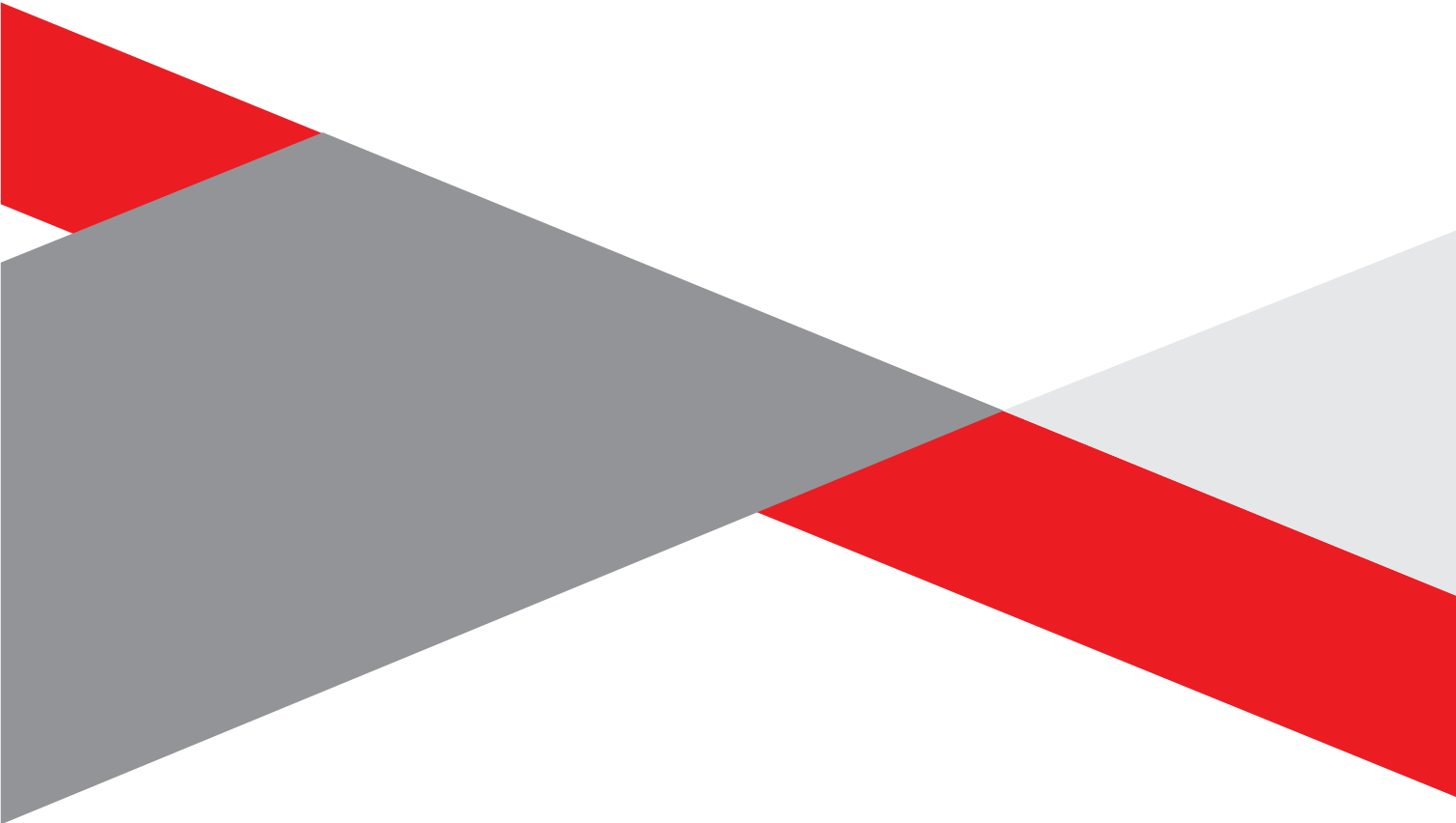


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ANNOUNCEMENT OF BASIC ASSESSMENT AND
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Nicolene Venter

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**BASIC ASSESSMENTS FOR ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 2, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 3
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Please find attached the following documents for your perusal:

- Invitation letter to participate in the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process for these three (3) Wind Facilities.
- Background Informatin Document which will provide you with additional technical information regarding the proposed developments (ook beskikbaar in Afrikaans).
- Registration and Comment Form (ook beskikbaar in Afrikaans).

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- » On-site facility substation;
- » Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
- » Main and internal access roads;
- » Cabling between the turbines (up to 33kV), to be laid underground and adjacent to internal access roads where practical;
- » Warehouse, laydown area and site camp hub, accommodating storage and assembly areas and concrete batching plant; and
- » Operation and Maintenance (O&M) buildings.

BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicants require Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Competent for the development of the proposed project.

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A BA process is an effective planning and decision-making tool. It allows for potential environmental consequences resulting from a proposed activity to be identified and appropriately managed during the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of development. It also provides an opportunity for the project applicant to be forewarned of potential environmental issues, and allows for the resolution of issue(s) identified and reported on as part of the BA process, as well as provides opportunity for dialogue with key stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).

Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for managing the separate applications for EA and undertaking the supporting BA processes required to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the projects, as well as propose appropriate mitigation and management measures to be contained within the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs).

You and/or the organization / company, which you represent, have been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed projects as described above. The nature and extent of the wind energy facilities and the associated infrastructure are explored in more detail in the Background Information Document (BID) which is attached to this letter and is also available for download from the Savannah Environmental public participation platform on <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/aberdeen-wind-energy-facilities/>.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

The public participation (PP) process will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Regulations 39 to 44 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326). The aim of the public participation process is primarily to ensure that:

- » information containing all relevant facts in respect of the proposed projects is made available to potential stakeholders and I&APs
- » participation by I&APs is facilitated in such a manner that all potential stakeholders and I&APs are provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed projects; and
- » comments received from potential stakeholders and I&APs are recorded and incorporated into the BA process.

Savannah Environmental have established an online stakeholder engagement platform, where you are invited to register your interest in the project, and view project documentation. Please visit our website (link provided above).

Where I&APs do not have the applicable facilities or access to internet, alternative means for consultation and to facilitate comment on the projects will be made through the Ward Councilor and/or Ward Committee Members. I&APs are also able to make contact via the "Please call me" functionality available on our public participation mobile phone (060 978 8396).

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Good Morning Alistair,

I can confirm that you are a registered I&AP on the projects' databases and I had registered Avela as requested.

You with both receive all future correspondence regarding these three (3) projects.

Kind regards,



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Good day Nicolene

Please may you include myself and Avela as I&APs

Kind regards

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**BASIC ASSESSMENTS FOR ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 2, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ABERDEEN, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

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Please find attached the following documents for your perusal:

- Invitation letter to participate in the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process for these three (3) Wind Facilities.
- Background Information Document which will provide you with additional technical information regarding the proposed developments (ook beskikbaar in Afrikaans).
- Registration and Comment Form (ook beskikbaar in Afrikaans).

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Attachments: SE3060 Aberdeen WFs BAR Notification EC DEDEAT.pdf

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Dear Mr Gqualingile,

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10 March 2023

Mr Siyabonga Gqalungile
Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs & Tourism
Per e-mail: Siyabonga.Gqalungile@dedea.gov.za

Dear Mr Gqalungile,

ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 2, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ABERDEEN, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS AND AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

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Each wind energy facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project, and a separate application for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted for each project. However, due to the proximity of the projects to one another, the public participation processes will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on all three projects. The details of the projects are as follows:

Project Name	Aberdeen Wind Facility 1	Aberdeen Wind Facility 2	Aberdeen Wind Facility 3
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Size of the development area	~9180 ha	~6475 ha	~7225 ha
Contracted capacity	up to 240MW per wind farm		
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Your Department, as the Commenting Authority, are hereby notified of the availability of the BA Reports for written comments. The nature and extent of the wind energy facilities and the associated infrastructure were explored in more detail in the Background Information Document (BID) which was distributed to you on 6 February 2023. The BID is available for download from the Savannah Environmental website (link provided above).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the projects. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout the processes.

Kind regards



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CC: Mr Alistair McMaster: Sustainable Energy (Alistair.McMaster@dedea.gov.za)
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Attachments: SE3060 Aberdeen WFs BAR Notification DOA EC PITYI Z.pdf

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(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

Dear Mr Pityi,

The development of three (3) separate wind energy facilities and associated infrastructure are proposed to be developed on various project sites located approximately 20 km west of the town of Aberdeen in the Eastern Cape Province. The three wind energy facilities are to be known as Aberdeen Wind Facility 1, Aberdeen Wind Facility 2 and Aberdeen Wind Facility 3. The project sites are located within the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality and the greater Sarah Baartman District Municipality.

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Mr Z Pityi
 Chief Director
 Department of Agriculture: Eastern Cape Province
Per e-mail: Pityi@agrmduk.ecape.gov.za

Dear Mr Pityi,

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As a commenting official from your Department, you have been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed projects as described above. The nature and extent of the wind energy facilities and the associated infrastructure were explored in more detail in the Background Information Document (BID) which was distributed to you on 6 February 2023. The BID is available for download from the Savannah Environmental website (link provided above).

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Eastern Cape Department of Water and Sanitation

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Sent: Friday, 10 March 2023 14:52
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Attachments: SE3060 Aberdeen WFs BAR Notification DWS EC MAKHANYA Portia.pdf

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(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

Dear Ms Makhanya,

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Ms Portia Makhanya
 Head of Department
 Department of Water & Sanitation: Eastern Cape Province
Per e-mail: MakhanyaP@dws.gov.za

Dear Ms Makhanya,

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Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality

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Dear Mr Rankwana,

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Mr EM Rankwana
 Municipal Manager
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Per e-mail: mmoffice@bnlm.gov.za

Dear Mr Rankwana,

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Subject: SE3060: Aberdeen Wind Facility Cluster - Request for confirmation of Commenting Official
Attachments: SE3060_Aberdeen_WEFs_Process_NotificationLetter-FINAL.pdf; SE3060-Aberdeen_WEF_BID-FINAL.pdf; SE3060-Aberdeen_1,2&3_WEFs_Reg&Comm_Form-FINAL.pdf

Dear Ms Bender,

It would be appreciated if you can please confirm who the commenting Official from Sarah Baartman District Municipality will be submitting comments on the BA Reports that will soon be released for review and comments for the Aberdeen Wind Facility Cluster: Aberdeen Wind Facility 1, Aberdeen Wind Facility 2 & Aberdeen Wind Facility 3.

Also, to whom do we need to send the calendar invitation for the virtual Focus Group Meeting to present the Basic Assessment & Public Participation and the environmental findings as documented in the BA Reports.

Attached is the Background Information Document that provides technical and the basic assessment process for these applications.

Below are the members that are currently on the projects' database – it would be appreciated if you can please confirm that these Officials needs to be registered on the projects database:

First Name	Last Name	Position	Company	Phone 3	
Clarissa	Bender	Secretary of Municipal Manager	Sarah Baartman District Municipality		cben
Duma	Magxwalisa	Project Manager: LED	Sarah Baartman District Municipality		DMAg
Francois	Trichardt	Environmental Health	Sarah Baartman District Municipality		ftricha
Juzwa	Kekana		Sarah Baartman District Municipality		juzwa
Khunjuzwa	Kekana	Executive Mayor	Sarah Baartman District Municipality		cpaul
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S	Mkhatswa		Sarah Baartman District Municipality		SMkh
Siphokazi	Tom	Information Officer	Sarah Baartman District Municipality	041 508 7111	stom
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We are looking forward to your response.

Kind regards,



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Subject: SE3060: ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 2, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE - Notification of the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Processes

**BASIC ASSESSMENTS FOR ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 2, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ABERDEEN, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE
(DFFE Reference Nos.: To be Issued)**

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

The development of three (3) separate wind energy facilities and associated infrastructure are proposed to be developed on various project sites located approximately 20 km west of the town of Aberdeen in the Eastern Cape Province. The three wind energy facilities are to be known as Aberdeen Wind Facility 1, Aberdeen Wind Facility 2 and Aberdeen Wind Facility 3. The project sites are located within the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality and the greater Sarah Baartman District Municipality.

The project will aid in the diversification and stabilisation of the country's electricity supply with the three proposed wind farm facilities set to inject up to 720MW into the national grid. Each wind energy facility will connect to the grid via a grid connection solution consisting of an Eskom switching substation and a power line, and which will be subject to a separate application of Environmental Authorisation.

Please find attached the following documents for your perusal:

- Invitation letter to participate in the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process for these three (3) Wind Facilities.
- Background Information Document which will provide you with additional technical information regarding the proposed developments (ook beskikbaar in Afrikaans).
- Registration and Comment Form (ook beskikbaar in Afrikaans).

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information at this stage.

Kind regards,

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Attachments: SE3060 Aberdeen WFs BAR Notification SBDM MM.pdf

**BASIC ASSESSMENTS FOR ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 2, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ABERDEEN, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE
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Our letter and e-mail dated 06 February 2023 in which you were informed of the commencement of the Basic Assessment and Public Participation Process has reference.

Please find attached the notification letter notifying you of the availability of the Basic Assessment (BA) Report for the Aberdeen Wind Facility 1, Aberdeen Wind Facility 2 and Aberdeen Wind Facility 3 for review and comment.

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10 March 2023

Mr Ted Pillay
 Municipal Manager
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Dear Mr Pillay,

ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 1, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 2, ABERDEEN WIND FACILITY 3 AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR ABERDEEN, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

NOTICE OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS AND AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

The development of three (3) separate wind energy facilities and associated infrastructure is proposed to be approximately 20 km west of the town of Aberdeen in the Eastern Cape Province. The three wind energy facilities are located within the Beaufort West Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) and are to be known as Aberdeen Wind Facility 1, Aberdeen Wind Facility 2 and Aberdeen Wind Facility 3. The project sites are located within the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality and the greater Sarah Baartman District Municipality.

The wind farm facilities and associated infrastructure are located on the following properties:

Project Name	Affected Property
Aberdeen Wind Facility 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Koppieskraal 157 • Remainder of Farm Doorn Poort 93 • Portion 1 of Farm Doorn Poort 93 • Farm Kraanvogel Kuil 155 • Portion 4 of Farm Sambokdoorns 92
Aberdeen Wind Facility 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remainder of Farm Doorn Poort 93 • Portion 1 of Farm Doorn Poort 93 • Farm Kraanvogel Kuil 155 • Portion 4 of Farm Sambokdoorns 92
Aberdeen Wind Facility 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion 1 of Farm Doorn Poort 93 • Portion 1 (Good Hope) of Farm 94 • Portion 3 (Remaining Extent) of Farm Kraai Rivier 149 • Farm Kraanvogel Kuil 155 • Portion 3 of Farm Wildebeest Poortje 153 • Portion 1 of Farm Kraay River Outspan 150 • Remainder of Farm Doorn Poort 93 • Portion 4 of Farm Sambokdoorns 92

Each wind energy facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project, and a separate application for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted for each project. However, due to the proximity of the projects to one another, the public participation processes will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on all three projects. The details of the projects are as follows:

Project Name	Aberdeen Wind Facility 1	Aberdeen Wind Facility 2	Aberdeen Wind Facility 3
Applicant	Aberdeen Wind Facility 1 (Pty) Ltd	Aberdeen Wind Facility 2 (Pty) Ltd	Aberdeen Wind Facility 3 (Pty) Ltd
Size of the development area	~9180 ha	~6475 ha	~7225 ha
Contracted capacity	up to 240MW per wind farm		
Number of turbines	up to 41 turbines per wind farm		

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicants will require environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the projects. In terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA, the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, as well as GNR 114 (the site is located within the Beaufort West REDZ), the three applications are subject to the completion of a Basic Assessment (BA) process based on the location of the project sites within a REDZ.

BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Basic Assessment Report for each project is available for review and comment from **10 March 2023** to **13 April 2023**. The reports are available for download from Savannah Environmental website: <https://savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/aberdeen-wind-energy-facilities/>. Please submit your written comments to Nicolene Venter at Savannah Environmental by any of the following means:

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