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Dear Stakeholder

**ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS  
ACCESS ROADS AND WATERCOURSE CROSSINGS WITHIN THE AUTHORISED IZIDULI EMOYENI  
WIND ENERGY FACILITY, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

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**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

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A previous basic assessment application was submitted by Savannah Environmental Consultants in May 2015. The application was issued an environmental authorisation in July 2015 (Eastern Cape DEDEAT ref: EC02/C/LN1&3/M/75-2014), however the construction did not commence within the 24 months from the date of issue and the EA subsequently lapsed. As such, Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed by Emoyeni Wind Farm Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd to obtain an environmental authorisation in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended in April 2017).

Emoyeni Wind Farm Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd is now applying for authorisation for identified Listed Activities in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended in April 2017). The activities entails the infilling and deposition of material within a watercourse (the widening of existing watercourse crossings<sup>1</sup>), the construction of access roads and widening of the existing on-site access roads within the authorised Iziduli Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility project site from the authorised width of 6m to 9m in width.

The proposed development will entail the following:

- » the construction of a new access roads ~18km in length and ~9m wide;
- » the widening of existing roads from 6m to 9m, ~7,5km in length; and
- » the widening and upgrading existing four (4) watercourse crossings.

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<sup>1</sup> Listed Activity 19 of GN R326 of the 2014 EIA Regulations as amended on 07 April 2017, is applied for to allow for excavation and/or infill of material exceeding 10m<sup>3</sup> for the construction of watercourse crossings.

The proposed Iziduli Emoyeni Wind Energy Facility is located ~26km south of Bedford and ~36km south east of Cookhouse within the Blue Crane Route Local Municipality which falls within the jurisdiction of the Sarah Baartman District Municipality, Eastern Cape Province. The following farms were authorised for the siting of the wind farm:

- » Remainder of the Farm Brakke Fontein No 218;
- » Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Brakke Fonteyn No 218;
- » Portion 2 (a Portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Brakke Fonteyn No 218;
- » The Farm Vogel Fonteyn No 219; and
- » Remainder of the Farm Brakfontein No 220.

## **BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

In terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations published in terms of Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No. 107 of 1998), Windlab Developments South Africa (Pty) Ltd requires authorisation from the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), the Competent Authority (CA) for the undertaking of the proposed project. In terms of Sections 24 and 24D of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998), as read with the amended EIA Regulations of GN R 326, R327, GN R325 and R324, a Basic Assessment process is required to be undertaken for the proposed project.

Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant, to undertake the required Basic Assessment to identify and assess all the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project and propose appropriate mitigation and management measures in an Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). The public participation process, which forms part of the overall Basic Assessment process, will also be undertaken by Savannah Environmental.

The department and/or the organisation which you represent has been identified as a commenting authority for the proposed project. In this regard, please can you provide us with the name and contact details of the relevant contact person at your department who we would liaise with regarding this project. By registering on the project database, you will receive all information relating to the project and will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment and input into the BA process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require additional information and/or clarification regarding the proposed project. Our team welcomes your participation and looks forward to your involvement throughout this process.

Kind regards

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