



**SUSTAINABLE  
FUTURES ZA**

08 November 2011  
DEA ref: 12/12/20/1569

Dear Stakeholder,

**AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:  
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE COOKHOUSE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND  
ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE  
EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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**NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AUTHORISATION  
BY DEA FOR PROJECT REFERENCE 12/12/20/1569**

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ACED Renewables Cookhouse (Pty) Ltd submitted an application for authorisation to the National Department of Environmental Affairs for the proposed construction of a wind energy facility and associated infrastructure on a site near Cookhouse in the Eastern Cape Province (DEA Ref No. 12/12/20/1569). The Department granted ACED Renewables Cookhouse authorisation for the project (in terms of 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations) on 25 May 2010, and an amendment of the Environmental Authorisation granted on 01 September 2011.

Following an application to the Department of Environmental Affairs on 06 October 2011, the activity as described in the authorisation was amended as follows:

- *Two substations (each approximately 150m x 200m in size) within the boundaries of the site, each in an appropriate position to receive generated power via underground distribution cabling from each wind turbine;*
- *Overhead 400kV power lines linking up with existing Poseidon Substation located central to the site.*

As a registered interested and affected party on this project, you are duly notified that the Department has approved ACED Renewables Cookhouse's request for amendment of the authorisation for the project. The decision (dated 03 November 2011) and conditions for authorisation, as well as reasons for the decision are attached to this letter of notification.

As an interested and affected party, your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the EIA Regulations which regulates appeal procedures. Should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision by DEA, you must lodge a notice of intention with the Minister within twenty (20) days of the date of the decision (i.e. by 23 November 2011). A copy of the official appeal form can be obtained from the following person at the Department:

Mr TH Zwane, Senior Legal Administration Officer (Appeals), Tel (012) 310 3929, TZwane@environment.gov.za; or

A copy of the simplified appeals procedure is attached to this letter for your easy reference. Please note that you must submit your appeal:

By facsimile: (012) 320 7561

By post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

By hand: Fedsure Forum Building, 2nd Floor North Tower, cnr Van der Walt and Pretorius Streets, Pretoria

Please note that ***appeals should not be addressed to the consultant*** (Savannah Environmental).

Kind regards

Shawn Johnston

Attached: Copy of the Record of Decision