

APPENDIX G5
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Final Comment

In terms of Section 38(4), 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Genesis Zonnequa Wind (Pty) Ltd

c/o Unit B10, Century Plaza, Heron Crescent, Century City, Cape Town

Project Name: Grid connection infrastructure for the Zonnequa Wind Farm, Northern Cape Applicant: Genesis Zonnequa Wind (Pty) Ltd Proposed Activity: The development of a double-circuit 132kV power line and collector substation to connect the Zonnequa Wind Farm substation to the Eskom grid. The power line and collector substation will be assessed within a 300m grid connection corridor. Location: The 300m power line corridor is located within the Nama Khoi Local Municipality and the Namakwa District Municipality in the Northern Cape. The corridor falls within Focus Area 8 of the Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZ), which is known as the Springbok REDZ. The power line corridor traverses seven affected properties: Remaining extent of the Farm Zonnekwa 326, Remaining extent of the Farm Honde Vlei 325, Remaining extent of the Farm Kannabieduin 324, Remaining extent of the Farm Sand Kop 322, Remaining extent of the Farm Mannels Vley 321, Remaining extent of the Farm Dikgat 195, and Portion 15 of the Farm Dikgat 195.

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Genesis Zonnequa Wind (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Authorisation (EA) Amendment Application process for the authorised grid connection infrastructure for the Zonnequa Wind Energy facility, near Kleinsee, Northern Cape Province (DEFF ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2033).

A draft Motivation Report has been submitted in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (NEMA) and the 2017 NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The proposed amendments will include the amendment of the co-ordinates of the sub-station/switching station position to align with the amended Zonnequa Wind Farm EA; amendment of the grid corridor width from the authorised 300 m to 600 m and the expansion of the corridor around the Gromis MTS to allow entry to the 132 kV yard from the north.

A Final Comment was issued for the original EA application for the grid connection by SAHRA on the 28/06/2019, noting no objections to the proposed development and provided conditions for the development (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/524694>).

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ASHA Consulting was appointed to provide heritage input into the EA Amendment Application process as per section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act, Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) and section 24(4)b(iii) of NEMA.

Orton, J. 2021. Zonnequa Wind Energy Facility Grid Connection Amendments: Heritage Considerations.

Due to widening of the grid corridor, more heritage sites will be impacted. These include surface scatters of Stone Age lithics and artefacts of very low, low and low to medium heritage significance, with two sites containing more dense and extensive scatters of artefacts rated as sites of medium significance.

The recommendations provided by the heritage specialist as part of the original EA application are reiterated and noted that no changes to the mitigation and management measures in the EMPr are required.

The draft Motivation report contains the following recommendations regarding heritage:

- A buffer of 50 m was set from the waypoint in order to allow for the area of the site plus a 30 m buffer zone;
- Where infringement of the grid connection may occur on these sites, a permitting process for the removal of the sites will need to be undertaken.

Final Comment

The following comments are made as a requirement in terms of section 3(4) of the NEMA Regulations and section 38(8) of the NHRA in the format provided in section 38(4) of the NHRA and must be included in the Final Motivational Report and EMPr:

- 38(4)a – The SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM) Unit has no objections to the proposed amendment;
- 38(4)b – The recommendations of the specialist and the recommendations contained within the draft Motivational Report are supported. Additional conditions for the development include:
- The conditions provided in the previously issued Final Comment are still valid and must be adhered to;
- As the project area overlaps with an area recently assessed in SAHRIS Case ID 16475 (<https://sahris.sahra.org.za/cases/komas-wind-energy-facility>), it is recommended that Palaeontological monitoring of all excavations be conducted and a monitoring report to be submitted once the construction phase has been completed;

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- 38(4)c(i) – If any evidence of archaeological sites or remains (e.g. remnants of stone-made structures, indigenous ceramics, bones, stone artefacts, ostrich eggshell fragments, charcoal and ash concentrations), fossils or other categories of heritage resources are found during the proposed development, SAHRA APM Unit (Natasha Higgitt/Phillip Hine 021 462 5402) must be alerted as per section 35(3) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)c(ii) – If unmarked human burials are uncovered, the SAHRA Burial Grounds and Graves (BGG) Unit (Thingahangwi Tshivhase/Mimi Seetelo 012 320 8490), must be alerted immediately as per section 36(6) of the NHRA. Non-compliance with section of the NHRA is an offense in terms of section 51(1)e of the NHRA and item 5 of the Schedule;
- 38(4)d – See section 51(1) of the NHRA with regards to offences;
- 38(4)e – The following conditions apply with regards to the appointment of specialists:
 - i) If heritage resources are uncovered during the course of the development, a professional archaeologist or palaeontologist, depending on the nature of the finds, must be contracted as soon as possible to inspect the heritage resource. If the newly discovered heritage resources prove to be of archaeological or palaeontological significance, a Phase 2 rescue operation may be required subject to permits issued by SAHRA;
 - The final Motivational Report and EMPr must be submitted to SAHRA for record purposes;
 - The decision regarding the EA Amendment Application must be communicated to SAHRA and uploaded to the SAHRIS Case application.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/523773>
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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to SAHRA immediately.
3. SAHRA reserves the right to request additional information as required.

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Dear Nicolene Venter

RE: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PROPOSED ZONNEQUA WIND FARM, NEAR KLEINSEE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

This letter is in response to the notification of the proposed wind energy facility and its possible impact on the Square Kilometre Array radio telescopes.

SARAO has undertaken an impact assessment and based on the information provided it was determined that the project represents a low risk of interference to the SKA radio telescope with a compliance surplus of 72.78 dBm/Hz. As such, we do not have any objection to the development.

Thank you for your correspondence, we would appreciate it if you could keep us informed with the development of the project.

Regards,



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The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) is a National Facility managed by the National Research Foundation and incorporates all national radio astronomy telescopes and programmes. SARAO is responsible for implementing the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) in South Africa.

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Dear Ms Thomas

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENT MOTIVATION REPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 18 NOVEMBER 2019 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE ZONNEQUA WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the above-mentioned project dated 18 November 2019, the amendment to the EA dated 29 January 2020, the application for amendment and draft amendment motivation report of the EA received by the Department on 28 May 2021 and acknowledgement letter dated 04 June 2021, refer.

The Department has the following comments on the abovementioned amendment application:

Amendments applied for

- The environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) must ensure that the amendments applied for does not trigger any listed or specified activity as outlined in Regulation 31 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.
- Point 1 on page 7 of the application form makes reference to the amendment of the coordinates of the substation/ switching station position. You are required to provide the authorised coordinates in relation to the proposed amended coordinates of the substation/ switching station in the amended application form to be submitted with the final amendment report.
- It has been noted that point 3 on page 7 of the application form refer to the amendment of the "corridor/envelop around Gromis MTS to be expanded.....", however, the final basic assessment report dated August 2019 on page iii, 1 and 4 referred to proposed development to incorporate the "development of a collector substation (known as Strandveld substation) and a double-circuit 132kV power line (know as Strandveld – Gromis 132 power line)" as well as associated infrastructure such as access roads and laydown areas. Further, the final BAR indicated on page 5, 20-22 (to mention few) that Gromis substation was existing when the application for grid connection (with reference 14/12/16/3/3/1/2033) was lodged and authorised. Therefore, you are required to clarify why the amendment of the corridor for Gromis MTS has to be undertaken in this application as it was not authorised as part of the grid connection EA.

Specialist studies

Page 4, under section 3 of the application form refer to the company name as Genesis Zonnequa Wind (Pty) Ltd, however the cover page of Appendix A of the Ecology Addendum letter dated 23 April 2021 mentioned that "Atlantic Energy Partners is proposing to amend various component and aspects of the approved Grid Connection for the Zonnequa Wind Energy Facility (WEF), located near Kleinsee in the Northern Cape". Based on the above, the Department is of the opinion that the said Ecology addendum letter is not relevant to the proposed amendments since the EA issued on 18 November 2019 and amendment to the EA issued on 29 January 2020 referred to the company as Genesis Zonnequa Wind (Pty) Ltd. Please provide clarity.

Layout Plan

Please ensure that the final layout map clearly indicate the original authorised 300m corridor and the proposed changes (i.e. 600m) corridor, the initial authorised substation location and location of the proposed substation realignment, wind farm facility and all other associated infrastructure.

EMPr

You are advised to amend the EMPr to indicate how the environmental issues related to the proposed amendment of the grid connection will be managed.

Public participation

- Please ensure that all issues raised, and comments received during the circulation of the draft amendment motivation report from registered interested and affected parties (I&APs) and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final motivation report.
- A comments and response report which contains all comments received and responses provided to all comments and issues raised during the public participation process (PPP) for this amendment. Please note that comments received from this Department must also form part of the comment and response report.
- Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in final amendment motivation report and must indicate that this draft motivation report has been subjected to 30 days' public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
- The PPP must be conducted in terms of Regulations 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
- It is noted that site notices have not been included as part of the draft amendment motivation report. Please ensure that site notices are included in final amendment motivation report to be submitted to the Department.

General

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 32(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: "The applicant must within 90 days of receipt by the competent authority of the application made in terms of regulation 31, submit to the competent authority -

(a) a report, reflecting—

- (i) an assessment of all impacts related to the proposed change;
- (ii) advantages and disadvantages associated with the proposed change; and
- (iii) measures to ensure avoidance, management and mitigation of impacts associated with such proposed change; and

(iv) any changes to the EMPr;

which report-

(aa) had been subjected to a public participation process, which had been agreed to by the competent authority, and which was appropriate to bring the proposed change to the attention of potential and registered interested and affected parties, including organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of any aspect of the relevant activity, and the competent authority, and

(bb) reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority."


Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the motivation report or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial PPP, you are required to comply with Regulation 32(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: *"the applicant must, within 90 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the report will be submitted within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the report, which changes or information was not contained in the report consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub regulation (1)(a) and that the revised report will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days"*.

In the event where sub-regulation Regulation 32 (1)(b) above applies, the report which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority, must be submitted to the competent authority within 140 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority.

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.

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 authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
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Signed by: Ms. Millicent Solomons
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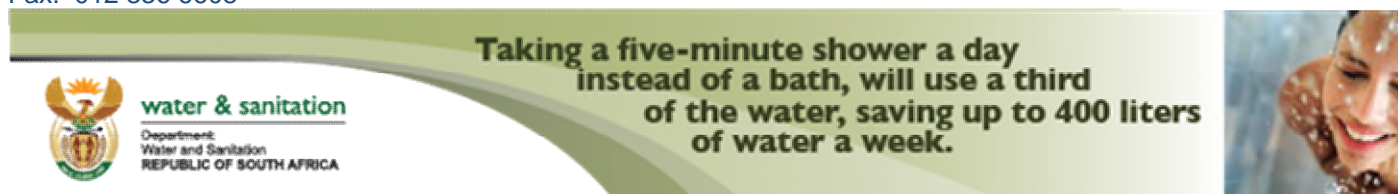
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Subject: RE: ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENTS: Grid Connection Infrastructure for the Namas Wind Farm and the Zonnequa Wind Farm

Hi

Please make sure about water use authorisation, position with regards to nature conservation areas/ reserves/ parks, watercourses.

Regards

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENTS FOR THE GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE NAMAS WIND FARM (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2032) AND THE ZONNEQUA WIND FARM (DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2033)

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

Genesis Namas Wind (Pty) Ltd and Genesis Zonnequa Wind (Pty) Ltd received Environmental Authorisations (EAs) in November 201 (DFFE Ref. Nos. 14/12/16/3/3/1/2032 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/2033 respectively) for the development of two wind farm facilities (including associated infrastructure) near Kleinsee within the Nama Khoi Local Municipality, Namakwa District Municipality, Northern Cape Province.

The following amendments are proposed for the authorisations above:

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Reference is made to the above-mentioned report with the cover letter dated 24 May 2021, submitted to Department of Water and Sanitation with DFFE Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2032 and 14/12/16/3/3/1/2033 respectively.

This Department has no objection to the proposed amendments of the above-mentioned application and wish to comment as follows:

1. The applicant must note that no activities are allowed within 100m of a water resource or within 1:100-year flood line (whichever is the greatest), if the proposed amendments fall within these criteria, the applicant need to apply for water use license to ensure that the riparian ecological status of the water resource will not be negatively impacted.
2. Please note that any development within 500m from the boundary of any wetland requires a water use licence according to National Water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act No.36 of 1998).
3. Waste needs to be collected and disposed of at a registered municipal site during and after construction, and written agreement should be provided to this department.




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4. Storm water must be managed in such a manner as to disperse runoff and to prevent the concentration of storm water flow.
5. No surface, ground or storm water may be polluted as a result of any activities on the site
6. Please note that all requirements as stipulated in the national water Act (NWA) 1998 (Act no.36 of 1998) must be adhered to.

Please feel free to contact this department, should there be any enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

PP 
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PROVINCIAL HEAD: NORTHERN CAPE OPERATIONS
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400 kV line in order to ensure the power line can be constructed in line with Eskom's requirements).
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The attached notification letter provides further details regarding the Application for Amendment to the Environmental Authorisations.

The Motivation Reports are available for review and comment from **Monday, 24 May 2021** until **Thursday, 24 June 2021**, and can also be downloaded from Savannah Environmental's website [click here](#)

The due date for written comment is **Thursday, 24 June 2021**.

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Please send me updated KMZ files of the proposed grid corridor and substation positions.

Kind regards

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