

NOTIFICATION OF A BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RIVERBANK WIND MONITORING MAST NEAR WESLEY, EASTERN CAPE

DEA REF. No. 12/12/20/1817

Applicant: Just Energy in association with the Uncedo Lwethu Farmers Cooperative

Project name: Riverbank wind monitoring mast

Proposed activity: Just Energy proposes the establishment of one steel guyed mast of approximately 60 m high for the purpose of recording wind measurements in order to collect data on the wind potential/wind energy for a proposed wind energy facility near Wesley.

Locality: The location of the wind monitoring mast is proposed on Portion 2 of the farm Sandflat 149 approximately 4 km north-east of Wesley in the Eastern Cape.

In terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notices R385 (Regulations 22 – 26) and R386, a Basic Assessment process is required to be undertaken for the construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure for:

Item 14: *The construction of masts of any material or type and of any height, including those used for telecommunication broadcasting and radio transmission, but excluding -*

- a) *masts of 15 m and lower exclusively used (i) by radio amateurs; or (ii) for lighting purposes*
- b) *flag poles; and*
- c) *lightning conductor poles*

Draft Basic Assessment Report Available for Review: A Draft Basic Assessment Report has been prepared by Savannah Environmental and is now available for public review. You are invited to review the report at one of the following locations:

Wesley Clinic

www.savannahSA.com

The period for review is 29 March 2010 - 29 April 2010; please submit written comment by 29 April 2010 to:

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PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A WIND MONITORING MAST ON A SITE NEAR WESLEY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Applicant: Just Energy

Proposed activity: Just Energy proposes to erect one steel guyed mast ~80 m for the purpose of recording wind measurements. The purpose of undertaking wind measurement monitoring is to collect data on the wind potential/wind energy for a proposed wind energy facility near Wesley.

Locality: The location of the wind monitoring mast is proposed on the farm Sandflat 149 near Wesley in the Eastern Cape Province.

In terms of sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998), as read with Government Notices R385 (Regulations 22–26) and R386, a Basic Assessment process is required to be undertaken for the construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure for:

Item 14: The construction of masts of any material or type and of any height, including those used for telecommunication broadcasting and radio transmission, but excluding -

- a) Masts of 15 m and lower exclusively used (i) by radio amateurs; or (ii) for lighting purposes;*
- b) Flag poles; and*
- c) Lightning conductor poles.*

In this regard, **Savannah Environmental** is undertaking the required environmental assessment and public participation process. To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, **by 31 March 2010**, to:

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Uncedo Lwethu Farmers Cooperative



March 2010

Dear Stakeholder,

**PROPOSED RIVERBANK WIND MONITORING MAST ON PORTION 2 OF
THE FARM SANDFLAT 149 NEAR WESLEY, EASTERN CAPE
DEA REF NO. 12/12/20/1817**

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND
INVITATION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Just Energy, in association with the Uncedo Lwethu Farmers Association and Oxfam Great Britain, proposes to establish one steel guyed mast of approximately 60 m high for the purpose of recording wind measurements. The purpose of undertaking wind measurement monitoring is to collect data on the wind potential/wind energy for a proposed wind energy facility near Wesley.

The location of the wind monitoring mast is proposed on Portion 2 of the farm Sandflat 149, approximately 4 km north-east of Wesley in the Eastern Cape. The proposed structure will consist of one steel guyed mast of approximately 60 m high which will need to be in compliance with the colour and lighting specifications as required by the Civil Aviation Authority.

The period of utilisation of the proposed wind monitoring mast will be of a short-term nature, anticipated to be approximately 48 months. The proposed mast and its associated infrastructure (i.e. guy wires and steel baseplate) will be decommissioned, dismantled and removed from site following this period.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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Item 14: The construction of masts of any material or type and of any height, including those used for telecommunication broadcasting and radio transmission, but excluding -

- (a) masts of 15 metres and lower exclusively used (i) by radio amateurs; or (ii) for lighting purposes*
- (b) flag poles; and*
- (c) lightning conductor poles*

In this regard, Just Energy has appointed **Savannah Environmental** to undertake the Environmental Basic Assessment process to identify and assess all potential environmental impacts that might arise as a result of the proposed project. This project has been registered with the Department of Environmental Affairs as the competent authority for this proposed project, under Application Reference Number 12/12/20/1817.

Sustainable Futures ZA is assisting Savannah Environmental through the facilitation of the public participation which forms part of the overall Basic Assessment process. You and/or the organisation/department which you represent have been identified as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). Should you have an interest in this project please register yourself as an I&AP and note your formal comments by sending written correspondence in this regard. All comments received will form part of the Comments and Response Report that will be included in the **Final Basic Assessment Report** which will be submitted to the National Department of Environmental Affairs for consideration and decision-making. By submitting your details and comments you are ensured that your comments, concerns or queries will be noted.

To obtain further information and register on the project database, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project to the contact person below.

INVITATION TO REVIEW THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

A **Draft Basic Assessment Report** has been compiled and is now available for public review; you are invited to review this report at the following locations:

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| www.savannahSA.com | Wesley Clinic |
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The public review period is **29 March 2010 - 29 April 2010**; please submit written comment to Sustainable Futures ZA no later than **29 April 2010**.

Comments can be made as written submission via fax, post or e-mail.

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| Please submit your comments to |
| Shawn Johnston of Sustainable Futures ZA PO Box 749, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7701 Fax: 086 510 2537 E-mail: swjohnston@mweb.co.za |
| The due date for comments on the Draft Basic Assessment Report is 29 April 2010 |

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,

Shawn Johnston
Process Facilitator

To view project documentation, visit www.savannahsa.com

ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS: PROPOSED RIVERBANK WIND MONITORING MAST NEAR WESLEY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS REPLY FORM

Return completed reply form to: **Shawn Johnston** of **Sustainable Futures ZA**

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Please provide your complete contact details:

Name & Surname:

Organisation & Designation:

Postal Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Cell phone:

E-mail:

Would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP)? YES ☐

(please tick the relevant box)

NO ☐

Note: You are required to register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the project.

Please state your interest in the project (add additional pages if necessary):

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Please list your questions, views or concerns regarding the project (add additional pages if necessary):

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Please provide contact details of other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:

Organisation & Designation:

Postal Address:

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E-mail:

What is your preferred language of correspondence? (please tick the relevant box)

English ☐

Afrikaans ☐



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