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Sent: Friday, 17 February 2023 08:39
To: tilly@hollandandassociates.net
Subject: Re: De Aar 2 South WEF - Confirmation of Acceptance of Updated Final Layout for Decision Making

Hi Tilly,

With reference to the layout you attached *20230120_Mulilo De Aar 2 South WEF Layout.kmz*, I confirm that the layout is acceptable from a bat impact perspective and this updated layout does not result in any changes to findings, mitigation, and the EMPr provided during the Layout Plan Finalisation process.

Kind regards

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On 2023/01/23 14:53, tilly@hollandandassociates.net wrote:

Good afternoon Specialists,

Happy New Year and all the very best for 2023.

The abovementioned project refers. The public participation period for the Amended EMPr and Final Site Layout process has ended (and the comment period for the EA amendment process ends today) and all comments on the layout (and amended EMPr) have been taken into consideration. This has resulted in a few minor updates to the final site layout, which will be submitted to DFFE for decision-making. With reference to the attached KMZ file, these updates are as follows:

1. The final layout now consists of 26 turbine positions only, as opposed to the “possible” 28 turbine positions, i.e. only the turbine positions that would be constructed are included in the map). In this regard, please note that turbines 9 & 13 have been removed from the layout.
2. Turbines 11 & 25 have been slightly microsituated to ensure they fall outside of an avifauna no go buffer area.

Please note that there are no other changes to the layout since the previous version of the Final Layout that you assessed, other than the abovementioned slight micro siting of turbines 11 and 25, and removal of turbines 9 and 13.

Considering this, please can you confirm acceptability of the updated final full layout via email. Your email will then be saved and included in our reporting (e.g. together with your specialist comment/report) for the project. In your email, please include the following:

1. Reference to the file name of the attached KMZ file, i.e. "20230120_Mulilo De Aar 2 South WEF Layout.kmz" (so we can link your comment to a layout),
2. Confirmation of your acceptability of the updated final layout.
3. Confirmation that the updated final layout does not result in any changes to your findings or require any further mitigation to what you have recommended in your statement/report for the update of the EMPr and Layout Plan Finalisation process (as it was always the understanding that only up to 26 of the assessed potential 28 turbine positions would be constructed).

It would be appreciated if you could provide your confirmation of acceptability of the updated final layout by the end of Wednesday 25 January 2023, as the final amended EMPr and Layout Plan are scheduled to be submitted to DFFE for decision making by the end of this week.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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