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### PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Marais

### AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 13 FEBRUARY 2017 FOR THE AUTHORISED BEAUFORT WEST 140 MW WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE PRINCE ALBERT LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 13 February 2017, the amendments to the EA dated 25 January 2017 and 11 March 2020, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 18 June 2021 and the acknowledgement letter dated 24 June 2021, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 13 February 2017 as amended, as follows:

#### **Amendment 1: Change of holder of the EA - cover page 3 and 4:**

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd.

#### **is hereby amended to:**

Beaufort West Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd.

#### **Reason for the amendment:**

The proposed amendment is required to update the company name in the Environmental Authorisation.

**Amendment 2: Project name on cover page:**

Beaufort West 140 MW Wind Farm within the Prince Albert Local Municipality, Western Cape Province.

**Is hereby amended to:**

Beaufort West 140 MW Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure within the Prince Albert Local Municipality, in the Western Cape Province of South Africa.

**Reason for the amendment:**

The project name needs to be amended to include "associated infrastructure", namely BESS.

**Amendment 3: Addition to project description on page 4:**

Description remains the same as in 12/12/20/1784/1 and as amended in 12/12/20/1784/AM4

Adding the following:

- 200MWh Lithium Ion Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) within the substation footprint.

**Reason for the amendment:**

The project description needs to be amended to include "associated infrastructure", namely BESS.

**Amendment 4: Technical details of the proposed facility - Table page 4:**

The table remains the same as in 12/12/20/1784/1 and as amended in 12/12/20/1784/AM4

Addition of the following components:

Component	Description
BESS Capacity	200MWh
BESS Technology	Lithium-Ion
BESS Footprint (ha)	Up to 4ha

**Reason for the amendment:**

It is requested that the technical details of the proposed facility - Table on Page 4 of 12/12/20/1784/1 and as amended in 12/12/20/1784/AM4 is changed to include the above mentioned components to the facility.

**Amendment 5: Conditions of this Environmental Authorisation page 7:**

15.6: Substation(s) inverters and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;

**Is hereby amended to:**

15.6: Battery Energy Storage system sites, including their entire footprint;

**Reason for the amendment:**

It is requested that Condition 15.6 on page 7 of the EA 12/12/20/1784/1 and as amended in 12/12/20/1784/AM4 is changed to include the BESS sites as part of the already authorised footprint.

**Please be informed that the proposed addition of the 33kV portion (including the transformer) of the shared on-site substation that is currently authorised with the on-site 132kV/400kV Linking Substation, two 33kV/132kV substations and the 132kV grid lines (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/925) cannot be achieved through an amendment process as the infrastructure to be added triggers Activity 11 of LN1.**

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 13 February 2017 as amended.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulate that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuse or compromise your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

**Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:**

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za)

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria,  
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria,  
0001;

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at [https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



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**Acting Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**  
Date: 14/07/2021.

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Ms. Solomons  
Director: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Dear Mrs. Solomons

## **APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 12 JULY 2021 UNTIL 23 JULY 2021.**

This serves to confirm your appointment as Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations, from 12 July 2021 until 23 July 2021, whilst Mr Sabelo Malaza is on Annual Leave.

You will act in this capacity with the full responsibilities and duties attached to the post, including the activities entrusted to the Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations by or in terms of the Acts administered by the Department.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1998), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standards, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of the legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Yours Sincerely

~~Devinagie Bendeman~~

Acting Deputy Director-General: RCSM (Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring)

Date: 9/07/2021



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I ACCEPT / DO NOT ACCEPT  
appointment as Acting Chief  
Director: integrated environmental  
authorizations

Signed: Jill Solomons

Date: 12/07/2021