

APPENDIX 9: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS REQUESTED & RECEIVED

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From: Highlands
Sent: 07 November 2018 17:33
To: 'nmaxongo@ecphra.org.za'
Cc: Highlands
Subject: FW: Notification of Availability of Draft Basic Assessment Reports for Highlands Wind Energy Facilities for Public Comment
Attachments: Highlands_WEFs_Draft BAR_Notification_IAPs_AFR.PDF; Highlands_WEFs_Draft BAR_Notification_IAPs.pdf
Importance: High

Dear Africa Maxongo Fishile,

We have not received comment from the Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority on the above mentioned draft BA Reports. The reports are uploaded on SAHRIS.

The Department of Environmental Affairs has commented on these reports as follows:

“...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. **Comments from SAHRA and/or provincial department of heritage must be provide in the BAR.**”

Please could you indicate when we can expect your comment for inclusion in the final BAR, to be submitted in December 2018.

Kind Regards,

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From: Highlands
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Dear Interested & Affected Party,

RE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED HIGHLANDS WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTIONS, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

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With reference to the proposed development, please send your comments on the **Draft Basic Assessment Reports** in writing **by the 18 October 2018** to:

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Subject: Read: Notification of Availability of Draft Basic Assessment Reports for Highlands Wind Energy Facilities for Public Comment

Your message

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Sent: 08 November 2018 11:35:01 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London

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From: Highlands
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Good day,

I would like to follow up with regards to your comment on the below developments. The comment period closed on 25 October 2018 and we have not received comment from your Department. Please could you let us know if we can expect your comment in the next few days as we are in the process of finalising the reports. You will be notified of the availability of the report once finalised and you will be able to submit your comment on the final report directly to the Department of Environmental Affairs.

Thank you and kind regards,

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From: Highlands
Sent: 12 November 2018 14:21
To: 'Indelu@environment.gov.za'
Cc: Highlands
Subject: Highlands Wind Energy Facilities
Attachments: 2780_DEA Letter Notification of DBAR_PAPLCM.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Lindiwe,

Please find attached a request for your comment on the proposed Highlands Wind Energy Facilities applications for EA.

The Directorate: Biodiversity and Conservation has requested your comment on the above applications. The public review period ended on 25 October 2018, and we are aiming to submit the Final Report before 15 December 2018. We would therefore appreciate it greatly if you could submit your comment as soon as possible, but no later than 30 November, so that we have time to respond and address your comments in the limited timeframe available.

You can download the reports here: <https://arcusconsulting.co.za/projects/highlands-wind-energy-facilities-basic-assessment-reports-for-public-review/>

Please could you let me know if you require anything else in order to provide comment, and when is the earliest you will be able to provide comment by.

Thank you very much.

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Good day,

We have not received comment from the Eastern Cape Provincial Government on the below basic Assessment reports for the Highlands Wind Energy Facilities sent to you on 17 September 2018 . Please could advise if you will be commenting. The comment period ended on 25 October 2018 but we can include your comment in the final report if it arrives by 30 November 2018. After that your comment will be sent directly to the Department of Environmental Affairs for their consideration.

Thank you

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Subject: DEDEAT COMMENTS OF HIGHLANDS DRAFT BAR'S
Attachments: Highlands Draft BAR Comments 30 Nov 18.pdf

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Arcus,

Please find attached.

Kind regards

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ARCUS Consulting
Attention: Ms Anja Albertyn per email highlands@arcusconsulting.co.za
30 November 2018

Dear Ms Albertyn,

COMMENTS FROM THE EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM [HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS DEDEAT] ON THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED HIGHLANDS WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTIONS, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Thank you for making available the abovementioned reports on CD's and allowing the Department the time to comment. The time afforded also allowed a senior official to visit the area in order to assess some of the key issues. Our inputs are as follows:

1. Back-ground

- 1.1. The game farming industry and associated tourism activities is of significant economic importance to the Eastern Cape Province, not only as a foreign exchange earner but also with respect to job creation in rural areas. It must also be noted that this form of land-use to a significant extent allows land-owners to retain natural biodiversity on their properties, so these farms also play an important role in biodiversity conservation in the Province.
- 1.2. Following from 1.1. above the Department strongly concurs with the following statements made in the Social Impact specialist report submitted by the applicant:

“Adjacent landowners involved in game farming raised significant concerns about the visual impacts associated with wind farms and the potential impact on their operations. The concerns were not only linked to day time impacts, but also night time impacts associated with aviation lights and the impact on the dark, undisturbed night time sky. Based on the findings of the VIA all three Phases would impact on the current, established game farming operations located from the north-east to the south-west. Kamala Game Reserve would be most significantly affected by the North and Central Phases, East Cape Safaris by the Central and South Phases, and Side by Side Safaris by the South Phase. However, the potential impact of wind energy facilities on the landscape is an issue that does need to be considered, specifically given South African's strong attachment to the land and the growing number of wind facility applications. The Environmental Authorities should therefore be aware of the potential cumulative impacts when evaluating applications and the potential implications for other land uses, specifically game farming and associated tourist activities”

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- 1.3. It is accepted that the proposed Highlands WEF's are located in a gazetted Renewable Energy Development Zone, i.e. in an area that Government has determined to be generally suitable for WEF development. It nevertheless remains important to make every reasonable effort to minimize adverse impacts on other land-uses within an REDZ.
- 1.4. The overall Need and Desirability for renewable energy development in South Africa and the Eastern Cape Province is not disputed, nor is the importance of WEF's in capital investment into the Province. The local socio-economic benefits of WEF's are also not disputed.
- 1.5. Following from the above DEDEAT is also highly aware of the complexity of attempting to reconcile different land-uses that may not be compatible. The same applies to situations where the over-all benefit of a development might be strongly positive, but with significant negative consequences for small numbers of IAP's.

2. Comments specifically related to visual impact on game farming activities in the area

- 2.1. On a site visit to the area DEDEAT looked at the area of interest from the Copper Moon Game Farm adjacent to Kuzuko and Addo Elephant National Park. The African veld views from the upmarket lodge were awesome and featured prominently on advertising brochures. Guests, almost without exception, commented on the unspoilt karoo landscape and stunning night skies. The lodge faces Somerset East.
- 2.2. The visual impact assessment seems to have concentrated on the immediate surroundings and we could not determine to what extent it considered the view shed as seen from the Suurberg Mountains to the south i.e. where AENP and Kuzuko Lodge is or any other high lying areas in between for that matter. We think that it would have been prudent to look at the view shed from this perspective.
- 2.3. It is our opinion that the game farms that will be affected economically because of the visual pollution require financial compensation. It is unfair that farmers who agree to have the turbines erected on their properties are paid handsomely, yet they affect the livelihood of others who do not receive similar financial benefits from the wind farm companies.

3. Observations regarding biodiversity aspects, including cumulative impacts

- 3.1. During our visit we came across 4 flocks of blue crane, two pairs of Secretary birds and a Ludwig's bustard with 2 chicks. All these birds are vulnerable to the blades of wind turbines. Ludwig's populations are declining to highly endangered.
- 3.2. We have noted that the avifauna specialist study indicated a high diversity of avifauna with a relatively high number of priority and Red Data species within the study area compared to other proposed WEF's that the specialists have worked with. One did not however pick up that this made any difference to the rating of the impacts and the overall impact statement. We are of the opinion that this should have been linked to a cumulative study of the WEF's in this area.
- 3.3. Further to 3.2 above one would have thought that it would have been prudent to consider e.g. the avifaunal cumulative impacts in association with all the WEF's that already exist in this area as well as WEF's authorised but not yet constructed. The avifaunal specialist study only seems to concentrate on the development site and does not consider cumulative loss of habitat in the area especially as most of the other WEF's in this area is also located within Bedford Dry Grassland. The issue of cumulative impact is of course not only limited to avifauna but should be considered generally across the board.
- 3.4. It must again be noted that game farms play a significant role in biodiversity conservation outside formal protected areas in the Eastern Cape. If these farms should no longer be able to operate successfully, biodiversity conservation will be detrimentally affected.

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4. Comments on proposed mitigation measures

- 4.1. One of the mitigatory measures proposed for instance relates to vulture mortalities and it is stated that if such is unacceptably high then the turbines should not be allowed to operate during the time that the vultures would fly. Similarly if bat mortalities turns out to be unacceptably high then the turbines should not be allowed to operate during the hours that the bats would fly around. The question is whether the business model for the specific facility takes into account a worst case scenario such as this. Would the WEF for instance still be an economically viable business if it is restricted to certain hours of operation as a mitigation measure to prevent mortalities of vultures or any other priority or red data bird species such as blue cranes or bustards – bearing in mind that this may actually coincide with favourable wind conditions. The put another angle on this – does the business case model take into account the implications if the WEF may only operate during the night time when these birds generally don't fly around bearing in mind that in most instances the wind tends to die down at night.
- 4.2. We think the issue here is the practicality of implementing the mitigatory measures that are being proposed in a case where it turns out that it would be necessary to do so. If the economic model does not consider this, then it is meaningless to even have these mitigatory measures. Put differently, the economic implications of implementing these mitigatory measures should be factored into the business case or economic model at the outset. In our view it is highly unlikely that a WEF will be closed down as a result of operational monitoring showing that mortality of priority or red data species is unacceptably high. Hence these need to be addressed up front prior the facility being constructed.
- 4.3. Generally we would have liked to see a section in the Draft BAR that deals with mitigation measures applied at existing WEF's with an analysis of the effectiveness thereof. Furthermore it would also have been informative to consider monitoring results (operational that is) from existing WEF's with some extrapolation to the site under consideration. With regard to the operational monitoring that is to take place we think that at some stage one would have to ask what are we actually trying to achieve with this, especially if such monitoring is not used to do a cumulative assessment of impacts. Furthermore, if such monitoring shows for example that Cape Vulture mortalities at a WEF is unacceptably high (provided of course that one can quantify how to define unacceptably high mortalities) what implications will that have for the WEF. Taken into account the investment that went into the construction of such a facility it is highly unlikely that the WEF operations will be halted.
- 4.4. With regard to economic and aesthetic impacts, there has to be more effort made to disguise turbines, even to the extent of considering different coloured paint and a change in the flashing red light system that mars the African night sky. An Aircraft Lighting Detection System (ALDS) has been developed and is now widespread in the USA to reduce night time light pollution.
- 4.5. There are also guidelines and voluntary compliance in the USA and Europe to switch off or "feather" turbines below a certain wind speed, especially at night. This reduces bat mortality by up to 90% The rapid decrease in air pressure around turbines causes bleeding in bats' lungs. Wind turbines are the greatest cause of large-scale bat mortality (a massive cost to the agriculture sector and therefore to food security). But bats mainly fly at night and at low wind speed! We need to adopt these guidelines if they are proven best practice.

5. Comments on the conclusions of the Draft BAR

The crux of this matter is to be found in the excerpt from the conclusions of the Draft BAR submitted by the applicant:

"The Proposed Development Site is also located within a REDZ. The area has therefore been identified as suitable for the establishment of renewable energy facilities. However, a key concern identified during the SIA relates to the visual impacts associated with the wind turbines and the potential impact on existing, established game farming and hunting operations in the area, specifically the area to the north, east and south of the site. The majority of these operations cater for up-market overseas visitors and the existing "African veld" sense of place represents a key component of

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their marketing strategy. The establishment of a wind farm on their western boundary would impact on the areas current sense of place, which in turn, may negatively impact on their operations and property values. The potential impacts will be largely be confined to four to five existing game farming operations. The potential localised impact would therefore need to be considered within the context of the location of the Highlands WEFs within the Cookhouse Wind REDZ and the significant socio-economic benefits associated with the establishment of renewable energy facilities.”

- 5.1. The dilemma is of course to weigh up the overall benefits, both broadly and locally, against potential and actual adverse impacts. In this regard the methodology used to assess cost/benefit is important, as is what data is considered to arrive at a conclusion. Has it e.g. been taken into account what the impact may be if the game farms have to close down? In such a case it may not only be a socio-economic impact but also an impact on biodiversity. Furthermore, in a Karoo environment visual impact does not only affect the immediate vicinity of a WEF, but in this instance stretches all the way to the Suurberg Mountains to the south. We think that it would be appropriate to interrogate this matter in more detail.
- 5.2. We recognise the fact that this proposed development is within a gazetted REDZ but are of the opinion that that in itself cannot guarantee a positive decision. If the negative impacts are unacceptably high it stands to reason that a decision can be negative. In this regard the SEA that was done to determine the REDZ was done at a certain scale and specific local circumstances may apply in local areas within the REDZ.



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Please could you kindly confirm receipt of the CDs.

Thanks very much,

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Dear Anja,

This is an internal problem on our side, so it is not your fault at all. We definitely do need to comment, so it will be highly appreciated if you could send CD's to both our Head Office and our Regional Office in Port Elizabeth, as follows:

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Department of Economic Development Environmental Affairs and Tourism
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Kind regards, I will coordinate comments from our side so you can liaise with me

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Dear Gerry,

We regret to hear that this is the case, as we did not have anyone else have problems downloading the files, which are still available for download on our website. In our letter to you we did say that CDs are available upon request (see below). I can courier a CD to you immediately. Please can you supply me with the correct physical address and I will do this right away.

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Unfortunately we were unable to access the documents you referred to in September, in spite of requesting assistance from our IT people. Some EAP's do supply us with hard copies on CD's and we are then able to comment properly. We should have notified you earlier than now, but you must understand that we receive very large numbers of documents for comment in addition to our own EIA applications and sometimes lose track of some, especially if we have failed to access the documents.

Kind regards

From: Highlands [<mailto:Highlands@arcusconsulting.co.za>]
Sent: 14 November 2018 11:52
To: Gerry Pienaar <Gerry.Pienaar@dedea.gov.za>
Cc: Dayalan Govender <Dayalan.Govender@dedea.gov.za>; Mlungiseleli Kosi <Mlungiseleli.Kosi@dedea.gov.za>; Dante Rademeyer <Dante.Rademeyer@dedea.gov.za>; Leon Els <Leon.Els@dedea.gov.za>
Subject: FW: Notification of Availability of Draft Basic Assessment Reports for Highlands Wind Energy Facilities for Public Comment

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From: Highlands
Sent: 14 November 2018 13:57
To: 'mare.hougaard@ectreasury.co.za'
Subject: FW: Notification of Availability of Draft Basic Assessment Reports for Highlands Wind Energy Facilities for Public Comment
Attachments: Highlands_WEFs_Draft BAR_Notification_IAPs_AFR.PDF; Highlands_WEFs_Draft BAR_Notification_IAPs.pdf

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Sent: 17 September 2018 16:24
Subject: Notification of Availability of Draft Basic Assessment Reports for Highlands Wind Energy Facilities for Public Comment

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Sent: 15 November 2018 15:00
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Good day,

Please see our query below to which we have not received a response. The Department of Environmental Affairs has requested comment on the attached applications from the provincial Department of Agriculture. Please could you let me know if your Department intends to comment?

Thank you,

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Thank you and kind regards,

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From: Anja Albertyn
Sent: 20 November 2018 14:39
To: Lizelle Stroh
Cc: Highlands
Subject: RE: Notification of Availability of Draft Basic Assessment Reports for Highlands Wind Energy Facilities for Public Comment
Attachments: Wind Farm application: WKN-Windcurrent - Highlands Wind Energy Facility - Eastern Cape; Highlands WEFs_20180829.kmz; 20181120_Highlands_Development Area Boundary Co-ordinates.xls

Dear Lizelle,

The Applicant has confirmed that an application was already lodged. Please see the attached email evidence. I have also attached the filled in table with property coordinates, and a kml of the proposed activities as requested. The highest structure for the wind farm is 200 m and the highest structure for the OHL is approximately 30 m.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

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From: Lizelle Stroh [<mailto:StrohL@caa.co.za>]

Sent: 16 November 2018 11:06

To: Anja Albertyn <AnjaA@arcusconsulting.co.za>

Subject: RE: Notification of Availability of Draft Basic Assessment Reports for Highlands Wind Energy Facilities for Public Comment

The S. A. Civil Aviation Authority has taken note of your intention to develop a wind farm and requires the following information in order to assess the possible impact on aviation.

- An formal application via Form CA139-26 – Wind Farm application, available electronically from the SACAA website(www.caa.co.za), follow link “Information for the industry” – drop down list – Obstacles- Forms.
- Completion of the attached Excel spread sheet – Property boundaries co –ordinates.

- Completion of the attached Pylon geographic co-ordinates. Should these co-ordinates not be available at this stage, an indication of the planned route of the power evacuation lines to the point of connection with the national grid.
- A live .kmz file(Google Earth or similar) indicating proposed planned turbine layout.
- Kindly provide a **.kml (Google Earth) file reflecting the footprint of the proposed development site including the proposed overhead electric power line route that will evacuate the generated power to the national grid.**

• Also indicate the **highest** structure of the project & the Overhead electric power transmission line. In order to assist with the DEA process, the SACAA will, subject to the proposed wind farm not presenting a hazard, issue a “in principle” conditional approval on the receipt of the planned turbine layout which will be subjected to an in depth assessment accordance with the Civil Aviation Technical Standards. Should the turbine layout change from that which has been provided initially, a new assessment would be required to be conducted. Kindly note, that the conditional approval will be valid for a period of 5 years from date of issue. On completion of the project and receipt of “as built” detail and a statement of compliance to specified conditions, the SACAA will provide a final approval. As the proposed site may be adjacent to areas of military interest, the SAAF will be included in the request for review, once the proposed site and wind farm information is made available for assessment. The SACAA refrains from commenting on a proposal, but will either conditionally support or disapprove the project; from an aviation perspective should the project create a hazard or obstacle to aviation in the area of the project. Following the receipt of the information, an invoice to cover the assessment will be generated and becomes payable before the assessment results will be released.

Please follow the procedure for this Authority to grant approval to the proposal.

Kind regards

Lizell Stroh
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From: Highlands
Sent: 17 September 2018 16:25
Subject: Notification of Availability of Draft Basic Assessment Reports for Highlands Wind Energy Facilities for Public Comment

Dear Interested & Affected Party,

RE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED HIGHLANDS WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTIONS, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

You are receiving this notification regarding the availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Reports for the proposed Highlands Wind Energy Facilities and associated grid connections, as you have been identified as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP). We invite you to review and comment on these reports.

Please find the attached letter for your interest, in English and Afrikaans:

- 1.) NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR THE PROPOSED HIGHLANDS WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE
- 2.) KENNISGEWING VAN BESIKKBAARHEID VAN DIE KONSEP BASIESE ASSESSESRINGSVERSLAE VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE HIGHLANDS-WINDKRAGAAANLEG EN GEPAARDGAANDE INFRASTRUKTUUR IN DIE OOS-KAAP

The Basic Assessment reports are available for public review and comment from 18 September 2018 to 18 October 2018 (both days inclusive) at the following locations:

- Langenhoven Library, Somerset East;
- Ernst van Heerden Library, Pearston;
- Website <https://arcusconsulting.co.za/projects/highlands-wind-energy-facilities-basic-assessment-reports-for-public-review/>

Electronic copies on CD-ROM are available on request.

With reference to the proposed development, please send your comments on the **Draft Basic Assessment Reports** in writing **by the 18 October 2018** to:

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Please feel free to contact me should you have any further queries, or should you no longer wish to receive notifications regarding the above projects.

Kind Regards,

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