

**APPENDIX C8**  
**COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**



## ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, EASTER CAPE PROVINCE

(DFFE Ref. No.: To be issue)

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The Aberdeen Wind Facility 1 and Associated Infrastructure applications for Environmental Authorisation was initiated on Monday, 06 Friday 2023. The Background Information Document served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments/queries regarding the proposed project. All written comments received from the initiation of the Basic Assessment Processes to date have been included in this Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) and copies of the comments are included in **Appendix C6** of the Basic Assessment (BA) Report.

The BA Report will be made available for a 30-day review and comment period from **10 March 2023** to **13 April 2023**.

**NOTE:**

All comments captured in the C&RR are verbatim and have not been summarised.

**NOTE:**

In terms of Regulation 44(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, please note that the comments raised, and responses provided at the various Meetings held during the initiation of the BA process have been attached as **Appendix C6** of the BA Report. Meeting Notes of meetings to be held during the 30-day BA Report review and comment period will be included in **Appendix C6** of the final BA Report.

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS**

BA	Basic Assessment	EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
BAR	Basic Assessment Report	SANDF	South African National Defence Force
DOD	Department of Defence		

## 1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE INITIATION OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

### 1.1 Organs of State

NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
1.	<p>1. Herewith to respond to your request sent to the Department of Defence (DOD) for clearance.</p> <p>2. Please note that this office can not respond to your request as there is a Formal and Standard process for Applications in the DOD</p> <p>3. The correct Application Process:</p> <p>a. Send your request to the following e-mail addresses only.</p> <p>i. clogfac@gmail.com</p> <p>ii. dfacmiem@gmail.com</p> <p>b. Formulate a comprehensive request, with the Project Plan and formal letter with details of the Project. (Not a n e-mail Message with the criteria) It must be on a formal company letterhead, please.</p> <p>c. Include KMZ / KML file for use in Google Earth.</p> <p>4. Once received by the environments in Par 3, the DOD will request all DOD Stakeholders to respond in writing (Telecoms, Aviation, Environmental, Facilities etc).</p> <p>5. Once the stakeholders has responded, a single response will be sent to the Applicant with Objection / No -objection.</p> <p>6. Stakeholders may not correspond directly to the Applicant.</p>	<p>Lt CI Francois P Strydom Command and Management Information Systems Division Directorate CMIS Static Systems Radion Spectrum &amp; Communication Site Management SANDF</p> <p>E-mail: 07 February 2023</p>	<p>The SANDF has been identified as a key stakeholder to be part of the Basic Assessment and public participation process and to ensure that the proposed development will not have an impact on their infrastructure in the study area, and therefore the notifications sent to the SANDF, at this stage, is not an "Application" process, but an information sharing process.</p>

## 1.2 Key Stakeholders and Interested & Affected Parties

NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
1.	Can you please mail me a KML for the proposed wind tower locations	Johan Theron Eastern Vodacom tx Manager Vodacom  E-mail: 09 February 2023	The kmz file was emailed on 10 March 2023.
2.	<p>Please find attached your approved Openserve wayleave.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Our area representative as listed on the wayleave <b>should be contacted at least 48 hours prior to commencement of construction</b> in order to show services out on site, as our services on the attached plan(s) are <b>APPROXIMATE ONLY</b>.</p> <p><b>Please note, wayleave applications will NOT be accepted by this mailbox. Please send all wayleave requests to <a href="mailto:wayleaveswr@telkom.co.za">wayleaveswr@telkom.co.za</a></b></p> <p>Please ensure that the Openserve service plan(s) are printed in colour (if applicable) and on the correct page size as indicated in the bottom right corner, in order to ensure that services can be seen clearly.</p>	<p>Stefan Geldenhuys Building Cabling &amp; Design &amp; Wayleaves Openserve  E-mail: 14 February 2023</p>	This information has been shared with the Applicant who will consult with Openserve at the applicable time in the application process.
	<p><b>Please notify this office immediately if you locate any Openserve plant that was not indicated. Please contact our representative Thomas Phillips / 045 838 2968 / 081 366 2823 / <a href="mailto:Thomasp@openserve.co.za">Thomasp@openserve.co.za</a> 48 hours prior to commencement of construction work.</b></p> <p>I hereby inform you that Openserve approves the proposed work indicated on your drawing in principle. This approval is valid for <b>06</b></p>	<p>Stefan Geldenhuys Building Cabling &amp; Design &amp; Wayleaves Openserve  Letter: 13 February 2023</p>	This information has been shared with the Applicant who will consult with Openserve at the applicable time in the application process.

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	<p><b>MONTHS ONLY</b>, after which reapplication must be made if the work has not been completed.</p> <p>Any changes or deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office.</p> <p>As per supplied sketches it would appear as if Openserve infrastructure <b>would not be affected</b>.</p> <p>However, care should still be taken should it become evident that there is in fact Openserve network present at the actual sites. Such lines should be treated in accordance with, and clearances stipulated in the Occupational Health and Safety Act no 85 of 1993, Electrical Machinery Regulations 20 – Crossings, and Electrical Machinery Regulation 15 – Clearances of Power Lines. If the specifications could not be met, all deviation costs will be for the applicant's account. We also refer to Section 25 of the electronic Communication Act 36 of 2005.</p> <p>Please notify this office immediately if you locate any Openserve plant not indicated.</p> <p>It would be appreciated if this office can be notified within 30 days of completion of the construction work. Confirmation is required on completion of construction as per agreed requirements.</p> <p><b>Should Openserve infrastructure be damaged while work is undertaken, kindly contact our representative immediate.</b></p> <p>All Openserve rights remain reserved.</p>		

NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Sketches are attached to the comment and included in <b>Appendix C7</b> of the BAR.</p>		
3.	<p>Can you please register EnviroAgri as I&amp;AP on the Aberdeen WEF EIA.</p> <p>We are currently busy with preliminary impact assessments for a WEF cluster in close proximity to the proposed Aberdeen WEFs.</p>	<p>Dirk Pretorius                      EAP                      EnviroAgri                      Environmental                      Consultants</p> <p>E-mail: 24 February                      2023</p>	<p>Stakeholder had been registered on the project database as requested and will be notified once the BAR is available for review and comment.</p>