APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPRINGBOK WIND ENERGY FACILITY NEAR SPRINGBOK, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

(DEA REF NO.: 12/12/20/1721/AM4)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Mulilo Springbok Wind Power (Pty) Ltd (the Applicant) is applying for an amendment of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) & Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2014), for the proposed Springbok Wind Energy Facility (WEF) near Springbok in the Northern Cape Province.

Project for which EA has been granted: Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the Springbok WEF was granted by the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) on 27 July 2011. The approved WEF comprises the construction of 37 turbines with a potential generation capacity of 1.5MW per turbine, resulting in an optimal generation capacity of 55.5 MW per annum. Infrastructure associated with the WEF includes cabling and transmission lines, hard standings adjacent to each turbine, construction lay down areas, gravel access roads, and a substation.

Location Farm No. 134 Portion 19, Farm No. 134 Portion 17, Farm No. 132 Portion 0 (Remaining Extent), Farm No. 946 Portion 0 (Remaining Extent), Farm No. 215 Portion 0 (Remaining Extent), Farm No. 132 Portion 1 (Remaining Extent), Farm No. 635 Portion 0, Farm No. 133 Portion 9 (Remaining extent), in the Nama Khoi Local Municipality, near Springbok in the Northern Cape Province.

Application for amendment of the EA in terms of NEMA (Act No. 107 of 1998): EA for the Springbok WEF was granted by the DEA on 27 July 2011, for Items 7, 12 & 16(b) of GN R386 and Items 1(a), 1(l) & 2 of GN R387 published in terms of the NEMA 2006 EIA Regulations. Subsequent non-substantive amendments to the EA were granted by DEA on 24 October 2011, 27 June 2014 and 18 May 2016 respectively.

An Application for Amendment of the EA has been submitted to DEA in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulation (2014), as amended. The Applicant is applying for an amendment to: the project description (including WEF layout); project title of the EA; and contact details of the holder of the EA. The proposed amendments include increasing the generating size of the wind turbine generators (WTG) to align to current international WTG models, while reducing the number of WTG's at the WEF (i.e. reduced from 37 to a maximum of 25). The proposed amendments include increasing the hub heights and blade lengths of the WTGs, increasing the generation capacity of the WTGs from the approved 1.5MW to 2.0MW – 4.5MW, and refinements to the layout. The generation capacity of the WEF would remain 55.5MW, as authorised. The listed activities in respect of which environmental authorisation has been granted and/or applied for the project are similarly listed to Activities 11, 27, 28 & 56 of GN R983, as amended; Activities 1 & 15 of GN R984, as amended and Activities 4, 10, 12 & 18 of GN R985, as amended, of the EIA Regulations (2014). Holland & Associates Environmental Consultants has been appointed to undertake the Application for Amendment of the EA on behalf of the Applicant. Notice is hereby given of the commencement of a public participation process in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations (2014), as amended.

Opportunity to participate: Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are invited to register as I&APs and to provide comment on the proposed EA Amendment Application. Copies of the Application for Amendment of EA and associated Environmental Assessment Report are available for review for a period of 30 days from 30 January 2018 to 1 March 2018 at the Springbok Public Library, and are available for download on the Holland & Associates Environmental Consultant's website (www.hollandandassociates.net). I&APs must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (including their preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail, post or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application, to the contact person indicated below by 1 March 2018. The DEA reference number indicated above must be referred to in all correspondence submitted by I&APs.

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AANSOEK VIR DIE WYSIGING VAN DIE OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING VIR DIE OPRIGTING VAN DIE SPRINGBOK WINDENERGIE-AANLEG NABY SPRINGBOK, NOORD-KAAPPROVINSIE

(DOS VERWYSINGNR 12/12/20/1721/AM4)

PROSES VAN OPENBARE DEELNAME

Mulilo Springbok Wind Power (Edms) Bpk (hierna die Applikant genoem) doen in terme van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (Nr 107 van 1998) (NEMA) en die Omgewingsinvloed-bepalingsregulasies (OIB) (2014), aansoek vir die wysiging van die Omgewingsmagtiging (OM) vir die beoogde Springbok Windenergie-aanleg (WEA) naby Springbok in die Noord-Kaapprovinsie.

Projek waarvoor die OM toegestaan is: Die Departement van Omgewingsake (DOS) het op 27 Julie 2011 'n omgewingsmagtiging (OM) vir die Springbok WEA uitgereik. Die goedgekeurde WEA bestaan uit die oprigting van 37 turbines, elk met 'n moontlike opwekkingskapasiteit van 1.5MW, en dus 'n optimale opwekkingskapasiteit van 55.5MW per jaar. Infrastruktuur wat op die WEA van toepassing is, sluit in kabels en transmissielyne, harde oppervlaktes langs elke turbine, konstruksieterreine, begruisde toegangspaaie en 'n substasie.

Ligging: Plaas Nr 134 Gedeelte 19, Plaas Nr 134 Gedeelte 17, Plaas Nr 132 Gedeelte 0 (Oorblywende Restant), Plaas Nr 946 Gedeelte 0 (Oorblywende Restant), Plaas Nr 215 Gedeelte 0 (Oorblywende Restant), Plaas Nr 132 Gedeelte 1 (Oorblywende Restant), Plaas Nr 635 Gedeelte 0, Plaas Nr 133 Gedeelte 9 (Oorblywende Restant) in die Nama Khoi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit naby Springbok in die Noord-Kaapprovinsie.

Aansoek vir die Wysiging van die OM in terme van NEMA (Wet Nr 107 van 1998): Die volgende aktiwiteite in die OM vir die Springbok WEA is op 27 Julie 2011 deur die DOS goedgekeur: Items 7, 12 & 16(b) van GK R. 386; en Items 1(a), 1(l), en 2 van GK R. 387, afgekondig in terme van die NEMA 2006 se OIB-regulasies. Die DOS het bykomende onbeduidende veranderinge aan die OM op onderskeidelik 24 Oktober 2011, 27 Junie 2014 en 18 Mei 2016 toegestaan. 'n Verdere aansoek vir die Wysiging van die OM is nou in terme van die NEMA se OIB-regulasies (2014), soos gewysig, by die DOS ingedien. Die Applikant doen aansoek vir die volgende wysigings: die projekbeskrywing (wat die uitleg van die WEA insluit); die projektitel van die OM; en die kontakbesonderhede van die houer van die OM. Die voorgestelde wysigings sluit in 'n toename in die opwekkingskapasiteit van die windturbine-generators (WTG) om dit in lyn te bring met internasionale WTG-modelle, en 'n afname in die aantal WTGs by die WEA (i.e. 'n afname van 37 tot maksimum 25). Die voorgestelde wysigings sluit in 'n verhoging in die WTG se naafhoogte, langer waaiervlerke om die opwekkingskapasiteit per turbine vanaf die goedgekeurde 1.5MW na 2.0MW – 4.5MW te verhoog, asook verfynings in die terreinuitleg. Die opwekkingskapasiteit van die WEA bly egter 55.5MW, soos goedgekeur. Die gelyste aktiwiteite van die projek waarvoor daar aansoek gedoen is en 'n omgewingsmagtiging uitgereik is, word beskryf in Aktiwiteite 11, 27, 28 & 56 van GK R983, soos gewysig; Aktiwiteite 1 & 15 van GK R984, soos gewysig; en Aktiwiteite 4, 10, 12 & 18 van GK R985, soos gewsyig, van die OIB-regulasies (2014). Holland & Associates Omgewingskonsultante is aangestel om die Wysigingsaansoek vir die OM namens die Applikant te hanteer. Kennis geskied hiermee van die aanvang van die proses van openbare deelname in terme van die NEMA se OIB-regulasies (2014).

Geleentheid om deel te neem: Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Partye (B&GPe) word uitgenooi om as B&GPe te registreer en kommentaar op die voorgestelde Wysigingsaansoek te lewer. Afskrifte van die OM se Wysigingsaansoek en verwante Omgewingsinvloedbepalingsverslag is vanaf 30 Januarie 2018 tot 1 Maart 2018 vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae beskikbaar by die Springbok Openbare Biblioteek, en kan ook afgelaai word vanaf Holland & Associates Omgewingskonsultante se webblad (www.hollandandassociates.net). B&GPe moet hulle kommentaar, tesame met hulle naam, kontakbesonderhede (en hul voorkeur kennisgewingsopsie bv. e-pos, pos of faks) en 'n aanduiding van hulle direkte sake-, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belang by die aansoek, voor 1 Maart 2018 aan die persoon hieronder voorsien. Die DOS-verwysingsnommer hierbo gemeld moet op alle korrespondensie vanaf B&GPe verskyn.

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