

25 April 2019

Dear Interest and Affected Party,

**APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION:
GREAT KAROO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN
CAPE PROVINCE**

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(DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/2370/3)**

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Kind regards

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Nicolene Venter

Public Participation and Social Consultant

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Reminder e-mail to Organs of State and registered I&APs - this reminder e-mail triggered the subsequent release of the draft Motivation Report to the registered I&APs on the project database.
Please refer to Chapter 7 of the Final Motivation Report for details

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APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED GREAT KAROO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/2370/3)

- Motivation Report: Review and Comment Period Ending – Wednesday, 29 May 2019

Dear Stakeholder and/or Interested and Affected Party,

With reference to our e-mail dated 25 April 2019, this e-mail serves to inform you that the comment period for written submissions on the Motivation Report is ending tomorrow, **Wednesday, 29 May 2019**.

Thank you to those Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties who submitted written comments on the Motivation Report. Your contribution is appreciated.

Those who had not yet submitted their comments, we kindly request you to do so before close of business tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Sent to all registered I&APs and
LOs on project database

31 May 2019

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- **Availability of Motivation Report for Review and Comment**

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Please refer to the attached Notification Letter for further information.

Kind regards,

SAVANNAH ENVIRONMENTAL WEBSITE – Great Karoo Wind Energy Facility: Motivation Report uploaded

<https://www.savannahsa.com/public-documents/energy-generation/great-karoo-wind-energy-facility/>



GREAT KAROO WIND ENERGY FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEA Ref. No.: 12/12/20/2370/3)

Project Name: Great Karoo Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure

Applicant: Great Karoo Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd

Amendment request: Great Karoo Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd is requesting the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) to amend the environmental authorisation (EA) received on the 12th of August 2014 (as subsequently amended on 25 July 2016 and 5 May 2017) as follows:

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Project Location: The project site is located in the Namakwa District Municipality and in the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality on the following properties:

- Farm Kentucky 206
- Portion 1 of Farm Wolvenkop 207

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To obtain further information, please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to Savannah Environmental:

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Great Karoo Wind Energy Facility

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APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION: PROPOSED GREAT KAROO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE (DEA Ref.: 12/12/20/2370/3)

- Motivation Report: Review and Comment Period Ending – Wednesday, 29 May 2019

Dear Stakeholder and/or Interested and Affected Party,

With reference to our e-mail dated 25 April 2019, this e-mail serves to inform you that the comment period for written submissions on the Motivation Report is ending tomorrow, **Wednesday, 29 May 2019**.

Thank you to those Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties who submitted written comments on the Motivation Report. Your contribution is appreciated.

Those who had not yet submitted their comments, we kindly request you to do so before close of business tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Savannah Public Process

From: publicprocess <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 12:55 PM
To: 'Veronique Fyfe'
Cc: 'Jean-Claude Baziruwiha'; 'mabel@savannahsa.com'
Subject: RE: GREAT KAROO WIND ENERGY FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Hi Veronique,

Please receive herewith confirmation that you have been registered as an I&AP on the above-mentioned project's database.

The Release Code to access the Report is: **t5wveEa**

Kind regards,

Nicolene Venter

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From: Veronique Fyfe <veronique@g7energies.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Savannah Public Process <publicprocess@savannahsa.com>; Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Jean-Claude Baziruwiha <Eddy@g7energies.com>
Subject: GREAT KAROO WIND ENERGY FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Hi Nicolene,

Please could you register me for the Great Karoo WEF using the email eia@g7energies.com.

Please could you also provide me with access to access the documents.

Thanks,

Veronique Fyfe | Project Manager
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From: Pieter Francois Roux <francois@sarge.co.za>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Nicolene Venter
Cc: Mabel Quinisile; Gideon Raath; Jessica van Niekerk; Nico Fourie; Rodrigo A Garcia Parra
Subject: Re: Great Karoo WEF: Notification of Application for Amendment to EA and Availability of Motivation Report

Thank you Nicolene

We will revert back

Kind regards
Pieter Francois Roux
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On 31 May 2019, at 13:37, Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com> wrote:

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PROVINCE
(DEA Ref.No.: 12/12/20/2370/3)**

- **Availability of Motivation Report for Review and Comment**

Dear Stakeholder and/or Interested and Affected Party,

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(DEA ref: 12/12/20/2370/3) on the 12th of August 2014 (as subsequently amended on 25 July 2016 and 5 May 2017).

The draft Motivation Report is made available to registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for a 30-day review period from **Friday, 31 May 2019** to **Tuesday, 02 July 2019**.

Please refer to the attached Notification Letter for further information.

Kind regards,

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Nicolene Venter

From: Nicolene Venter
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Magdalena Kataryna Michalowska
Cc: Gideon Raath; Hermien Slabbert
Subject: RE: REMINDER: Great Karoo WEF: Comment Period ending Soon - Motivation Report

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	Hermien Slabbert	Delivered: 6/24/2019 2:21 PM	Read: 6/24/2019 2:35 PM

Dear Maggi,

As requested, herewith the Release Code for the Great Karoo Motivation Report: **t5wveEa**

Kind regards,

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From: Magdalena Kataryna Michalowska <m.michalowska@buildingenergy.it>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:14 PM
To: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>; Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>; Hermien Slabbert <hermien@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Mabel Quinisile <mabel@savannahsa.com>; Magdalena Kataryna Michalowska <m.michalowska@buildingenergy.it>
Subject: RE: REMINDER: Great Karoo WEF: Comment Period ending Soon - Motivation Report

Hi Nicolene,

Please provide me with the access codes for this Wind Farm.

Thanks,
Maggie

Regards,
Magdalena Michalowska - **Environmental Legal Compliance Manager Africa & Middle East**
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From: Nicolene Venter <nicolene@savannahsa.com>
Sent: Monday, 24 June 2019 12:38
To: Gideon Raath <gideon@savannahsa.com>; Hermien Slabbert <hermien@savannahsa.com>
Cc: Mabel Quinisile <mabel@savannahsa.com>
Subject: REMINDER: Great Karoo WEF: Comment Period ending Soon - Motivation Report

Dear Stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties,

With reference to the attached notification letter sent on Friday, 31 May 2019 and e-mail below, this email serves to inform you that the comment period for the Motivation Report (MR) is ending on Tuesday, 02 July 2019. As you may recall, the review and comment period for the MR was made available from **Friday, 31 May 2019** to **Tuesday, 02 July 2019**.

Thank you to those Stakeholder and Interested and Affected Parties who submitted their written comments, and we kindly urge those who had not yet submitted their written comments to do so before or on Tuesday, 02 July 2019, by close of business day.

Kind regards,

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Subject: Great Karoo WEF: Notification of Application for Amendment to EA and Availability of Motivation Report

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