

# Appendix C

## PRE-APPLICATION MEETING



# Appendix C.1

## **PRE-APPLICATION MEETING REQUEST FORM**





## forestry, fisheries & the environment

Department:  
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### PRE-APPLICATION MEETING REQUEST

Request for a pre-application meeting in terms of Regulation 8 of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

#### PROJECT TITLE

**The following projects are proposed for development near the town of Fochville in the Gauteng Province as summarised below:**

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Igolide Wind Energy Facility (WEF) (up to 100MW)
- Basic Assessment (BA) for the up to 132kV overhead powerline (OHPL) and associated substation

#### Kindly note the following:

1. This form must always be used for pre-application meeting requests where this Department is the Competent Authority.
2. This application form is current as of **April 2021**. It is the responsibility of the Applicant / Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the Competent Authority. The latest available Departmental templates are available at <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.
3. The onus on Applicant/EAP to determine all applicable listed activities that would require Environmental Authorisation prior to the commencement of the construction activities. Should any revision of your development comprise any other activities that constitute a listed activity/ies as defined in GN R983, R984 and R98 of 04 December 2014, as amended, it must also form part of the Application for Environmental Authorisation.
4. Be reminded that it is not compulsory in terms of the EIA Regulations that a pre-application meeting must take place prior to an application being lodged with the Department.
5. This form must be lodged with the Department at least **one (1) month** prior to the requested meeting date.
6. Please note that the proposed date and time will be confirmed prior to the meeting.
7. A detailed motivation and agenda must be appended to this meeting request.
8. This form must be marked ***“for Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations”*** and submitted to the Department via email.
9. All fields are compulsory.
10. The required information must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. Spaces are provided in tabular format and will extend automatically when each space is filled with typing. A legible font type and size must be used when completing the form. The font size should not be smaller than 10pt (e.g. Arial 10).
11. **Note that the EAP is required to submit minutes of the meeting to the Department for approval as per the timeframes agreed to in the meeting.**
12. The Department reserves the right to refuse the pre-application meeting based on the information provided in this request.

#### Departmental Details

**Online Submission:**

EIAapplications@environment.gov.za

**Please read the process for uploading files to determine how files are to be submitted to this Department****Physical address:**

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
 Attention: Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
 Environment House  
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Queries must be directed to the Directorate: Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support at:  
 Email: EIAAdmin@environment.gov.za

**1. APPLICANT CONTACT DETAILS****Igolide Wind Energy Facility**

Name of the Applicant:	Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd		
RSA Identity/ Passport Number:	N/A		
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RSA Identity/ Passport Number:	N/A		
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**Igolide up to 132kV OHPL and associated substation**

Name of the Applicant:	ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd		
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Name of contact person for applicant (if other):	Mercia Grimbeek		
RSA Identity/ Passport Number:	N/A		
Responsible position, e.g. Director, CEO, etc.:	Head of Project Development		
Company/ Trading name (if any):	N/A		
Company Registration Number:	2017/143710/07		
BBBEE status:	Level 4		
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## 2. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER CONTACT DETAILS

Company of Environmental Assessment Practitioner:	WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd		
B-BBEE	Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant)	Level 1	Percentage Procurement recognition 135%
EAP name:	Ashlea Strong		
EAP Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masters in Environmental Management, University of the Free State</li> <li>B Tech, Nature Conservation, Technikon SA</li> <li>National Diploma in Nature Conservation, Technikon SA</li> </ul>		
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## 3. COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Identified Competent Authority to consider the application:

Reason(s) in terms of S24C of NEMA:

Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Section 24C(2)(a) of NEMA stipulates that the Minister must be identified as the competent authority if the activity has implications for international environmental commitments or relations. GN 779 of 01 July 2016 identifies the Minister as the Competent Authority (CA) for the consideration and processing of environmental authorisations and amendments thereto for activities related the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2010 – 2030.

## 4. MEETING DETAILS

Purpose of the meeting request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide an overview of the proposed Igolide WEF and associated up to 132kV overhead powerline (OHPL) and substation.</li> <li>To confirm the process and way forward for the EIA and BA Processes to be undertaken.</li> </ul>	
Any advice requested before from the Department on this project i.e. from IQ or via email (attached response received)	Yes	<b>No ✓</b>
Applicant Category	Application by Parastatal	
	Organ of State	
	Private Individual/Parties	✓
Application type	Application for EA	✓
	Application for Integrated EA	
	Application for Amendment EA	

Proposed meeting date and time slot. Provide three alternative dates and time-slots ( <i>note that the Department requires at least a month due to logistical arrangements</i> )		
Date	Time-slot	
	Start time	End time
1) 09 May 2023	10h00	11h00
2) 10 May 2023	10h00	11h00
3) 12 May 2023	10h00	11h00
Duration of the meeting	1 hour via MS Teams	
Estimated number of people attending meeting	Five (5) maximum (two WSP representatives and three Applicant representatives)	

Please attach a proposed agenda as **APPENDIX**. If the Applicant or EAP intends to discuss several projects in one meeting, separate agendas must be drafted for each proposed project and the project details for each project. Please note that a detailed agenda is required.

### 1) PROJECT DETAILS

Project description	<p>The following projects are proposed for development near the town of Fochville in the Gauteng Province as summarised below:</p> <p><b><u>Igolide WEF (up to 100MW):</u></b> Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd is proposing to develop the Igolide Wind Energy Facility (“Project”), with a contracted capacity of up to 100MW. The Project is located approximately 6km northeast of Fochville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality in the Gauteng Province, over several land parcels.</p> <p>The proposed Project will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 12 turbines with a tip height of up to 300m, hub height of up to 200m and rotor diameter of up to 200m.</li> <li>• A 33/132kV on-site Independent Power Producer (IPP) substation.</li> <li>• A BESS with a storage capacity of up to 100MW/400MWh, with up to four hours of storage.</li> <li>• A medium voltage collector system comprising cables up to, and including, 33kV that run underground, except where a technical assessment suggests that overhead lines are required, within the facility connecting the turbines to the on-site IPP substation.</li> <li>• Temporary laydown or staging area and construction camp.</li> <li>• Cement Batching Plant, Wind Tower Factory and Yard (temporary).</li> <li>• Operations and Maintenance (O&amp;M) building footprint located near the on-site IPP substation. Typical areas include an operations building, workshop and stores areas, a refuse area for temporary waste storage, and conservancy tanks to service the ablution facility.</li> <li>• Access and internal roads.</li> <li>• Associated infrastructure, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fencing and lighting.</li> <li>- Lightning protection.</li> <li>- Telecommunication infrastructure.</li> <li>- Stormwater channels.</li> <li>- Water pipelines.</li> <li>- Offices.</li> <li>- Operational and control centre.</li> <li>- Operations and maintenance area / warehouse / workshop.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ablution facilities.</li> <li>- Gatehouse.</li> <li>- Security building.</li> <li>- Visitor's centre.</li> <li>- Substation building.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Igolide up to 132kV OHPL and associated substation</u></b></p> <p>ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd is proposing to develop a 132kV Eskom Switching Station, a 132kV overhead single or double circuit powerline, and termination point upgrades (as may be necessary) to allow for the proposed new up to 132kV powerline connection (hereafter the "Project"). The Project is intended to feed the electricity generated by the 100MW Igolide Wind Energy Facility ("WEF") to the national energy grid, with the point of connection being the existing Eskom Midas Main Transmission Substation ("MTS"). The Project is located approximately 6km northeast of Fochville, within the Merafong City and Westonaria Local Municipalities in the Gauteng Province, over several land parcels. A 250m wide assessment corridor (125m on either side of the centre line) for the grid route has been considered to allow for flexibility in the design of the final powerline route, and for the avoidance of sensitive environmental features (where possible). A 500m buffer around the Eskom Switching Station has also been identified to ensure flexibility in routing the powerline.</p> <p>The proposed Project will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of 1 x up to 132kV powerline (either single or double circuit) between the Eskom Switching Station and the Midas MTS.</li> <li>• Construction of 1 x up to 132kV Eskom Switching Station. The Eskom Switching Station assessment site is ~4ha. The Eskom Switching Station will include, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A high voltage substation yard to allow for multiple 132kV feeder bays.</li> <li>- Standard substation electrical equipment, including but not limited to, busbars, office area, operation and control room, workshop and storage area, feeder bays, stringer strain beams, insulators, isolators, conductors, circuit breakers, lightning arrestors, relays, capacitor banks, batteries, wave trappers, switchyard, metering and indication instruments, equipment for carrier current, surge protection and outgoing feeders, as may be required.</li> <li>- Control building, telecommunication infrastructure, oil dam(s) etc.</li> <li>- Workshop and office area within the Eskom Switching Station footprint.</li> <li>- Fencing around the Switching Station.</li> <li>- All the access road infrastructure to and within the Switching Station.</li> <li>- Associated infrastructure, including but not limited to, lighting, fencing, and buildings required for operation (ablutions, office, workshop and control room, security fencing and gating, parking area, concrete batching plant (if required), waste storage/disposal and storerooms).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Expansion of the Midas MTS (with a footprint of approximately up to 4ha), including standard substation electrical equipment as may be needed (feeder bays, transformers, busbars, stringer strain beams, insulators, isolators, conductors, circuit breakers, lightning arrestors, relays, capacitor banks, batteries, wave trappers, switchyard, metering and indication instruments, equipment for carrier current, surge protection and outgoing feeders, as may be required).</li> </ul>
Indicate if any screening has taken place on site	<p>Some specialist work has been undertaken on site, specific to the required pre-construction monitoring for Bats and Birds.</p> <p>The required DFFE Screening Reports for each respective project will be downloaded and attached to the EA Application Forms.</p>

Physical Address where the development will take place	The Igoilde WEF and its associated up to 132kV overhead powerline (OHPL) and substation are located approximately 6km northeast of the town of Fochville within the Merafong City and Westonaria Local Municipalities, in the Gauteng Province.
Farm name(s)/ Erf No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Igolide Wind Energy Facility (up to 100MW)</b>  Portion 14 of Farm Kraalkop 147 IQ  Portion 20 of Farm Kraalkop 147 IQ  Portion RE/22 of Farm Kraalkop 147 IQ  Portion 8 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 57 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 65 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 66 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ</li> <li>• <b>Igolide grid infrastructure (up to 132kV)</b>  Portion 14 of Farm Kraalkop 147 IQ  Portion 5 of Farm Doornkloof 350 IQ  Remaining Extent /Portion 0 of Farm Leeudoorn 351 IQ  Portion 6 of Farm Doornkloof 350 IQ  Portion 22 of Farm Doornkloof 350 IQ  Portion 22 of Farm Driefontein 355 IQ  Portion 28 of Farm Driefontein 355 IQ  Portion 1 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 4 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 8 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 33 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 35 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 36 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 57 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 58 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 59 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 62 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 63 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 68 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 70 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 71 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 75 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ  Portion 76 of Farm Leeuwpoot 356 IQ</li> </ul>
Local Municipality	Merafong City and Westonaria Local Municipalities
District Municipality	West Rand District Municipality

Locality map:	<p>A locality map must be attached to the application form, as. The scale of the locality map must be at least 1:50 000. For linear activities of more than 25 kilometres, a smaller scale e.g., 1:250 000 can be used. The scale must be indicated on the map. The map must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an accurate indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any;</li> <li>• road names or numbers of all the major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s)</li> <li>• a north arrow;</li> <li>• a legend;</li> <li>• the prevailing wind direction;</li> <li>• site sensitivities, including but not limited to vegetation, wetlands, watercourses, heritage sites, critical biodiversity area/s, World Heritage Site, etc. and it must be overlaid by the study area; and</li> <li>• GPS coordinates (Indicate the position of the proposed activity with the latitude and longitude at the centre point for each alternative site.</li> </ul>
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- The coordinates should be in degrees and decimal minutes. The minutes should be to at least three decimal places. The projection that must be used in all cases is the WGS-84 spheroid in a national or local projection)

## 2) ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR

For an application for authorisation that involves more than one listed activity that, together, makes up one development proposal, all the listed activities pertaining to this application must be provided below.

**The key potential listed activities triggered by the proposed projects are listed in the Tables below. It must be noted that the activities listed below do not constitute the full list of triggers for the projects and will be revised as further information becomes available.**

### Igolide Wind Energy Facility

Activity No(s):	Provide the relevant <b>Basic Assessment Activity(ies)</b> as set out in <b>Listing Notice 1</b> of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Describe the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
11 (i)	<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.</b>	This activity will be triggered due to the fact that the grid infrastructure for the Igolide WEF will have a capacity of more than 33kV but less than 275kV. The facility is located outside an urban area.
12(ii)(a)(c)	<b>The development of –  (ii) infrastructure of structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs –  (a) within a watercourse; (c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.</b>	The Project will require the development of infrastructure (including turbines, roads, cabling, a substation, etc.) with a physical footprint exceeding 100 square metres, within a watercourse (i.e., the internal roads and electrical cabling require to connect the various components of the facility may traverse watercourses on site), or within 32m of the outer extent of the watercourses on site.
14	<b>The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.</b>	The facility will require the storage and handling of dangerous good, including fuel, cement and chemical storage on site within a combined capacity of 80m <sup>3</sup> or more, but not exceeding 500m <sup>3</sup> .
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.</b>	Internal access roads and stormwater control infrastructure, as well as electrical cabling required to connect the various components of the facility will collectively require the excavation, infilling or removal of soils exceeding 10m <sup>3</sup> from watercourses on site. The exact values will be confirmed once final designs have been provided; however, these will be within the thresholds relevant to this Listed Activity and therefore within the threshold values and triggering this activity.
24(ii)	<b>The development of a road –  (ii) within a reserve wider than 13,5 metres, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres</b>	Internal roads will have a width of 8 - 10m, increasing up to 15m for turning circle/bypass areas to allow for larger component transport.
28(ii)	<b>Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional development where such land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development:  (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be development is bigger than 1 hectare.</b>	The facility is considered a commercial and/or industrial development and is located over several farm portions outside an urban area, used for agricultural purposes. The total footprint to be developed will be ~40ha (i.e., greater than 1 hectare within agricultural use land).



Activity No(s):	Provide the relevant <b>Basic Assessment Activity(ies)</b> as set out in <b>Listing Notice 1</b> of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Describe the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
48(i)(a)(c)	<b>The expansion of –</b>  <b>(i) infrastructure or structures where the physical footprint is expanded by 100 square metres or more; or</b>  <b>where such expansion occurs –</b>  <b>(a) within a watercourse;</b> <b>(c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.</b>	The transportation of large infrastructure components related to the facility will require the expansion of existing access and/or internal roads, culverts or similar drainage crossing infrastructure collectively exceeding 100m <sup>2</sup> or more beyond existing roads or road reserves located within watercourses, or within 32 of the outer extent of watercourses on site. The exact values will be confirmed once final designs have been provided; however, these will be within the thresholds relevant to this Listed Activity and therefore within the threshold values and triggering this activity.
56(ii)	<b>The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometres –</b>  <b>(ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres.</b>	The transportation of large infrastructure components will require the widening of existing access and/or internal roads where no reserve exists and where such road is wider than 8 metres. The exact values will be confirmed once final designs have been provided; however, these will be within the thresholds relevant to this Listed Activity and therefore within the threshold values and triggering this activity.
Activity No(s):	Provide the relevant <b>Basic Assessment Activity(ies)</b> as set out in <b>Listing Notice 3</b> of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Describe the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
<b>Although not yet identified – it is considered likely that Listing Notice 3 Activities will be triggered.</b>		
Activity No(s):	Provide the relevant <b>Scoping and EIR Activity(ies)</b> as set out in <b>Listing Notice 2</b> of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Describe the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
1	<b>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more,</b> excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs: <b>(a) within an urban area; or</b> <b>(b) on existing infrastructure.</b>	This activity will be triggered by the Igolide WEF as the proposed energy generation technology will generate up to 100MW of electricity output from a renewable resource i.e. wind energy.
15	<b>The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation,</b> excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for— <b>(i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or</b> <b>(ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</b>	This activity will be triggered by the Igolide WEF as it will likely result in the clearance of at least 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation.

### Igolide up to 132kV OHPL and associated substation

Activity No(s):	Provide the relevant <b>Basic Assessment Activity(ies)</b> as set out in <b>Listing Notice 1</b> of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Describe the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
11 (i)	<b>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity—</b> <b>(i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts.</b>	The Electrical Grid Infrastructure is located outside urban areas. Both the on-site substation (Eskom portion) and overhead powerline will be up to 132kV.
12(ii)(a)(c)	<b>The development of –</b>  <b>(ii) infrastructure of structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs –</b>  <b>(a) within a watercourse;</b>	The physical footprint of access/maintenance roads, electrical cabling and tower structures related to the Electrical Grid Infrastructure will either traverse the watercourses on site, or be located within 32m of the outer extent of the watercourses on site. The total physical footprint for the infrastructure will exceed 100m <sup>2</sup> (subject to detailed design).

Activity No(s):	Provide the relevant <b>Basic Assessment Activity(ies)</b> as set out in <b>Listing Notice 1</b> of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Describe the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
	<b>(c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.</b>	
14	<b>The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling, of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic metres or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres.</b>	Fuel, transformer oil, cement and other chemical storage within the on-site substation (Eskom portion) will be greater than 80m <sup>3</sup> , but not exceeding 500m <sup>3</sup> .
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.</b>	Access/maintenance roads and stormwater control infrastructure, as well as electrical cabling related to the Electrical Grid Infrastructure will collectively require the excavation, infilling or removal of soil exceeding 10m <sup>3</sup> from watercourses on site. Such infilling or deposition contemplated will exceed the thresholds relevant to this Listed Activity and therefore triggering this activity.
24(ii)	<b>The development of a road –  (ii) within a reserve wider than 13,5 metres, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres</b>	Permanent access roads to and within the substation, up to 8m wide, will be established.
27	<b>The clearance of an area of 1 hectare of more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.</b>	The power lines are considered a linear activity and therefore this activity is not triggered by the proposed powerline infrastructure components, however the construction of the on-site substation (Eskom portion), as well as the Eskom Midas MTS upgrades will collectively require the clearance of approximately 8 hectares of indigenous vegetation.
28(ii)	<b>Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional development where ushc land was used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development:  (ii) will occur outside an urban areas, where the total land to be development is bigger than 1 hectare.</b>	The proposed project is considered a commercial/industrial development. The total area to be developed for the Electrical Grid Infrastructure is 19ha and occurs outside an urban areas, which is currently used for agriculture.
48(i)(a)(c)	<b>The expansion of –  (i) infrastructure or structures where the physical footprint is expanded by 100 square metres or more; or  where such expansion occurs –  (a) within a watercourse; (c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.</b>	Transport of large infrastructure components related to the Electrical Grid Infrastructure will require the expansion of existing access and/or internal roads, culverts or similar drainage crossing infrastructure collectively exceeding 100m <sup>2</sup> or more beyond existing road or road reserves located within watercourses on site, or within 32m of the outer extent of the watercourses on site. The exact values will be confirmed once final designs have been provided; however, these will be within the thresholds relevant to this Listed Activity and therefore within the threshold values and triggering this activity.
56(ii)	<b>The widening of a road by more than 6 metres, or the lengthening of a road by more than 1 kilometres –  (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres.</b>	The transportation of large infrastructure components related to the Electrical Grid Infrastructure will require the widening of existing access and/or internal roads where no reserve exists and where such road is wider than 8 metres. The exact values will be confirmed once final designs have been provided; however, these will be within the thresholds relevant to this Listed

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<b>Although not yet identified – it is considered likely that Listing Notice 3 Activities will be triggered.</b>		
Activity No(s):	Provide the relevant <b>Scoping and EIR Activity(ies)</b> as set out in <b>Listing Notice 2</b> of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.	Describe the portion of the proposed project to which the applicable listed activity relates.
<b>Not Applicable</b>		

Be reminded that the onus is on the applicant to ensure that all applicable listed activities are included in the application. Environmental Authorisation must be obtained prior to commencement with each applicable listed activity.

### 3) ADDITIONAL INFO, IF ANY

Please attach any additional information as **APPENDIX 3**.

### 4) LIST OF APPENDICES

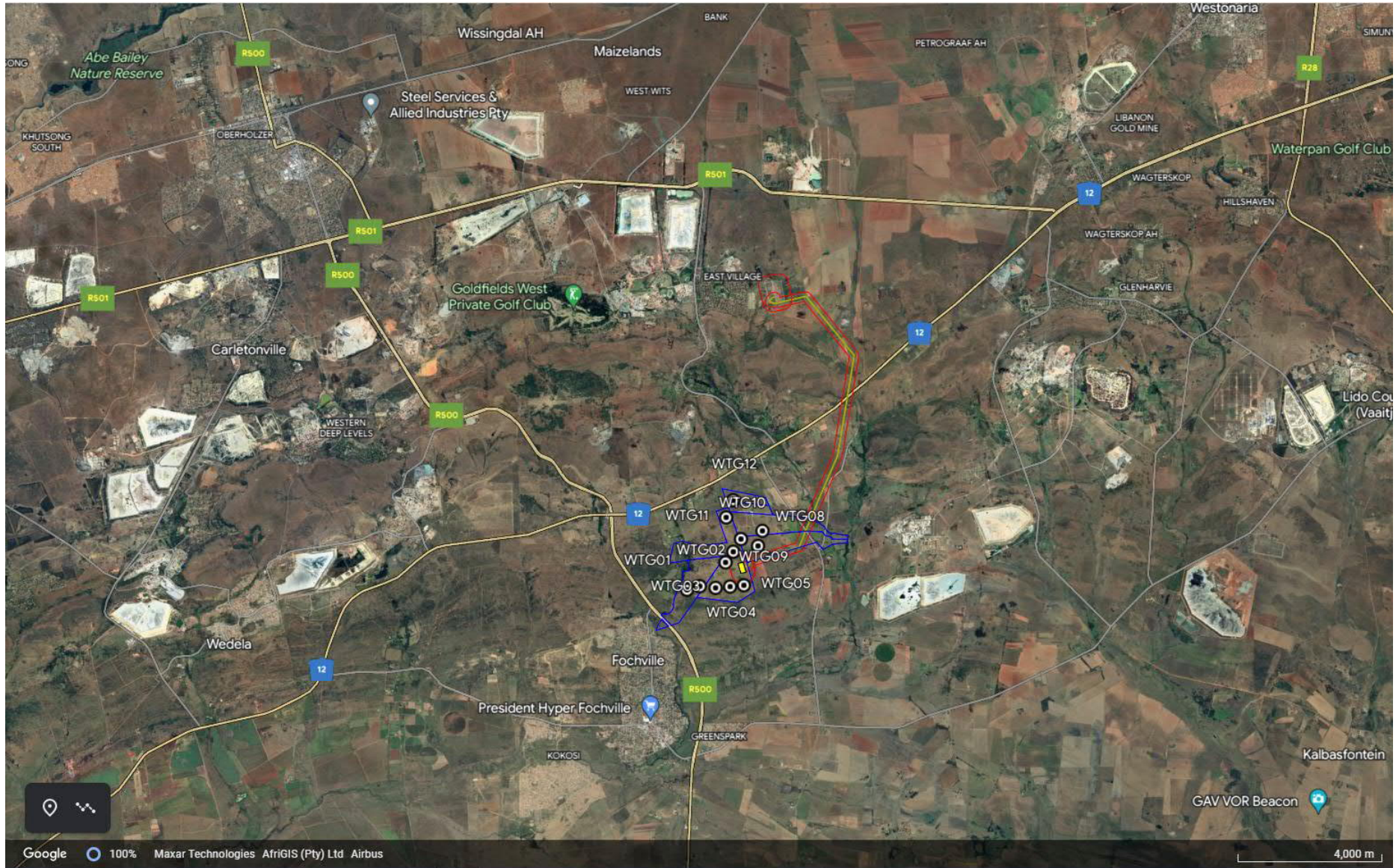
		SUBMITTED	
<b>APPENDIX 1</b>	Proposed Agenda	<b>YES ✓</b>	NO
<b>APPENDIX 2</b>	Locality map	<b>YES ✓</b>	NO
<b>APPENDIX 3</b>	Additional info:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO ✓</b>



**APPENDIX 1**  
**PRE-APPLICATION MEETING AGENDA**  
*(Please note that a generic agenda will not be accepted. Please submit a detailed agenda)*

Item No.	Agenda item
1	Welcome and Introduction
2	Overview of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Background;</li><li>• Location;</li><li>• Technical description</li></ul>
3	Overview and confirmation to the EIA and BA process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listed Activities</li><li>• Specialist Assessments as identified by the DFFE Screening Tool; and</li><li>• Specialist Studies Commissioned</li></ul>
6	Timeframes
7	Questions and Discussion
8	Way Forward

## APPENDIX 2 LAYOUT MAPS



**IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY**





IGOLIDE WEF (up to 300MW)





**IGOLIDE GRID INFRASTRUCTURE (up to 132kV)**



# Appendix C.2

## **DFFE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE**



Strong, Ashlea

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From: Lunga Dlova <LDlova@dffe.gov.za>  
Sent: Thursday, 04 May 2023 12:17  
To: Strong, Ashlea; mmakoena.mmola@enertrag.com  
Cc: Masina Morudu; Mercia.Grimbeek@enertrag.com  
Subject: Re: 2023-05-0002

Dear Ashelea,

I have reviewed the attached application, from my side I do not foresee the need for a pre application meeting.

I have also noted that the proposed project is one of the few Wind farms around Gauteng (if any). 12 turbines of up 100MW and up to 132kV overhead powerline (OHPL) and associated substation, in Fochville, Gauteng.

You may proceed with the EIA process unless you have any pressing matters regarding the proposed project.

Regards,

**Lunga Dlova**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment**  
**Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**EAPSA Registration: 2021/3237**  
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**Cell: 072 762 6691**  
**Email: LDlova@dffe.gov.za**

“Environment is no one’s property to destroy; it’s everyone’s responsibility to protect. –  
Mohith Agadi

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From: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>  
Sent: Thursday, 04 May 2023 09:06  
To: Lunga Dlova <LDlova@dffe.gov.za>  
Cc: Masina Morudu <memorudu@dffe.gov.za>  
Subject: 2023-05-0002

Dear Lunga

Please note that you have been allocated an application:

Type of Application: Pre-Application Meeting Request;  
Reference Number: 2023-05-0002;  
Date Received: 02/05/2023;  
Action Required: Decide on meeting request.

Kindly let Ephron know which date the meeting is to be held, if it will be set

EIA Applications  
Integrated Environmental Authorisations  
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment



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Cc: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>; Mmakoena Mmola <Mmakoena.Mmola@enertrag.com>;  
Nolumanyano Camagu <Nolumanyano.Camagu@enertrag.com>; Zinzi Sithole <Zinzi.Sithole@enertrag.com>  
Subject: Request for pre-application meeting: Igolide Wind Energy Facility project

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached the completed pre-application meeting request form for the proposed Igolide Wind Energy Facility project.

Kind confirm receipt of the application form in good order.

Kind regards,



**Jashmika Maharaj**  
Consultant

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# Appendix C.3

## **PROOF OF REPORT DISPLAY**





**Title of Project:** Proposed Development of the Igolide Wind Energy Facility

**Document on Public Display:** Draft Environmental Scoping Report

**Public Display Period:** 26 June 2023 to 17 July 2023

**Contact Person:** Jashmika Maharaj (jashmika.maharaj@wsp.com)

- Draft Scoping Report\_Igolide WEF
- Appendix A\_EAP CV
- Appendix B\_EAP Declaration
- Appendix C\_Specialist Declarations
- Appendix D\_SER\_Public
- Appendix E\_Maps
- Appendix F\_DFFE Screening Report
- Appendix G-1\_Terrestrial Biodiversity
- Appendix G-2\_Agriculture
- Appendix G-3\_Avifauna
- Appendix G-4\_Aquatic Biodiversity
- Appendix G-5\_Geotechnical
- Appendix G-6\_Heritage
- Appendix G-7\_Palaeontology
- Appendix G-8\_Noise
- Appendix G-9\_Social
- Appendix G-10\_Risk
- Appendix G-11\_Traffic
- Appendix G-12\_Visual
- Appendix G-13\_Bats



Heritage Cases *Igolide Wind Energy Facility (up to 100 MW) northeast of Fochville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality in the Gauteng Province.* has been updated.



## Heritage Cases

VIEW

EDIT

## Special Notice

Following comments received on the proposed Revised Schedule of Fees for applications made to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), made in terms of Section 25(2)(f) of the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA) and published in the Government Gazette of 22 July 2022, SAHRA hereby publishes the final Revised Schedule of Fees for Applications made to SAHRA. Applications for provision of services submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Authority (SAHRA), in terms of the National Heritage Resources Act, No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA) must be accompanied by a payment of the appropriate fee, taking effect from 1 January 2023

[Revised Schedule of Fees for Applications made to the South African Heritage Resources Agency \(SAHRA\)](#)

## Official Decisions &amp; Comments

Date	DecStatus
13/07/2023	Interim Comment

## Igolide Wind Energy Facility (up to 100 MW) northeast of Fochville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality in the Gauteng Province.

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LocationInfo

Admin

Status: **SUBMITTED**

HeritageAuthority(s): SAHRA  
PHRA-G

Case Type: Section 38 (8) - Statutory Comment Required

Development Type: Wind

## ProposalDescription:

Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd, proposes to establish the up to 100MW Igolide Wind Energy Facility (WEF), and the up to 132kV powerline, substation and associated infrastructure, near Fochville in Gauteng. The proposed authorisations include a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process and a Basic Assessment Process respectively. The extent of the Project footprint will be approximately 130 hectares (ha), subject to finalization based on technical and environmental requirements

ApplicationDate: Thursday, June 8, 2023 - 11:28

CaseID: 21549

Applicants: Enertrag South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Consultants/Experts: Ashlea Strong

## OtherReferences:

CaseReference	Department	ApplicationType	DeadlineDate	ContactPerson
14/12/18/3/3/2/2385	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment	SR	28/08/2023	Lunga Dlova

Heritage Reports: SCOPING HIA - Igolide Wind Energy Facility

Scoping PIA - Igolide Wind Energy Facility

ReferenceList:

## AdditionalDocuments

- [EAP CV](#)
- [03 Appendix B\\_EAP Declaration.pdf](#)
- [04 Appendix C\\_Specialist Declarations.pdf](#)
- [05 Appendix D\\_SER Public.pdf](#)

# Appendix D

## ORIGINAL COMMENTS



# Appendix D.1

## COMMENTS ON THE DSR



## Maharaj, Jashmika

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 June 2023 09:50  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Cc:** Maharaj, Jashmika; Mmakoena Mmola; Nolumanyano Camagu  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Draft Scoping Report  
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Dear Commenting Authority,

**NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION, NEAR FOCHVILLE, GAUTENG**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN IN TERMS OF:**

- **Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended);**
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- **Section 53(1) application under the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (28 of 2002) (MPRDA) for land use contrary to the objectives of the Act, relating to electrical grid infrastructure development.**

Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish the up to 100MW Igolide Wind Energy Facility (WEF), and a grid solution comprising a 132Kv powerline, a 33/132Kv on-site substation and associated infrastructure, near Fochville in Gauteng. In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the NEMA (No. 107 of 1998), as read with GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended), the proposed renewable energy facility and grid connection infrastructure trigger a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) Process and a Basic Assessment Process, respectively.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd to manage the respective S&EIR, BA, and public participation processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the proposed projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the processes.

### **DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD**

The Draft Environmental Scoping Report will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for a period of at least 30 days from **26 June 2023 to 27 July 2023**:

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- WSP Website: <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>
- Datafree Website: <https://wsp-engage.com/>
- Onedrive link:  [Igolide Public Review](#)

Please note that you will receive a separate email with the link to the one drive. This link will then request a verification number which will automatically be sent to your email address – if it doesn't seem to come through please check your "spam" folder.

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



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## PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Strong

### **COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (UP TO 100 MW) NORTHEAST OF FOCHVILLE, WITHIN THE MERAUFONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE.**

The Application for Environmental Authorisation and Draft Scoping Report (SR) dated June 2023 and received by the Department on 23 June 2023, refer.

This letter serves to inform you that the following information must be included to the Final Scoping Report:

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

- Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description.
- If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted. Please note that the Department's application form template has been amended and can be downloaded from the following link <https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms>.

#### **(b) Layout & Sensitivity Maps**

- Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
- The proposed Igolide Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated infrastructure, including an on-site Independent Power Producer (IPP) substation, located northeast of Fochville in the Merafong West Local Municipality (MLM) in the Gauteng Province;
- All supporting onsite infrastructure e.g. roads (existing and proposed);
- The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected;
- Buffer areas; and
- All "no-go" areas.

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- The above map must be overlain with a sensitivity map and a cumulative map which shows neighbouring renewable energy developments and existing grid infrastructure.
- Google maps will not be accepted.

**(c) Public Participation Process**

- Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR 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 SR. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final SR. 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.
- A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final SR. The C&R report must incorporate all historical comments for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&AP's comments.
- The final SR must provide evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the proposed development;

**General**

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

*"If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority"*

You are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

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**

**Letter signed by: Ms Masina Morudu**

**Designation: Deputy Director: National Integrated Authorisations**

**Date: 14/07/2023.**

## Maharaj, Jashmika

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**From:** Maharaj, Jashmika  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 June 2023 10:29  
**To:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
**Cc:** e; Strong, Ashlea  
**Subject:** RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2385

Good day,

Thank you for the acknowledgement of receipt.

The email below is noted and will be included in the comments and responses report (Public Participation Report) with the Final Scoping Report.

Kind regards,



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**From:** Lydia Kutu <LKutu@dffe.gov.za>  
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**Cc:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
<S...>  
**Subject:** 14/12/16/3/3/2/2385

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (UP TO 100 MW) NORTHEAST OF FOCHVILLE, WITHIN THE MERAFOG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE.**

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 23 June 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but **must** be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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Kind Regards,  
Lydia Kutu

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*To God be the Glory!!!*



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**PER E-MAIL**

Dear Ms., Strong.

**COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE IGOUIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY LOCATED NEAR FOCHVILLE, GAUTENG PROVINCE**

The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports. It is noted during review that the proposed Igolide WEF is not located within a REDZ and overlaps with a small, isolated CBA in the Eastern Corner of the footprint. The study site is also part of the NPAES (NPAES 2018) although none of the turbines are in the areas demarcated by the NPAES.

Kindly note that the EIA report must comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5) (A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998. The Environmental Impact Assessment report must comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) guideline for renewable energy projects and the Best Practice Guideline for Birds & Wind Energy for assessing and monitoring the impact of wind energy facilities on birds in Southern Africa.

The Directorate does not have any objection to the draft Scoping Reports and the Plan of Study for EIA.

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

Yours faithfully

**Mr. Seoka Lekota**  
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Dear John

Thank you for your email

Please find the kmz's as requested.

Kind regards



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Please send me a KMZ file of the affected property, proposed layout and proposed grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as a setbacks guideline for renewable energy developments.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Draft Scoping Report

Dear Stakeholder

## NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION, NEAR FOCHVILLE, GAUTENG

### NOTICE IS GIVEN IN TERMS OF:

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Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish the up to 100MW Igolide Wind Energy Facility (WEF), and a grid solution comprising a 132Kv powerline, a 33/132Kv on-site substation and associated infrastructure, near Fochville in Gauteng. In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the NEMA (No. 107 of 1998), as read with GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended), the proposed renewable energy facility and grid connection infrastructure trigger a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) Process and a Basic Assessment Process, respectively.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd to manage the respective S&EIR, BA, and public participation processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the proposed projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the processes.

### DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft Environmental Scoping Report will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for a period of at least 30 days from **26 June 2023 to 27 July 2023**:

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



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Good Afternoon Shonese

I can confirm that Caryn Clarke (with email address [eia@g7energies.com](mailto:eia@g7energies.com)) has been registered as an I&AP for the proposed Igolide Wind Energy Facility.

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Hi Ashlea,

I hope you are well.

Could I please request that **Caryn Clarke** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act be registered as an I&AP for the proposed Igolide Wind Energy Facility.  
Please could you reply with confirmation of registration and send through any relevant documents.

Thank you very much.

Kind Regards,



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Dear Ashlea Strong

**COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING: PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTIONS 14, 20 AND REMAINDER OF PORTION 22 OF THE FARM KRAALKOP 147-IQ AND PORTIONS 8 ,57, 65 AND 66 OF THE FARM LEEUWPOORT, LOCATED WITHIN MERAUFONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

Regarding the above-mentioned draft report received by the Department on 26 June 2023, herewith receive the comments from the Department.

**1. Description of the site/property/route and development**

The proposed project will be developed within a project area of approximately 680 hectares (ha). Within this project area, the extent of the Project footprint will be approximately 130 hectares (ha). The Project is located approximately 6km northeast of Fochville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality. The proposed Igolide Wind Energy Facility will be developed with an installed capacity of up to 100 MW and grid solution comprising 132KV powerline on site substation and associated infrastructure.

**2. Applicable legislation and policies**

The activity applied for triggers NEMA Listed Activities in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as listed in the below table (Bullet No 4 Listed Activity applied for). According to the Departmental Conservation Plan Version 3.3, the site falls within Ecological Support Area, Critical Biodiversity Area, and An Important Area. According to the Gauteng Environmental Management Framework, 2021 (GEMF, 2021), a large portion of the proposed site falls within Zone 4 (Normal Control Zone), and small portion falls within Zone 3 High Control Zone respectively. The Report included all applicable legislation, policies and guidelines relevant to the proposed activities being applied for.

**3. Description of the receiving environment**

A desktop geotechnical study was undertaken for the proposed project, and the findings identified that flooding may affect flat lying areas, areas confined to drained channels and flood plains. The Gauteng Conservation Plan Version 3.3 shows a river/ watercourse within the proposed site. The Loopspruit river passes through the far west and far east sections of the site which can pose potential

problems during wet periods especially in areas where shallow rock or clay is present. Page 105 of the draft scoping indicates that water management is recommended on all flat areas of the site to facilitate water run-off and to alleviate the possibility of standing water at the foundation positions.

#### 4. Listed activities applied for

The following listed activity applied for-

Activity No and description	Description of the development related to the listed activity
<p><b>GNR 327: LN 1 Activity 11(i)</b>  <i>The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity—</i>  <i>i) outside urban areas or industrial complexes with a capacity of more than 33 but less than 275 kilovolts</i></p>	<p><i>Internal distribution electrical infrastructure required to connect the facility to the grid will include a 33/132kV on-site IPP substation and 33kV cabling (buried or overhead). The Facility is located outside urban areas</i></p>
<p><b>GNR 327: LN 1 Activity 12(ii)(a)(c)</b>  <i>The development of— (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 100 square metres or more; where such development occurs—</i>  <i>(a) within a watercourse; or</i>  <i>(c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse</i></p>	<p><i>The physical footprint of internal access roads and electrical cabling required to connect the various components of the facility will exceed 100m<sup>2</sup> within delineated watercourses on site, or within 32m of the outer extent of the delineated watercourses on site.</i></p>
<p><b>GNR 327: LN 1 Activity 14</b>  <i>The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the storage, or for the storage of dangerous good, where such storage occurs in the containers with a capacity of 80 cubic meters or more but not exceeding 500 cubic meters.</i></p>	<p><i>The facility will require the storage and handling of dangerous goods, including fuel, cement, and combustible and flammable liquids such as oils, lubricants and solvents, where such storage will occur inside containers with a combined capacity greater than 80m<sup>3</sup> but not exceeding 500m<sup>3</sup></i></p>
<p><b>GNR 327 :LN 1 Activity 19</b>  <i>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-</i></p>	<p><i>Internal access roads and stormwater control infrastructure, as well as electrical cabling required to connect the various components of the facility will collectively require the excavation, infilling or removal of soil exceeding 10m<sup>3</sup> from delineated watercourses on site. The exact values will be confirmed once final designs have been provided however, these will be within the thresholds relevant to this Listed Activity and therefore within the threshold values and triggering this activity</i></p>
<p><b>GNR 327: LN 1 Activity 24(ii)</b>  <i>The development of a road—</i>  <i>(ii) with a reserve wider than 13,5 meters, or where no reserve exists where the road is wider than 8 metres;</i></p>	<p><i>Internal access roads required by the facility will be between 8m and 10m wide. Where required for turning circle/bypass areas, however, access or internal roads may be up to 15m to allow for larger component transport.</i></p>
<p><b>GNR 327:LN 1 Activity 28(ii)</b>  <i>Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was</i></p>	<p><i>The facility is considered a commercial and/or industrial development and is located on</i></p>

<p>used for agriculture, game farming, equestrian purposes or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development: (ii) will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 ha.</p>	<p>several farm portions outside an urban area, used for agricultural purposes. The total area to be developed for the facility (buildable area) greater than 1 hectare within agricultural use land, subject to finalization based on technical and environmental requirements.</p>
<p><b>GNR 327:LN1 Activity 48(i)(a)(c)</b>  The expansion of— (i) infrastructure or structures where the physical footprint is expanded by 100 square metres or more; where such expansion occurs—  (a) within a watercourse;  (b) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.</p>	<p>Transport of large infrastructure components related to the facility will require the expansion of existing access and/or internal roads, culverts or similar drainage crossing infrastructure collectively exceeding 100m<sup>2</sup> or more beyond existing roads or road reserves located within delineated watercourses on site, or within 32m of the outer extent of the delineated watercourses on site.</p>
<p><b>GNR 327:LN1 Activity 56(ii)</b>  The widening of a road by more than 6 m or lengthening of a road by more than 1 km – (ii) where no reserve exists, where the existing road is wider than 8 metres.</p>	<p>Transport of large infrastructure components related to the facility will require the widening of existing access and/or internal roads where no reserve exists and where such road is wider than 8 metres. The facility is located within a rural area. Subject to detail design widening up to 15m for turning circle/bypass areas is anticipated, thereby exceeding the threshold value and triggering this activity.</p>
<p><b>GNR 325: LN 2 Activity 1</b>  The development of facilities or infrastructure for the generation of electricity from a renewable resource where the electricity output is 20 megawatts or more, excluding where such development of facilities or infrastructure is for photovoltaic installations and occurs:  (a) within an urban area; or  (b) on existing infrastructure</p>	<p>The project comprises a Wind Energy Facility of up to 100MW</p>
<p><b>GNR 325 : LN 2 Activity 15</b>  The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for—  (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or  (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan</p>	<p>The facility will require the clearance of indigenous vegetation be in excess of 20ha (subject to finalisation based on technical, final design and environmental requirements). The approximate footprint will be confirmed at final design.</p>
<p><b>GNR 324: LN 3 Activity 4(c)(iv)</b>  The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres—  c)Gauteng:  iv. Sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs)and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans.</p>	<p>The proposed roads required for the facility will be located within and may require vegetation clearance or disturbance within Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) and Ecological Support Areas (ESA)(iv) in the Gauteng Province.</p>
<p><b>GNR 324 : LN 3 Activity 12:</b>  “The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such</p>	<p>The vegetation clearance required for the facility may be located within Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) and Ecological</p>



<p><i>clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan:</i></p> <p><b>C:Gauteng</b></p> <p>ii) <i>On site located within Critical Biodiversity Areas or Ecological Support Areas identified in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or bioregional plans.”</i></p>	<p><i>Support Areas (ESA), in excess of 300m2 in the Gauteng Province</i></p>
<p><b>GNR 324 : LN 3 Activity 14(ii)(a)(c)(iv)</b></p> <p><i>The development of—</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>infrastructure or structures with a Physical footprint of 10 Square metres or more; where such development occurs—</i></p> <p>(a) <i>within a watercourse;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse;</i></p> <p>c) <i>Gauteng:</i></p> <p>iv. <i>Sites identified as Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) or Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) in the Gauteng Conservation Plan or in bioregional plans.</i></p>	<p><i>The roads associated with the facility will be located within Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) and Ecological Support Areas (ESA)(iv) in the Gauteng Province</i></p>

## 5. Specialist studies

All specialist studies undertaken are noted and should be attached on the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report to be submitted to the Department. Page 35 of the Draft Scoping indicates that a detailed Geotechnical Assessment will not be undertaken as this will be undertaken during the design phase. However, the Department recommends that the Geotechnical Assessment be conducted during the EIA phase to provide information on the physical properties of the ground and foundation and make recommendations for the site and building design. Page 41 of the Draft Scoping indicates that “Based on the geology of the area and the paleontological record as we know it, it can be assumed that the formation and layout of the dolomites, sandstones, shales and sands are typical for the country and only some contain trace fossils such as stromatolites or microbialites”.

According to the Report both Heritage and Palaeontologic findings were assumed, and no field survey were done by Specialist as only aerial photography was done. Should any heritage resources of any nature be uncovered on site during the construction activities, the activities must stop and a SAHRA and/ or professional Heritage Specialist must be contacted immediately for investigations and remedial measures and only the specialist discretion will suffice on remedial action required.

## 6. Impacts Identification, Assessment and Mitigation

The identification and assessment of impacts provided in the Draft Scoping Report are supported as this will lead to a conclusion that the mitigation measures identified will reduce impacts to an acceptable level.

## 7. Assessment of alternatives

All alternatives outlined below are considered both feasible and reasonable with no apparent advantages or disadvantages at this stage of the project. All alternatives will be described and assessed in more detail during the EIA Phase. Alternatives does not have to be site specific; it can be technology alternatives or different types of methodology alternatives. There is a limited range of alternative technologies (turbines) available for commercial-scale wind energy facilities. Furthermore, the technology is constantly evolving. Technology alternatives were considered such as Lithium

battery technologies, energy storage and release are provided by the movement of lithium ions from the negative electrode to the positive electrode during discharge and back when charging. Vanadium redox Flow Battery is considered to have a large cycle life, independent power and energy ratings, relatively poor round trip, moderate cost and no self-discharge both technologies are currently being considered.

The process undertaken for this project is an iterative design process whereby through various assessment phases and iteratively updating the site sensitivities to avoid environmental features (as outlined within Section 4.1) the site boundaries were determined and further assessed by the specialists to determine the footprint/layout for the facility. The footprint/layout would avoid all the no-go areas identified by the specialists (and associated restrictions/exceptions) and would be seen as acceptable. Therefore, no layout alternatives are being considered for this project.

## **8. Need and desirability of the development.**

South Africa is faced with significant increases in electricity demand and a shortage in electricity supply. South Africa is the seventh highest coal producer in the world, with approximately 77% of the country's electricity generated from coal. Renewable energy development is regarded as an important contribution to meeting international and national targets of reducing reliance on fossil fuels, such as coal, which contribute towards greenhouse gas emissions and resultant climate change. The need and desirability of proposed Igolide WEF has been considered from an international, national, and regional perspective.

## **9. Maps, layout plans, services route positioning**

At least one, clear A3 layout plan (for all alternatives considered overlain by a composite sensitivity map, depicting the extent of activities on the layout plan with a legend easily linked to activity components must also be included in the Final Scoping Report.

## **10. Public Participation Process**

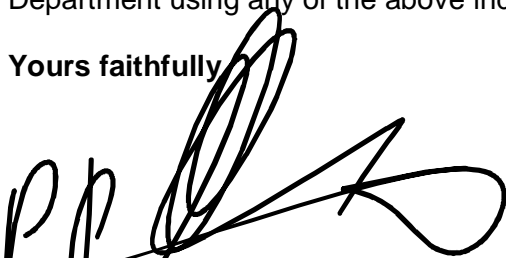
It is noted that the draft report has been circulated for comments and responses. Please ensure compliance with Chapter 6 Public Participation, regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014.

## **11. Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)**

The EAP must ensure that all significant impacts identified during the impact assessment as well as issues raised by I&APs have been addressed in the EMPr. Responsibility and timeframes must be clearly defined and assigned for all phases of the development. The EMPr must be drafted in accordance to Appendix 4 of the 2014 EIA Regulations (amended as of 7 April 2017,).

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please contact the official of the Department using any of the above indicated contact details.

Yours faithfully



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Good day

Kindly receive the attached confirmation letters for your attention.

Regards



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  - o Portions 1, 8, 33, 35, 36, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, 68, 70, 71, 75, and 76 of Farm Leeuwoort 356 IQ

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Good day

Please send deeds searches of the properties affected by this project for this office to check and confirm to you if there is a land claim on the property/ies.

Regards



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Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd proposes to establish the up to 100MW Igolide Wind Energy Facility (WEF), and a grid solution comprising a 132Kv powerline, a 33/132Kv on-site substation and associated infrastructure, near Fochville in Gauteng. In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the NEMA (No. 107 of 1998), as read with GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended), the proposed renewable energy facility and grid connection infrastructure trigger a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) Process and a Basic Assessment Process, respectively.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd to manage the respective S&EIR, BA, and public participation processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the proposed projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the processes.

**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD**

The Draft Environmental Scoping Report will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for a period of at least 30 days from **26 June 2023 to 27 July 2023**:

- Fochville Public Library: Fochville Library, 15b Froneman St, Fochville, 2515 (018 771 4301)
- Kokosi Public Library: 181 Ben Shiburi Street, Kokosi (018 788 9822/44/45)
- Carletonville Public Library: Beryl Street, Carletonville (018 788 9541)
- WSP Website: <https://www.wsp.com/en-ZA/services/public-documents>
- Datafree Website: <https://wsp-engage.com/>

WSP contact details:

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



**Ashlea Strong**  
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Dear Mr / Ms **Ashlea Strong**

**LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRY – PORTIONS 14, 20 and RE/22 OF FARM KRAALKOP 147, REG DIV IQ, GAUTENG**

We refer to your land claim enquiry dated **26 June 2023**.

We confirm that there is/are an existing land claims against the Property/ies. The claims were lodged as per attached list.

The claim was lodged in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014 (Act No 15 of 2014) ("the Amendment Act") which, amongst others, reopened the lodgement of claims for a period of five years.

The validity of the Amendment Act was challenged in the Constitutional Court. The Constitutional Court found the Amendment Act to be invalid because of the failure of Parliament to facilitate public involvement as required by the Constitution. The Amendment Act ceased to be law on 28 July 2016.

The Constitutional Court ordered that the claims that were lodged between 1 July 2014 and 27 July 2016 are validly lodged, but it interdicted the Commission from processing those claims until the Commission has finalised the claims lodged by 31 December 1998 or until Parliament passes a new law providing for the re-opening of lodgement of land claims. Parliament was given until 27 July 2018 to pass such a law.

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The Commission will contact you directly and communicate widely once we have been granted permission to begin dealing with these claims.

For further enquiries please contact

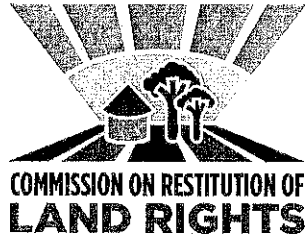
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Yours faithfully

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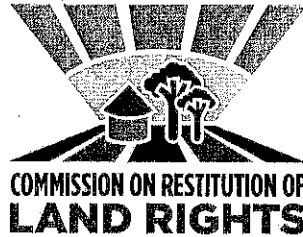
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Other claimants who also lodged their claims on **KRAALKOP 147 IQ.**

R/3/119/264/49034 MOLEFE MOTLALEPULE CONSTANCE	2015-02-18
R/3/115/259/49007 MAFATSHE HLATSE RAMOTHOBHI	2015-02-18
R/3/115/259/49031 MOGOJE POPPIE MARIA	2015-02-18
R/3/119/264/52454 MCEKANE NOMTHANDAZO ANNIE	2015-03-13
R/3/119/264/62009 SIZANE NYANISILE JORDAAN	2015-05-15





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Dear Mr / Ms **Ashlea Strong**

**LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRY – PORTIONS 4, 22 AND 28 OF THE FARM DRIEFONTEIN 355, REG DIV IQ, GAUTENG**

We refer to your land claim enquiry dated **26 June 2023**.

We confirm that there is/are an existing land claims against the Property/ies. The claims were lodged as per attached list.

The claim was lodged in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014 (Act No 15 of 2014) ("the Amendment Act") which, amongst others, reopened the lodgement of claims for a period of five years.

The validity of the Amendment Act was challenged in the Constitutional Court. The Constitutional Court found the Amendment Act to be invalid because of the failure of Parliament to facilitate public involvement as required by the Constitution. The Amendment Act ceased to be law on 28 July 2016.

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Claimants who also lodged their claims on **DRIEFONTEIN 355 IQ.**

R/3/119/264/113605

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2015-11-06



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Dear Mr / Ms **Ashlea Strong**

**LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRY – PORTIONS 1, 8, 33, 35, 36, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, 71, 75 and 76 OF FARM LEEUWPOORT 356, REG DIV IQ, GAUTENG**

We refer to your land claim enquiry dated **26 June 2023**.

We confirm that there is/are an existing land claims against the Property/ies. The claims were lodged as per attached list.

The claim was lodged in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014 (Act No 15 of 2014) ("the Amendment Act") which, amongst others, reopened the lodgement of claims for a period of five years.

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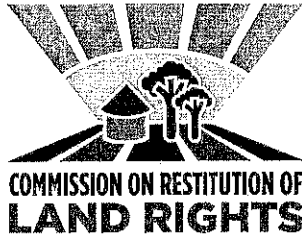
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Claimants who also lodged their claims on **LEEUPPOORT 356 IQ.**

R/3/119/264/52454

MCEKANE NOMTHANDAZO ANNIE

2015-03-13



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**Telephone:** (012) 310 6578

Dear Mr / Ms **Ashlea Strong**

**LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRY - PORTIONS 5, 6 AND 22 OF FARM DOORNKLOOF 350, REG DIV IQ, GAUTENG**

We refer to your land claim enquiry dated **26 June 2023**.

We confirm that as at the date of this letter no land claims appear on our database in respect of the Properties listed as per attached list. This includes the database for claims lodged by 31 December 1998; and those lodged between 1 July 2014 and 27 July 2016 in terms of the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act, 2014.

Whilst the Commission takes reasonable care to ensure the accuracy of the information it provides, there are various factors that are beyond the Commission's control, particularly relating to claims that have lodged but not yet been gazetted such as:


1. Some Claimants referred to properties they claim dispossession of rights in land against using historical property descriptions which may not match the current property description; and
2. Some Claimants provided the geographic descriptions of the land they claim without mentioning the particular actual property description they claim dispossession of rights in land against.

The Commission therefore does not accept any liability whatsoever if through the process of further investigation of claims it is found that there is in fact a land claim in respect of the above property.

If you are aware of any change in the description of the above property after 19 June 1913 kindly supply us with such description so as to enable us to do a further search.

In conclusion, please note that **enquiries should be forwarded to Desiree Tsholofelo Kgole** who could be reached at the following contact details: Tel: (012) 310-6578 or via e-mail at [desiree.kgole@dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:desiree.kgole@dalrrd.gov.za)

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Dear Mr / Ms **Ashlea Strong**

**LAND CLAIMS ENQUIRY - PORTION RE/0 OF FARM LEEUDOORN 351, REG DIV IQ, GAUTENG**

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## Maharaj, Jashmika

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**From:** Maharaj, Jashmika  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 04 July 2023 12:59  
**To:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act; Johannesburg'  
**Cc:** Mmakoena Mmola; Strong,  
**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Draft Scoping Report  
**Attachments:** Igolide Layout 14032023.kmz; Igolide - Midas OHL - 20230317.kmz

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	Mmakoena Mmola		
	Strong, Ashlea	Delivered: 2023/07/04 13:00	Read: 2023/07/04 13:01

Good day,

Thank you for your response and interest in the project.

Please note that the Applicant is not aware of the project crossing any Transnet Railway Lines.

However, I have attached the kmz files for the project so that Transnet can check and confirm.

Would you like me to register you as an I&AP, if so kindly provide the relevant contact information.

Kind regards,



**Jashmika Maharaj**  
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**From:** Onalenna Mokoena Transnet Freight Rail Johannesburg <Onalenna.Mokoena@transnet.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2023 12:10 PM  
**To:** Maharaj, Jashmika <jashmika.maharaj@wsp.com>  
**Cc:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Draft Scoping Report

Greetings

I hope this email finds you well. I just want to find out if will the Proposed Development of the Igolide wind energy facility and associated grid connection, near Fochville, Gauteng project affect Transnet's Railway line.

Regards

Onalenna Mokoena

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**From:** Maharaj, Jashmika  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 June 2023 15:12  
**To:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
**Cc:** Strong, Ashlea; Mmakoena Mmola  
**Subject:** RE: Register as I & AP for Igolide WEF

Good day,

Thank you for your response and interest in the project.

I acknowledge and confirm that you will be registered as an I&AP in the proposed project.

Kind regards,



**Jashmika Maharaj**  
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**From:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2023 3:00 PM  
**To:** Maharaj, Jashmika <jashmika.maharaj@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** Register as I & AP for Igolide WEF

Good day Jashmika Maharaj

I hope you are well.

May you please Register me as I & AP for the Igolide WEF project.

If possible may you please send me confirmation.

Best Regards

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## Maharaj, Jashmika

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**From:** Maharaj, Jashmika  
**Sent:** Thursday, 29 June 2023 07:56  
**To:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI  
**Cc:** Strong, Ashlea; Mmakoena Mmola  
**Subject:** RE: REGISTRATION AS A STAKEHOLDER ON THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY

Good day,

Thank you for your response and interest in the project.

I acknowledge and confirm that you will be registered as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) in the proposed project.

Kind regards,



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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2023 7:07 PM  
**To:** Maharaj, Jashmika <jashmika.maharaj@wsp.com>  
**Subject:** REGISTRATION AS A STAKEHOLDER ON THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY

Good day,

I would like to register as a stakeholder for the proposed windfarms near Fochville.

My details are as follow:

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## Maharaj, Jashmika

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 July 2023 12:27  
**To:** sahrisadmin@sahra.org.za  
**Subject:** RE: New private message from SAHRIS: Draft Scoping Report

Good Afternoon

Apologies - this report must not have uploaded correctly at time of upload - this has been rectified and the Draft Scoping Report has now been uploaded and the case marked as submitted.

Kind regards

Ashlea Strong  
Principal Associate

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-----Original Message-----

From: sahrisadmin@sahra.org.za <sahrisadmin@sahra.org.za>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 11:43 AM  
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Subject: New private message from SAHRIS: Draft Scoping Report

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The body of your message reads:

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Good Day Ashlea,

Please kindly assist with uploading the draft scoping report for the case referenced above, we would like to issue your comment as soon as possible. Kindly note the application has been reverted back to DRAFT, upon completion of upload of the Draft Scoping report please revert the case status back to submitted.

I hope to hear from you soon.

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## Maharaj, Jashmika

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**From:** sahrisadmin@sahra.org.za on behalf of SAHRA <sahradmin@sahra.org.za>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 13 July 2023 13:46  
**To:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Subject:** New private message from SAHRIS: Draft Scoping Report

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Good Day A Strong,

I trust this finds you well. kindly note the case has been assessed accordingly a comment has been issued. Please note the correspondence accordingly.

Best,

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## **Interim Comment**

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Enertrag South Africa (Pty) Ltd

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Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd, proposes to establish the up to 100MW Igolide Wind Energy Facility (WEF), and the up to 132kV powerline, substation and associated infrastructure, near Fochville in Gauteng. The proposed WEF will be developed within an overall project area measuring approximately 680 hectares (ha). Within this area, the extent of the project footprint will be approximately 130 ha, subject to finalization based on technical and environmental requirements.

A draft Scoping Report in support of an Environmental Authorisation (EA) application has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed project comprises a small WEF of approximately twelve turbines. Associated infrastructure would include access roads, a substation comprising an IPP portion and Eskom portion, battery energy storage system (BESS) and offices.

Dr Jason Orton and Beyond Heritage (Pty) Ltd was appointed to provide heritage specialist input into the EA process as required by section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA and section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA).

*Prof Bamford, M. 2023. Palaeontological Impact Assessment for the proposed Igolide WEF, north of Fochville and southeast of Carltonville, Gauteng Province.*

The proposed WEF lies on potentially highly sensitive rocks of the Timeball Hill Formation (northern part of the





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project area), and on moderately fossiliferous rocks of the Hekpoort and Silverton Formations (central and southeast, respectively). Based on the published records it is unlikely that any trace fossils such as stromatolites or microbialites occur in the project footprint.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- A Fossil Chance Find Protocol should be added to the EMPr to be implemented;
- A pre-construction walk-through of the site during final micro-siting/layout finalisation to look for fossils and removing any scientifically important fossils with the relevant SAHRA permit;
- No further palaeontological impact assessment is required unless fossils are found by the contractor, environmental officer or other designated responsible person once excavations or drilling activities have commenced.

*Van der Walt, J. 2023. Heritage Scoping Assessment for the proposed Igolide wind Energy Facility Near Fochville, Gauteng Province*

The study area is an undulating landscape with the lowlands largely ploughed and the hills often covered in bush and rocks. Although no field survey has yet been conducted, aerial photography revealed the presence of Late Iron Age settlements amongst the bushy areas. Archaeological sites and associated heritage resources were identified within the proposed development area through a desktop assessment. A total of 23 waypoints were provisioned for significance and grading in the field. Aerial photographs and satellite imagery provided visible stone-walled archaeological complexes, farm buildings and a graveyard, as well as a Stone-walled site that lies out of view towards the northeast and is not relevant to the WEF project and will not be impacted by the development. The HIA scoping also noted that local impacts to the cultural landscape will occur if development proceeds, this is unlikely to be seen as unacceptable.

Recommendations provided in the report include the following:

- The EIA Phase will include an archaeological and heritage field survey that focuses on the layout provided but also confirms the locations of archaeological sites mapped. Importantly, the survey will allow an opportunity to locate any less visible and/or smaller sites whose locations are as yet unknown. The data gained will be used to refine the sensitivity mapping and will inform the heritage impact assessment.

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### Interim Comment

The SAHRA Development Applications Unit (DAU) requests that the pending HIA assess all the development components as shown to include alternatives as per Section 10.3 of the DSR. The HIA must also comply with section 38(3) of the NHRA and the SAHRA 2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessments.

Further comments will be issued upon receipt of the above pending report and the draft EIA inclusive of appendices.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Annlin Matabane  
Heritage Intern  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Mimi Seetelo  
Manager:Burial Grounds & Graves Unit  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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**Igolide Wind Energy Facility (up to 100 MW) northeast of Fochville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality in the Gauteng Province.**

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(DFFE, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2385)

**Maharaj, Jashmika**

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 04 July 2023 11:35  
**To:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Draft Scoping Report  
**Attachments:** Igolide - Midas OHL - 20230317.kmz; Igolide Layout 14032023.kmz

Dear Reuben

Thank you for your email

Please find attached the kmz's as requested.

Kind regards



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**Sent:** [Redacted]  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Draft Scoping Report

Hi Ashlea,

Hereby confirming receipt of your email.

Could you kindly share the KML of the development area as well as the assessed grid connection corridor(s)?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards

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On Mon, Jun 26, 2023 at 9:52 AM 'Strong, Ashlea' via I & AP <[IAP@solagroup.co.za](mailto:IAP@solagroup.co.za)> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder

**NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE I GOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION, NEAR FOCHVILLE, GAUTENG**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN IN TERMS OF:**

- **Regulation 41(2) of GNR 982 (as amended) published under section 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended) for submission of various applications for environmental authorisations (EAs) in respect of activities identified in terms of GNR 983, GNR 984 and GNR 985 (as amended);**
- **Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act No. 25 of 1999 (NHRA) for the submission of a development application;**
- **Section 39 or 41(4) of the National Water Act (36 of 1998) (NWA), for the submission of a General Authorisation (GA) or Water Use Licence (WUL) Application (as applicable); and**
- **Section 53(1) application under the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (28 of 2002) (MPRDA) for land use contrary to the objectives of the Act, relating to electrical grid infrastructure development.**

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WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) has been appointed as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) by Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd to manage the respective S&EIR, BA, and public participation processes. Parties wishing to formally register as stakeholders in order to offer their comment on the proposed projects are requested to forward their full contact details to the EAP at the details provided below. Registered stakeholders will be forwarded all future correspondence and notified individually of additional opportunities to participate in the processes.

**DRAFT SCOPING REPORT REVIEW PERIOD**

The Draft Environmental Scoping Report will be made available from WSP on request and/or at the venues below for review and comment for a period of at least 30 days from **26 June 2023 to 27 July 2023:**

- Fochville Public Library: Fochville Library, 15b Froneman St, Fochville, 2515 (018 771 4301)
- Kokosi Public Library: 181 Ben Shibus Street, Kokosi (018 788 9822/44/45)
- Carletonville Public Library: Beryl Street, Carletonville (018 788 9541)

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

WSP contact details:

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



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# WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



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## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Ref: 12/10/3  
Your ref: 41104282

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd  
Ms Jashmika Maharaj  
PO Box 98867  
Sloane Park  
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Madam

Email: [Jashmika.Maharaj@wsp.com](mailto:Jashmika.Maharaj@wsp.com)

**LEGAL COMPETENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: ROUTINE ENQUIRIES:  
COMMENTS: PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: PORTIONS 14, 20 AND  
RE/22 OF FARM KRAALKOP 147 IQ, PORTIONS 8, 57, 65, AND 66 OF FARM  
LEEUPPOORT 356 IQ, IGOLIDE 132KV POWERLINE, ON-SITE SUBSTATION AND  
ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE: PORTION 14 OF FARM KRAALKOP 147 IQ,  
PORTIONS 5, 6 AND 22 OF FARM DOORNKLOOF 350 IQ, PORTION RE/0 OF FARM  
LEEUDOORN 351 IQ, PORTIONS 4, 22 AND 28 OF THE FARM 355 DRIEFONTEIN,  
PORTIONS 1, 8, 33, 35, 36, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, 68, 70, 71, 75, AND 76 OF FARM  
LEEUPPOORT 356 IQ: MERAFOONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

With reference to your request for comments, the West Rand District Municipality would like to submit the following comments:

- The developer should comply with the National Dust Control Regulations that were promulgated on 1 November 2013 during the construction phase of the project.

- Land affected by dolomites, assessments and/or investigations need to be undertaken in line with SANS 1936-1; SANS 1936-2; SANS 1936-3; SANS 1936-4; and SANS 633, by an experienced and qualified geologist who is registered by the Council for Geosciences.
- All infrastructure and construction must comply with “The Guidelines for Consultants: Appropriate Development of Infrastructure on Dolomite” from the Department of Public Works.
- Ensure compliance with the provisions contained under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, 2014) regarding alien invasive species on the subject site.
- The site is situated within Ecological Support Areas (ESA) and Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA). The land use management guidelines applicable to the ESA and CBA in terms of the West Rand Bioregional Plan, published in Government Gazette 390, need to be consulted and the proposed land use needs to be aligned accordingly.
- Establish and implement buffers around protected areas, wetlands and rivers.
- No development must be supported within the 1:100 year flood-line, or 32m from the edge of the Riparian Zone/Wetland’s outer edge, whichever is the furthest away from any watercourse on the site.
- Ensure compliance with Section 19 of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 requires that all reasonable measures be taken to prevent any water pollution from occurring, continuing or recurring.
- Water conservation must be actively promoted through water-saving technologies.
- Indicate disposal strategy for damaged turbines.
- All waste streams generated must be managed per the hierarchy of waste management principles and disposal at an authorised landfill site must be the last option. Proof of recyclable waste must be kept on-site and made available on request.
- The activities should be in line with the proposals as contained in the Spatial Development Framework of the Merafong City Local Municipality and the Gauteng Environmental Management Framework.
- Comments should be obtained from the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport (yusuf.bhyat@gauteng.gov.za / kattleho.montshioagae@gauteng.gov.za ) before approval of the application.

- In the event of actions that may result in significant environmental damage, an emergency response and contingency plan must be in place to limit the extent of environmental damage.
- The development shall not cause any nuisance or disturbance to neighbours, including noise levels not in excess of 7 decibels above the ambient noise level measured at any point on the property boundary.

Trusting the above to be in order

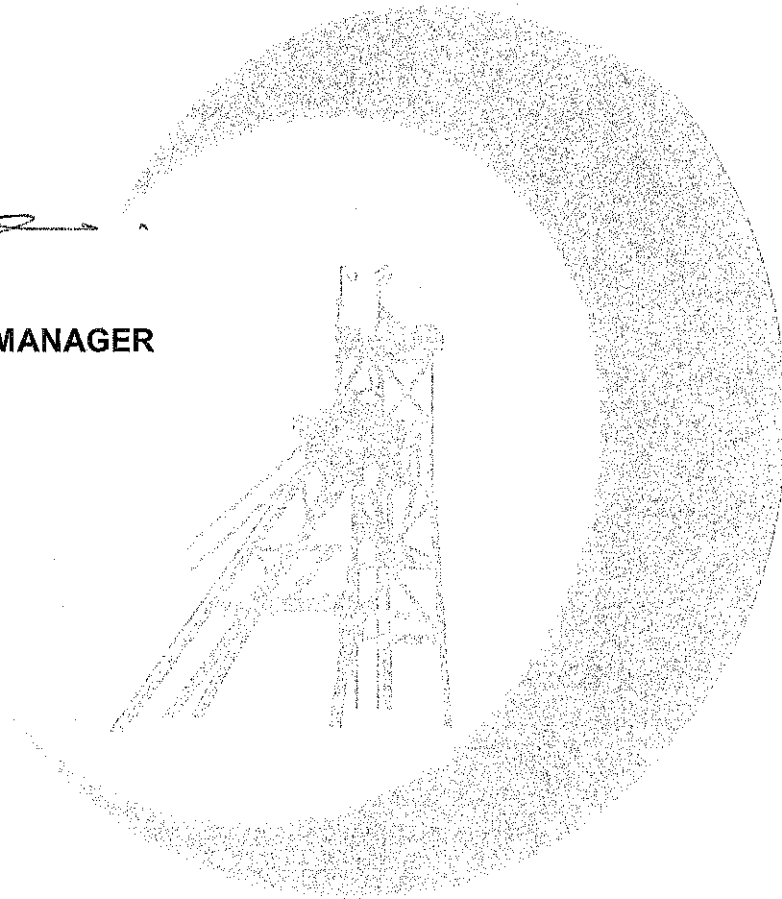
Yours faithfully



**MR. Z MPHAPHULI**

**ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

Date: 5/7/2023



# Appendix D.2

## COMMENTS ON THE FSR



**Maharaj, Jashmika**

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**From:** Maharaj, Jashmika  
**Sent:** Friday, 21 July 2023 08:19  
**To:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:**

Good day,

Thank you for your response and interest in the project.

I acknowledge and confirm that you will be registered as an I&AP for the proposed project.

Please note that all the relevant and latest documentation associated with the project have been shared through the links provided previously. I hope you have managed to access these files.

Kind regards,



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**From:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
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**To:** M  
**Cc:** Sc  
**Subject:** Igolide wind energy facility and associated grid connection near Fochville, gauteng

Good day Jashmika

Can I please be registered as a stakeholder of the Igolide wind energy facility and associated grid connection near Fochville, gauteng project. I am the owner of the property of portion 23 of portion 14 of farm kraalkop 147IQ.

Can you also provide me with all relevant documentation and information that I might not have seen through the provided links.

Regards

Yolindie Dirker

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**Maharaj, Jashmika**

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**Sent:** [Redacted]  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Igolide wind energy facility and associated grid connection near Fochville, gauteng

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Good day

This email serves to request to be registered as a stakeholder of the project.

I am directly affected by the development as I am the owner of the adjacent property; portion 23 of portion 14 of farm kraalkop 147IQ.

Can you please confirm that I am registered on the database as a stakeholder and that all relevant information will be distributed to me as well.

Thanks in advance.

[Redacted]

On Wed, 19 Jul 2023, 17:49 Yolindie Dirker, <[ydirker@gmail.com](mailto:ydirker@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Good day Jashmika

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Regards

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**Maharaj, Jashmika**

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**From:**  
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**Subject:**

Hood day Ashlea

Thanks for the feedback

Amu and colleagues, please need the feedback

Regards



**Matsobane Solomon Maruma**

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**From:** Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 08 August 2023 10:00

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**Subject:** RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Final Scoping Report

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Dear Solomon

I can confirm that we have received all the relevant letters from your Department regarding the land claim status of the affected properties.

Kind regards



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Subject: RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Final Scoping Report

Good day Ashlea

Please advise if you have received confirmation letter from this office, confirming that there is/are land claims or no claims against the affected property/ies. If this is a new request, please send clear property description of the properties affected by this project.

Amu, please check if we have not dealt with this enquiry earlier

Regards



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From: Strong, Ashlea <Ashlea.Strong@wsp.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 08 August 2023 09:27

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This notification is to inform you that the Final Environmental Scoping Report has been submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on 07 August 2023 for their review and decision - making.

The Final Environmental Scoping Report has been made available on the WSP website for your information:

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

WSP contact details:

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**Tel:** 011 552 4300

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We look forward to your participation in this process.

Kind regards



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Dear Sir/Madam

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (UP TO 100 MW) NORTHEAST OF FOCHVILLE, WITHIN THE MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE.**

The Department confirms having received the Final Scoping Report for the abovementioned project on 07 August 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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

Kind Regards,  
Lydia Kutu

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## Maharaj, Jashmika

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**From:** Maharaj, Jashmika  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 June 2023 10:29  
**To:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2385

Good day,

Thank you for the acknowledgement of receipt.

The email below is noted and will be included in the comments and responses report (Public Participation Report) with the Final Scoping Report.

Kind regards,



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**To:** St  
**Cc:** Lu  
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**Subject:** 14/12/16/3/3/2/2385

Dear Sir/Madam

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (UP TO 100 MW) NORTHEAST OF FOCHVILLE, WITHIN THE MERAFOG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE.**

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 23 June 2023. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but **must** be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority.

Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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.

Kind Regards,  
Lydia Kutu

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## Maharaj, Jashmika

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**From:** Maharaj, Jashmika  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 August 2023 09:30  
**To:** Personal details have been redacted as required by the POPI Act  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Final Scoping Report

Good day,

Thank you for your response and interest in the project.

I confirm that your details have been added to the project database on behalf of the Merafong City Local Municipality.

Kind regards,



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**Subject:** STAKEHOLDER REGISTRATION - NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Final Scoping Report

Dear Jashmika Maharaj

With regards to the proposed wind energy project and as per the attached email giving direction on the stakeholder registration process. I hereby place my request to be included in matters regarding the project development. I work for the Merafong City Local Municipality in the Infrastructure Development Department. My details are contained in the signature below.

Your assistance in processing my request will be appreciated.

Kind Regards,

**Mr. Siyethemba Mdletshe, Pr Tech Eng (MSAICE)**

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## PER MAIL / E-MAIL

Dear Ms Strong

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (UP TO 100 MW) NORTHEAST OF FOCHVILLE, WITHIN THE MERA FONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN THE GAUTENG PROVINCE.**

The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated August 2023 and received by the Department on 07 August 2023, refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated August 2023 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(1) (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

In addition, the following is required for the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):

#### **(a) Alternatives**

- (i) Please note that Appendix 1(3)(1)(h)(x) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, requires that "if no alternatives, including alternative locations for the activity were investigated, the motivation for not considering such" must be included in the EIAR. You are therefore required to provide a motivation should other alternative sites, routes, layouts, and technologies not be considered.

#### **(b) Locality, Site Layout and Sensitivity Maps**

The EIAR must provide the following:

- (i) A clear description of all associated infrastructure. This description must include, but is not limited to the following:
  - Powerlines and substation;
  - Internal roads infrastructure; and
  - All supporting onsite infrastructure such as laydown area and auxiliary buildings, dangerous goods facility etc.
- (ii) All necessary details regarding all possible locations and sizes of the proposed solar PV infrastructure.
- (iii) A copy of the final preferred layout map. All available biodiversity information must be used in the finalisation of the layout map. Existing infrastructure must be used as far as possible e.g., roads. The layout map must indicate the following:
  - Permanent laydown area footprint;
  - Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible);
  - Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, streams and water crossings of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used;
  - The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, ESA, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
  - Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites, including their entire footprint;
  - Location of access and service roads;
  - Connection routes (including pylon positions) to the distribution/transmission network;
  - All existing infrastructure on the site, especially railway lines and roads;
  - Buffer areas;
  - Buildings, including accommodation;
  - All "no-go" areas; and
  - A north arrow and legend/key, to enable the Department to interpret the layout map.
- (iv) An environmental sensitivity map indicating environmental sensitive areas and features identified during the assessment process.

### **(c) Public Participation**

- (i) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr. This includes but is not limited to the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD); South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA); The Provincial Heritage Resources Authority: Gauteng; Endangered Wildlife Trust; BirdLife South Africa; South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL); the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries: Directorate Biodiversity and Conservation; DFFE: Protected Areas, etc.
- (ii) Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received on the draft SR and acceptance of FSR from registered I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction (including this Department's Biodiversity Section: BCAdmin@environment.gov.za) in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the EIAr. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- (iii) A comments and response trail report (C&R) must be submitted with the final EIAr. The C&R report must incorporate all comments (pre and post-submission of the draft EIAr) received for this development. The C&R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format which reflects the details of the I&APs and date of comments received, actual comments received, and response provided. Please ensure that comments made by I&APs are comprehensively captured (copy verbatim if required) and responded to clearly and fully. Please note that a response such as "Noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&APs comments.

- (iv) Please ensure that the EIA indicates when and where the draft SR and EIA were made available for a 30-day review and comment period.
- (v) The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of the approved public participation plan and Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

**(d) Specialist assessments**

- (i) The EAP must ensure that the terms of reference for all the identified specialist studies include the following:
  - A detailed description of the study's methodology; an indication of the locations and descriptions of the development footprint, and all other associated infrastructures that they have assessed and are recommending for authorisations.
  - Provide a detailed description of all limitations to the studies. All specialist studies must be conducted in the right season and providing that as a limitation will not be allowed.
- (ii) Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
- (iii) Should the specialist definition of a 'no-go' area differ from the Department's definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.
- (iv) All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
- (v) Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
- (vi) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on Identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. Specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.
- (vii) Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defensible reasons; and where necessary, include further expertise advice.
- (viii) The department provisionally accepts that the following Specialist Assessments will form part of the EIA, as indicated in the final SR dated August 2023. However, this is subject to change depending on the outcome of the Site Sensitivity Report as indicated in points xi-xiii below
  - Agricultural Compliance Statement
  - Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment (including Plant and Animal Species Themes)
  - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment
  - Avifauna Impact Assessment
  - Bat Impact Assessment
  - Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment
  - Palaeontology Impact Assessment
  - Visual (Landscape) Impact Assessment (including Flicker)
  - Social Impact Assessment
  - Noise Impact Assessment
  - Civil Aviation (Wind) Theme
  - Defence (Wind) Theme
  - RFI (Wind) Theme
- (xi) It is further brought to your attention that Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum Criteria for Reporting on Identified Environmental Themes in terms of Sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the

National Environmental Management Act, 1998, when applying for Environmental Authorisation, which were promulgated in Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and in Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), have come into effect. **Please note that specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with these protocols.** Please note further that the protocols require the specialists to be registered with SACNASP.

(xii) In addition, the protocol states as follows:

1.2. *The site sensitivity verification must be undertaken through the use of the following:*

(a) *a desktop analysis, using satellite imagery;*

(b) *a preliminary on-site inspection; and*

(c) *any other available and relevant information.*

1.3. *The outcome of the site sensitivity verification must be recorded in the form of a report that-*

(a) *confirms or disputes the current use of the land and the environmental sensitivity as identified by the screening tool, such as new developments or infrastructure, the change in vegetation cover or status*

(b) *contains a motivation and evidence (e.g., photographs) of either the verified or different use of the land and environmental sensitivity; and*

(c) *is submitted together with the relevant assessment report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (EIA Regulations)."*

(xiii) Please ensure that a site sensitivity report for all the Themes as identified by the Screening Tool Report is submitted with the draft EIAR. The department takes note of the information contained in Table 4-3 of the final SR, however, the information in this table and on the attached baseline specialist studies do not indicate whether or not the specialist or the EAP dispute or confirm the findings of the screening tool. It is a legal requirement that the EAP or specialist confirm or dispute the findings of the screening tool, as this is the only legal means the department has at its disposal to verify which specialist studies should form part of the detailed assessment.

(xiv) Considering the above, you are required to include, as part of the draft EIAR, a table summarising the themes as per the Screening Tool assessment report and their respective sensitivity ratings (very high, high, medium, low), a column indicating the sensitivity of each theme after the EAP/Specialist conducted the Site Sensitivity Verification Assessment (a dispute or confirmation of the finding by the Screening Tool), and a column indicating whether these studies will be conducted or if a compliance statement will be submitted, or motivation in a case where the proposed development is not located close to any landing strips/Airports, or military bases and their respective buffer areas, as per the requirements of the protocols.

#### **(e) Environmental Management Programme**

- (i) Please ensure that any specific mitigation measures identified in the EIAR and specialist reports for the on-site substation and powerline are incorporated into the site-specific section of the generic EMPs.
- (ii) Please ensure that the mitigation measures specified in the EIAR and specialist reports for the PV facility are also incorporated into the EMP for the Wind Farm facility.
- (iii) In addition, please ensure that the EMP complies with the content of the EMP in terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- (iv) Please also include in the EMPs, a recommended frequency for the auditing of compliance with the conditions of the EA and EMP, and the submission of such compliance reports to the competent authority.

#### **(f) General**

- (i) The EIAR must provide the technical details for the proposed facility in a table format, as well as their description and/or dimensions, per the sample below.



Sample of minimum technical details required for the proposed facility

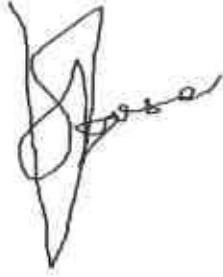
Component	Description/dimensions
Height of Wind Farm structures	
Capacity of the Wind Farm facility	
Surface area to be covered by the facility (i.e., the area occupied by both permanent and construction laydown areas, including Wind Farm facility and associated infrastructure such as roads)	
Proximity to grid connection	
Number of overhead power lines required and voltage of overhead power lines	
Height of the Power Line	
Number of substations required and voltage of substations	
Area occupied by inverter/transformer stations/substations	
Area occupied by buildings	
Number of access roads, including length and width	
Length and width of internal roads	
Additional Infrastructure	

- (ii) Please ensure that the final EIAr includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation (EA) is required, the date on which the activity will be concluded, and the post-construction monitoring requirements finalised, as per Appendix 3(3)(1)(r) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.
- (iii) Confirmation of the availability of services (e.g., sewage, water, etc. if required) must be included in the EIAr.
- (iv) Should a Water Use License be required, proof of application for a license needs to be submitted.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of Regulation 45 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as an amendment, with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations.

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 faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**  
**Letter signed by: Mr Vusi Skosana**  
**Designation: Director: National Integrated Authorisation**  
**Date: 18 September 2023**

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RE: NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED IGOLIDE WIND ENERGY FACILITY: Draft Scoping Report; Igolide Layout 31072023.kmz

Good Day Onalenna,

Thank you for your email.

As per our previous communication (see attached), the Applicant is not aware of the project crossing any Transnet Railway Lines.

However, I have reattached the kmz file for the project so that Transnet can check and confirm.

Kind regards,



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Good day

I hope this email finds you well. I just want to find out if will the proposed The development of the Igolide wind energy facility and associated grid connection, near Fochville, Gauteng affect Transnet's Railway infrastructure.

Regards

Onalenna Mokoena

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## **Interim Comment**

**In terms of Section 38(3), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)**

Attention: Enertrag South Africa (Pty) Ltd

**Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd, proposes to establish the up to 100MW Igolide Wind Energy Facility (WEF), and the up to 132kV powerline, substation and associated infrastructure, near Fochville in Gauteng. The proposed authorisations include a Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) process and a Basic Assessment Process respectively. The extent of the Project footprint will be approximately 130 hectares (ha), subject to finalization based on technical and environmental requirements**

Igolide Wind (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd to undertake the Environmental Authorisation (EA) Application for the proposed 100MW wind energy facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure on Portions 14, 20, RE/22, of Farm 147 Kraalkop and Portions 8, 57, 65, 66 of Farm 356 Leeuwoort near Fochville in Gauteng Province (DFFE REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2385 14/12/16/3/3/2/2316).

Following the issuing of the interim SAHRA comment dated July 2023, a revised final environmental scoping report has been submitted, dated August 2023, noted the following:

No field survey was carried out during the Scoping Phase, but a detailed analysis of aerial photography was done that notes and identified Line of planted stones within the study area, which relate to earlier farming activities in the area. The study was thus slightly limited because smaller, less visible sites are unlikely to be documented from the aerial photography. While sites were clearly visible from the aerial photography, such identification does not allow for an accurate determination of cultural significance which thus needs to be assumed until confirmed on site.

The cumulative impacts are difficult to assess due to the variable site conditions that would have been experienced in different areas and in different seasons. Survey quality is thus likely to be variable. As such, some assumptions need to be made in terms of what and how much heritage might be impacted by other developments in the broader area.

Based on the geology of the area and the palaeontological record as we know it, it can be assumed that the formation and layout of the dolomites, sandstones, shales and sands are typical for the country and only some contain trace fossils such as stromatolites or microbialites. The overlying soils and sands of the Quaternary

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period would not preserve fossils.

### Interim Comment

The SAHRA Development Application Unit (DAU) notes the heritage, archaeological and palaeontological studies along with the recommendations provided therein.

The Scoping HIA states the plan for the EIA phase is that fieldwork be conducted (see page 34 of the report) as such, SAHRA DAU notes the planned fieldwork and awaits revised field-based HIA report to be provided in the HIA.

Further comments will be issued upon submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (DEIA) report along with its associated appendices as well as a revised HIA with the fieldwork assessment included.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Annlin Matabane  
Heritage Officer  
South African Heritage Resources Agency

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Natasha Higgitt  
Manager: Development Applications Unit

**Igolide Wind Energy Facility (up to 100 MW) northeast of Fochville, within the Merafong City Local Municipality in the Gauteng Province.**

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