

REVISED MOTIVATION REPORT

Review period: 20 March 2019 to 23 April 2019

AIR TRAFFIC AND NAVIGATION SERVICES

20 March 2019

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Dear Mr Masilela

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:
PROPOSED WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, WESTERN CAPE
PROVINCE
(DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/1966/AM7)**

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In terms of Regulation 43(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this letter serves to inform you that the Revised Motivation Report is available for the Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) review and written comments, and a CD containing the Revised Motivation Report is included in this envelope.

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Subject: Witberg WEF: REMINDER - Revised Motivation Report review and comment period ending TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2019
Attachments: Witberg WEF Revised MR Review&Comment ATNS MASILELA Simphiwe.pdf; POD - Revised MR (22.03.2019)pdf.pdf

Dear Mr Masilela,

With reference to the attached notification letter dated Tuesday, 19 April 2019 and proof of delivery signed 21 April 2019, this email serves as a reminder that the review and comment period of the Revised Motivation Report will be ending on **Tuesday, 23 April 2019**.

Should your Organisation wish to submit written comment on the Report, we kindly request you to do so before or on **Tuesday, 23 April 2019**.

Kind regards

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Subject: Witberg WEF: Notification and Release Code for Revised Motivation Report
Attachments: Witberg WEF Revised Motivation Report NotificationLetter FINAL.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Samantha, Dale & Simon,

Please find attached the notification letter for the availability of the Revised Motivation Report as communicated to all registered Interested and Affected Parties on the project database.

The Release Code for access to the Report, as per arrangement, is: **rQYh26**

Kind regards,

Letter attached to e-mail above

19 March 2019

Dear Interest and Affected Party,

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With reference to our letter dated 14 November 2018 in which you, as a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP), was informed that the Witberg Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd received an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the construction of Witberg Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure on the 13th of October 2011. An appeal decision (Reference: LSA 105-439) dated the 13th of August 2013 was subsequently issued reducing the number of originally authorised wind turbines from 70 to 27 turbines, along with revised turbine specifications.

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Addressing the above changes were included in the Motivation Report that was made available to registered I&APs and Organs of State for a 30-day review period from Wednesday, 14 November 2018 to Friday, 14 December 2018. The Motivation Report was also made available at the Laingsburg Public Library (Van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg) and on Savannah Environmental's website (<https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/>).

In response to comments received from the first round of public participation, certain changes, which are regarded as significant, were required to be made to the draft motivation report, and significant new information has been added to a revised motivation report, which changes or information was not contained in the draft motivation report consulted on during the initial public participation process. This revised motivation report has therefore been updated with the new information and will be subjected to a second round of public participation of at least 30 days as required by the legislation.

In terms of Condition 5 of the Environmental Authorisation and Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for a change or deviation from the project description to be approved. Savannah Environmental has prepared a motivation report in support of this amendment application on behalf of Witberg West Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd.

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All comments received on the Revised Amendment Motivation Report will be included in the Revised Amendment Motivation Report which will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for review and decision-making.

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process. We also welcome you to share this information with any others that you feel will have a stake in the project and should be part of this process (such as occupiers of directly affected or surrounding properties, interest groups, community groups etc.).

Kind regards



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Attachments: 2197 Witberg Birdlife SA Meeting Minutes Draft Final(secured)_22.03.19_ST.pdf; 2197 Witberg: Birdlife SA Key Notes of the Meeting
Importance: High

Good Morning Rob and Samantha,

With reference to Shaun's e-mail dated 22nd March 2019, would you please be so kind as to confirm that the minutes of the meeting held at Building Energy SA Offices in Cape Town on 20 February 2019 can be recorded as final.

If you had submitted comments on the draft minutes, would you please be so kind and forward them to me as Shaun had left our Company at the end of March 2019. We are keeping track of his Outlook account and to date I could not trace an e-mail regarding the attached minutes.

Thanking you both in advance for your feedback.

Kind regards,






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<p>Body:</p> <p>Good Morning Simon, Samantha & Dale,</p> <p>Samantha, you will recall that it was previously indicated that Bridlife SA (you, Simon and Dale) does not receive our e-mails, especially in terms of the Witberg Amendment</p> <p>This e-mail serves as a test to determine whether BirdLife SA is receiving our e-mails send from our CRM database management programme.</p> <p>It will be appreciated if you can please send us a "reply" e-mail.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Nicolene Venter</p> <p>Public Participation and Social Consultant Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd Tel: +27 (0)11 656 3237 Fax: +27 (0)86 684 0547</p> <p><i>SAWEA Award for Leading Environmental Consultant for Wind Projects in 2013 & 2015</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Show Plain Text</p>	
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WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION

**NOTES OF BIRDLIFE SOUTH AFRICA MEETING
HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

**VENUE: BUILDING ENERGY SOUTH AFRICA OFFICES, 14TH FLOOR PIER
PLACE, HEERENGRACHT STREET, FORESHORE, CAPE TOWN**

Notes for the Record prepared by:

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**PROJECT NAME: WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

Venue: Building Energy South Africa Offices, 14th Floor Pier Place, Heerengracht Street, Foreshore, Cape Town

Date: 20 February 2019

Time: 13:30pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Shaun Taylor opened the meeting, welcoming everyone. Introductions were provided by each attendee including their name, designation and representative entity. Details are provided below.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Name	Organisation	Position	Email	Contact Number
Shaun Taylor (ST)	Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd	Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)	shaun@savannahsa.com	+27 11 656 3237
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Samantha Ralston-Paton (SRP)	Birdlife South Africa	Birds and Renewables	energy@birdlife.org.za	083 673 3948
Rob Simmons (RS)	Birds and Bats Limited	CEO	Rob.simmons@uct.co.za	082 780 0133

APOLOGIES

None.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

ST explained that the primary purpose of the meeting was to address the comments that Birdlife South Africa (dated 11 January 2019) raised on the draft motivation report dated November 2018 on the amendment application for the Witberg Wind Energy Facility (WEF), Western Cape Province. ST stated that a brief historical background of the project would be provided and then each comment raised would be addressed by all attendees. This procedure was accepted by all attendees.

BACKGROUND CONTEXT TO THE AMENDMENT APPLICATION

ST explained that the project had a long history dating back from the original Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process undertaken for the project in 2010/2011. It was summarised that the project had obtained environmental authorization (EA) on 13 October 2011, and subsequently had four appeal decisions issued (dated 29 November 2012, 13 August 2013, 20 February 2016 and 7 June 2018) and three EA amendments (dated 26 November 2013, 28 September 2015 and 12 June 2017). Given this background, Birdlife was previously involved in the appeals on the project and had a good understanding of the project specifications leading to the current proposed amendment application.

ST explained that from the original project, a number of revisions of the wind turbine specifications and layouts have been proposed, of which have taken into consideration environmental sensitivities, with specific focus on Red Data avifaunal species. The avoidance of environmental sensitivities is one of the primary reasons for the amendments proposed in the current amendment application submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs on 14 November 2018. In particular, the re-organisation of the layout is being proposed so as to be outside of the Verreaux's Eagle proposed 1.5km buffer area. MM added that the intent was to submit a project that is far more environmentally conscious than that which is currently authorized (i.e. 27 wind turbine layout).

Lastly, ST stated that the amendment application would be released into the public domain for an additional 30-day public review and comment period due to a revision of the draft motivation report being released for the project.

BIRDLIFE SA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT MOTIVATION REPORT (DATED NOVEMBER 2018)

ST stated that there were a number of comments that were submitted which were to be addressed at the meeting individually. The comments submitted and the notes of the responses received during the meeting include the following:

1. Procedural Issues

ST stated that the comment related mainly to communications in terms of the amendment application being sent to Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), and that some were suspected of not being received by the relevant IAPs, including Birdlife SA.

It was responded that whilst no other concerns have been reported to Savannah from other IAPs, test emails would be distributed specifically to SRP and her colleague Mr. Dale Wright to ensure that Birdlife will receive upcoming notification and communications on the revised amendment application to be distributed to all IAPs in a second round 30-day additional public review and comment period.

Post-Meeting Note – Test emails were distributed prior to release of the revised motivation report to Birdlife SA (Including SRP and Mr. Dale Wright). Confirmations were received from Mr.

Dale Wright on 19 March 2019 prior to release of the revised amendment motivation report which took place on the 20 March 2019.

2. Change in Turbine Specifications

ST stated that the main concern that was highlighted in this comment related to whether higher wind turbine will result in higher fatality rates.

SRP added that there was concern with the original assessment of band heights that were observed at vantage points (VPs) during the earlier assessments compared with current standards.

It was responded by RS that there is data from 53 studies on exactly this topic in the USA in which they found a strong and positive relationship between turbine height and fatalities, and in which higher turbines kill significantly more birds than smaller turbines. Nevertheless, the Collision-Risk Model (CRM) using flight data from the previous work indicated that at the Witberg fewer fatalities of Verreaux's Eagles are expected. In addition, RS stated that a recent site visit was undertaken in February 2019 to determine current environmental conditions and to add to the observations already undertaken. It was confirmed by RS that the area is currently experiencing a very bad drought, and that Martial Eagle was observed on the existing transmission lines near the project site. RS also stated that no Booted Eagle were observed, and that in general there was not much change in activity of the Red Data species of concern.

SRP stated that there was a technical limitation with the CRM in terms of the Blade Swept Area. It was replied by ST that the CRM study had been updated recently to include for the 25-wind turbine layout, as opposed to the 27-wind turbine layout previously assessed, and that this report would be available for review in the additional 30-day public review and comment period.

3. Extension of the validity of the Environmental Authorisation (EA)

ST stated that there were several sub-comments related to Birdlife's objection to extending the validity of the EA. These are included individually below:

a. Extension of EA – Receiving Environment

SRP stated that given that a recent site visit was undertaken, it was enquired where the CRM would be updated. ST stated that the CRM study had been updated recently to include for the 25-wind turbine layout, as opposed to the 27-wind turbine layout previously assessed, and that this report would be available for review in the additional 30-day public review and comment period. RS added that reduced activity occurred on the ridge, presumably due to drought conditions and lack of prey. RS stated that there may be a new possible Verreaux's Eagle nest off the project site approximately 3.5km in the nearby nature reserve, but that this was not confirmed from the site visit, although the activity suggested this.

SRP enquired about the condition of the site in consideration of a fire that took place some years ago (February 2016). RS replied that the fire area stretched from the south east of the project site to the north west of the project site in a V-shaped area, and that this area had recovered somewhat but was also experiencing drought so was severely negatively affected in general.

SRP added that according to Birdlife's latest findings, there is a correlation between increase in activity and fatalities for Red Data species. RS confirmed that disturbance is an issue at the project site which should be limited as far as possible with the revised 25 turbine layout.

b. Extension of EA – Advances in Understanding of Impacts

SRP stated that the passage rates are high in the area. RS accepted that, for the farm, overall the passage rate was high, but that most of the hunting was done out over the plains to the north of nest 1 and 2. Within the areas close to the nests – with the precautionary buffers around the eagle nests – these areas however have exceptionally low Passage Rates for Verreaux's Eagles (and zero for Martial Eagles) as reported in our Amendment report. RS added that there were 7 flights in 333 hours within the 3.0 -1.5 km buffer around the VE 1 Bantam nest (a very low Passage Rate of 0.021 eagles/h) for example. The current area is also in a bad condition due to the fire event in 2016 and reduced presence of prey. RS continued that passage rates and fatality rates are linked theoretically. SRP reiterated that fatalities of Red Data species are of concern and wished to state that the project is in what is considered a high-risk area regionally.

c. Extension of EA – Advances in Understanding of Technology Changes

SH stated that with operation monitoring however, should there be a fatality of Red Data species, mitigation would be implemented. RS added that shut-down on demand systems have been proposed as mitigation strategies with up-front planning.

SH enquired what should be done with regards to other measures proposed including black blade painting given that there may be issues with Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) from a visual perspective for the wind turbine blades. RS stated that another method can be employed such as red stripe or tip painting to make the blades more visible to avifauna. RS explained that this would be experimental, and if this method fails, then there is still the next mitigation option of shut-down on demand with cameras. RS admitted that there was some success and failure reported with shut-down on demand systems with cameras however. SH stated that Building Energy South Africa would have to consider the timing of the project when determining the financial possibility of these mitigation options. SRP stated that blade painting would be cheaper than deterrent systems as well. SRP added that there are also other research options that could be implemented with advances of academic research.

MM added that one of the amendments would also be to consolidate the EA and all conditions, as well as to make the EA relevant to current legislative requirements.

d. Extension of EA – Need and Desirability

SRP stated that whilst the current proposed amendment is a much better proposal from an environmental perspective when considering the original project, Birdlife SA still have concerns about the proposed amendments. SH stated that from a developer perspective, the project site has the highest wind resource than any other of BESA's projects and it was easy to connect to the national grid, and for these reasons, BESA intend to pursue the project.

e. Extension of EA – Lessons Learned

SRP stated that the EMPr for the draft motivation report dated November 2018 was drafted poorly, and that several changes were requested. ST replied that the requested changes by Birdlife SA would be integrated into the revised EMPr which would be released for an additional 30-day public comment and review period.

SRP stated that it is also important that the EMPr holds the developer accountable. MM replied that the Department of Environmental Affairs required an update to the EMPr and that these were also being taken into consideration, and would be reflected in the revised EMPr as well.

SRP stated that the objectives need to be clear. MM replied that the CRM and avifaunal updated reports were explicit on requirements, and that the relevant conditions that needed to be updated in the EA would be made more clear.

RS enquired about the powerline component. ST stated that the powerlines were updated and would be provided to RS for his final report update. SRP enquired whether the powerlines would be made bird friendly? SH replied that these would be. ST stated that bird friendly designs were included in the EMPr. In addition, SH stated that BESA would build the powerline, and then Eskom would operate and manage the power lines once operational.

SRP stated that Condition 40 of the EA needs to be put into context. SRP stated that there should be requirement for budget provisions to make sure that the developer can implement the mitigation measures for post-construction monitoring, and that consultation between the specialist and the developer is needed in this regard. In addition, SRP stated that she would like to see the word "unanticipated" removed as this is ambiguous. SRP also wanted to ensure that post-construction monitoring is transparent. MM replied that the word unanticipated could be removed in the updated EA conditions, and that the recommended mitigation measures proposed by the avifaunal specialist could be implemented.

4. General

ST enquired about the adaptive management plan proposed by RS in the avifaunal amendment report. RS responded that the plan would have to be done responsibly and timeously. SRP stated that there should be a few options to be considered in the management plan. ST responded that this could be proposed as a pre-construction requirement in the EA from the EAP. SH enquired whether it would be possible for the EAP to compile a draft adaptive management plan in the EMPr. ST responded that it could be possible but that this would be very high level since final details are not available for the project.

Post-Meeting Note – It was decided that the adaptive avifaunal monitoring and management plan would be compiled should the project receive preferred bidder status, which will detail the specific mitigation measures (including shutting down of problem turbines etc.) as it is uncertain at this stage, when the project may actually proceed. Therefore, it was deemed premature to have a detailed plan at this point.

DISCUSSION SESSION AND CLOSURE

ST stated that the revised amendment application would be released in March 2019, and that Birdlife's comments would be addressed therein for their further consideration.

ST closed the meeting at 15:00pm.

CAPE NATURE

20 March 2019

Mr Collin Fordham
Land Use Advice
Cape Nature
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By Courier Services

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Dear Colin,

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Kind regards,

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Regards,

Colin Fordham
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From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2019 13:10

To: shaun@savannahsa.com

Cc: nicolene@savannahsa.com

Subject: Witberg Wind Energy Farm: Notification of Availability of Revised Motivation Report for review and comment

Dear Stakeholder,

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The draft motivation report was been made available to registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and Organs of State for a 30-day review period from **Wednesday, 14 November 2018 to Friday, 14 December 2018**.

This e-mail serves to notify you of the availability of the Revised Motivation Report for the above-mentioned project for a 30-day review and comment period. The review and comment period is from **Wednesday, 20 March 2019 to Tuesday, 23 April 2019**.

Please refer to the attached Notification Letter for further information.

Kind regards,

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CENTRAL KAROO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

20 March 2019

Mr S Jooste
Municipal Manager
Central Karoo District Municipality
63 Donkin Street
Beaufort West
6970

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Jooste

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:
PROPOSED WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, WESTERN CAPE
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In terms of Regulation 43(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this letter serves to inform you that the Revised Motivation Report is available for the Central Karoo District Municipality's review and written comments, and a CD containing the Revised Motivation Report is included in this envelope.

Please note that the Revised Motivation Report review period is from **Wednesday, 20 March 2019** to **Tuesday, 23 April 2019** and we are looking forward receiving the District Municipality's written comment/s on the Revised Motivation Report within the 30-day review period but not later than the closing date of the review period, i.e. **Tuesday, 23 April 2019**.

Kind regards

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Nicolene Venter

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND
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20 March 2019

Ms Thoko Buthelezi
AgriLand Liaison Office
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries
Delpen Building Office 270
Cnr Annie Botha and Union Street
RIVIERA
0084

By Courier Services

Dear Ms Buthelezi

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:
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Kind regards

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Nicolene Venter

Public Participation and Social Consultant

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20 March 2019

Ms Mashudu Marubini
Delegate to the Minister
Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries
Delpen Building Office 270
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RIVIERA
0084

By Courier Services

Dear Ms Marubini

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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 5:47 PM
To: Mashudu Marubini; Thoko Buthelezi
Cc: nicolene@savannahsa.com; mabel@savannahsa.com
Subject: Witberg WEF: REMINDER - Revised Motivation Report review and comment period ending TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2019
Attachments: Witberg WEF Revised MR Review&Comment DAFF MARUBI Mashudu.pdf; Witberg WEF Revised MR Review&Comment DAFF BUTHELEZI thoko.pdf; POD - Revised MR (22.03.2019).pdf

Dear Mr Marubini and Ms Buthelezi

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Kind regards

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20 March 2019

Mr Cor van der Walt
Land Use Management
Department of Agriculture: Western Cape
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7607

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Van der Walt

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Kind regards

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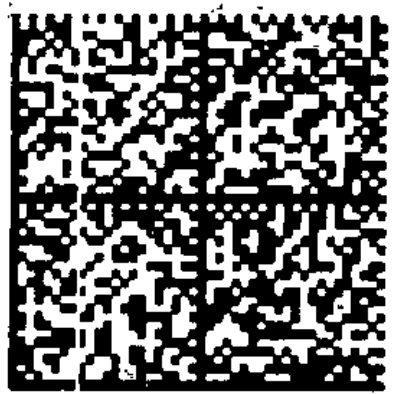
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

20 March 2019

Mr Danie Swanepoel
Control Environmental Officer (Region 3)
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
93 York Park Building,
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George

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Swanepoel

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Nicolene Venter

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20 March 2019

Ms Adri la Meyer
Directorate: Development Facilitation
Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
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Utilitas Building
1 Dorp Street, Cape Town
8001

By Courier Services

Dear Ms La Meyer

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

20 March 2019

Mr Stanely Tshitwamulomoni
Director: Biodiversity Conservation
Department of Environmental Affairs
Environmental House
473 Steve Biko Road
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0002

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Tshitwamulomoni

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:
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Kind regards

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Nicolene Venter

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From: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 5:58 PM
To: Stanley Tshitwamulomoni
Cc: nicolene@savannahsa.com; mabel@savannahsa.com
Subject: Witberg WEF: REMINDER - Revised Motivation Report review and comment period ending TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2019
Attachments: Witberg WEF Revised MR Review&Comment DEA BioDiv TSHITWAMULOMONI Standley.pdf

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

20 March 2019

Mr Pheladi Masipa
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Department of Energy
192 Visagie Street
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND
REFORM

20 March 2019

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Administration Support: Office of the Director General
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform
Old Building
184 Jacob Mare Street
Pretoria

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Masemola

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From: Samuel Masemola <samuel.masemola@drdlr.gov.za>
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Subject: Acknowledgement Letter: T2019-0224: APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE: DEA REF.: 12/12/20/1966/AM7

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Should you wish to follow up on this matter, kindly contact Ms Malebo Baloi: Tel: 012 312 9851. Email: Malebo.Baloi@drdlr.gov.za or Mr Ramaleho Saila: Tel: 012 312 9665. Email: ramaleho.saila@drdlr.gov.za

Kind regards

Mr Samuel Masemola
For Office of the Director General
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform

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Cc: nicolene@savannahsa.com; mabel@savannahsa.com
Subject: FW: Acknowledgement Letter: T2019-0224: AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: WITBERG WEF: DEA REF.: 12/12/20/1966/AM7
Attachments: Witberg WEF Revised Motivation Report NotificationLetter FINAL.pdf; Witberg WEF Revised MR Review&Comment DRDLR MASEMOLA Samuel.pdf; Witberg WEF Revised MR Review&Comment DRDLR WC NANTE Lungisa.pdf

WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

- **DEA ref. no.: 12/12/20/1966**

Dear Ms Baloi and Mr Saila,

With reference to the information received below, would you please be so kind and inform us whether we will receive written comments from your Department on the above-mention project.

For easy reference, please find attached our notification letter to your Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

20 March 2019

Ms Janine Nale
Chief Director: Communications
Department of Water and Sanitation
185 Francis Baard Street
Pretoria
0002

By Courier Services

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20 March 2019

Mr Warren Dreyer
Case Officer
Department of Water and Sanitation
52 Voortrekker Road
Spectrum Building
Bellville
7530

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Dreyer

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ENDANGERED WILDLIFE TRUST

20 March 2019

Ms Mandy Poole
Chief Operation Officer
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20 March 2019

Mr John Geeringh
Senior Environmental Advisor
Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd
Megawatt Park, Maxwell Drive
SUNNINGHILL

Collect at Savannah Environmental Offices

Dear Mr Geeringh,

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:
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Please note that the Revised Motivation Report review period is from **Wednesday, 20 March 2019** to **Tuesday, 23 April 2019** and we are looking forward receiving Eskom's written comment/s on the Revised Motivation Report within the 30-day review period but not later than the closing date of the review period, i.e. **Tuesday, 23 April 2019**.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicolene Venter', written in a cursive style.

Nicolene Venter

Public Participation and Social Consultant

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From: Shaun Taylor <shaun@savannahsa.com>
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To: 'publicprocess'; 'John Geeringh'
Cc: 'Jo-Anne Thomas'
Subject: RE: Witberg Wind Energy Farm: Notification of Availability of Revised Motivation Report for review and comment
Attachments: EA- First Issue.pdf; Updated Info 13 March 2019.kml

Dear John

Please see attached as requested.

Regards

Shaun Taylor

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Cc: shaun@savannahsa.com; 'Jo-Anne Thomas' <joanne@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: Witberg Wind Energy Farm: Notification of Availability of Revised Motivation Report for review and comment

Hi John,

Thank you for the information provided and the requested documents (original EA and KMZ file of the layout of the WEF) will be forwarded soon.

Kind regards,

Nicolene Venter

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From: John Geeringh <GeerinJH@eskom.co.za>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Subject: RE: Witberg Wind Energy Farm: Notification of Availability of Revised Motivation Report for review and comment

Please find attached Eskom requirements for developments at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes. Please also find attached Eskom's setback requirements for renewable infrastructure development. Can you please send me copies of the original EA as well as a KMZ file of the layout of the WEF.

Kind regards

John Geeringh (Pr Sci Nat)
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From: Savannah Public Process [<mailto:publicprocess@savannahsa.com>]
Sent: 19 March 2019 01:10 PM
To: shaun@savannahsa.com
Cc: nicolene@savannahsa.com
Subject: Witberg Wind Energy Farm: Notification of Availability of Revised Motivation Report for review and comment

Dear Stakeholder,

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The draft motivation report was been made available to registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and Organs of State for a 30-day review period from **Wednesday, 14 November 2018 to Friday, 14 December 2018.**

This e-mail serves to notify you of the availability of the Revised Motivation Report for the above-mentioned project for a 30-day review and comment period. The review and comment period is from **Wednesday, 20 March 2019 to Tuesday, 23 April 2019.**

Please refer to the attached Notification Letter for further information.

Kind regards,

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LAINSBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

20 March 2019

Cllr Wilhelm Theron
Ward 2 Councillor
Laingsburg Local Municipality
2 Van Riebeeck Street
Laingsburg
6900

By Courier Services

Dear Cllr Theron

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Please note that the Revised Motivation Report review period is from **Wednesday, 20 March 2019** to **Tuesday, 23 April 2019** and we are looking forward receiving your Ward's written comment/s on the Revised Motivation Report within the 30-day review period but not later that the closing date of the review period, i.e. **Tuesday, 23 April 2019**.

Kind regards

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Nicolene Venter

Public Participation and Social Consultant

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20 March 2019

Mr Johan Mouton
Environmental Officer
Laingsburg Local Municipality
2 Van Riebeeck Street
Laingsburg
6900

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Mouton

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Kind regards

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Nicolene Venter

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20 March 2019

Mr PA Williams
Acting Municipal Manager
Laingsburg Local Municipality
2 Van Riebeeck Street
Laingsburg
6900

By Courier Services

Dear Mr Williams

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Cc:	nicolene@savannahsa.com, shaun@savannahsa.com		
Bcc:			
Subject:	Witberg EA Amendment - Revised Amendment Motivation Report: Confirmation as Commenting Official (Laingsburg Local Municipality)		
Body:	<p>Ms Winnie Miles, Secretary to the Municipal Manager,</p> <p>Dear Ms Miles,</p> <p>The Revised Amendment Motivation Report for the Witberg Wind Energy Facility near Maatjiesfontein, Western Cape Province, will be made available for your Municipalitys review and comments in due course.</p> <p>It would be appreciated if you can confirm that the Report can be courier to the following Officials:</p> <p>Mr PA Williams, Acting Municipal Manager, 2 van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg, 6900, Tel 023-551-1019</p> <p>Cllr Wilhelm Theron, Ward 2, 2 van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg, 6900, Tel 083 447 4227</p> <p>Mr Johan Mouton, Environmental Officer, 2 van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg, 6900, Tel.: 023 551 1019</p> <p>If the above-mentioned Officials are not the commenting Officials for Laingsburg Local Municipality, would you please be so kind and inform us to whom the Report needs to be courier to.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Nicolene Venter</p> <p>Public Participation and Social Consultant Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd Tel: +27 (0)11 656 3237 Fax: +27 (0)86 684 0547</p> <p><i>SAWEA Award for Leading Environmental Consultant for Wind Projects in 2013 & 2015</i></p>		

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Applicants: Witberg Wind Power (Pty) Ltd

Consultants/Experts: Shaun Taylor

OtherReferences:




Dept	CaseReference	DueDate	FinalDecision
DEA	12/12/20/1988		

Heritage Reports: Heritage - Witberg WEF_Nov'18

Heritage - Witberg WEF Amendment_Feb'19

ReferenceList:

AdditionalDocuments

1.  Witberg_Motivation Report.pdf
2.  Witberg_Appendix A - Avifauna Collission Reports.pdf
3.  Witberg_Appendix B - Avifauna Impat Report.PDF
4.  Witberg_Appendix C - Bat Report.PDF
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20 March 2019

Ms Wassefa Dhansay
Assistant Director: Provincial Services
Heritage Resource Management Services: Heritage Western Cape
3rd Floor, Protea Assurance Building
Greenmarket Square
Cape Town
8001

By Courier Services

Dear Ms Dhansay

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Kind regards

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Dear Waseefa,

Thank you for the confirmation – Heritage Western Cape will receive the CD containing the Revised Amendment Motivation Report as soon as the report is available for review and comment.

Kind regards,

Nicolene Venter

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Dear Nicolene

The report can be couriered to Heritage Western Cape, 3rd Floor, Protea Assurance Building, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town

Kind regards,

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Morning Waseefa

Please see the email below and confirm.

Regards

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Subject: Witberg EA Amendment - Revised Amendment Motivation Report: Confirmation as Commenting Official (Provincial Heritage Agency - Western Cape Province)

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3rd Floor, Protea Assurance Building, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town

Tel.: 044-802-5329 / 083-46-6660

If you are not the commenting Official for your Agency, would you please be so kind as to forward this e-mail to the relevant Official or provide me with the Official's contact details.

Kind regards,

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20 March 2019

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Ms Nicole Abrahams
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By Courier Services

Dear Ms Abrahams

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Dear Dr Tiplady

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Dear Herman,

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Good Morning,

I cannot access the documents to view the changes that you are proposing at the Witberg site: i.e. placement of the wind generators.

Will it be possible that you can send it to me?

Regards

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PROPOSED WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

(DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/1966/AM7)

Dear Stakeholder and/or Interested and Affected Party,

With reference to the attached notification letter sent on Tuesday, 19 March 2019, this email serves as a reminder that the comment period of the Revised Motivation Report will be ending soon. The review and comment period for the Revised Motivation Report was from **Wednesday, 20 March 2019** and will end on **Tuesday, 23 April 2019**.

For those Stakeholders and/or Interested and Affected Parties who had not yet submitted written comments, we kindly request that you do so before or on **Tuesday, 23 April 2019**, by close of business day.

Kind regards,

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MOTIVATION REPORT

Review period: 14 November 2018 to 14 December
2018

MEETING:

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED AGENDA

Witberg Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure, Western Cape Province 28 August 2018

Savannah Environmental Offices, Savannah Boardroom, First Floor, Block 2, 5 Woodlands Drive,
Woodmead, 2191

AUTHORITY APPLICATION MEETING

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Purpose of the meeting
3. Project Historical Background
4. Proposed Amendments
 - a. Amendment of Wind Turbine Specifications;
 - b. Amendment of Wind Farm Layout;
 - c. Amendment of Contact Details for the Holder of the EA;
 - d. Amendment to authorised activities to correct minor spelling errors;
 - e. Amendment request for extension of validity of the EA;
 - f. Amendment of the heights of the Wind Measuring Masts; and
 - g. Amendment to Condition 40 of the EA.
5. Way forward (proposed amendments, assessment process and specialist studies)
6. Closure

WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION

**NOTES OF DEA AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2018**

**VENUE: SAVANNAH ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICES, SAVANNAH
BOARDROOM, FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK 2, 5 WOODLANDS DRIVE,
WOODMEAD, 2191**

Notes for the Record prepared by:

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**PROJECT NAME: WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE
ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

Venue: Savannah Environmental Offices, Savannah Boardroom, First Floor, Block 2, 5 Woodlands Drive, Woodmead, 2191

Date: 28 August 2018

Time: 11:00am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Shaun Taylor opened the meeting, welcoming everyone. Introductions were provided by each attendee including their name, designation and representative entity. Details are provided below.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Name	Organisation	Position	Email	Contact Number
Shaun Taylor (ST)	Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd	Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Magdalena Michalowska (MM)	Building Energy South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Junior Developer	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Sharief Harris (SH)	Building Energy South Africa (Pty) Ltd	Environmental Compliance Manager	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Karen De Bruyn (KDB)	G7 Renewable Energies	Project Manager	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Muhammad Essop (ME)	Department of Environmental Affairs	Assistant Director – Strategic Infrastructure Projects	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Mmamohale Kabesa (MK)	Department of Environmental Affairs	Case Officer	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

APOLOGIES

None.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

ST explained that the application meeting was primarily being held as per the request of the DEA in their acknowledgement of receipt for the amendment application letter dated 14 August 2018 (Reference number: 12/12/20/1966/AM6). ST further stated that the purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed amendments, which were being applied for to the DEA within the Part 2

Amendment Application, address any potential historical concerns related to previous amendment appeals and applications and address any concerns related to the current proposed amendments requested.

PROJECT HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

ST presented the historical background to the project providing background information on the environmental authorization, amendments and appeal decisions issued by the DEA to date.

ME noted that the approval of Layout Revision 7 and turbine specifications in the appeal decision (LSA 105-439) dated 13 August 2013 was approved by the Minister of Environmental Affairs (the "Minister"). Current practice is for the Minister to refer the decision to the Strategic Infrastructure for approval. ME noted that there may be an issue as a result, as the Minister typically does not approve layouts and the Strategic Infrastructure Department has technically not approved Layout Revision 7. ME to revert back on outcome of internal discussions thereto with the Appeals Directorate in a day or so (**Action Item 1**)¹. ME's concern was that as the Minister approved the Layout Revision 7 and turbine specifications the Strategic Infrastructure Department would not be able to, legally, approve any amendment to the layout and turbine specifications for this project, unless instructed to do so by the Minister. ME however advised that the meeting continue on the preface that, after internal consultation, the Strategic Infrastructure Department would be the decision maker on the amendment application. ME also confirmed that in the event that the Minister would be the competent authority, that she may consider all change requests as she has wide powers.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

ST presented the proposed amendments requested in the application for amendment to the environmental authorisation (EA) submitted to the Department on the 23 July 2018. These included the following:

1. Amendment 1 – Wind Turbine Specifications

ST stated that the request was to amend the approved wind turbine specifications to increase the hub height, rotor diameter and wind turbine generation capacity to increase the efficiency and economic competitiveness of the project. ST also explained that a range of hub height and rotor diameter was being applied for and not a fixed hub height and rotor diameter. ME was happy with this approach and provided some guidance on the wording of the requested amendments to the hub height and rotor diameter requesting that the range be specified as a hub height ranging between 92m and 120m and a rotor diameter ranging between 116m and 136m. ME was also supportive of this approach which would lead to less chance of a further amendment to these turbine specifications being required.

¹ Post meeting note – ME reverted via telephone and email (31 August 2018) that the course of action to follow is to withdraw the current application and resubmit to the Appeals Directorate for their consideration. Details pertaining to this correspondence are in Appendix 1.

ME stated that a concern with amending the wind turbine specifications (particularly hub heights and rotor diameter) is the lowest rotor swept limit, as this has implications for potential impacts on bats. This would need to be considered. ST confirmed that this was considered by the bat specialist.

2. Amendment 2 – Wind Farm Layout

ST stated that the request was to change the wind farm layout in terms of wind turbine placement and reduction in number of wind turbines. The applicant also optimized the layout of the construction camp, substation, linking station and associated 132kV power line.

ME enquired as to why the wind turbines were being requested to be reduced and re-positioned in areas?

KDB responded stating the approved Layout Revision 7 as per the decision issued by the Minister in August 2013 did not take the avifaunal sensitivities fully into account in terms of the Verreaux's Eagle Nest buffers of 1.5km. Bird pre-construction monitoring assessments undertaken in 2015 subsequent to the Minister's decision, recommended a 1.5km buffer to be implemented. In addition, the latest BirdLife guideline on preconstruction monitoring for Verreaux's Eagles recommend a 3km buffer around all Verreaux's Eagle nests. However, the avifauna specialists confirmed that a 1.5km buffer is acceptable where no wind turbines should be placed within 1,5km of the known Verreaux's eagle nests, in line with the latest bird guidelines for avifaunal assessments for wind farms.

Bat sensitivities also did not form part of the information considered in the appeal decision dated August 2013. As a result, wind turbines were removed where required and re-positioned as appropriate to avoid the high sensitive areas and buffers. Re-positioning also considered wind turbulence factors which can impact on generation potential. Some wind turbines were therefore moved to the southern most ridge (which was part of the initial development area) and some turbines were removed on the western ridge. It was stated that as a result, the collision risk in the original avifaunal collision risk model report had been reduced from 0.86 to approx. 0.84 for the current proposed wind farm layout.

3. Amendment 3 – Change to Contact Details of the Holder of the EA

ST stated that a change to the contact details of the Holder of the EA was being requested.

4. Amendment 4 – Amendment to Minor Spelling Errors in Authorised Listed Activities

ST stated the corrections to the authorised activities Government Notice (GN) Regulation 386 Item 1(m) & Item 7 in the EA dated 13 October 2011 were required.

5. Amendment 5 – Extension of the Validity of the EA

ST stated that the current EA is valid up to 28 September 2020, however the applicant is requesting that extension of the validity for a further two (2) years is requested up to 28 September 2022 for bidding purposes and in an effort to negate the need for a further amendment to the EA to extend the validity period in future.

ME stated that this would only be the second project to request extension of validity of the EA beyond ten (10) years to which DEA generally do not allow.

KDB responded that this amendment would assist to reduce paperwork in having to apply again in the near future for extension following potentially obtaining preferred bidder status. KDB queried whether not extending the EA by the requested amount would force construction to take place sooner, which is not possible in reality as the project is at the mercy of the REIPPPP process.

ME replied that DEA prefer construction to take place as soon as EA is issued as the EA can sterilize sites for alternative developments. KdB explained that the EA does not sterilize the area for future development that could be suitable for these farms i.e. agriculture/tourism. ME further stated that the application would be considered on its merits and that the request for extension beyond the ten (10) year limit could be applied for. The amendment application would be considered as such. However, this amendment request may be targeted for potential grounds for appeal from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) if the request is not approved by the DEA.

KdB also questioned where the 10-year limit stems from. The 2014 regulations were amended to remove reference to the '10-year limit' – see section 26 (d) for more information. It was in any case the intention under the 2014 regulations that the EA may be extended after the 10-year validity period on application. It is therefore unclear why the Department would impose such a limitation. ME confirmed this will need to be discussed internally.

ST responded that discussion would be required between the EAP and the applicant to decide on the best course of action and length of validity request for the amendment.

SH stated that internal discussions would be undertaken to inform guidance on this way forward (**Action Item 2**).

6. Amendment 6 – Amendment to wind measuring mast heights

ST stated the it was requested to amend the wind measuring mast heights in line with the proposed hub heights amendments in order to record accurate data at the same heights to have accurate and relevant data to inform planning and operation of wind turbines.

7. Amendment 7 – Amendment to Condition 40 of the EA

ST stated that the final amendment request was to amend Condition 40 of the additional conditions added to the EA as per appeal decision dated August 2013, which instructs G7 to comply with the said condition, and not the holder of the EA, Witberg Wind Power (Pty) Ltd is the holder of the EA. This would need to be amended to refer to Witberg Wind Power (Pty) Ltd as the holder of the EA.

MM stated that this amendment request was not contained in the application submitted to the DEA and an updated application form would need to be submitted with the Draft Motivation Report for consideration.

ST responded that this would be undertaken upon submission of the Motivation Report.

WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE

The discussion of the way forward was suggested to be dealt with in three components including the amendment process to be undertaken, specialist studies and concerns with the proposed amendments. ST opened the discussion in terms of the amendment process to be followed requesting clarification on the submission timeframes to be applied considering the ambiguity between correspondence on the original application submitted on 23 July 2018 and the receipt of incorrectly completed application for amendment letter dated 25 July 2018. The query related to whether the applicable 90-day submission timeframe in terms of Regulation 31(1)(a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014), as amended, would commence from the 23 July 2018 or the 3 August 2018?

ME confirmed that the applicable 90-day legislated timeframe will begin from 3 August 2018.

ST initiated discussion of the specialist studies by opening that the specialist's inputs obtained for the amendment application, have considered all amendment requests including amendment 7 which had not been included in the original application submitted on the 23 July 2018. ST stated that confirmation in terms of validity of data used for the specialist amendment assessments had been requested for comment by the relevant specialists. ST proceeded to provide the available findings obtained to date from each specialist to be included in the amendment application.

ME enquired whether specialists have considered the re-positioned power line and other infrastructure / building footprints?

KDB confirmed this.

MM added that information taken from the EIA in terms of footprint sizes were used to inform and motivate the re-positioning of the relevant components applied for in the amendment application.

ME reiterated that these queries were being discussed to ensure that all bases are covered in anticipation of potential appeals given the history of the project.

MM added that it was for this reason that Rob Simmons was requested to provide inputs from an avifaunal perspective, over and above the Collision Risk Modelling Report, which was undertaken by Dr Steve Percival.

ME requested whether the moderate impact significance rating was considered acceptable by the bat specialist, and whether the applicant could undertake the mitigation measures proposed?

KDB replied that it was considered acceptable, and that the additional mitigation measures (including curtailment mitigation measures) proposed by the bat specialists have already been considered as these were findings provided to the applicant in the pre-construction monitoring report dated 2015. Provision for implementation of the proposed mitigation measures have already been considered and provision has been made for this to be implemented.

ME requested whether the bat and bird pre-construction monitoring reports would be included in the motivation report?

ST confirmed this and advised that these would be appended to the Motivation Report submission.

DISCUSSION SESSION AND CLOSURE

ME stated that updated landowner consents would need to be obtained from the landowners for submission with the amendment application as required by Regulation 39 of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended.

MM advised that this would be obtained and submitted as requested.

ME queried whether the applicant would like a consolidated EA containing all details as per the EA as well as subsequent amendments and appeal decision conditions or whether the applicant would prefer an additional decision on the EA amendment application?

ST enquired whether this would need to be requested specifically in the amendment application or the motivation report as a recommendation request?

ME responded that this could be requested in both the application and stated as a recommendation in the motivation report, in terms of Regulation 27(2) of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended.

ME queried whether the Environmental Management Programme would be updated as part of the amendment application?

KDB responded that this could be included as requested.

MM requested that the minutes of the meeting be distributed along with action items.

ST responded that this would be distributed along with the presentation for record keeping purposes.

ME enquired whether the IAP database to be used has been updated?

MM confirmed that the IAP list was re-verified and updated accordingly and the PPP process, which would be followed in compliance with the requirements of the Regulations.

ME stated that the amendment application public participation is to be undertaken in line with Chapter 6 of the EIA Regulations (2014), as amended.

ST noted this requirement and closed the meeting at 12:30pm.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION
AMENDMENT PROCESS
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

**WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY, WESTERN
CAPE PROVINCE**

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL MOTIVATION
REPORT

Witberg Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure, Western Cape Province

DEA Ref: 12/12/20/1966/AM6

August 2018

Meeting Agenda

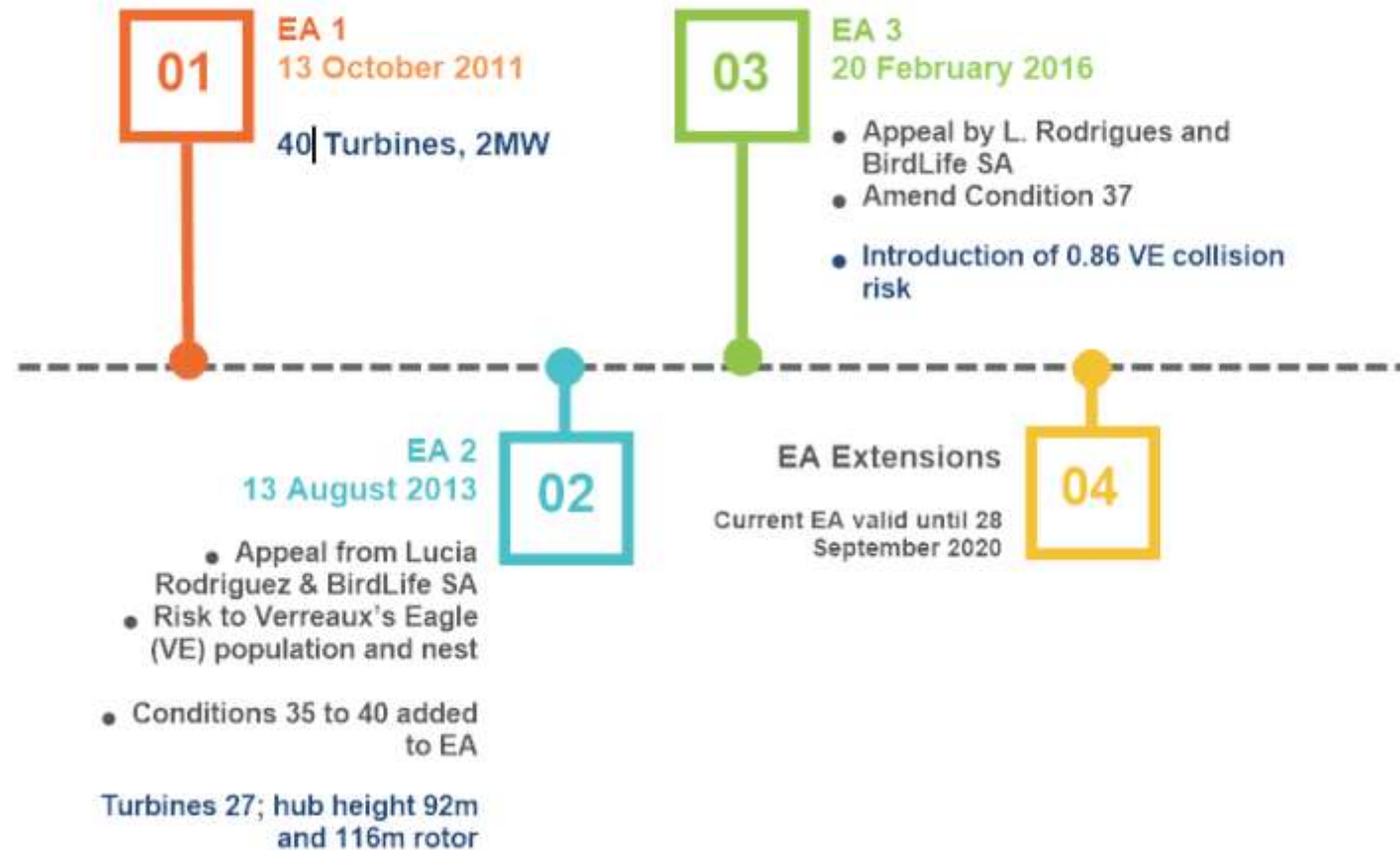
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 2. Amendment of Wind Farm Layout
 3. Amendment of EA Holder Contact Details
 4. Amendment of Minor Spelling Errors for Authorised Activities
 5. Amendment of the Validity of EA
 6. Amendment of the Heights of Wind Measuring Masts
 7. Amendment to Condition 40 of EA (New)
5. Way Forward (Proposed Amendments, Assessment Process, Specialists Studies)
6. Discussion session

Purpose of the Meeting

- Present the proposed amendments for the Witberg Wind Energy Facility, including the associated motivation
- Address historical concerns related to previous amendment appeals and applications
- Address any concerns related to the current proposed amendment application

Project Historical Background

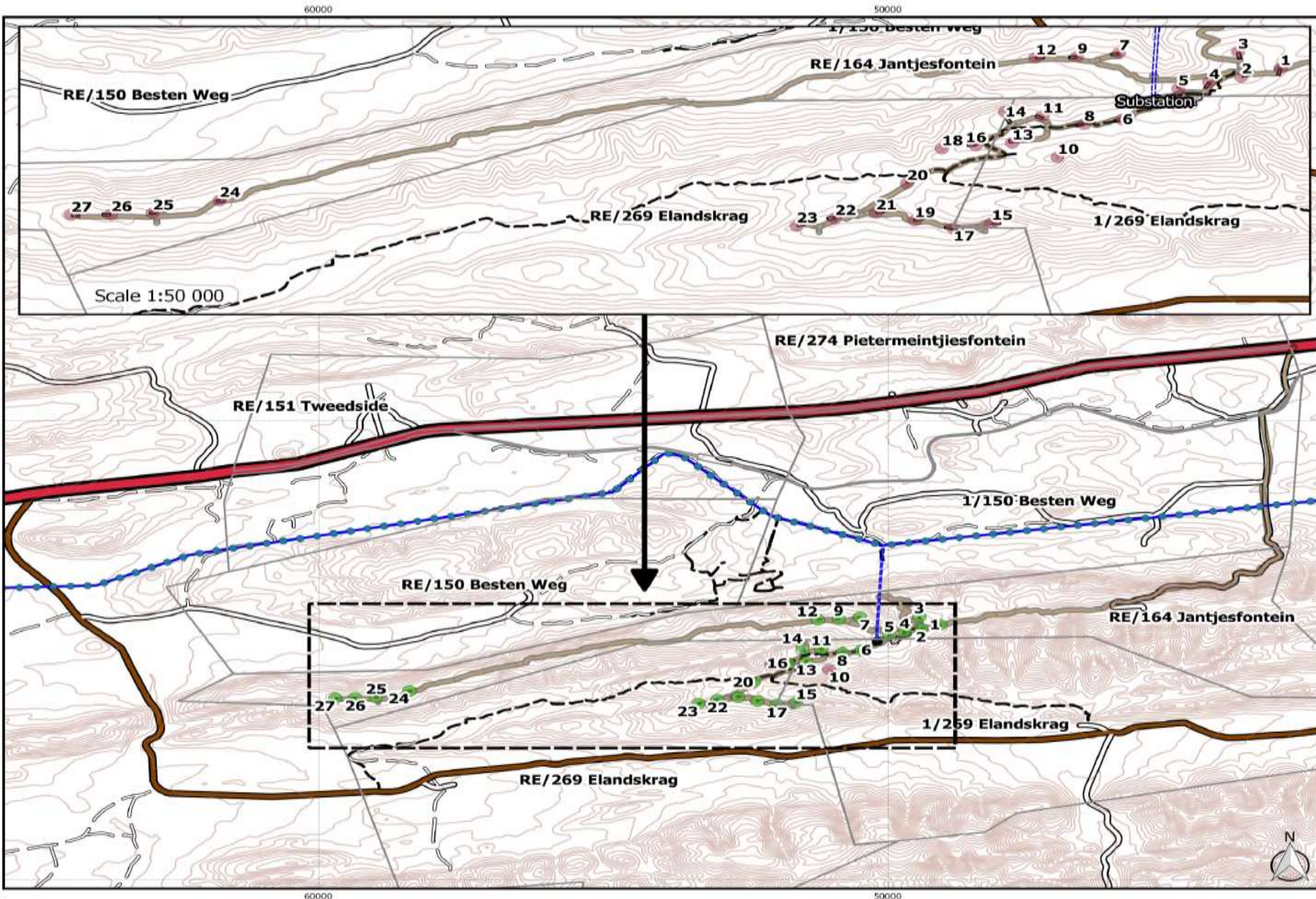
WITBERG WIND FARM - HISTORY RELEVANT TO LAYOUT/ TURBINE SPECIFICATION



Project Historical Background

Environmental Authorisation, Amendments and Appeals Decisions:

- EA Amendment 4 (12/12/20/1966/AM4) – dated 28 September 2015:
 - Extension of Validity of EA (Expiry 26 November 2017)
- EA Amendment Appeal Decision (LSA 148 697) – dated 20 February 2016:
 - Appeals dismissed
 - Condition 37 amended and Condition 41 added to EA
- EA Amendment 5 (12/12/20/1966/AM5) – dated 12 June 2017:
 - Amend details of Holder of EA
 - Extension of Validity of EA (Expiry 28 September 2020)
- EA Appeal Amendment Decision (DEA Ref No:169 619) – dated 07 June 2018:
 - Appeals dismissed



Witberg WEF proposed vs authorised turbines

- Legend**
- Witberg Properties
 - N1 National Road
 - Main Gravel Road
 - Secondary Gravel Roads
 - Farm Roads
 - Existing Eskom 132kV
 - Existing Farm Tracks
 - contours

- Witberg WEF Infrastructure**
- Proposed turbines (25)
 - Authorised turbines (27)
 - Proposed 132kV
 - Substation 100mx100m
 - Proposed roads
 - Crane pads & Construction camp

Scale: 1:100 000
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Date: 27-8-2018 Project: Witberg

Coordinate System: WG 21

Drawn: KdB

Approved: FP

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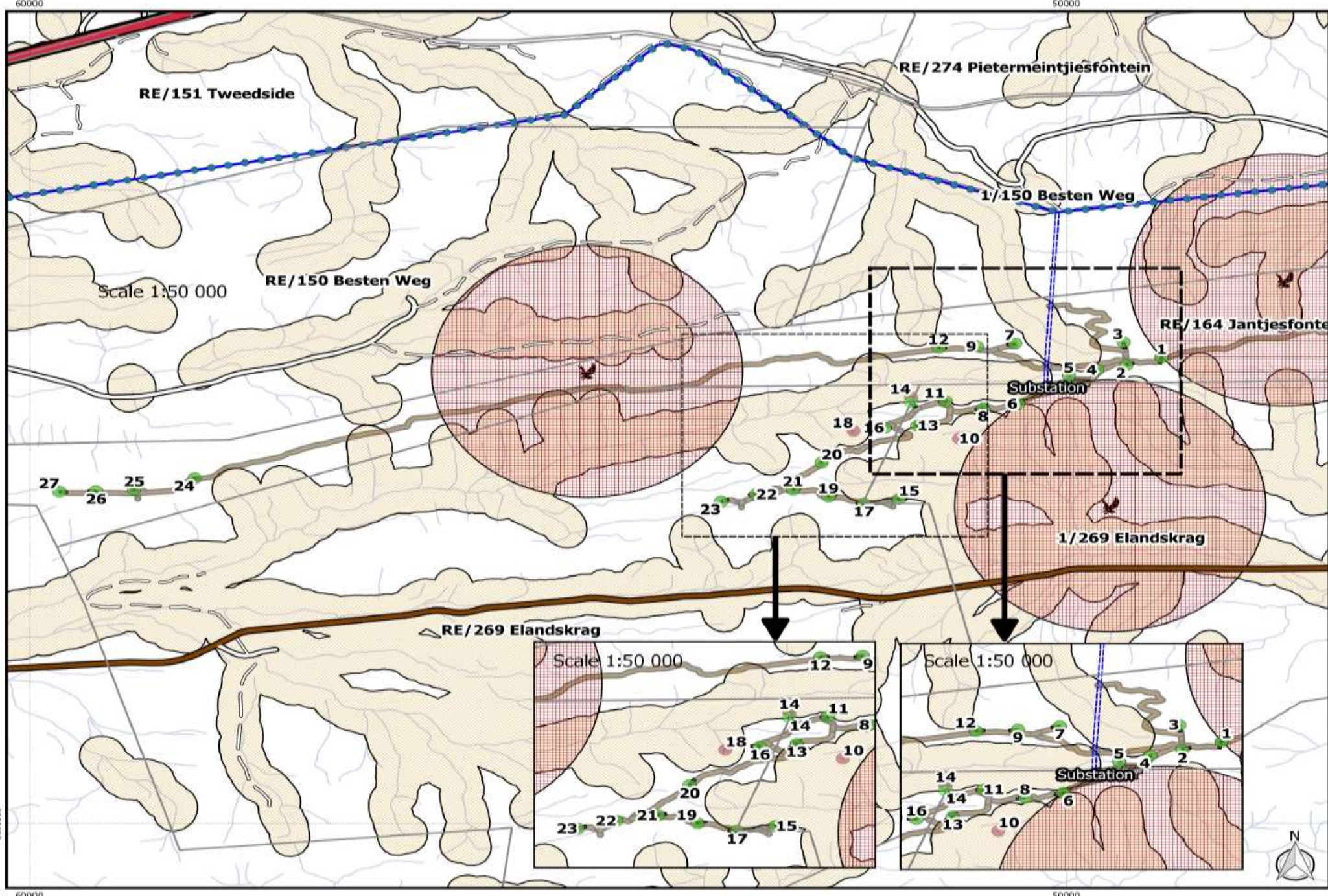
Proposed Amendments

Amendment 1 – Wind Turbine Specifications

- Wind Turbine Specifications requested to be amended and added to EA for the following:
 - From hub height range of 92m to, **up to 120m**;
 - From rotor diameter range of 116m to, **up to 136m**;
 - From wind turbine generation capacity range of 3MW, to **up to 5MW**.
- Reason – increase the efficiency and economic competitiveness

Amendment 2 – Wind Farm Layout

- Layout Revision 7 approved in appeal decision approves 27 wind turbine layout, which does not fully take into account 1.5km Verreaux's Eagle nest buffer.
- Construction camp, substation, linking station and associated 132kV power line re-positioned to optimise the layout.
- Wind Farm Layout amendment requested.
- Reasons – Avoid sensitivities and optimise layout



Witberg WEF proposed layout & environmental sensitivities

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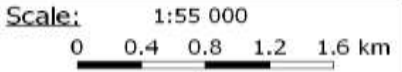
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Witberg WEF Infrastructure

- Proposed turbines (25)
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- Crane pads & Construction camp

Bird and Bat

- 1.5km nest buffer
- 200m High sensitivity bat buffer



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Environmental Sensitivity and Layout Map



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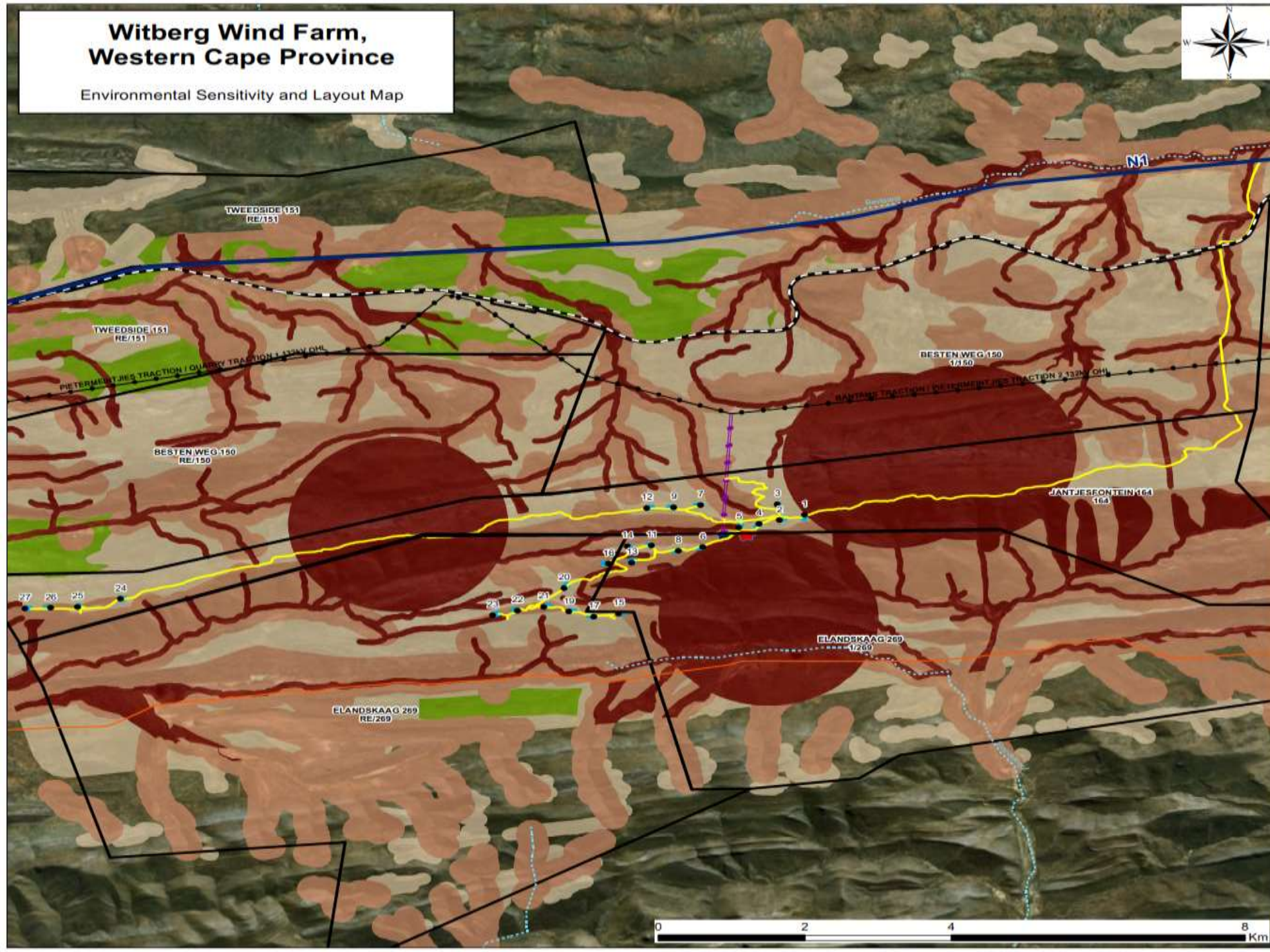
- Existing Power Line
- Main Road
- Railway Line
- Non-perennial River
- Project Site

Layout Plan:

- Turbine
- 132kV Overhead Power Line
- Access Roads
- Construction Camp
- On-site Substation
- Crane Pads

Environmental Sensitivities:

- Very High Sensitivity
- High Sensitivity
- Medium Sensitivity
- Low Sensitivity



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Proposed Amendments

Amendment 3 – Change to Contact Details of the Holder the EA

- Postal address details to change and cell phone details to be added as follows:

From: Mr. Paolo Fagnoli
Witberg Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd
Unit B103a Cape Quarter Piazza
72 Waterkant Street
Cape Town
8001
Telephone Number: 021 418 3940
Email Address: p.fagnoli@buildingenergy.it

To: Mr. Paolo Fagnoli
Witberg Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd
Postnet Suite 150
Private Bag X3
Roggebaai
8012
Telephone Number: 021 418 3940
Cellphone Number: 076 254 9224
Email Address: p.fagnoli@buildingenergy.it

Proposed Amendments

Amendment 4 – Correct Minor Spelling Errors in Authorised Listed Activities

From:

GN R.386 Item 1(m)

The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for any purpose in the one in ten year flood line of a river or stream, or within 32 metres from the **back** of a river or stream where the flood line is unknown, excluding purposes associated with existing residential use, but including (i) canals; (ii) channels; (iii) bridges; (iv) dams; and (v) weirs.

To:

GN R.386 Item 1(m)

The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for any purpose in the one in ten year flood line of a river or stream, or within 32 metres from the **bank** of a river or stream where the flood line is unknown, excluding purposes associated with existing residential use, but including (i) canals; (ii) channels; (iii) bridges; (iv) dams; and (v) weirs.

Proposed Amendments

Amendment 4 – Correct Minor Spelling Errors in Authorised Listed Activities
Contd...

From:

GN R.386 Item 7

The above ground storage of a dangerous good, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 30 cubic metres **and** less than 1 000 cubic metres at any one location or site.

To:

GN R.386 Item 7

The above ground storage of a dangerous good, including petrol, diesel, liquid petroleum gas or paraffin, in containers with a combined capacity of more than 30 cubic metres **but** less than 1 000 cubic metres at any one location or site.

Proposed Amendments

Amendment 5 – Extend the Validity of the EA

- Currently the EA validity has been extended and remains valid up to 28 September 2020
- Requested to extend the validity by a further two (2) years to **28 September 2022**
- Reasons:
 - Intended to be bid in next round expected in November 2018;
 - Valid EA required for project development and bid purposes should project become preferred bidder

Amendment 6 – Amendment of Wind Measuring Mast Heights

- Requested to increase the height of the wind measuring masts in line with proposed hub height increase from 80m to up to **120m – to match the HH of turbines**
- Reasons – need to be increased to record relevant and accurate wind data at similar hub height proposed

Proposed Amendments

Amendment 7 – Amendment to Condition 40 of the EA

- Condition 40, as per Conditions added to the EA as result of appeal decision dated 13 August 2013, refers to G7 as holder of the EA
- Reason – Requested to be amended to Witberg Wind Power (Pty) Ltd as current holder of EA

Way Forward

Assessment Process

- To be undertaken as required in terms of EIA Regulations 2014, as amended
- Application submitted 23 July 2018
- Requested to submit additional information to application on 25 July 2018, submitted and received 3 August 2018. DEA advised that timeframes will restart on receipt of additional information
- DEA acceptance of updated information confirmation received on 6 August 2018

Specialist Studies

- Appointed specialists to consider all proposed amendments with focus on turbine dimension changes, amended wind farm layout etc.
- Confirmation of validity of data and no significant change in environment confirmed by bird and bat specialists using latest monitoring data as of 2015
- Validity of data irrelevant for noise and visual as these are based on current
- Confirmation of validity of data to be included by other specialists, as relevant

Specialist Team

Ecology – Simon Todd

Bats – Animalia, Werner Marais

Birds – Collision risk assessment by Dr Steve Percival; Dr Rob Simmons

Heritage – ACO, Tim Hart

Noise – Dr Brett Williams

Social – Dr Neville Bews & Associates

Visual – Bernard Oberholzer; Landscape Architect / Environmental Planner

Specialist Key Findings

Ecology – Simon Todd

1. No material additional impact or mitigation measures on terrestrial ecology
2. Need for a pre-construction walk-through of footprint prior to construction recommended

Bats – Animalia, Werner Marais

1. Confirmed the 25 turbine layout avoids all high sensitive areas.
2. Curtailment proposed for turbines in moderate and high buffer sensitivity areas
3. Reduced impact significance ratings, no additional mitigation measures
4. Layout and all other amendments acceptable

Birds – Collision risk assessment by Dr Steve Percival; Dr Rob Simmons

1. Assessed collision risk. Reduced substantially from 0,86 VE per annum. Confirmed the new layout does not increase the collision risk for Verreaux's Eagles
2. Avoid all VE nests by 1.5km,
3. 1.5km acceptable based on confirmed use of the area

Specialist Key Findings

Heritage – ACO, Tim Hart

1. No material additional impact on palaeontology
2. Reduction of impacts from high negative to medium negative on visual setting or cultural landscape with reduction of wind turbines from 27 to 25
3. Turbines less dominantly placed 11 km from Matjiesfontein as opposed to 9 km in the original proposal
4. No additional mitigation measures
5. Proposed amendments are considered acceptable

Noise – Dr Brett Williams

1. Cumulative noise impact modelling results indicate that the SANS 10103:2008 limit of 45 dB(A) will not be exceeded at any of the noise sensitive areas (including cumulative noise impacts)
2. No change in impact ratings or mitigation measures
3. Proposed amendments are considered acceptable

Specialist Key Findings

Social – Dr Neville Bews & Associates

1. No material additional impact and additional mitigation measures from social perspective
2. Proposed amendments are supported from social perspective

Visual – Bernard Oberholzer; Landscape Architect / Environmental Planner

1. Analysis indicated a negligible change to the viewshed (zone of visual exposure) and therefore negligible effect on significance ratings
2. No additional mitigation measures
3. Proposed amendments are approved from a visual perspective

Discussion Session

Questions from Savannah:

- Any concerns / information requirements to be included as requested by DEA other than that presented in terms of assessment process?
- DEA to confirm timeframes applicable (i.e. begin from 23 July 2018 or 3 August 2018)?
- Required to submit final motivation report (including 30 day public review and participation process), by no later than (23 October 2018 or 6 November 2018)?

Questions from DEA?

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF
MOTIVATION REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

14 November 2018

Dear Interest and Affected Party

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:
PROPOSED WITBERG WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, WESTERN
CAPE PROVINCE**

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION
(DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/1966/AM6)**

Witberg Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd received an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the construction of Witberg Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure in the Western Cape Province (DEA ref: 12/12/20/1966) on the 13th of October 2011. An appeal decision (Reference: LSA 105-439) dated the 13th of August 2013 was subsequently issued reducing the number of originally authorised wind turbines from 70 to 27 turbines, along with revised turbine specifications. However, a number of amendments to the EA and the authorised turbine specifications according to the appeal decision are now required. Firstly, the project is intended to be bid into future rounds of the Department of Energy's (DoE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement (REIPPP) Programme. There have been advancements to wind turbine technology since the issuing of the EA, and the turbines authorised in the EA are therefore not considered to be the most suitable in terms of production and economic considerations.

In this regard, Witberg Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd are considering an updated turbine model for the project. An amendment to the authorised turbine specifications are required as follows:

- » Range of Hub height: from 92m to a **range from 92m to up to 120m;**
- » Range of Rotor diameter: from 116m to a **range from 116m to up to 136m;** and
- » Range of Wind turbine capacity per wind turbine: from 3MW to a **range from 3MW to up to 5MW.**

In addition, an amendment to the wind farm layout is required to avoid sensitive areas, and to optimise the layout. Therefore, the number of wind turbines will be reduced from 27 wind turbines to **25 wind turbines**, and the wind turbines and associated infrastructure will be re-positioned within the originally assessed site.

In addition to the above, the following amendments are also being applied for:

- » The contact person and relevant details are to be updated and added for the holder of the EA.
- » Minor spelling corrections are to be requested for the minor details of two (2) of the authorised listed activities in the EA.
- » An extension of the validity of the EA by a further two (2) years is requested.
- » Amendment to the height of the wind measuring masts from 80m to 120m (in line with new wind turbine hub height) is requested.
- » Condition 40 of the EA, as per additional conditions to be added to the EA, in the amendment of the EA (Ref: LSA 105-439), is requested to be amended so that Condition 40 is correctly addressed to the Holder of the EA (i.e. Witberg Wind Power (Pty) Ltd).
- » Amendment to consolidate all EAs, amendments and appeal decisions into one EA.

The proposed amendments in themselves are not listed activities and do not trigger any new listed activity as the proposed amendments are within the original authorised development footprint and do not change the scope of the EA.

In terms of Condition 5 of the Environmental Authorisation and Chapter 5 of the EIA Regulations of December 2014 (as amended on 07 April 2017 and 13 July 2018), it is possible for an applicant to apply, in writing, to the competent authority for a change or deviation from the project description to be approved. Savannah Environmental has prepared a motivation report in support of this amendment application on behalf of Witberg West Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd.

In order to verify the potential for a change in the impacts on avifauna, bats, ecology, heritage, visual exposure, noise and social specialist input into the amendment motivation report has been included.

The draft motivation report has been made available to registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and Organs of State for a 30-day review period from the **14 November 2018 to 14 December 2018**. The draft motivation report is available at the Laingsburg Public Library (Van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg). The draft motivation report can also be downloaded from www.savannahsa.com. The due date for written comment is **14 December 2018**. Comments can be made as a written submission of fax, post or email. The draft motivation report and any relevant information will be made available on request, should this be required.

All comments received will be included in the final motivation report which will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for review and decision-making.

Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process. We also welcome you to share this information with any others that you feel will have a stake in the project and should be part of this process (such as occupiers of directly affected or surrounding properties, interest groups, community groups etc.).

Kind regards

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Witberg WEF - Notification of Availability of Motivation Report

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The draft motivation report has been made available to registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and Organs of State for a 30-day review period from **Wednesday, 14 November 2018 to Friday, 14 December 2018.**

Please refer to the attached Notification Letter for further information.

Kind regards,

Rozanne Els

Public Participation Co-ordinator | Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd

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14 November 2018

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(DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/1966)**

To whom it may concern,

Note that as per the attached correspondence (**Appendix 1**) from the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), it is our understanding that the previous amendment application submitted on the 23 July 2018 for the same project has lapsed, given that the applicable 90-day legislative timeframes as per Regulation 31(1)(a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2014), as amended, have come to an end as of 6 November 2018. Having not as yet received correspondence from the DEA in this regard, we have therefore assumed that the application submitted 23 July 2018 has lapsed and a new application will need to be submitted.

In light of the above, please find attached two (2) x hard copies and one (1) soft copy (USB) of the new application and Draft Motivation Report for the amendment to the environmental authorisation (EA) for the proposed Witberg Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure, Western Cape Province, issued on the 13th of October 2011.

The details of the case officer that was assigned to the amendment application (EIA) previously submitted on the 23 July 2018 for the above-mentioned amendment application is as follows:

Ms. Mmamohale Kabesa

Email: MKabesa@environment.gov.za

Tel: (012) 399 9420

The applicant is proposing a number of amendments to the authorised proposed wind farm and associated infrastructure including the following:

- » An amendment to the authorised turbine specifications are required as follows:
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Savannah Environmental has also prepared a motivation report in support of this amendment application on behalf of Witberg Wind Power (Pty) Ltd. The amendment motivation report has been made available for a 30-day review period from **14 November 2018 to 14 December 2018**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Kind Regards

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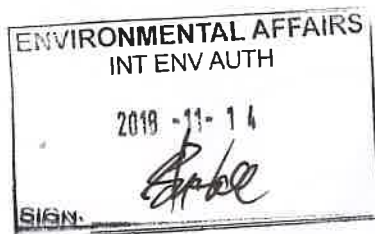
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Ms Adri La Meyer
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14 November 2018

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Laingsburg Local Municipality)

By Courier Services

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NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF REVISED
MOTIVATION REPORT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Sent to all Organs of State on
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19 March 2019

Dear Interest and Affected Party,

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NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF REVISED MOTIVATION REPORT

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Addressing the above changes were included in the Motivation Report that was made available to registered I&APs and Organs of State for a 30-day review period from Wednesday, 14 November 2018 to Friday, 14 December 2018. The Motivation Report was also made available at the Laingsburg Public Library (Van Riebeeck Street, Laingsburg) and on Savannah Environmental's website (<https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/>).

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Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process. We also welcome you to share this information with any others that you feel will have a stake in the project and should be part of this process (such as occupiers of directly affected or surrounding properties, interest groups, community groups etc.).

Kind regards



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Please refer to the attached Notification Letter for further information.

Kind regards,

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