

28 February 2014

DEA REF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/279

Dear Stakeholder

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:  
GAROB WIND ENERGY FACILITY ON A SITE NEAR COPPERTON,  
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE  
DEA REFERENCE No. 14/12/16/3/3/2/279**

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**NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
AUTHORISATION**

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Garob Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd received an environmental authorisation for the construction of the Garob Wind Energy Facility on a site near Copperton, Northern Cape Province (DEA Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/279) in June 2013.

In terms of the environmental authorisation, the project description referred to wind turbines with a hub height of up to 100m and a rotor diameter of up to 120m. Following recent developments in technology and availability of turbine options for the project, Garob Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd would like to request an amendment to the already received Environmental Authorisation so as to increase the allowable rotor diameter from the authorised 120 meters to 125 meters. This will enable the developer to install a technology on the site which is best suited to the conditions on the site (and will increase the efficiency of the facility).

The activity as described in the authorisation is hereby requested to be amended as follows:

- » Wind turbines with a hub height of up to 100m and a rotor diameter of up to 125m.

In terms of Condition 5 of the Environmental Authorisation, the applicant may apply, in writing, to the competent authority for a change or deviation from the project description to be approved. In this regard Garob Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd wishes to submit an application for amendment to DEA for the project description as detailed above. Savannah Environmental has prepared this motivation for public review and comment. This memorandum provides detail pertaining to the significance and impacts of the proposed amendment to the project description.

Following the public review period, this motivation, together with all comments received regarding the amendment application, will be submitted to DEA in support of this request/application on behalf of Garob Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd, in order for the competent authority to be able to reach a decision.

The supporting documentation of this motivation includes impact statements from the avifauna specialist (WildSkies Ecological Services), bat specialist (Animalia), the visual specialist (MetroGIS) and the noise specialist (M2 Environmental Connections) regarding the proposed amendment in turbine height and rotor diameter. From the investigations undertaken, it is concluded that:

- » an increase in the rotor diameter of the turbines from 120 m to 125 m for the Wind Energy Facility will not alter the impact significance ratings for impacts as assessed in the EIA or the recommended mitigation measures for the project; and
- » there are no new impacts identified as a result of the proposed amendment.

This letter serves to notify registered interested and affected parties, stakeholders and relevant Organs of State regarding the availability of this motivation for amendment for public review and comment, in terms of Regulation 56 of the EIA Regulations (2010). The motivation for amendment and relevant information is available for a 30-day period: **28 February 2014 – 31 March 2014**. This document is attached hereto and can be downloaded at [www.savannahSA.com](http://www.savannahSA.com). Please submit your written comment by **31 March 2014**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards

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