also be updated to include landowners and other stakeholders relevant to the Projects.</li> <li>— All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the EMPr amendment processes.</li> </ul>
<p>(43) &amp; (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&amp;APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft amended EMPrs will be made available to all stakeholders for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP. As a result, the Draft amended EMPrs will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Matjiesfontein Community Hall;</li> <li>— Laignsburg Public Library;</li> <li>— From WSP on request; and</li> <li>— Online on the WSP website.</li> </ul> <p>At the time of disclosure, WSP will confirm the relevant COVID-19 protocols and regulations in place and <i>will confirm with the local libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review prior to placement.</i></p> <p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final BAR and amended EMPrs for consideration by the competent authority.</p>





Table 3: Proposed Public Participation Plan – Bon Espirange Komsberg 132kV Powerline Basic Assessment Process

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<p>(b) giving written notice, in any of the manners provided for in section 47D of the Act, to—</p> <p>(i) the occupiers of the site and, if the proponent or applicant is not the owner or person in control of the site on which the activity is to be undertaken, the owner or person in control of the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(ii) owners, persons in control of, and occupiers of land adjacent to the site where the activity is or is to be undertaken and to any alternative site where the activity is to be undertaken;</p> <p>(iii) the municipal councillor of the ward in which the site and alternative site is situated and any organisation of ratepayers that represent the community in the area;</p> <p>(iv) the municipality which has jurisdiction in the area;</p> <p>(v) any organ of state having jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the activity; and</p> <p>(vi) any other party as required by the competent authority;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Written notification (in English and Afrikaans) will be sent to owners and occupiers on or adjacent to the proposed project site, municipality ward councillor, local and district municipality, and relevant state departments.</li> <li>— General communication (written notification) with stakeholders (public and government departments/authorities) throughout the Basic Assessment (BA) process.</li> <li>— Stakeholders will be added to the database on request as the project progresses.</li> </ul>
<p>(c) placing an advertisement in—</p> <p>(i) one local newspaper; or</p> <p>(ii) any official Gazette that is published specifically for the purpose of providing public notice of applications or other submissions made in terms of these Regulations;</p>	<p>An advert will be published in on provincial (Cape Times) and two local newspapers (Die Noordwester and Die Courier) (in English and Afrikaans), formally announcing the commencement of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) application process, requesting stakeholders to register their interest in the project, and informing them of the release of the Draft BAR for public review and comment.</p>
<p>(d) placing an advertisement in at least one provincial newspaper or national newspaper, if the activity has or may have an impact that extends beyond the boundaries of the metropolitan or district municipality in which it is or will be undertaken</p>	
<p>(e) using reasonable alternative methods, as agreed to by the competent authority, in those instances where a person is desirous of but unable to participate in the process due to—</p> <p>(i) illiteracy;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The existing databases for the Karreebosch WEF project will be verified and updated for the purposes of the BA process. As part of the verification process, existing I&amp;APs will be contacted telephonically and asked to confirm their preferred method of communication. The POPI act will also be put into consideration to confirm all the relevant POPI requirements for the database.</li> </ul>



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<p>(ii) disability; or (iii) any other disadvantage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The relevant ward councillors will be contacted to ensure that community-based organisations are aware of the Project and can assist in distributing and communicating relevant Project information to community members.</li> <li>— No public meetings or focus group discussions have been provided for.</li> </ul>
<p>(42) A proponent or applicant must ensure the opening and maintenance of a register of interested and affected parties and submit such a register to the competent authority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Stakeholders with a potential interest in the Project will be identified at the outset of the Project. As noted above, the existing databases will be verified and updated for the purposes of the BA process. The database will also be updated to include landowners and other stakeholders relevant to the Project.</li> <li>— All stakeholders identified will be registered on the project stakeholder database, and the database will be maintained throughout the BA process.</li> </ul>
<p>(43) &amp; (44) Registered Interested and affected parties (I&amp;APs) must be given 30 days to comment on the draft Report</p>	<p>The Draft BAR will be made available to all stakeholders for a 30-day comment period. Strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols and regulations as well as best practice measures will be ensured throughout PPP. As a result, the Draft BAR will be made available to stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Matjiesfontein Community Hall;</li> <li>— Laignsburg Public Library;</li> <li>— From WSP on request; and</li> <li>— Online on the WSP website.</li> </ul> <p>At the time of disclosure, WSP will confirm the relevant COVID-19 protocols and regulations in place and <i>will confirm with the local libraries as to whether they are open and able to accept documents for public review prior to placement.</i></p> <p>A Comment and Response Report (CRR) will be generated for inclusion in Final BAR and amended EMPs for consideration by the competent authority.</p>



## APPENDIX A – STAKEHOLDER DATABASES

The databases presented below outline the key stakeholders and landowners included on the existing databases. Additional registered I&APs include individuals and community members, these are not presented below.

### RIETKLOOF WEF

Land Owners	Property
Ou Mure	1/74
Fortuin	3/74 and RE/74
Barendskraal	1/76
Hartjieskraal	1/77
Hartjieskraal	RE/77
Nuwerus	RE/284
Wilgehout Fontein	RE/87
Vogelstruisfontein	81
Rietkloof Annexe	1/88
Snyders Kloof	RE/80
Snyders Kloof	1/80
Neighbours	Property
Hasjes Vley	RE/162
Barendskraal	RE/76
Ou Mure	Re/74
Kabeltouw	160
Brandvalley	RE/75
Bon Espirange	RE/73
Bon Espirange	Jan-73
Aprilskraal	105
Aurora	285
Wilgehout Fontein	2/87
Doorn Kloof	100
Rietkloof (De Rante)	1/89 + RE/88
De Rante / Blitskolk	RE/89
Annex Vogelstruisfontein	90
Palmiet Fontein / Vrede	1/91
Drie Koppen	RE/92
Luipaards Kloof	RE/79



Organs of State	
DEA: Integrated Environmental Authorisations	
DEA: Biodiversity and Conservation Unit	
DEADP: Development Management Region 3	
DEADP	
DEADP	
DEADP	
DEADP: Waste Management	
DEADP: Air Quality Management	
DEADP: Road Network Management	
DENC	Officer
Department of Defence/ SA Army	Signal Formation
Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	
Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	Chief Director
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	Delegate of the Minister (Act 70 of 1970 )
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	AgriLand Liaison office
Department of Energy (DoE)	Director: Renewable Energies
Department of Economic Development and Tourism	Head of Department
Department: Science & Technology	Eskom
Department of Mineral Resources (Western Cape)	Regional Manager
Department of Transport	Directorate: Environmental Analysis
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	
Central Karoo District Municipality (Laingsburg)	Municipal Manager
Laingsburg Local Municipality	Head of Technical Department
Laingsburg Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
Ward	Ward 12 Councilor (Witzenberg)
Ward	Ward 1 Councilor (Laingsburg)
Cape Nature	
Heritage Western Cape	
Heritage Western Cape (Assistant Director)	Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport
CAA	Aviation Obstacle Analyst
Astronomy Management Authority	Deputy Director
SAAO (South African Astronomical Observatory)	Director
SAAO (South African Astronomical Observatory)	Telescope Operations (TOPS)
SALT (The Southern African Large Telescope)	
SKA (Square Kilometer Array)	Head of Strategy
SKA (Square Kilometer Array)	GIF Specialist
CAA	
CAA	
Senior Consultant Environmental Management: Eskom GC: Land Development	
Department of Public Works	Director General Office
Department of Public Works	Chief Directorate:
Department of Public Works	Chief Directorate
Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works (Road Network Management)	
Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works (Road Network Management)	
Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works (Road Network Management)	
Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works (Road Network Management)	
South African National Roads Agency	Regional Manager: Western Region
ATNS	Manager of the Western and Northern Cape



Other Key Stakeholders	
Eskom	Land and development
Witteberg Private Nature Reserve	Private Nature Game Reserve
Laingsburg Tourism	IDP Officer
Farmer's Association	Senior Media Liaison Officer
EWT	Renewable Energy Project Manager
Birdlife	BirdLife
SAWS - south african weather SA	
Sentech	
SANRAL	
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	
Western Cape Black Eagle Project	
Telkom (Network Engineering)	Operations Manager: Wayleave Management
Telkom (National Radio Site Engineering )	
MTN	MTN – Innovation Centre Engineering
Vodacom	Network
BreedeNet	Network Operations Director
Cell C	
The Chairman: Rietpoort Trust	
Polmiet Fontein	
Environmental Coordinator, SANRAL	
System Specialist Radar   Technical Services Cape Town International Airport	
Manager: Technical Support   Technical Services Cape Town International Airport	
Roggeveld Wind Power (Pty) Ltd	
Professional Valuer	
BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd	
Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency	
Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency	
Vodacom	
JO KROUKAMP	
G7 Energies	
G7 Energies	
ACED	
G7 Energies	
G7 Energies	
Mainsteam	
AVDS Environmental Consultants	
ENERCON	



**BRANDVALLEY WEF**

Land Owners	Farm Name	Property
	Ou Mure	1/74
	Fortuin	1/75, 3/74 and RE/74
	Brandvalley	RE/75
	Rietfontein	197
	Kabeltouw	160
	Barendskraal	RE/76
	Barendskraal	1/76
	Muishond Rivier	RE/161
	Muishond Rivier	1/161

Adjacent Landowners	Farm Name	Property
	Oude Huis	RE/195
	Klipbanksfontein	RE/198
	Bon Espirange	1 of 73, 1/199
	Aprilskraal	105
	Bon Espirange	RE/73, RE/199
	Aurora	285
	Nuwerus	RE/284
	Hartjieskraal	1/77
	Hartjieskraal	RE/77
	Luipaards Kloof	RE/79
	Hasjes Vley	RE/162
	Klipbanks Fontein	395
	Oliviers Berg	RE/159
	Oliviers Berg	1/159
	Karree Kloof	RE/196
Karree Kloof	1/196	



Commenting Authority	
DFFE	Case Officer
DEADP	Director: Development Facilitation
DEADP	Region 2
DEADP	Region 3
DENC	Officer
Department of Defence/ SA Army	Signal Formation
Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	Delegate of the Minister (Act 70 of 1970 )
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	AgriLand Liaison office
Department of Energy (DoE)	Director: Renewable Energies
Department of Economic Development and Tourism	Head of Department
Department: Science & Technology	Eskom
Department of Mineral Resources (Western Cape)	Regional Manager
Department of Mineral Resources (Northern Cape)	Regional Manager
Department of Transport	Directorate: Environmental Analysis
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC)	Assistant Director: Impact Management
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform	
Namakwa District Municipality (Karoo)	Municipal Manager
Cape Winelands District Municipality (Witzenberg )	
Central Karoo District Municipality (Laingsburg)	Municipal Manager
Witzenberg (Ceres) Local Municipality	Secretary: Executive Services
Laingsburg Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
Ward	Ward 12 Councilor (Witzenberg)
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
Ward	Ward 4 Councilor (Witzenberg)
Ward	Ward 3 Councilor (Karoo Hoogland)
Ward	Ward 1 Councilor (Laingsburg)
Cape Nature	
CapeNature	
SAHRA	Heritage
Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Resource Authority	
Heritage Western Cape (Assistant Director)	Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport
SAAO (South African Astronomical Observatory)	Telescope Operations (TOPS)
SALT (The Southern African Large Telescope)	
SKA (Square Kilometer Array)	Head of Strategy
SKA (Square Kilometer Array)	GIF Specialist
CAA	
CAA	
Senior Consultant Environmental Management: Eskom GC: Land Development	
ATNS	Manager of the Western and Northern Cape



Key Stakeholders	
Eskom	Land and development
Witteberg Private Nature Reserve	Private Nature Game Reserve
Laingsburg Tourism	IDP Officer
Farmer's Association	Senior Media Liaison Officer
EWT	Renewable Energy Project Manager
Birdlife	BirdLife
SAWS - south african weather SA	
Sentech	
SANRAL	
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	
Telkom (Network Engineering)	Operations Manager: Wayleave Management
Telkom (National Radio Site Engineering )	
MTN	MTN – Innovation Centre Engineering
Vodacom	Network
BreedeNet	Network Operations Director
Cell C	
The Chairman: Rietpoort Trust	
Managing Trustee: Rietpoort Trust	
Polmiet Fontein	
Environmental Coordinator, SANRAL	
Obstacle Evaluator   COO - Air Traffic Services	
Manager: Technical Support   Technical Services Cape Town International Airport	
Roggeveld Wind Power (Pty) Ltd	
Professional Valuer	
BioTherm Energy (Pty) Ltd	
Terra-Foundcc	
Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency	
Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency	
Vodacom	
JO KROUKAMP	
ENERCON	
Building Energy South Africa (PTY) LTD	
Building Energy South Africa (PTY) LTD	
Building Energy South Africa (PTY) LTD	Environmental, Legal Compliance Manager
Zeekoeigat	
Boelhouer/Doornkloof	
Rietfontein	
Rietfontein	
Aasvoelbos	
Jagerskraal 95	
Geelhoek	
Paalfontein / Keurkloof	
Driekoppen	
Luiperdskloof	
Patatsrivier	
Tswaing	
Grootwater	
Boelhouer/Doornkloof	
AVDS Environmental Consultants	Representing: Mr. Warren Petterson, Mr. Steve Swanepoel, and Mr. Stephan Pienaar





## RIETKLOOF AND BRANDVALLEY GRID

Land Owners	
Name	Affiliation
Standvastigheid Familie Trust	Standvastigheid
Douglas & Esme Calldo	Bon Espirange
A D V Le Roux Family Trust c/o Andries Le Roux	Fortuin
A D V Le Roux Family Trust c/o Andries Le Roux	Fortuin
A D V Le Roux Family Trust c/o Andries Le Roux	Brandvalley
Mooi Nooientjies Trust c/o Christo Matthee	Barendskraal
Du Toit Thiersen (Pty) Ltd c/o Johan du Toit	Hartjieskraal
Ernest Marais	Hartjieskraal
Douglas & Esme Calldo	Aprils Kraal
Kabeltouw Trust c/o Marianne Thomson	Kabeltouw
Marina Conradie	Bon Espirange
Ou Mure Boerdery c/o Polla van der Westhuizen	Ou Mure
Francois Conradie / Marina Conradie (wife)	Brandvalley
Mooi Nooientjies Trust c/o Christo Matthee	Barendskraal
ZB Loots Familie Trust / Ziegfriedt Loots	Nuwerus
Neighbours	
Name	Affiliation
Sitruspoort Trust (Johan Kriel)	Vogelstruisfontein
Gielie Hanekom Family Trust c/o Gielie	Aurora
Kabeltouw Trust c/o Marianne Thomson	Muishond Rivier
Douglas & Esme Calldo	Ek Kraal
Rhyno Johannes Gouws	Rietkloof Annexe
same as above	same as above
Ockert Gerbrandt Conradie	Wolwekop Trust
Thomas Stephanus & Johannes Freysen	Aanstoot
Wilhelm Du Plessis Theron	
WOLWEKOP TRUST	RHEEBOKKE FONTEIN
Van Der Vyver (CJ) Trust c/o Izaak (Sakkie) van der Vyver / Christiaan van der Vyver	Muishond Rivier
Nico van der Merwe	Hasjes Vley
JJ le Roux Familie Trust c/o Kobus le Roux: 197 Rietfontein	Rietfontein
Marina Conradie	Ek Kraal
Standvastigheid Familie Trust/ Francois Conradie	Appels Fontein
Rudolf Rix Familie Trust (Rudolph Rix)	Smitskraal
Marna Rix	Smitskraal
Olaf Badenhorst - Huurder	Smitskraal
LE ROUX FAMILIETRUST / Mrs Alta le Roux	LEEUWENFONTEIN
Ou Mure Boerdery c/o Polla van der Westhuizen	Barendskraal
Turn Around Trading 101 (Pty) Ltd	Luipaards Kloof
Fantique Trade 379 CC c/o Dr. Jaco Terblanche	Snyders Kloof
Wilhelm Theron	Wilgehout Fontein
Organisation	
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)	Case officer
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)	Case officer
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)	Acting Chief Director: information management
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)	
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)	
Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)	DEA: Biodiversity Section
DEA&DP Generic	FOH - Cape Town
Department of Environmental Affairs And Development Planning (DEADP)	Directorate: Development Facilitation
Department of Environmental Affairs And Development Planning (DEADP)	
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP)	
Department of Environmental Affairs And Development Planning (DEADP)	
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC)	Assistant Director: Impact Management
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC)	Personal Assistant to Mr Fisher
Department of Environment and Nature Conservation (DENC)	Director: Environmental Quality Management



Organisation	
Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)	
DWS DG Generic	Deputy Information Officer: Director General Office
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	Delegate of the Minister
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	AgriLand Liaison Officer
Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (Northern Cape) via Namakwa DM	
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	
Western Cape Department of Agriculture	
Department of Energy (DoE)	Director: Renewable Energies
Department of Economic Development and Tourism (Western Cape)	Head of Department
Department: Science & Technology	
Department of Mineral Resources (Northern Cape)	Regional Manager
Department of Mineral Resources (Western Cape)	Regional Manager
Organisation	
Northern Cape Economic Development Agency (NCEDA)	Secretary
Matjiesfontein Village - The Lord milner Hotel	General contact - FoH
Namakwa District Municipality (Karoo)	Municipal Manager
Cape Winelands District Municipality (Witzenberg )	
Central Karoo District Municipality (Laingsburg)	Municipal Manager
Witzenberg (Ceres) Local Municipality	
Laingsburg Local Municipality	
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	Municipal Manager
Ward	Ward 12 Councilor (Witzenberg)
Ward	Ward 3 Councilor (Karoo Hoogland)
Ward	Ward 1 Councilor (Laingsburg)
Cape Nature	Central Karoo & Eden District Municipal Areas
Heritage Western Cape	
Heritage Western Cape (Assistant Director)	Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport
Eskom Transmission Land Management	Investigations and Audit
Eskom	Land and development
Eskom Transmission	
SAHRA	General contact
SAHRA	Heritage
Witteberg Private Nature Reserve	Private Nature Game Reserve
South African Astronomical Observatory	Telescope Operations (TOPS)
SALT (The Southern African Large Telescope)	
SKA (Square Kilometer Array)	
Laingsburg Tourism	IDP Officer
Farmer's Association	Chief Executive Officer
Farmer's Association	Senior Media Liaison Officer
Renewable Energy Project Manager	EWT
BirdLife	BirdLife
Birdlife	BirdLife
ATNS	Manager of the Western and Northen Cape
WESSA	
SANRAL	
Telkom (Network Engineering)	Operations Manager: Wayleave Management
Telkom (National Radio Site Engineering )	
MTN	MTN – Innovation Centre Engineering
Vodacom	Network
BreedeNet	Network Operations Director
Cell C	Senior Projects Manager
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	Financial Controller for Falcon
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	Local representative for Falcon based in Durbanville
Organisation	
Birdlife SA	General Manager
Birdlife SA	Policy and advocacy manager
Heritage Western Cape	
Heritage Western Cape	Assistant Director (Professional Services
Cape Nature	Central Karoo & Eden District Municipal Areas
ESKOM	
Falcon Oil and Gas Ltd	Financial Controller for Falcon
SAHRA	



## KARREEBOSCH GRID

Organisation	Department/Directorate	Designation	I&AP Sector
Abiance Trust IT 6383/1996			Agriculture & Farming
ACED		Executive	Renewable Energy Developer
ACED	Nxuba Wind Farm (RF) (Pty) Ltd	Director	Renewable Energy Developer
ADV Le Roux Familie Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
ADV Le Roux Familie Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
ADV Le Roux Familie Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
African Wind Energy Association (AWEA)			Renewable Energy Association
Agri SA		President	Agriculture & Farming
Agri SA			Agriculture & Farming
Agri SA			Agriculture & Farming
Agri SA			Agriculture & Farming
Agri SA Western Cape		General Manager	Agriculture & Farming
Agri SA Western Cape		CEO	Agriculture & Farming
Agri SA Western Cape			Agriculture & Farming
Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)		Senior Manager: Communications, Navigation & Surveillance	Organs of State
Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)			Organs of State
BirdLife South Africa		Policy and Advocacy Manager	Nature and Conservation
BirdLife South Africa		Birds and Renewable Energy Manager	State owned Enterprise
Botanical Society of South Africa			Nature Conservation
BreedeNet Wireless Internet Solutions		Network Operations	Information Communications Technology
Building Energy			Independent Power Producer
Building Energy		Junior Developer	
Calldo Boerdery		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Calldo Boerdery		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Calldo Boerdery		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Cape Bird Club		Chairperson: Conservation Committee	Nature Conservation
Cape Peninsula National Park		Park Manager	Nature Conservation
CapeNature Scientific Services			Organs of State
CapeNature Scientific Services	Scientific Services: Land Use Advice	Scientific Services: Land Use Advice	Organs of State
Central Karoo District Municipality		Municipal Manager	Organs of State
Cloete Family Trust		Trustee	Agriculture & Farming
De List Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
De List Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
De List Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming



Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	AgriLand Liaison Office	Administration Clerk: National Office	Organ of State
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries		Delegate to the Minister (Act 70 of 1970)	Organ of State
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries			Organs of State
Department of Communications		Acting Director General	Organs of State
Department of Economic Development		Director General	Organs of State
Department of Energy		Director General	Organs of State
Department of Energy	Renewable Energy Initiatives	Acting Project Manager: Renewable Energy Initiatives	Organs of State
Department of Environmental Affairs	Strategic Infrastructure Developments	Assistant Director	Organs of State
Department of Environmental Affairs	Biodiversity and Conservation	Director: Biodiversity Conservation	Organ of State
Department of Environmental Affairs		Director: World Heritage Management	Project Steering Committee
Department of Mineral Resources		Regional Director	Organs of State
Department of Mineral Resources	Acting Regional Manager: Northern Cape - Kimberley	Acting Regional Manager	Organs of State
Department of Mineral Resources		Director General	Organs of State
Department of Public Works		Acting Director General	Organs of State
Department of Science and Technology	Astronomy Management Authority	Director: Astronomy Management Authority (AMA)	Organs of State
Department of Science and Technology			Organs of State
Department of Transport		Director General	Organs of State
Department of Transport		Director	Organs of State
Department of Water and Sanitation	Northern Cape	Acting Chief Director: Northern Cape	Organs of state
Department of Water and Sanitation		Resource Protection	Organs of State
Department of Water and Sanitation		EO	Organs of State
Department of Water and Sanitation		Chief Director: Western Cape Region	Organs of State
Department of Water and Sanitation	Northern Cape	Director Institutional Establishment	Organs of State
Department of Water and Sanitation		Case Officer	Organs of State
Department of Water and Sanitation		Acting Director General	Organs of State
Department of Water and Sanitation	Breede Gouritz CMA	Deputy Director: Breede-Gouritz CMA	Organs of State
Department of Water and Sanitation	Breede Gouritz CMA		Organs of State



Dirk van Zyl Trust			Agriculture & Farming
Dirk van Zyl Trust			Agriculture & Farming
Dirk van Zyl Trust			Agriculture & Farming
Earthlife Africa		Chairperson	Nature Conservation
Earthlife Africa			Nature Conservation
Elandsfontein Boerdery			Agriculture & Farming
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Wildlife & Energy Programme	Programme Manager	Nature & Conservation
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd		Western Region Distribution	Organs of State
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Eskom Telecommunications	Senior Engineer	Organs of State
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	GC Land Development	Senior Environmental Advisor	Organs of State
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd		Planning Tools Applicator	Organs of State
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Distribution Western Region	Senior Supervisor: Land & Rights	Organs of State
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd			Organs of State
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd		System Planning Manager Eskom Transmission	Organs of State
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Western Region	Land Development Manager: Western Region	Organs of State
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd	Western Operating Unit	Environmental Advisor	Organs of State
Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd.	Group Financial Controller	Group Financial Controller	Mining
G7 Renewable Energies			Renewable Energy Developer
Gielie Hanekom Familietrust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Greater Cape Town Civic Alliance (GCTCA)		Vice Chairperson	Civic Association
Grootwater Private Nature Reserve		Director	Nature Conservation
GVJ Electrical & Instrumentation Contractors (Pty) Ltd		Director	Construction
HWB Communications			Business
INCA Energy			Renewable Energy Developer
Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)			Organs of State
JJ Le Roux Familie Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Kabeltouw Trust			Agriculture & Farming
Kannidood Project			Community Member
Kannidood Project		Manager	Community Member
Karoo Desert National Botanical Gardens		Director	Nature Conservation
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	Sutherland Region	Regional Manager	Organs of State
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality	Ward 3	Ward Councillor: Ward 3	Organs of State
Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality		Municipal Manager	Organs of State
Laingsburg Local Municipality		Ward Councillor: Ward 1	Organs of State
Laingsburg Local Municipality		Environmental Officer	Organs of State
Laingsburg Local Municipality	Infrastructure	Manager: Infrastructure	Organs of State
Laingsburg Local Municipality		Municipal Manager	Organs of State
Laingsburg Tourism Office		Vice Chairperson	Tourism
Legal Resources Centre (LRC)			Law Practice
Macroplan Town and Regional Planners			Business
Mainstream Renewable Power South Africa		General Manager	Renewable Energy Developer
Monsters Mill		Senior Miller	Agriculture & Farming



Moyeng Energy (Pty) Ltd			Renewable Energy Developer
MTN Goup Limited		National Property Manager	Information and Communication Technology
Namakwa District Municipality	Municipal Manager	Municipal Manager	Organs of State
Namakwa District Municipality		Manager: Planning	Organs of State
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)			Organs of State
National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)		Chief Executive Officer	Organs of State
Ngwao-Boswa Ya Kapa Bokone (Northern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority)		Heritage Officer	Organs of state
Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development		Head of Department: Agriculture	Organs of State
Northern Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism		Head of Department	Organs of State
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Research and Development Support Section	District Ecologist: Candidate Scientist	Organs of State
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Environmental Quality Management	Director	Organ of State
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Research and Development Support Section	Production Scientist Grade B: Botanist	Organs of State
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	Impact Management	Case Officer	Organs of State
Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation			Organs of State
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works		Head of Department	Organs of state
Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works	Northern Cape	Chief Director: Roads	Organs of State
Northern Cape Economic Development Agency		Project Manager: Agriculture	Organs of State
Ou Mure Boerdery (Pty) Ltd		Director	Agriculture & Farming
PJ Moller Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Rainmaker Energy			Renewable Energy Developer
Rietfontein Nature Reserve			Nature Conservation
Ronel Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Rudolf Rix Familie Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Sentech Ltd	Radio Frequency Network Planning	Manager: Radio Frequency Network Planning	Information Communications Technology
South African Astronomical Observatory	Telescope Operations	Director	Science and Technology
South African Bat Assessment Advisory Panel (SABAAP)			Nature and Conservation
South African Civil Aviation Authority	Aviation Obstacle and GIS	Obstacle Specialist	Organ of State
South African Defence Force		Lieutenant	Organs of State
South African Defence Force	Northern Cape	Commanding Officer: Signal	Organs of State
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)		Heritage Officer: Northern Cape & North West Province	Heritage
South African National Parks	Park Planning and Wildlife Management	Senior General Manager	Organs of state
South African National Roads Agency Limited	Western Region	Statutory Control - Western Region	Organs of State
South African Weather Service		General Manager: Operations	Organs of State
Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2		Project Manager	Nature Conservation
Southern African Large Telescope		Mechanical Engineer	Science and Technology
Southern Right Developments			Renewable Energy Developer
Springbok Atlas			Tourism
Square Kilometre Array (SKA): South Africa		South African SKA Site Bid Manager	Organs of State
SRK Consulting (South Africa)	EAP - Falcon Oil & Gas	Principal Environmental Consultant	Environmental Consulting



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Telkom SA Limited	Wayleave Management Office		Organ of State
Transnet Ltd		Environment Practitioner	Organs of State
Tuinplaas Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Van Der Vyver CJ Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Virginia Trust			Agriculture & Farming
Virginia Trust			Agriculture & Farming
Vodacom Group (Pty) Ltd		Signal Manager	Information and Communication Technology
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Western Cape Department of Agriculture		Land Use Management	Organs of State
Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism	Regional and Local Economic Development	Director: Regional and Local Economic Development	Organs of State
Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism			Organs of State
Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning			Organs of State
Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	Environmental Governance, Policy Coordination and Planning	Chief Director	Organs of State
Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	Environmental Affairs and Development Planning	Head of Department	Organs of State
Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works		Head of Department	Organs of State
Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works		Road Network Branch (Road Planning)	Organs of State
Western Cape Tourism			Tourism
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)		Chairperson	Environment & Conservation
Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)	Western Cape	Regional Representative: Western Cape	Nature Conservation
Windlab Developments South Africa			Consultant
Witzenberg Properties (Pty) Ltd			Community Member
Wolwekop Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Wolwekop Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Wolwekop Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
Wolwekop Trust		Property Owner	Agriculture & Farming
World Wide Fund South Africa		Chief Executive Officer	Non-governmental Organisations
ZB Loots Familie Trust			Agriculture & Farming

Strong, Ashlea

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From: Juliet Mahlangu <JMMahlangu@dffe.gov.za>  
Sent: Friday, 19 November 2021 11:45  
To: Strong, Ashlea  
Cc: Zama Langa; Dr. Danie Smit  
Subject: Approval of Public Participation (PP) Plan for the proposed Bon Espirange Komsberg 132kv powerline

Dear Ms Ashlea

The Public Participation (PP) Plan for the proposed Bon Espirange Komsberg 132kv powerline, part 2 amendments and updating of two environmental management programmes (EMPRs) for the Brandvalley and Rietkloof wind energy facilities (WETs) and the updating of two EMPRs for the Brandvalley and Rietkloof powerlines, received by this Department on 16 November 2021, refers.

Based on the information provided this Department decided to approve the PP Plan for the proposed project. You may proceed with the PP process in accordance with tasks contemplated in the PP plan. Should you wish to deviate from the submitted PP Plan, the amended PP Plan must be submitted to the Department for approval prior commencement.

A copy of the PP Plan and this approval must be submitted as part of the application form when the application is lodged.

Also note that submission of a PP Plan and approval thereof do not negate your responsibility to comply with the requirements for public participation in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Juliet Mahlangu  
Environmental Officer Specialised Production  
Chief Directorate Integrated Environmental Authorisation  
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment  
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# APPENDIX

## D COMMENTS



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**Green, Jennifer**

**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 February 2022 11:43  
**To:** Maanda Maseli  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa; Danie Brummer; Tseliso Mahao  
**Subject:** RE: EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)  
**Attachments:** 2021\_11\_11 EMPr Layouts Rietkloof WF rev B.kmz

Dear Maanda

As requested – please find attached the kmz for the Rietkloof WEF.

Please note that this is a worst case scenario layout with 47 turbines – however it is likely that turbine positions will still be removed – as noted in the Amendment Report.

Kind regards

Ashlea

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**From:** Maanda Maseli [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 February 2022 15:04  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

Hi Ashlea,

can please provide the shapefile/kml for the below project?

Regards,

  
**Maanda Maseli**  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

[redacted signature box]

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 03 February 2022 07:28  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <[Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com](mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com)>  
**Subject:** EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

Dear Stakeholder

**NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) AND THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME AND FINAL LAYOUTS FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)**

Further to the notice distributed on 8 December 2021 – we would like to inform you that the following documentation for the above-mentioned Project has been made available for an extended public review period:

- Draft Part 2 Amendment Report for the Rietkloof WEF **and associated appendices**
- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof WEF

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPR and Final Layout are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for an additional 30 days from **3 February 2022 to 3 March 2022**:

- Matjiesfontein - Matjiesfontein Community Centre (Tel: 023 551 1019);
- Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019); and
- Website - <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided below, by 3 March 2022. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP

The contact details of the EAP:

Babalwa Mqokeli  
(T) 031 240 8804  
(E) [Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com](mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com)

We kindly request that all comments already submitted be resubmitted in order to ensure that they have been captured.

We look forward to your participation in this process and your meaningful contributions.

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Kind regards,



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## Green, Jennifer

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**From:** Brittan Van Wyk [redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 12 December 2021 13:31  
**To:** Mqokeli, Babalwa  
**Subject:** Registration

Good afternoon.

Kindly register me as a upcoming entrepreneur to receive more information.

Thank you.

Brittan Van Wyk  
[redacted]

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." – **Theodore Roosevelt**

## Green, Jennifer

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**From:** Makhosi Mthimkhulu <mmthimkhulu@bgcma.co.za>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 January 2022 18:21  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Cc:** Andiswa Sam  
**Subject:** Re: EIA: PROPOSED RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN LAINGSBURG, THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.  
**Attachments:** rietkloof PPP.pdf

Hello Ashlea

We have no objections to the above-mentioned activity.  
We have no further comments please see the attached document.

Kind regards and thanks

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 1:03 PM  
**To:** Makhosi Mthimkhulu <mmthimkhulu@bgcma.co.za>  
**Cc:** Andiswa Sam <asam@bgcma.co.za>  
**Subject:** RE: EIA: PROPOSED RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN LAINGSBURG, THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Hi Makhosi

Thank you so much for your email.

Could I double check – your comment is it for the Rietkloof project? As the attached document is dated 2019 and relates to the Maralla Project.

Could I ask you to send me your comment related to the Rietkloof Project.

Regards

Ashlea

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**From:** Makhosi Mthimkhulu <mmthimkhulu@bgcma.co.za>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 January 2022 12:19  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Cc:** Andiswa Sam <asam@bgcma.co.za>  
**Subject:** EIA: PROPOSED RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN LAINGSBURG, THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Hello Ashlea,

Kindly note that the BGCMA has no objections to the above-mentioned activity.

Please see the attached letter for your perusal.

Kind regards and thanks

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Enquiries: M Mthimkhulu Tel: 023 346 8000 Fax: 044 873 2199 E-mail: MMthimkhulu@bgcma.co.za

Reference: 4/10/2/E22A/RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY

Date: 14 December 2018

WSP House, Bryanston Place  
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Bryanston  
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Dear Bronwyn Fisher

**COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT BAR FOR THE PROPOSED RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY STREAM COVERING AT OVERHILLS TOWNSHIP, KLEINMOND.**

With reference to the application dated 14 November 2018

The Breede- Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) has the following comments:

Rietkloof Wind Farm (Pty) LTD propose to develop a 147 megawatt Wind Energy Facility near Laingsburg.

Comments from BGCMA relates to the fact that there are watercourses in the vicinity of the project, that could be impacted by the development.

Two watercourses, the Wilgerhout and Roggeveld Rivers, within the study area, J11D and J11E quaternary catchment are in close proximity to the project area.

According to the report titled "Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility: Aquatic Assessment (July 2018)", the development will pose a low significance impacts on the freshwater features on site. General Authorisation must therefore be applied for, in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need clarity or more information.

Yours faithfully

**JAN VAN STADEN**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ACTING)





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**reference** LE14/2/6/1/5/2/Rietkloof Amended EA\_  
**date** 08 March 2022

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Attention: Ms Jennifer Green  
By email: [Jennifer.Green@wsp.com](mailto:Jennifer.Green@wsp.com)

Dear Ms Jennifer Green

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND AMENDED EMPR AND THE FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE, LAINGSBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WESTERN CAPE.**

**DEA reference: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1**

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CapeNature would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the above report. Please note that our comments only pertain to the biodiversity related impacts and not to the overall desirability of the application.

CapeNature has previously provided comments into the dBAR and wishes to make the following comments:

Any loss to natural habitat should be avoided, as far possible, and the proposed amendments should be in line with the objectives as stipulated in the Western Cape Land Use Guideline Handbook (WCBSP 2017) (Pool-Stanvliet *et.al.* 2017)<sup>1</sup>. It should be noted that in arid habitats disturbed areas could take years to rehabilitate, even from temporary disturbances

All endangered species or protected species listed in Schedules 3 and 4 respectively, in terms of the Western Cape Nature Conservation Laws Amendment Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000) may not be picked or removed without the relevant permit, which must be obtained from CapeNature. This is also to ensure that rescued plant material is accounted for and used in the rehabilitation or relocation process. The indigenous vegetation that requires removal should be rescued and used for rehabilitation purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> Pool-Stanvliet, R., Duffell-Canham, A., Pence, G. & Smart, R. 2017. The Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan Handbook. Stellenbosch: CapeNature.

The Western Cape Nature Conservation Board trading as **CapeNature**

Board Members: Associate Prof Denver Hendricks (Chairperson), Prof Gavin Maneveldt (Vice Chairperson), Ms Marguerite Loubser, Mr Mervyn Burton, Dr Colin Johnson, Prof Aubrey Redlinghuis, Mr Paul Slack

For this reason, a rehabilitation plan must be drafted by a qualified specialist to outline the ecological functioning of the rescued plants and their success, mitigation of plant species that will be removed and to provide details regarding their location. The specialist should determine a suitable location before search-and-rescue is undertaken. The season should also be considered to give the plants an adequate chance to re-establish.

The rehabilitation plan must have a monitoring programme to determine if the protection measures are achieving their objectives and to report on the success and challenges. Furthermore, the monitoring of the recovery and possible impacts post construction should be monitored for more than one year. To assess the longer-term recovery and possible impacts of this project in relation to climate change patterns (i.e., continued drought and large-scale flash flooding events). These monitoring reports should be submitted to CapeNature to determine the success. CapeNature does not consider any habitat as rehabilitated until a comparable level of ecosystem functionality has been proven.

We strongly recommend that a site-specific Alien Plant Species Management Plan be compiled and included in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). Unless an alien control plan is compiled the impact rating of alien vegetation cannot be rated as low. The eradication and monitoring of the spread of invasive alien species should follow the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No.10 of 2004)<sup>2</sup>. Prior to the closure of the construction phase, the last monitoring report must confirm that there are no introduced alien flora species on site. If at any stage during the construction phase any such species are noted they should be eradicated using suitable methods. Confirmation of eradication of all such species must be recorded within the last monitoring report. The removal of invasive alien plant species must be continuous and should continue beyond the operational phase. Suitable indigenous vegetation must be used during the rehabilitation.

The amended Rietkloof WEF is situated along sensitive freshwater features. The construction of the road crossing should have been planned outside of all freshwater features and within already disturbed areas. Furthermore, has mitigation been included for spillages, pollution, or any disturbances around the aquatic buffers?

The Species of Conservation Concern, CR, EN, VU, NT, and rare plant species observed during the 2021 walkthrough is indicative of the high diversity and sensitivity of the area. The southern access road will cross areas with high diversity as several plants are localised at this area and are not recorded elsewhere. These areas should have been excluded and mapped as No-Go. The list of plants species that were recorded must be included. CapeNature does not support infrastructure or turbines located in high sensitive areas.

The value of having the high sensitive areas remain in a natural state is of significant importance to conservation. Due to the high sensitivity area and occurrence of rare and threatened plant species CapeNature would recommend that the applicant consider the option for Biodiversity Stewardship. The consultant can contact CapeNature to request a stewardship site assessment and presentation of this site to the Protected Area Expansion and Stewardship (PAES) Review Committee, to determine if this site will qualify for stewardship status.

Table 2-3 listed all the surrounding renewable energy development projects of which three are under construction. It is noted that the development footprint has areas of medium to high sensitivity and thus CapeNature does not agree that this amended application will not have a negative impact on biodiversity. The cumulative impacts of renewable energy facilities, if not

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<sup>2</sup> Government Gazette No. 37885, GN No. R. 598 (2014) National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, 2014.

properly considered and planned for, could be quite significant. Thus, on-going monitoring throughout the various phases of this project is important to assess the impacts of these developments on different species biodiversity and the impact these facilities will have on habitat fragmentation and associated ecological corridors.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Simons', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Megan Simons**  
**For: Manager (Landscape Conservation Intelligence)**

## Green, Jennifer

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**From:** Adri La Meyer <Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2022 07:27  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea; Green, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa  
**Subject:** Re: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Dear Ashlea,

Thanks so much for your positive response. It is greatly appreciated.

Will provide comments tomorrow.

Kind regards,  
Adri

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 January 2022 17:38  
**To:** Adri La Meyer <Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za>; Green, Jennifer <Jennifer.Green@wsp.com>  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Dear Adri

Thanks for your email – we can completely understand the business!

We can accommodate an extension to 1 February 2022 for you to submit comments.

Kind regards

Ashlea

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**From:** Adri La Meyer <Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 30 January 2022 23:46  
**To:** Green, Jennifer <Jennifer.Green@wsp.com>  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com>; Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)  
**Importance:** High

Dear Jennifer,

I hope you are well. Apologies for never responding to your email. I was still on leave when you sent this email and shared the documents with me via another e-mail. And then the internal tasks regarding the seismic survey on the West Coast hit me before I could even review all emails when I got back to work.

I confirm that I have received both emails dated 05 January 2022 and have managed to download both folders. I have also received comments from our waste, air quality and pollution management directorates on your application. As you can see when you receive this email, I'm busy working on a Sunday evening to try and cope with 5 x 24O deadlines that are due on Monday (31 January 2022)! Stress levels are off the roof, because I'm still waiting for comments on 2 x DSRs and from our George office on this application. I unfortunately have to give preference to the DSRs due to the tight deadline for submission of the FSR to DMRE & DFFE.

I'm thus preparing for a worst-case scenario in that I may not get the comments on your application from our George Office in time for sign-off by my director. I'm not sure who the case officer is, so have emailed all the managers and admin earlier to remind them of the comments.

I'm really, really sorry to have to ask for an extension considering that we had more than the "normal" 30-days to provide comments, but under the circumstances, I'm hoping that you would be able to grant me an extension until **Tuesday, 01 February 2022** to submit comments please?

Your assistance and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,  
Adri

*PS. Thanks for extending the Bon Espirange to Komsberg 132kV Overhead Powerline commenting period. Again, no comments were forthcoming from our George office (internal deadline was 19/01/2022), so I have asked them to submit comments to me by 02 Feb. If I don't receive anything by then, I will submit comments without their input.*

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**From:** Green, Jennifer <[Jennifer.Green@wsp.com](mailto:Jennifer.Green@wsp.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:00  
**To:** Adri La Meyer <[Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za)>  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <[Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com](mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com)>; Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>  
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Hi Adri,

My apologies for all the trouble this is causing!

Please see the new link below to access the WEF documents:

[https://wsponlinezaf-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/personal/jennifer\\_green\\_wsp\\_com/Documents/Part%20%20Amendment%20Application%20Draft%20Amendment%20Report%20%26%20Amended%20EMPr%20for%20Rietkloof%20WEF%20\(14.12.16.3.3.1.1977.AM1\)?csf=1&web=1&e=UpBUqh](https://wsponlinezaf-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/personal/jennifer_green_wsp_com/Documents/Part%20%20Amendment%20Application%20Draft%20Amendment%20Report%20%26%20Amended%20EMPr%20for%20Rietkloof%20WEF%20(14.12.16.3.3.1.1977.AM1)?csf=1&web=1&e=UpBUqh)

Please let me know if you are able to accept a flash stick at your offices? We will then provide this as well to ensure that you receive the documents.

Kind regards,

**Jennifer Green**

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**From:** Adri La Meyer <[Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za)>

**Sent:** Friday, 17 December 2021 08:38

**To:** Green, Jennifer <[Jennifer.Green@wsp.com](mailto:Jennifer.Green@wsp.com)>; Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <[Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com](mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com)>

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Apologies, only the powerline documents managed to download.  
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Kind regards,  
Adri

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**From:** Green, Jennifer <[Jennifer.Green@wsp.com](mailto:Jennifer.Green@wsp.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021 18:15

**To:** Adri La Meyer <[Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Adri.LaMeyer@westerncape.gov.za)>; Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

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[Amended EMPr for Rietkloof Powerline \(14.12.16.3.3.1.1590\)](#)

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Kind regards,

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**To:** Mqokeli, Babalwa  
**Cc:** Adri La Meyer; Sue-Ellen Osman  
**Subject:** Comment : PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)  
**Attachments:** 1 Feb 2022 RIETKLOOF Wind Energy Facility.pdf

Dear EAP,

Please refer to this Department's comment in the above regard.

Yours faithfully

Thea Jordan  
Pr. Pl. (A/1237/2002)  
**Director: Development Facilitation**  
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
Western Cape Government

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19/3/2/4/C1/5/DDF103/21 (Pollution and Chemicals Management)

19/2/5/3/C1/7/WL0184/21 (Waste Management)

19/4/4/1/BL1 – Rietkloof Wind Farm, Matjiesfontein West (Air Quality Management)

**Attention:** Ms Babalwa Mqokeli

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Dear Madam

**COMMENTS ON THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME, DRAFT PART 2 AMENDMENT REPORT, AND THE FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE AUTHORISED 183MW RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON VARIOUS FARM PORTIONS NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, LAINGSBURG MUNICIPALITY (DFFE REF NO. 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)**

The email notification of 08 December 2021 requesting comments on the Amended Environmental Management Programme ("EMPr"), the Draft Part 2 Amendment Report in support of the proposed amendments to the environmental authorisation ("EA"), and the final layout of the Rietkloof wind energy facility ("WEF"), refers.

The Department expresses its gratitude to the environmental assessment practitioner ("EAP") for graciously allowing a one-day time extension to submit comments on the reports. Please find consolidated comment from various directorates within the Department on the Amended EMPr dated December 2021 and the Draft Part 2 Amendment Report (hereinafter referred to as the "Draft Amendment Report") dated December 2021 that was available for download from various online platforms provided by the EAP.

1. Directorate: Development Facilitation – Ms Adri La Meyer / Mr Ralph van Delin (Email: [Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Adri.Lameyer@westerncape.gov.za) / [Ralph.vanDelin@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Ralph.vanDelin@westerncape.gov.za); Tel.: (021) 483 2817):
  - 1.1. Please correct references noted as “*Error! Reference source not found*” and “*Error! Not a valid bookmark self-reference*” in the Amendment EMPr and the Draft Amendment Report.
  - 1.2. Cross references to various specialist assessments or walkdown letters referred to in the Amended EMPr must be checked for accuracy, e.g.:
    - 1.2.1. Section 5.2, page 48 of the EMPr refers to “*Table 9 of the Terrestrial Ecology & Biodiversity Walkdown Report (included in Appendix I)*”. Please note the Terrestrial Ecology & Biodiversity Walkdown Report was included as Appendix F.
    - 1.2.2. Section 5.3, page 49 refers to the Surface Water Walkdown Letter included as Appendix L; however, this was included as Appendix I.
    - 1.2.3. Section 5.7, page 53 refers to the Heritage Walkdown Report included as Appendix J; however, this was included as Appendix M.
  - 1.3. This Directorate supports the relocation of the construction camp to the existing batching plant previously utilised by the Roggeveld WEF.
  - 1.4. Please correct the heading on page 29 of the Draft Amendment Report which refers to Table 5-5: 2016 Impact Assessment Summary as it should refer to the 2019 Impact Assessment Summary.
2. Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management – Ms Nabeelah Achmat (Email: [Nabeelah.Achmat@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Nabeelah.Achmat@westerncape.gov.za); Tel.: (021) 483 2975):
  - 2.1. This Directorate notes the statement in section 5.6.5, page 43 of the Draft Amendment Report: “*It can be concluded that the updated November 2021 layout of the proposed Rietkloof WEF does not pose any additional negative impacts to any watercourses, but rather will generate less impacts and pose less of a risk than the originally assessed layout to the watercourses of the region.*” As indicated by the Freshwater Specialist Opinion compiled by FEN Consulting dated 18 November 2021, “*Only watercourse access road crossings will directly impact on the watercourses. All other proposed infrastructure will be located outside of the delineated extent of the watercourses; however, some will be located within the 100 m regulated area.*” It is imperative that any materials used during the construction of the road crossings are not directly disposed of in the watercourse, and any machinery/trucks parked within proximity to the watercourse have drip trays underneath to ensure that no spillage enters the watercourse. Buffers around the watercourses need to be stipulated to regard those areas as no-go sections throughout the lifecycle of the project.
  - 2.2. This Directorate notes and supports the Stormwater Management Plan contained in the Amended EMPr.
  - 2.3. Pages 56 – 58 of the Amended EMPr (Table 5-1: Walkdown summary of recommendations) indicate the approximate distance of the crane pads from the watercourses. Please clarify if these measurements have been recommended by a specialist.

- 2.4. Please provide additional information regarding the proposed conservancy tank to be installed for the sewage system, as indicated on page 25 of the Amendment EMPr and page 4 of the Draft Amendment Report.
- 2.5. The following general recommendations are provided to prevent and manage the potential pollution emanating from the proposed development during the construction and operational phases:
- 2.5.1. The refuelling and/or repair of heavy earthmoving vehicles should not take place within any sensitive areas and should be conducted over a dedicated impervious area within the construction camp as indicated on page 78 of the Amended EMPr.
- 2.5.2. Should any spillage occur during the refuelling and/or repair, the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management is to be notified immediately in conformance to prescribed legislation.
- 2.5.3. Machinery and equipment should be regularly inspected for any damage which could lead to contamination of the watercourse and receiving environment.
- 2.5.4. In the event of an accidental spill or leakage of hazardous substances, such incident(s) must be reported to all relevant authorities, including the Directorate: Pollution and Chemicals Management in accordance with section 30(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998(Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA") pertaining to the control of incidents.
3. Directorate: Waste Management – Mr Etienne Roux (Email: [Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Etienne.Roux@westerncape.gov.za); Tel.: (021) 483 8378):
- 3.1. This Directorate has no comments on the Draft Amendment Report. Waste management impacts/activities have been adequately addressed in the Amended EMPr, and as such, this Directorate has no further comment on the application.
4. Directorate: Air Quality Management – Mr Sibusiso Sinuka (Email: [Sibusiso.Sinuka@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Sibusiso.Sinuka@westerncape.gov.za); Tel.: (021) 483 3463):
- 4.1. The Amended EMPr indicates that dust may be created from cleared areas as well as from large vehicles and heavy earthmoving equipment traversing and operating on-site. The dust mitigation and management measures stipulated in the EMPr must be strictly implemented to monitor and prevent fugitive dust emissions.
- 4.2. The generation of dust must comply with the National Dust Control Regulations, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) and published in Government Notice No. R. 827 of 1 November 2013. These regulations prohibit a person from conducting any activity in such a way as to give rise to dust in such quantities and concentrations that the dust, or dust fallout, has a detrimental effect on the environment, including human health.
- 4.3. This Directorate notes that the modelling results of the Noise Specialist Statement indicated that the EA limit of 45 dB(A) will not be exceeded at any of the noise sensitive areas. The noise management measures stipulated in the EMPr must be strictly implemented during the construction- and operational phases of the proposed development.

- 4.4. Noise generated on-site from the proposed development must comply with the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations published in Provincial Notice 200/2013.
- 4.5. Please note that the above-mentioned recommendations do not pre-empt the outcome of the application. No information provided, views expressed and/or comments made by this Directorate should in any way be regarded as an indication or confirmation that additional information or documents will not be requested.
5. The applicant is reminded of its "*general duty of care towards the environment*" as prescribed in section 28 of the NEMA, 1998 which states that "*Every person who causes, has caused or may cause significant pollution or degradation of the environment must take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution or degradation from occurring, continuing or recurring, or, in so far as such harm to the environment is authorised by law or cannot reasonably be avoided or stopped, to minimise and rectify such pollution or degradation of the environment.*"

Please direct all enquiries to the commenting officials should you require any clarity on any of the comments provided.

The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any or new information received.

Yours sincerely

pp **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Letter signed by:

**Thea Jordan**

Director: Development Facilitation

**Date: 01/02/2022**

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**From:** Desire Hearne [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 22 January 2022 06:51  
**To:** Mqokeli, Babalwa  
**Subject:** Registration

Good morning

Kindly register me as a upcoming entrepreneur to receive more information.

Thank you

Regards  
Desire Hearne

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Kind Regards,

Ms. Aulicia Maifo

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Dear Sir/Madam

#### **COMMENTS ON THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE PROPOSED RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation reviewed and evaluated the Amended Environmental Management Programme report.

Based on the information provided in the Amended EMPr and the Management Plans, the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation does not have any objection to the proposed Amended EMPr.

In conclusion, the Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; [BCAdmin@environment.gov.za](mailto:BCAdmin@environment.gov.za) for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.

Yours faithfully



**Mr. Seoka Lekota**

**Control Biodiversity Officer Grade B: Biodiversity Conservation**

**Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment**

**Letter signed by: Ms. M Rabothata**

**Designation: Control Biodiversity Officer Grade A**

**Date: 31/01/2022**



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### PER E-MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

### COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PART 2 ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT MOTIVATION REPORT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the aforementioned report.

It is the Directorates view that the proposed amendments will not result in any significant changes to the impacts that have already been assessed and with stringent mitigation measures the proposed amendments will not result in any fatal flaws or major impediments that will prevent the project from going ahead to the final EIA stage.

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### PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

### COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENT REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF A SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION (EA) ISSUED ON THE 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 183MW RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MATJIESFONTEIN, WESTERN CAPE PROVINC.

The application form for amendment of EA and Draft Amendment Report received by this Department on 08 December 2021, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the final Amendment Report:

#### **(a) Listed Activities**

- (i) Kindly ensure that **no new listed activities are triggered** by the proposed amendments. The EAP is to ensure that all the amendments applied for does not trigger any listed or specified activity as outlined in Regulation 31 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
- (ii) If there are new activities that are being triggered a new process must be followed. Also please be reminded that the onus is on the applicant to ensure that all relevant and applicable listed activities are considered and assessed before the commencement of any activities.

#### **(b) Public Participation Process**

- (i) The following information must be submitted with the final Amendment Report:
  - a) A list of registered interested and affected parties as per Regulation 42 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended;
  - b) Copies of all comments received during the Draft Amendment Report comment period; and
  - c) A **comment and response report** which contains all comments received and responses provided to all comments and issues raised during the public participation process for the Draft Amendment Report. Please note that comments received from this Department must also form part of the comment and response report.
- (ii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the Draft Amendment Report from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this **Department's Biodiversity Section**) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final Amendment Report.

- (iii) Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final Amendment Report. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- (iv) The time periods within which the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, must be implemented.
- (v) The mechanism for monitoring compliance with the impact management actions contemplated in paragraph (f) of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- (vi) A program for reporting on compliance, taking into account the requirements as prescribed by the Regulations.

**(d) Environmental Management Programme**

- (i) Kindly ensure that the EMPr and Layout Map submitted in the final Amendment Report complies with appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended and conditions of the EA. The content of EMPr as per appendix 4 must be used as the table of content for EMPr and must show the sections or page numbers where the all requirements of appendix 4 has been addressed in the EMPr.
- (ii) Kindly ensure that all recommendations from the specialist are included in the EMPr.

**(e) Specialist Declaration of Interest and undertaking under Oath**

The final amendment report must include the Specialist Declaration of Interest of all specialists who were commissioned for the amendment process and these must be submitted in the Department's template. The latest available Departmental templates are available at: <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>

**General**

Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 32 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**  
**Signed by: Dr Danie Smit**  
**Designation: Deputy Director: National Infrastructure Projects**  
**Date: 25/01/2022**

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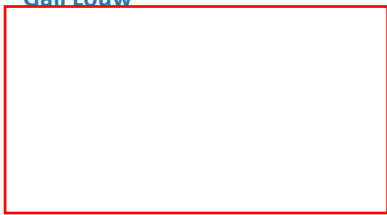
**Green, Jennifer**

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**From:** Gail Louw [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 03 February 2022 09:49  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

Morning Ashlea,  
My objections against the proposed Rietkloof wind farm still remain. These are based on the destruction of the sensitive Karoo environment (roads being gouged out ) and veld recovery which will not happen in our lifetime. The senseless waste of precious water which the Karoo can ill afford.( I have first-hand knowledge of water being used, millions of litres to water roads!!). Lastly and most importantly the security of our area which is already being compromised as a result of the windfarms. In short, they are unsightly and mar the unspoilt vistas which characterize the Karoo. As a result it impacts on our agri tourism business.

Kind regards,  
Gail Louw



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**From:** Strong, Ashlea [mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 03 February 2022 07:28  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com>  
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Dear Stakeholder

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Strong, Ashlea

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From: Green, Jennifer  
Sent: Friday, 28 January 2022 08:37  
To:   
Cc: Strong, Ashlea  
Subject: RE: Rietkloof WEF: I&AP request

Dear Lucille,

We can confirm that you have been added to the I&AP database for the Proposed Amendment to the EA for the Rietkloof WEF.

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPRs and Final Layouts are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for 30 days from 9 December 2021 to 31 January 2022:

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Kind regards,

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From: Lucille Behrens   
Sent: Tuesday, 25 January 2022 13:00

To: Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>  
Subject: Rietkloof WEF: I&AP request

Hi Ashlea

Please could you add me to the I&AP database for the Rietkloof Wind Energy Facility, Part 2 Amendment?

Many thanks  
Lucille



Working to conserve South Africa's dwindling natural resources.



## Green, Jennifer

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 January 2022 09:49  
**To:** Rebecca Thomas  
**Subject:** RE: Rietkloof EMPr Amendment - Avifauna Walkdown Report  
**Attachments:** 08 Appendix G\_Avifauna.pdf

Hi there

Oh blast – sorry about that!! – I was convinced that I had attached it 

Please see attached


Kind regards

Ashlea

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**From:** Rebecca Thomas   
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 January 2022 09:17  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea [Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Rietkloof EMPr Amendment - Avifauna Walkdown Report


Hi Ashlea, and best wishes to you too for 2022.

Thank you for getting back to me on this. Seems the attachment was not included.  
Would you mind please resending?

Kind Regards,

**Rebecca Thomas**

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 January 2022 13:47  
**To:** Rebecca Thomas   
**Subject:** Rietkloof EMPr Amendment - Avifauna Walkdown Report

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Dear Rebecca

Compliments of the New Year to you.

As per your telephonic request late last year – Please find the Avifauna Walk Down Report for the Rietkloof WEF EMPr Amendment that is currently out for public review.

Kind regards

Ashlea



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## Green, Jennifer

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**From:** Natasha Higgitt <nhiggitt@sahra.org.za>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 09 December 2021 09:17  
**To:** Green, Jennifer; Strong, Ashlea  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa  
**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

**Importance:** Low

Good morning,

As the development are located in the Western Cape, SAHRA does not have the jurisdiction to provide comments. Please contact Heritage Western Cape for comments in this regard.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Green, Jennifer <Jennifer.Green@wsp.com>  
**Sent:** 08 December 2021 10:39  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Dear Commenting Authority,

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Kindly refer to the attached notification letter regarding the availability of the following documentation for the above-mentioned Project:

- Draft Part 2 Amendment Report for the Rietkloof WEF
- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof WEF
- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof 132kV Powerline

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Rietkloof, to manage and undertake the Part 2 Amendment process and to amend the EMPs. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below.

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPs and Final Layouts have been made available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for 30 days from **09 December 2021 to 31 January 2022**. Please note that the WeTransfer link will expire after 7 days.

- WeTransfer: Rietkloof WEF - Amended EMPr and Final Layout - <https://we.tl/t-minddloaRJ>
- WeTransfer: Rietkloof - Powerline Amended EMPr and Final Layout - <https://we.tl/t-o3t81bC06T>
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**Green, Jennifer**

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**From:** steve swanepoel [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 03 February 2022 07:54  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa  
**Subject:** Re: EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

I objected numerous times to the destruction of the environment and my reasons therefore remain. I don't have to remind you to check your system for my objections. S J Swanepoel. Paalfontein and Keurkloof farms

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 3, 2022, at 7:29 AM, Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

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## Green, Jennifer

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 02 March 2022 13:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [Pending]RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPrAND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF:14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)  
**Attachments:** 41103473\_Rietkloof\_WEF\_Layout.pdf

Dear Mr Pienaar

Attached please find the 32 turbine layout for your information.

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 02 March 2022 10:53  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPrAND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF:14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Dear Ms Strong,

Thank you for your response, albeit rather late for me to formulate a possible response to the application, which I noted would be informed by your response.

In my email of 3 February 2022 I inquired if the final position of the 32 planned turbines could be made known. You have only responded to the small group of turbines which I noted as an example of how final siting could determine a response.

A simple list of 32 numbers would suffice.

Kind Regards.

Stephan Pienaar

On Wednesday 02/03/2022 at 07:02:59, "Strong, Ashlea" wrote:

Dear Mr. Pienaar,

I trust that you are well. Please find below a response to your email of 3 February 2022.

The final layout submitted for PPP included 47 turbines as a worst case scenario, however the developer has in the process has dropped turbines based on information at hand (such as but not limited to turbine manufacturer, cost of infrastructure such as road, visual, bird, bat sensitivities etc.), which has resulted in the dropping of the 47 turbine layout to 32 turbines.

Due to the turbine manufacturer having a more advanced turbine available which enables more efficient turbine performance and production numbers, the more advanced turbine has enabled the developer to drop the amount of turbines needed on the wind farm to 32

turbines. These 32 turbine positions will be a subset of the 47 turbine layout and is anticipated to be implemented on site.

Further, the visual specialist has confirmed that the increase in the Rotor Diameter, Hub Height, and turbines MW size do not give rise to any additional impacts or exacerbate the impacts previously identified in the VIA for this development. No additional mitigation measures or specialist input into the EMPr are deemed necessary and the site layout is deemed acceptable from a visual perspective and the Environmental Authorisation (EA) should be amended. In the range of turbines 58 to 63, the developer has been able to omit turbines 59 and 60, however, turbines 58, 61, 62 and 63 are required due to the very favourable wind conditions at these locations for the finalised turbine solution. Without retaining these locations, the annual energy production of the wind farm will be compromised along with the business case for the project as bid to the DMRE. Therefore, turbines 58, 61, 62 and 63 are included in the final layout.

Kind regards

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**From:** Stephan Pienaar [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 03 February 2022 10:49  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Dear Mrs Strong,

Thank you for your response.

The "final" layout as indicated in Figure 3-4 of the draft amended EMPr shows 47 turbines, albeit the "worst case scenario" as annotated. The developer now reportedly plans to erect up to 32 turbines, the reduced number seemingly brought about by the increased generating capacity of the new, larger turbines now being applied for.

As noted in my email of 1<sup>st</sup> instant it would be helpful if we could be advised not only of the planned final number but also the final positions of these turbines. The position of the eventually constructed turbines could materially affect the visual impact on the sensitive visual receptors and thus also our response to the application. For example, the impact on sensitive receptors to the south of the project area would be materially reduced if turbines numbers 58 to 63 will no longer be constructed.

Also, is there any assurance that, if only a reduced number of turbines are constructed now, the developer would not develop the remaining approved number at a later stage?

Kindly advised us on the response by DFFE in the POPIA issue.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Kind Regards,

**Stephan Pienaar**

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

**Sent:** 03 February 2022 07:03

**To:** Stephan Pienaar [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Dear Mr Pienaar

Thank you for your email below.

Please find responses to your queries below:

- With regards to the submission of comments we afford you a 30-day period to comment – in addition all appendices have been conveniently placed on the website as well for anyone's perusal for the next 30-days. So please forward any comments through by 3 March 2022.
- You are correct the redactions are as a result of compliance to the POPIA. Thank you for making us aware that the appellant names were still reflecting – this has been rectified in the documentation that has been uploaded to the website.
- With regards to obtaining the database for purposes of appeals – WSP agrees that clarity on this from the DFFE is required.
- Lastly, at this stage the developer is planning to erect up to 32 turbines as per the layout included in the amended EMPr.

Thank you for your participation in this process – we look forward to receiving your comments soonest.

Kind regards

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**From:** Stephan Pienaar [Redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 01 February 2022 15:47

**To:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

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Dear Ms Strong,

Your email below refers.

I sent an email to Babalwa Mqokeli on 13 December 2021, requesting certain appendices to your Draft Part 2 Amendment Report. See attached email item.

I today only received the requested information with an apology that it took so long. See attached email item.

It is obviously impossible to consider the information and to provide you with any comments by the original deadline of 31 January 2012.

I did not again register as an I&AP as my registration as an I&AP on the project has not lapsed.

Kindly revert to me on the following:

1. Will the time for submitting comments be extended and, if so, by how long?
2. I notice on the database of I&AP's, all the names of I&AP's have been redacted, ostensibly to comply with the POPI Act. A noticeable exception is that the names of I&AP's who appealed during the previous EIA have not been redacted. This calls for an explanation.  
Should any I&AP wish to oppose or appeal this latest application, how do you suggest he/she establishes who to copy the appeal to as required by the Regulations.

Additionally, is it possible to establish from the developer the final number of turbines that will be erected and their positions? This information could influence any reposes to this application.

Kind Regards

Stephan Pienaar



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**From:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

**Sent:** 08 December 2021 19:57

**To:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <[Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com](mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com)>

**Subject:** NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF AND POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)

Dear Stakeholder

**NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1) AND THE AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES AND FINAL LAYOUTS FOR THE RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND 132kV POWERLINE (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1and 14/12/16/3/3/1/1590)**

Kindly refer to the attached notification letter regarding the availability of the following documentation for the above-mentioned Project:

- Draft Part 2 Amendment Report for the Rietkloof WEF

- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof WEF
- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof 132kV Powerline

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the independent and suitably qualified Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Rietkloof, to manage and undertake the Part 2 Amendment process and to amend the EMPs. Parties wishing to formally register as interested and affected parties in order to receive more information and/ or raise their comment(s) on the project amendments, are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP and disclose their direct business, financial, personal or other interest in the project. Any comments on the proposed project may be submitted to the EAP via the details provided below. Registered interested and affected parties will be forwarded all future project related correspondence.

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPs and Final Layouts are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for 30 days from **9 December 2021 to 31 January 2022**:

- Matjiesfontein - Matjiesfontein Community Centre (Tel: 023 551 1019);
- Laingsburg - Laingsburg Library (Van Riebeeck street, Tel: 023 551 1019); and
- Website - <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>

Kindly ensure that all comments on the proposed project or requests to be registered as an Interested and Affected Party are submitted to the contact details provided below, by 31 January 2022. Should you have any queries/comments, please do not hesitate to contact the EAP

The contact details of the EAP:

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We look forward to your participation in this process and your meaningful contributions.

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Kind regards,

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Thursday, 03 February 2022 12:59  
**To:** 'Layman, Brandon'  
**Subject:** [Pending]RE: EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

Dear Brandon

Thank you for your email – I can confirm that we sent hard copies of all three reports (2 volumes each) on 14 December last year – would have arrived at their offices on the 15th.

The reports have not changed since that submission – we have just extended the time available for comment purposes.

Kind regards

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**From:** Layman, Brandon <BrandonL@elsenburg.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 03 February 2022 11:51  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** FW: EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

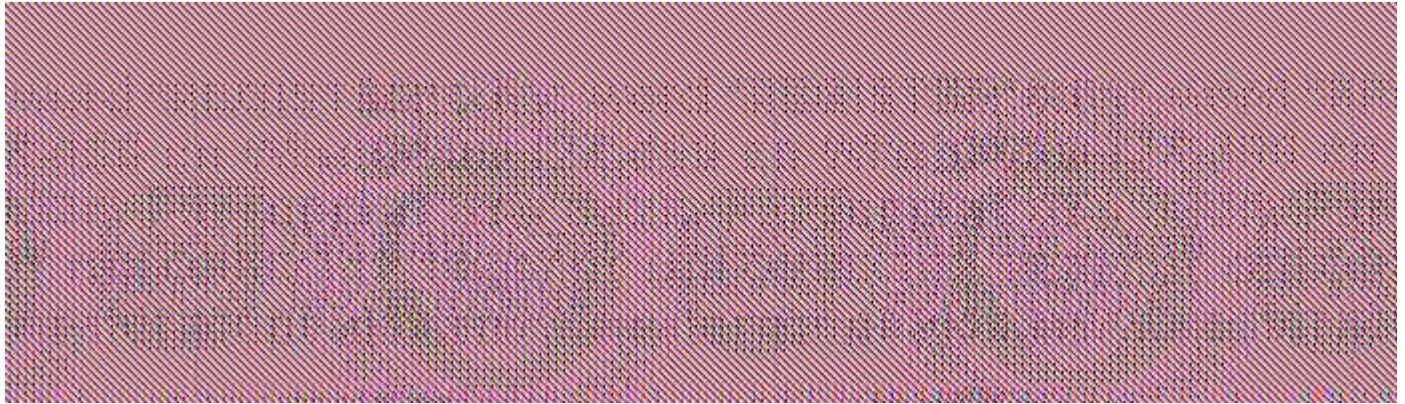
Hi Ashlea

Please ensure that this office receives a HARD COPY of the application or the application on a CD or USB STICK. We unfortunately cannot afford to print applications and reports. We do not have an electronic filing system but are in process of developing an electronic filing system. We hope to have an electronic filing system in the near future.

With many thanks and kind regards

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**From:** Van der Walt, Cor <[CorvdW@elsenburg.com](mailto:CorvdW@elsenburg.com)>

**Sent:** 03 February 2022 11:42 AM

**To:** Layman, Brandon <[BrandonL@elsenburg.com](mailto:BrandonL@elsenburg.com)>

**Subject:** FW: EXTENDED REVIEW - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE EA AND THE AMENDED EMPr AND FINAL LAYOUT FOR THE RIETKLOOF WEF (REF: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1)

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 03 February 2022 07:28

**To:** Strong, Ashlea <[Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com](mailto:Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com)>

**Cc:** Mqokeli, Babalwa <[Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com](mailto:Babalwa.Mqokeli@wsp.com)>

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Further to the notice distributed on 8 December 2021 – we would like to inform you that the following documentation for the above-mentioned Project has been made available for an extended public review period:

- Draft Part 2 Amendment Report for the Rietkloof WEF **and associated appendices**
- Amended Environmental Management Programme and Final Layout for the Rietkloof WEF

The Draft Amendment Report and amended EMPr and Final Layout are available from WSP on request and at the venues below for public review and comment for an additional 30 days from **3 February 2022 to 3 March 2022:**

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We kindly request that all comments already submitted be resubmitted in order to ensure that they have been captured.

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**YOUR REFERENCE : 41103473**  
**DEA&DP REFERENCE : 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1**  
**ENQUIRIES : Cor van der Walt/David Lakey**

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Att: Babalwa Mqokell

**DRAFT PART 2 AMENDMENT OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION & AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME: RIETKLOOF WIND ENERGY FACILITY: DIVISION LAINGSBURG**

The Draft Part 2 Environmental Authorization amendment and Environmental Management Programme dated 09 December 2021 has reference.

Rietkloof Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd have appointed WSP to facilitate the Part 2 Amendment of the existing Environmental Authorization and the Draft amended Environmental Management Programme, for the proposed development of a Wind energy facility +126.6ha in extent. The Rietkloof WEF has been confirmed a "round 5 Preferred Bidder Project" and is a confirmed "strategic Infrastructure project" in terms of the Infrastructure Development Act 23 (Act no. 23 of 2014).

EIA process history:

- In November of 2016, The Department of Environmental Affairs issued an Environmental Authorization, however, the authorization only authorized 9 of the proposed 60 turbines, with a capacity of 36MW (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/899).
- On 10 April 2019, the remaining 51 turbines, of 174MW total capacity, received environmental authorization (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977).

- The Department was directed to merge the 2016 and 2019 EAs, in order to remove specific conditions which prevented the positioning of the remaining 51 turbines. This merge was successful on the 16 September 2019, which resulted in [Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1977/AM1].
- The September 2019 EA authorized up to 60 Turbines of a maximum generating capacity of 183MW in total, a hub height of 120m (original 9 turbines) and 125m (additional 51 turbines), a rotor diameter of up to 140m (original 9 turbines) and 160m (additional 51 turbines).

The Proposed amendments to the EA:

Below is a summary of the proposed part 2 amendments.

<i>Technical aspects:</i>		
<b>Aspects to be amended:</b>	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Proposed Amendments</b>
<b>No. of Turbines</b>	Up to 60.	Up to 47 turbines, of up to 7MW capacity each.
<b>Area occupied by each turbine and hard standing area</b>	Each with a foundation of up to 25m in diameter and up to 4m in depth standing areas = 0.35ha.	Each with a foundation up to 25m in diameter and 4m in depth. Standing area = 0.45ha
<b>Turbine height hub</b>	9 Turbines hub heights of 120m & 51 Turbine hub heights of 120m.	All turbine heights up to 125m.
<b>Rotor Diameter</b>	9 Turbines up to 140m & 51 Turbines up to 160m.	All turbines up to 180m.
<b>Turbine Foundation area</b>	Each will be 25m diameter and 4m deep of the 60 turbines. Approximately 3,75ha	Each will be 25m diameter x 4m depth of the 47 turbines. Approximately 3,75ha.
<b>Construction camp location</b>	Construction camp alternative 10.	The final layout: Moved to the existing batching plant previously used by Roggeveld WEF.
<b>Width of Internal roads</b>	No more than 9m wide. A 200m wide corridor along the access & internal road.	No more than 12m wide. A 200m corridor along the access & internal road.
<b>Condition 14.2</b>	The final Conservation Management plan.	Remove condition

<b>Condition 36</b>	Location of the construction camp and internal substation be proximity to turbine 31 & 32.	Remove condition
<b>Condition 135</b>	Rietkloof must engage with Cape Nature regarding Condition 14.2.	Remove condition

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management office has a mandate to protect and appropriately manage agricultural and rural resources.

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture: Land Use Management office provides the following comments:

**Soil & Land management:**

- i. The design and implementation of the appropriate storm water structures are required for all new infrastructure (e.g Roads, turbine bases) to prevent the erosion and movement of soil from surface water runoff.
- ii. Construction activities must only be within the demarcated construction footprint.
- iii. The fencing of the WEF infrastructure should be limited, to allow for sufficient grazing and movement of livestock and game within the site.
- iv. The upper 15-20 cm of topsoil that has been allocated for rehabilitation, must not be mixed with the subsoil materials. Instead, it must be stored, banded and labelled separately.
- v. An ECO should monitor the depth and cover of the topsoil spreading during rehabilitation, to ensure a 20cm depth.
- vi. All other sub soils that are excavated are required to be stockpiled separately from topsoil
- vii. Plant Indigenous floral species on the affected areas, with the objective to limit the loss of top soil and subsoil as a result of the construction activities.

**Biodiversity Management:**

- i. A flora and fauna search and rescue, if required by an ecologist, must be undertaken before the clearance of vegetation commences. Any fauna that is directly threatened by the construction activities are required to be appropriately relocated, facilitated by the ECO.
- ii. The disturbance and removal of any protected Fauna and Flora species are prohibited unless a removal permit from the relevant authorities is presented.
- iii. Alien invasive species Vegetation must be appropriately managed during the construction and operational phase of the project.

Please note:

- Kindly quote the above-mentioned reference number in any future correspondence in respect of the application.

- The Department reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on the information received.

Yours sincerely



**Mr. CJ van der Walt**

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