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PROJECT:

De Aar Maanhaarberg Wind Energy Facility (DEA reference Number: 12/12/20/1651) and De Aar 2 North Wind Energy Facility (DEA Reference Number: 12/12/20/2463/2): Amendment Process Visual Update of Specialist Comments

The proponent for these projects, Longyuan Mulilo De Aar 2 North (RF) (Pty) Ltd and Longyuan Mulilo De Aar Wind Power (RF) (Pty) Ltd, has indicated that they require the option to apply a logo on not only the nacelle, but also on the tower of each turbine installation; that on the Nacelle would be 1.5 meters long, 6 meters wide, and that on the 80m Tower, 16m long and 3.5m wide.

Formerly, it was considered that the provision of logos on any part of the tower or the nacelle would be detrimental to the visual impact, in that it would be a distraction and that one of the ways to reduce the visual impact would be to have the towers and nacelles without logos. However in the last 5 to 10 years that has become less significant. Towers and Nacelles are higher and detail on the towers is less visible for receptors.

Both of those sites in De Aar are very distant from receptors; the logos would not be clearly seen. It is agreed that this amendment to provide logos on either or both tower and nacelle would not negatively impact on the visual impact of the infrastructure. The proposed amendment would not result in an increased level or change in the nature of visual impacts, and is considered acceptable from a visual impact perspective.



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