



## **environmental affairs**

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### **PER FACSIMILE / MAIL**

Dear Ms Degenaar

### **APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND PLAN OF STUDY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED RICHTERSVELD WIND FARM, NEAR ALEXANDER BAY, NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IN NORTHERN CAPE**

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and Plan of Study for the Environmental Impact Assessment (POSEIA) dated December 2010 and received by the Department on 03 January 2011 refer.

The Department has evaluated the submitted FSR dated December 2010 and is satisfied that the FSR complies with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2006. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of GN R.385 (31) (1) (a) of the EIA Regulations, 2006.

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, 2006.

Please ensure that comments from all relevant authorities are submitted to the Department with the Final Environmental Impact Report. This includes but is not limited to the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation; Richtersveld Local Municipality; South African Heritage Resources Agency; Department of Water Affairs and South African Civil Aviation Authority. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the Final EIR.

The applicant is hereby reminded to comply with the requirements of GN R.385 (77) with regard to the time period allowed for complying with the requirements of the Regulations, and GN R. 385 (58) and (59) with regard to the allowance of a comment period for interested and affected parties on all reports submitted to the competent authority for decision-making. The reports referred to are listed in GN R. 385 (58) (3a-3g).

Please ensure that the Final EIR includes at least one A3 regional map of the area and the locality maps included in the Final EIR illustrate the different proposed alignments. The maps must be of acceptable quality and as a minimum, have the following attributes:

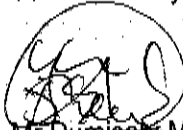
- Maps are relatable to one another;
- Cardinal points;
- Co-ordinates;
- Legible legends;
- Indicate alternatives;
- Latest land cover;
- Vegetation types of the study area; and
- A3 size locality map.

Further, it must be reiterated that, should an application for Environmental Authorisation be subject to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 38 of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999, then this Department will not be able to make nor issue a decision in terms of your application for Environmental Authorisation pending a letter from the pertinent heritage authority categorically stating that the application fulfils the requirements of the relevant heritage resources authority as described in Chapter II, Section 38 (8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999.

Please submit at least one electronic copy (CD/DVD) of the complete final report with the hard copy documents.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



Mr Dumisani Mthembu

**DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATION**

Department of Environmental Affairs

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