## Appendix G

**APPROVAL OF FSR** 





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Attention: Ashlea Strong

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Dear Madam,

FINAL SCOPING REPORT: ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF IMPUMELELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON PORTION 6 AND 25 OF THE FARM HARTBEESFONTEIN 522 IR, PORTION 2, 4, 5 AND 9 OF THE FARM PLATKOP 543 IR, PORTION 0, 7 AND 8 OF THE FARM MAHEMSFONTEIN 544 IR, GREYLINGSTAD, DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

The scoping report and plan of study for environmental impact assessment which was submitted by you in respect of the above mentioned application and received by the Department on 23 November 2022 has been accepted by the Department. You may proceed with undertaking the environmental impact assessment in accordance with the tasks that are outlined in the plan of study for environmental impact assessment, subject to fulfilling all the requirements outlined in this Department's comments dated 01 November 2022, including the following:

- At the draft EIAR stage, the thresholds of all activities applied for must be provided.
- 2. A layout map must be included in the EIAR and it must have a clear legend with information communicating with that on the map.
- 3. An environmental sensitivity map must be included in the EIAR indicating the location of sensitive environmental features on site such as the heritage site, wetlands and drainage lines that will be affected. The sensitivity map must also include buffer zones and no-go areas.
- 4. All comments received from interested and affected parties must be incorporated and addressed on the draft EMPr including comments from this department.
- 5. Note that this Department will not consider authorising the removal of indigenous vegetation from land that is not arable. Land that is not arable, due to *inter alia*, lack of sufficient water rockiness, steepness, excessive wetness, incorrect soil type etc., must be identified and excluded accordingly, and such exclusions must be illustrated clearly on the layout plan. The draft EIAR must demonstrate that land to be cleared is arable.



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Please take note of the requirement of Appendix 4, paragraph 1(1)(c) with respect to the requirement for the inclusion of a layout map and sensitivity map in the EMPr.

You are reminded of the requirements of Regulation 23(1), and that if such requirements are not met, this application will lapse in terms of Regulation 45.

Please draw the applicant's attention to the fact that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Sincerely,

Ms. S.B. MBUYANE

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT** 

DATE: 10/01/2023

