

Our reference: 180602

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Date: 03 August 2018

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

***Amendment Report for Public Comment  
Previously authorized 140MW Brandvalley Wind Energy Facility, within the Northern and  
Western Cape Provinces, South Africa  
Terramanzi Group Project Reference: 180602***

Dear Commenting Authorities,

You have been identified as a potential stakeholder, to be notified, in accordance with **Regulation 41 of GN No. R.982 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998 and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014, as amended)** with respect to the above-mentioned Project.

**Please take note of the following important information, for your consideration.**

Project Proposal: The Applicant (Brandvalley Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd) wishes to upgrade the existing technology of the approved 140MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF), which same WEF has already been authorised by the Competent Authority (Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on 23 November 2016, with the DEA reference number 14/12/16/3/3/2/900.

Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment will entail the following changes:

- an increase in wind turbine rotor diameter 140m to 160m
- an increase in hub height and mast height from 120m to up to 125m
- an increase in generation capacity from 2- 5.5MW
- micro-siting a single turbine within the development layout.

Property Location: The Project was authorised across the following land parcels: the remainder of Barendskraal 76; portion 1 of Barendskraal 76; the remainder of Brandvalley 75; portion 1 of Brandvalley 75; the remainder of Fortuin 74; portion 3 Fortuin 74; the remainder of Kabeltouw 160; the remainder of Muishond Rivier 161; portion 1 of Muishond Rivier 161; portion 1 of Fortuin 74 (Ou Mure); the Farm Rietfontein 197. The project is located within the Komsberg Renewable Energy Development Zone within the Western and Northern Cape Provinces.

Activities for which Environmental Authorisation is being sought:

Please note that no additional Listed Activities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA); Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014 (as amended) will be triggered by the proposed amendments.

***Notice of a 30-day Public Participation Process is hereby given to comment on the amendment report in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2014, as amended.***

Project Progress: This notification forms part of the public consultation process for the Amendment Report as required by the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014, as amended).

**Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd** has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to undertake the necessary environmental permitting for the above-mentioned Project.

Opportunity to Participate: Interested and affected parties (“I&APs”) are hereby invited to register as a stakeholder for this Project. I&APs should please use the 180602 reference number above when commenting and must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application, to the contact persons indicated below, within **30 calendar days** (i.e. the deadline for comments is **06 September 2018**) from the date of this notice (**06 August 2018**) in accordance with the statutory requirements.

The Amendment Report and supporting documentation can be accessed at the following online hyperlink from:

- <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ilrvgrk7alcr3/AADpi3QKVd2WG183wpkE9Ruua?dl=0>

PLEASE NOTE: The Amendment Report and supporting documentation will also be located at the venue below from **06 August 2018** for comment, as follows:

- Touws River Library located on the corner of Jane and Logan Streets, Touws River, and with telephone number 023 358 1192
- Laingsburg Library located at 255 E Grand River Rd, Laingsburg and with telephone number 023 557 1019

Please note the following:

- Should you wish to receive a digital copy of the above-mentioned document, please contact the EAP at the contact details below, accordingly.
- Should you require any assistance with interpreting this notice, please contact the EAP at the contact details below, accordingly.
- Should you require any assistance with interpreting the documentation noted above, including the language used, the terminology used, the outcomes and recommendations, please contact the EAP at the contact details below, accordingly.

All comments must be submitted directly to Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd, the “EAP”, as follows:

- Electronic mail: [comments@terramanzi.co.za](mailto:comments@terramanzi.co.za); or
- Facsimile: 086 558 1213; or
- Post: Postnet Suite 211, Private Bag X26, Tokai, Cape Town, 7966
- For Attention: **Terramanzi Group**
- Terramanzi Project Reference Number: 180602
- Visit us at [www.terramanzi.co.za](http://www.terramanzi.co.za)

We look forward to your valued participation.

Yours Faithfully,



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