

**Environmental Impact Assessment for the  
proposed Ubuntu Wind Energy Project near  
Jeffrey's Bay, Eastern Cape:  
Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

**APPENDIX G:**

**Correspondence from  
Interested and Affected  
Parties**

### Copies of Correspondence Received From I&APs During the Review of the Draft EIA

**From:** Sandy Wren [sandy@publicprocess.co.za]  
**Sent:** 15 September 2011 09:29 AM  
**To:** 'willemg01@telkomsa.net'  
**Subject:** Ubuntu Wind Energy  
**Attachments:** Ubuntu - comment form DEIA - final - 11Aug2011.doc; Ubuntu - Let 4 - DEIA & PM - final - 11Aug2011 - for merging.pdf; Ubuntu - DEIA - Executive Summary - 15Aug2011.docx

Hi Dr Gertenbach

Cllr Henda Thiart has asked that I keep you informed with regards to EIA's that fall within her ward. Please find attached correspondence and information with regards to the Draft EIA for the Ubuntu Wind Energy project.

Regards

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**From:** Henda Thiart [johhen@telkomsa.net]  
**Sent:** 24 August 2011 11:31 AM  
**To:** sandy@publicprocess.co.za  
**Subject:** Ubuntu Wind Energy Project Farm Zuurbron and Vlakteplaas.

Dear Sandy,  
Thanks for keeping me updated in connection with the above.  
I am no longer Chairperson of the Ratepayers but a Councillor of the Kouga Municipality.  
Please keep me updated. I would also ask you to keep one of my Ward Committee Members, Dr. Willem Gertenbach in the picture. The EIA'S will be his portfolio.  
His e-mail adress is [willemg01@telkomsa.net](mailto:willemg01@telkomsa.net).

Kind regards  
Henda Thiart

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**From:** Sandy Wren [sandy@publicprocess.co.za]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** 'nuplant@vodamail.co.za'  
**Cc:** 'jerome@evergreens.co.za'  
**Subject:** Ubuntu Zuurbron Draft EIA

Hi Elizabeth

As per our discussion of today you are the adjacent landowner to the Ubuntu Wind Farm as indicated below, and have raised the following concerns which we will include in the Final EIA.

Adjacent Landowner 8/319
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Adjacent Landowner - 5/320
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I have an MTN tower on my property, will the wind farm impact in any way on the MTN tower on my property?

Does the applicant intend using local contractors during construction? Our experience in the area is that companies from out of town are appointed and they bring in their own plant and machinery which does not create employment for local citizens.

Thank you for taking the time to provide me with your input.

Regards

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**DRAFT EIA AND EMPR COMMENT FORM**

**SCOPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**  
**UBUNTU WIND ENERGY PROJECT** DEA Ref no: 12/12/2011752

WKN-Windcurrent SA (Pty) Ltd, the project applicant, is proposing to construct a wind energy facility, with a maximum generation capacity of 100 MW, on the Farms Zuurbron and Vlakteplaas in the Kouga Municipal area, Eastern Cape Province

Listed Activities: GN R387 Activity 1. (a) (i), (ii) and (l); and 10. and in GN R386 Activity 15.

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**Please Complete all Relevant Sections Below and Return By:**

**26 September 2011**

Please provide your full contact details:

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**Please detail any comments that you have in response to the Draft EIA and EMP (use additional pages if required)**

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Comment form for Draft EIA and EMPr

**From:** Maggie Langlands [langlands@wirelessza.co.za]  
**Sent:** 24 September 2011 05:31 PM  
**To:** Sandy Wren  
**Subject:** Submission for Ubuntu EIA  
**Attachments:** Ubuntu submission draft EIA.doc

Hi Sandy,  
Herewith submission from Kromme Trust as promised.  
See you at the next one!  
Kind regards,  
Maggie

**St Francis Kromme Trust**

24 September 2011

## **SUBMISSION RE UBUNTU WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

### 1. Problematic Turbines

Two turbines on the proposed layout for the Ubuntu project are located between two water resources and so lie on the flight path for birds between those water resources or wetlands. This is a cause of concern and the Trust requests that, if this facility is approved, these turbines be re-located. The layout on page 4-20 of the Draft EIA refers to these turbines as WEA01 and WEA02.

### 2. Bird Species Preservation

With regard to the cumulative impact of wind farms on bird habitat, the Trust points out that the Ubuntu project is one of ten wind projects proposed for the Kouga area. Kouga is the nation's heartland for the Denham's Bustard and is rich in other Red Data bird species that are vulnerable to turbine and power line collision and to habitat displacement

While it is unlikely that all ten facilities will be constructed immediately, it is not impossible that they will all eventually go ahead. This will have a serious cumulative effect and it is essential that sufficient habitat be preserved to ensure these species' continued survival.

This applies not only to Kouga, but to many other localities around the country.

As a member of the South African Wind Energy Association, the developer is urged to actively motivate for the association to create a fund for the preservation of the habitat of affected bird species, and for each project actually constructed to contribute a meaningful amount to the fund, sufficient to enable the fund to buy entire farms if necessary for habitat preservation.

M. Langlands  
Renewable Energy Portfolio

**From:** Willem Gertenbach [willemg01@telkomsa.net]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2011 09:48 PM  
**To:** Sandy Wren  
**Cc:** Henda Thiart  
**Subject:** Re: Ubuntu Wind Energy

Hi Sandy

Henda Thiart asked me to attend the Public Participation Meeting on the said project. I assume that the Scoping Report has been approved and that you now ask for final input into the EIA Report. I am teaching at NMMU this week, but will try my best to attend.

Thanks

Willem Gertenbach

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**From:** Lerato Mokgwathheng [MokgwaLL@eskom.co.za]  
**Sent:** 29 September 2011 03:19 PM  
**To:** sandy@publicprocess.co.za  
**Subject:** DEAT Ref: 12/12/20/1752 - Ubuntu Wind Energy Project  
**Attachments:** ProposedDevelopments.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Sandy,

Thanks for affording me opportunity to send the comments regarding the above-mentioned project on behalf of Eskom.

Reason(s) for the objection to the proposed Ubuntu Wind Energy Project:

Eskom lodged its applications for the project: Thyspunt Transmission Line Integration (DEA Ref 12/12/20/1211, 12/12/20/1212 & 12/12/20/1213) to DEA in June 2008. The approval of the scoping reports were received in October 2009. The projects are currently on EIA phase, with their draft EIRs out for public review from 18 July 2011 to 10 October 2011. SiVEST as the appointed EAP for the Eskom's project, registered Eskom and itself on your data base as Interested and Affected Parties and provided the proponent with the shape files of Eskom's proposed corridors (i.e. Northern and Southern Corridors, each with an approximate width of 2km). The proposed Ubuntu Wind Energy Project transverses both corridors being proposed by SiVEST for Eskom's Thyspunt Transmission Line Integration Project .

Please note that an EIA preferred alignment indicated within the proposed corridors (i.e. within the blue and orange corridors of the provided map) is not final, its only the consultant's recommendation in terms of the outcomes of the environmental studies. The actual line servitudes will only be finalised once negotiations has been completed with the landowners. This will commence if and/or after a positive decision has been granted by the authority. Therefore SiVEST's mandate is to request approvals of the two corridors, in which the 5 x 400kV power lines could be routed or placed on, should a positive decision be granted.

It is therefore our request that the reason(s) for the objection to the proposed application be addressed prior to finalisation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Failure to this will result in the appeal of the Environmental Authorisation.

Regards,

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