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#### **DETAILS OF EAP AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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File Reference Number: 12/12/20/
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Date Received:

Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014

### **PROJECT TITLE**

# Proposed Maralla West Wind Energy Facility near Sutherland, Northern Cape Province

| Environmental Assessment<br>Practitioner (EAP): <sup>1</sup> | Ashlea Strong (WSP Environmental (F   | Pty) Ltd)      |                                  |  |
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4.2 The Environmental Assessment Practitioner

I, Ashea Strong, declare that

General declaration:

I act as the independent environmental practitioner in this application

I will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the applicant

I declare that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity in performing such work;

I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;

I will comply with the Act, regulations and all other applicable legislation:

I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation 8 of the regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;

I have no, and will not engage in, conflicting interests in the undertaking of the activity;

I undertake to disclose to the applicant and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing - any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority; and - the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority;

I will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;

I will ensure that the comments of all interested and affected parties are considered and recorded in reports that are submitted to the competent authority in respect of the application, provided that comments that are made by interested and affected parties in respect of a final report that will be submitted to the competent authority may be attached to the report without further amendment to the report;

I will keep a register of all interested and affected parties that participated in a public participation process; and I will provide the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal regarding the application, whether such information is favourable to the applicant or not

all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct:

will perform all other obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and

I realise that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 and is punishable in terms of section 24F of the Act.

| <ul> <li>activity proceeding other that</li> </ul> | ave any vested interest (either n remuneration for work perform |  |  |
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| Regulations, 2014;                                 |   |  |  |
| — I have a vested interest in the                  | e proposed activity proceeding,                                 | such vested interest being:  |  |
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| Signature of the environmental as                  | ssessment practitioner:   |  |  |
| WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd                        |   |  |  |
| Name of company:                                   |   |  |  |

9 September 2016

Date:



Reference:

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9 September 2016

## AFFIRMATION BY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER As required in terms of Appendix 2, subsection (j) and (k) of

Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 982

| Project Name:      | The Proposed Maralla West Wind Energy Facility near |
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|                    | Sutherland, Northern Cape Province                  |
| Consultant:        | WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd                         |
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| i, Ashleg           |                       | , the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner        |
| (EAP), confirm thre | ough this affirmation | n (as required in terms of Appendix 2 subsection (j) and (k) |
| of GNR 982) that:   |                       |  |

- i. To the best of my knowledge the information provided in this report is factually correct
- ii. To the best of my knowledge all relevant project information which has been provided to stakeholders and interested and affected parties (I&APs) is correct
- iii. All comments and inputs received from stakeholders / I&APs, prior to the submission of the Scoping Report, have been included as part of the Scoping Report and addressed where necessary
- All responses provided to comments received from stakeholders / I&APs are the iv. unbiased opinion of the EAP and are based on factually correct information
- The level of agreement between the EAP and stakeholder / I&APs in the Plan of Study ٧. for the undertaking of the Environmental Impact Assessment has been agreed upon.

ecco. Signature of the EAP Signature - Commissioner of Oaths

WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd

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the above statement was taken by me and that the acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the eof. This statement was sworn to/affirmed before me and the

Directors:



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## AFFIRMATION BY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER As required in terms of Appendix 3, subsection (s) of Government Notice Regulation (GNR) 982

| Project Name:        | The Proposed Maralla West Wind Energy Facility near Sutherland, Northern Cape Province |
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| 1, Ashlea           | Strong               | , the appointed Environmental Assessment Practitioner     |
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| (EAP), confirm thro | ugh this affirmation | (as required in terms of Appendix 3 subsection (s) of GNR |
| 982) that:          |                      |   |

- i. To the best of my knowledge the information provided in this report is factually correct
- ii. To the best of my knowledge all relevant project information which has been provided to stakeholders and interested and affected parties (I&APs) is correct
- iii. All comments and inputs received from stakeholders / I&APs, prior to the submission of the Environmental Impact Report, have been included as part of the Environmental Impact Report and addressed where necessary
- iv. All information provided by the EAP to interested and affected parties and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested or affected parties are the unbiased opinion of the EAP and are based on factually correct information
- All inputs and recommendations from the specialist reports have been included as part of the ٧. Environmental Impact Report where relevant.

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| Signature of the EAP   | Signature Commissioner of Oaths |  |
| WSP Environmental (Pty) Ltd  | 2017/2/13                       |  |
| Company  | Date                            |  |
| 13.02.2017   |                                 |  |
| Date   | Stamp:                          |  |

I certify that the DEPONENT has acknowledged that he sha knows and understands the contents of this affidavit, that he/she does not have any objection to taking the path, and that he/she considers it to be binding on his/her conscience, and which was sworn to and signed before me

on this the 13th day of FEB 20.17 al BRYANSTON CRAIG ULYATE CA (SA)

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