

## KORANA WIND ENERGY FACILITY NEAR POFADDER, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (14/12/16/3/3/2/682/AM3)

### COMMENTS AND RESPONSE REPORT

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The Korana Wind Energy Facility (WEF) application for amendment to the Environmental Authorisation and availability of the Motivation Report (MR) was announced on Monday, 27 July 2020. The notification letter served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments / queries that they might have.

The Motivation Report has been made available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Wednesday, 29 July 2020** until **Monday, 31 August 2020**. The Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) is updated with comments received during the review and comment period and included in **Appendix E6** of the final Motivation Report.

#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS / ACRONYMS

APM	Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites	C&R	Comments and response
C&RR	Comments and Responses Report	DEFF	Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries
DWS	Department of Water Sanitation	EA	Environmental Authorisation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	EMPr	Environmental Management Programme
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties	NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
NC DENC	Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation	NHRA	National Heritage Resources Act
MR	Motivation Report	SACAA	South African Civil Aviation Authority
SAHRIS	South African Heritage Resources Information System	SANRAL	South African National Roads Agency Limited
WEF	Wind Energy Facility		

**1. COMMENTS RECEIVED AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
1.	<p><u>Eskom requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes.</u></p> <p>» Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.</p> <p>» Eskom shall at all times retain unobstructed access to and egress from its servitudes.</p> <p>» Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer.</p> <p>» If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer's activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand.</p> <p>» The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard.</p> <p>» Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom's satisfaction.</p> <p>» Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether</p>	<p>John Geeringh' Senior Consultant Environmental Management Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd</p> <p>Letter: 14 August 2020</p>	<p>The EAP acknowledges the comment from Eskom. As Eskom's requirements are relevant to the construction phase of the proposed wind farm development, Eskom's document was forwarded to the Applicant for review and consideration. Should the project received preferred bidder status, the Applicant will abide by Eskom's requirements for work in or near Eskom servitudes and inform Mr Geeringh of possible infringements of the requirements and potential solutions. .</p>

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	<p>as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer's equipment.</p> <p>» No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager</p> <p>Note: Where an electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it.</p> <p>» Eskom's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with.</p> <p>» Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom's satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom.</p> <p>» The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as</p>		

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	<p>stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993).</p> <p>» Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.</p> <p>» In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.</p> <p>» Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant.</p> <p>» It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.</p> <p>» Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom's title deed at the developer's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.</p>		
2.	<p><b>(a) Public participation</b></p> <p>(i) Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final report. This includes but is not limited to the Department of Environment &amp; Nature Conservation, Khai-Ma Local Municipality, the provincial Department of Agriculture, the South African Civil Aviation Authority</p>	<p>Lunga Dlova Case Officer DEFF</p> <p>Letter: 24 August 2020</p>	<p>The notification of the availability of the Motivation Report for review and comment was e-mailed to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Cape Department Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (previously NC DENC)</li> <li>• Khai-Ma Local Municipality</li> <li>• Provincial Department of Agriculture (including National)</li> <li>• SA CAA</li> </ul>

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	<p>(SACAA), the Department of Transport, Namakwa District Municipality, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), BirdLife SA, the Department of Mineral Resources, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Transport</li> <li>• Namakwa District Municipality</li> <li>• DWS</li> <li>• SANRAL</li> <li>• SAHRA (proof of upload on SAHRIS)</li> <li>• BirdLife SA</li> <li>• DMRE</li> <li>• DRD&amp;LR</li> </ul> <p>Proof of the motivation and reminder e-mails are included in <b>Appendix C3</b> of the final Motivation Report.</p>
	<p>(ii) A Comments and Response trail report (C&amp;R) must be submitted with the final report. The C&amp;R report must incorporate all comments for this application. The C&amp;R report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Appendix 1 of this comments letter. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&amp;APs. All comments from I&amp;APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to I&amp;AP's comments.</p>		<p>The C&amp;RR containing all comments received, including those received from the DEFF, and responses provided by the project team, is included in <b>Appendix E5</b> of the final Motivation Report.</p> <p>All comments captured are verbatim as submitted and not summarized in the C&amp;RR and addressed adequately.</p>
	<p>(iii) Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft report from registered I&amp;APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final report. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final report. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. The Public Participation Process must be</p>		<p>A summary of the issues and comments received during the circulation of the Motivation Report, including those received from the Organs of State have been adequately addressed in section 8 of the final Motivation Report.</p> <p>Notification was sent to all registered I&amp;APs on the project database, including the relevant Organs of State. The proof of attempts to obtain comments from registered I&amp;APs and Organs of State is included in the final Motivation Report as <b>Appendices E2</b> and <b>E3</b>.</p> <p>The Public Participation Process has been conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended (GNR 326), as</p>

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	<p>conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 &amp; 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014 as amended.</p>		<p>well as in accordance with the approved Public Participation Plan. The approved Public Participation Plan is included in the final Motivation Report as <b>Appendix E7</b>.</p>
	<p>(iv) The final report must also indicate that this draft report has been subjected to a public participation process.</p>		<p>The Motivation Report was made available for a 30-day review and comment period from, <b>Wednesday, 29 July 2020</b> until <b>Monday, 31 August 2020</b>. As per the approved Public Participation Plan, the availability of the Motivation Report was advertised in the Volksblad on 22 July 2020 (tear sheet included in <b>Appendix E4</b> of the final Motivation Report).</p> <p>The Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform (previously NC DENC), as the commenting authority, and relevant Organs of State were notified that the Motivation Report can be downloaded from Savannah Environmental's website and could also be sent via other file transfer services i.e. We Transfer, Dropbox, etc. or on CD, on request, from Savannah Environmental.</p>
	<p><b>(b) General</b> (i) Please ensure that all mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines.</p>		<p>It can be confirmed that the mitigation recommendations are in line with applicable and most recent guidelines.</p>
	<p>Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 32 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse.</p>		<p>The EAP acknowledges the requirements to comply with the required regulations and confirms that the final motivation report will be submitted within the legislated timeframes as required (i.e. submission deadline 28 October 2020)</p>
	<p>You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an environmental authorization being granted by the Department.</p>		<p>The EAP acknowledges the comment from the Department.</p>