

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Competent Authority Reference Number:

DFFE Reference: 2021-04-0020

DFFE Reference for the existing Noblesfontein Environmental Authorization: 12/12/20/1993/1

Project Title:

Basic Assessment Report (BAR) for technical specification upgrades to the existing Noblesfontein Wind Energy Facility (WEF), Ubuntu Municipality, Northern Cape.

Project Description:

The holder of the existing Noblesfontein WEF Environmental Authorisation (EA), namely CORIA (PKF) Investments 28 (Pty) Ltd. has applied to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for the following technical specification upgrades and additional supporting infrastructure:

- Upgrading of two authorised wind turbines from 2MW to between 4 and 5.6MW each, for a total of 10MW
- Increasing maximum height of the two wind turbines from 125m to 137.5m
- Increasing maximum turbine blade diameter of the two turbines from 110m to 165m
- An overhead power line (OHPL) of up to 500m
- An additional 132kV 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. A draft BAR will be made available to registered Interested & Affected Parties ("I&APs") **electronically** (for comment from 30 June 2021 to 29 July 2021).

Property Location

The proposed Noblesfontein WEF Upgrades will be situated on the following property:

- ❖ Noblesfontein (P3/227), Northern Cape.

GPS Location: 31° 43' 1.38" S 23° 11' 34.97" E

Project Progress:

This notification forms part of the public consultation process as required by the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2017, as amended).

Opportunity to Participate:

I&APs are hereby invited to comment on the Basic Assessment Application and Draft BAR (dated June 2021).

I&APs should use the **210302** reference number when commenting and must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and a disclosure of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application, to the contact persons indicated below **within 30 calendar days (deadline for comments is 29 July 2021)** from the date of this notice (namely 25 June 2021) in accordance with the statutory requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: The Basic Assessment Application and Draft BAR will be available **electronically** at the following website link from **30 June 2021** for comment:

<https://bit.ly/3gF7Cqd>

Should you require any assistance with interpreting the documentation noted above, including the language used, the terminology used, the outcomes and recommendations, please contact the EAP at the contact details below, accordingly.

All comments must be submitted directly to the EAP, as follows:

- E-mail: comments@terramanzi.co.za
- For Attention (the EAP): **Monique Sham / Evan Milborrow**
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