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**PER EMAIL / MAIL**

Dear Mr Marais

**AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 15 MARCH 2018 (AS AMENDED) FOR THE 235MW GRASKOPPIES WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE SITUATED NEAR LOERIESFONTEIN, HANTAM AND KHAI-MA LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 15 March 2018, the amendments to the EA dated 14 May 2019 and 04 March 2020 respectively, the application for an amendment to the EA received by this Department on 18 June 2021 and the acknowledgement letter dated 02 July 2021, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 15 March 2018, as amended, as follows:

**Amendment 1: Amendment to change the holder of the EA:**

The holder of the EA is amended:

**From:**

*"South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd"*

**To:**

*"Graskoppies Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd"*

**Amendment 2: Amendment to change the project name and description of the EA:**

The title on Page 01 of the EA is amended:

**From:**

*"The construction of the 235MW Graskoppies Wind Farm situated near Loeriesfontein, Hantam and Khai-Ma Local Municipalities in the Northern Cape Province"*

**To:**

*"The construction of the 235MW Graskoppies Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure situated near Loeriesfontein, Hantam and Khai-Ma Local Municipalities in the Northern Cape Province"*

Page 05 of the EA is amended:

**From:**

*"- for the construction of the 235MW Graskoppies Wind Farm situated near Loeriesfontein, Hantam and Khai-Ma Local Municipalities in the Northern Cape Province, hereafter referred to as "the property"*

**To:**

*"- for the construction of the 235MW Graskoppies Wind Farm and associated infrastructure situated near Loeriesfontein, Hantam and Khai-Ma Local Municipalities in the Northern Cape Province, hereafter referred to as "the property"*

**Amendment 3: Addition of preferred site coordinates for BESS location:**

The following coordinates for the BESS location is added to the table on page 5 of the EA:

Battery Energy Storage System	30°15' 58.132"S	19°20' 35.446"E
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**Amendment 4: Addition of technical details for the proposed BESS:**

The following is added to the technical details of the facility on page 05 and 06 of the EA:

<b>Component</b>	<b>Description/ Dimensions</b>
BESS Capacity	200MWh
BESS Technology	Lithium-ion
BESS Footprint (ha)	Up to 4ha

MS.

**Amendment 5: Amendment to condition 16.2 on page 08 of the EA:**

Condition 16.2 on page 08 of the EA is amended:

**From:**

*"Substation(s) inverters and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint"*

**To:**

*"Substation(s) inverters and/or transformer(s) sites, Battery Energy Storage system sites, including their entire footprint"*

**Reason for amendments:**

To ensure adequate energy supply of electricity from the wind farm, Graskoppies is proposing the addition of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with a capacity of up to 200 MWh. The BESS will cover an area of 4 ha and will be located within the authorised substation footprint of the 235 MW Graskoppies Wind Energy Facility. The addition of a BESS to the project will allow the project to be suitable for the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) and other public or private run procurement programmes that may arise or for sale to private entities, if enabled and/or required in the drive for an energy mix and security in South Africa. Further to this the Holder of the EA changed and this needs to reflect in the Environmental Authorisation.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 15 March 2018 as amended.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulates that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuses or compromises your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the decision, of the Department's decision as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribe the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

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**Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:**

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za);

By hand: Environment House  
473 Steve Biko,  
Arcadia,  
Pretoria,  
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By post: Private Bag X447,  
Pretoria,  
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Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at [https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal\\_authorisations](https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations) or request a copy of the documents at [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za).

Yours faithfully



**Mr Sabelo Malaza**  
**Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations**  
**Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**  
Date: 21/07/2021.

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Ms. Solomons  
Director: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Dear Mrs. Solomons

**APPOINTMENT AS ACTING CHIEF DIRECTOR: INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 12 JULY 2021 UNTIL 23 JULY 2021.**

This serves to confirm your appointment as Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations, from 12 July 2021 until 23 July 2021, whilst Mr Sabelo Malaza is on Annual Leave.

You will act in this capacity with the full responsibilities and duties attached to the post, including the activities entrusted to the Acting Chief Director: integrated environmental authorisations by or in terms of the Acts administered by the Department.

Your appointment in the above acting position remains subject to the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation No. 103 of 1994), as amended, the Government Employees Pension Fund Act, 1996 (Proclamation No. 21 of 1996), the regulations promulgated under these Acts and relevant circulars.

In the execution of your duties and the exercising of the powers delegated to you, you will furthermore be subjected to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, compliance with the promotion of Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Minimum Information Security Standards, Departmental Policies and other applicable legislations with the Republic of South Africa. You are therefore advised to make yourself familiar with the provisions of the legislations and policies and the amendments thereof. (Copies of departmental policies can be obtained from the Human Resource Office).

Yours Sincerely

~~Devinagie Bendeman~~  
Acting Deputy Director-General: RCSM (Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring)

Date: 9/07/2021



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
I ACCEPT / DO NOT ACCEPT  
appointment as Acting Chief  
Director: integrated environmental  
authorizations

Signed: Ms Solomons

Date: 12/07/2021