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SUBMISSION OF DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT (BAR) FOR UPGRADES TO THE NOBLESFONTEIN WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF), UBUNTU MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE.

On behalf of the applicant (**CORIA (PKF) Investments 28 (Pty) Ltd\***), please find attached to this cover letter the **draft basic assessment report (for public review)** for the above listed Renewable Energy project.

The applicant wishes to obtain environmental authorisation for the following technical specification upgrades and additional infrastructure to the existing Noblesfontein WEF:

- Upgrading of two authorised wind turbines from 2MW to between 4 and 5.6MW each, for a total of 11.2MW
- ❖ Increasing the maximum height of the two wind turbines from 125m to 137.5m
- ❖ Increasing the maximum turbine blade diameter of the two towers from 110m to 165m
- ❖ A 132kV overhead power line (OHPL) of up to 500m
- An additional substation to service the turbines
- Service roads and laydown areas for the two turbines

The above-mentioned changes and additions require Environmental Authorisation, and a Basic Assessment Application is therefore underway. The Draft Basic Assessment Report (for a 30 day Public Participation process) is being submitted to your Department for comment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly on (021) 701 5228 or (072) 989 5119 should you require any clarification or additional information.

Yours Faithfully,

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\* There has recently been a change in company details from CORIA (PKF) Investments 28 (Pty) Ltd to Sarge Development (Pty) Ltd. The identity of the Applicant and the nature/content of the application remain unchanged.

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