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Dear Stakeholder and Interested and/or Affected Party,

PROPOSED NEW 132KV GRID CONNECTION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE AUTHORISED EMOYENI WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, NEAR MURRAYSBURG, BEAUFORT WEST AND UBUNTU LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND CENTRAL KAROO AND PIXELY KA SEME DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES, WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES (REF: 2022-08-0004)

NOTICE OF RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION AND UNDERTAKING OF A NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The Basic Assessment process notification and background information document for the development of grid connection infrastructure, including overhead powerlines & substations/switching stations with associated access tracks and water course crossings for the authorised Umsinde Emoyeni (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/686), Ishwati Emoyeni (Ref: 12/12/20/2351) and Khangela Emoyeni (Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/687) Wind Energy Facilities (WEFs) distributed on 05 September 2022 refers, as well as the Notification of Basic Assessment report availability which was distributed on 15 September 2022 announcing the commencement of the 30-day comment period associated with the above-referenced application.

Following liaison with the Competent Authority, the Application for Environmental Authorisation is required to be resubmitted to take into consideration GNR. 2313 published for the adoption of the standard for the development and expansion of powerlines and substations within identified geographical areas and the exclusion of this infrastructure from the requirement to obtain an environmental authorization. The screening tool reports generated for the proposed grid corridor and associated infrastructure indicated that portions of the grid corridor fall outside of areas identified as low-medium sensitivity. In terms of Section 6.1 of GNR 2313, the Standard and the exclusions do not apply for the proposed Emoyeni Grid infrastructure. In this regard the Application for Environmental Authorisation and Basic Assessment report must be revised to take into consideration GNR 2313 including the provision of confirmation to the Competent Authority in term of Section 6.1 of GNR 2313 where the Standards and exclusions are not applicable to the development. In this regard, a new Application for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted to the Competent Authority (CA). Following an acknowledgment of receipt of the Application and confirmation of the applicability of Section 6.1., the CA will provide approval to commence with a new public participation process.

As an I&AP or Stakeholder you will be notified on the proposed new review and comment period and where the revised documentation can be accessed.

Following the revision of the Basic Assessment report and specialist assessments, you or your department will be requested to provide us with written comments. All comments received during the proposed new 30-day review and



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comment period will be recorded and included within the Final BAR for submission to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries in line with Regulation 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended (GN R326).

Should you or your Department have already submitted comments for this Basic Assessment process, you will be requested to review the revised reports when they are made available and advise on whether the comments already submitted would still be applicable to the development or if you have any additional comments or will be submitting new comments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the project. Our team welcomes your participation and look forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards

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