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DEA Ref West WEF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/856

DEA Ref East WEF: 14/12/16/3/3/2/857

DEA Ref Grid Connection East: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1561

DEA Ref Grid Connection West: 14/12/16/3/3/1/1562

Dear Interested and Affected Party:

REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED KOMSBERG EAST AND KOMSBERG WEST WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTIONS, WESTERN AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DECISION - ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

On 28th August 2015, notice was given in terms of Chapter 6 of Government Notice No. R. (GN R.) 982 under the EIA Regulations (2014) promulgated under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) (as amended), of applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA), for the proposed Komsberg East and Komsberg West Wind Energy Facilities (WEFs) and their associated grid connections. The proposed WEFs are located in the Western Cape Province, with a small portion of the proposed Komsberg West WEF being located across the border of the Northern Cape Province. The Grid Connection applications cover both Provinces. The sites are located approximately 60km north of Laingsburg and 40km south east of Sutherland. The area of both sites covers approximately 26 832 hectares. The applications are as follows:

- Application for EA in terms of the NEMA, 1998: GN R. 983/984/985 - For the 275MW Komsberg East WEF near Sutherland within the Laingsburg Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province;
- Application for EA in terms of the NEMA, 1998: GN R. 983/984/985 - For Komsberg East Grid Connection (powerline and switching station) near Sutherland within the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province;
- Application for EA in terms of the NEMA, 1998: GN R. 983/984/985 - For the 275MW Komsberg West WEF near Sutherland within the Karoo Hoogland and Laingsburg Local Municipalities in the Northern and Western Cape Provinces; and
- Application for EA in terms of the NEMA, 1998: GN R. 983/984/985 - For Komsberg West Grid Connection (powerline and switching station) near Sutherland within the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality in the Western Cape Province.

With reference to the above-mentioned applications please be advised that the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has decided to grant authorisation with conditions. Copies of the EA notifications from the DEA are attached herein. Full copies of the EAs are available on the project website (www.eims.co.za) and from Ms. Nobuhle Hughes at 011 789 7170 / komsberg@eims.co.za. Please include the EIMS project reference (1086) in your request.

Appeal Procedures: Attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of Government Notice No. R993, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. An appellant must submit an appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) 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 I&APs by the applicant. The appeal must be submitted on or before the **11th October 2016**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,
Nobuhle Hughes.

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Geagte Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party:

AANGAANDE 'N AANSOEK OM OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING VIR DIE VOORGESTELDE KOMSBERG-OOS EN KOMSBERG WES WIND ENERGIE AANLEGTE EN DIE GEPAARDGAANDE NETWERK KONNEKSIES IN DIE WES- EN OOS-KAAP

DEPARTEMENT VAN OMGEWINGSAKE SE BESLUIT - OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING

Op 28 Augustus 2015 is kennis gegee in terme van Hoofstuk 6 van Goewermentskennisgewing No. R. (GN R.) 982 onder die OIB-regulasies (2014) uitgevaardig kragtens artikel 24 (5) van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA) (soos gewysig), van aansoeke vir Omgewingsmagtiging, vir die voorgestelde Komsberg-Oos en Komsberg wes Wind Energie Fasiliteite (WEFs) en hul gepaardgaande netwerk konneksies. Die voorgestelde WEFs is geleë in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie, met 'n klein gedeelte van die voorgestelde Komsberg Wes WEF geleë oorkant die grens van die Noord-Kaap Provinsie. Die netwerk konneksies aansoeke dek albei provinsies. Die terreine is geleë ongeveer 60km noord van Laingsburg en 40km suidoos van Sutherland. Die oppervlakte van beide terreine dek ongeveer 26 832 hektaar. Die aansoeke is soos volg:

- Aansoek vir Omgewingsmagtiging in terme van die NEMA, 1998: GN R. 983/984/985 - Vir die 275MW Komsberg-Oos WEF naby Sutherland in die Laingsburg Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie;
- Aansoek vir Omgewingsmagtiging in terme van die NEMA: GN R. 983/984/985 - Vir Komsberg-Oos Netwerk Konneksie (kraglyn en skakel stasie) naby Sutherland in die Karoo Hoogland Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie;
- Aansoek vir Omgewingsmagtiging in terme van die NEMA, 1998: GN R. 983/984/985 - Vir die 275MW Komsberg Wes WEF naby Sutherland in die Karoo Hoogland en Laingsburg Plaaslike Munisipaliteite in die Noord- en Wes-Kaap; en
- Aansoek vir Omgewingsmagtiging in terme van die NEMA, 1998: GN R. 983/984/985 - Vir Komsberg Wes Netwerk Konneksie (kraglyn en skakel stasie) naby Sutherland in die Karoo Hoogland Plaaslike Munisipaliteit in die Wes-Kaap Provinsie.

Met verwysing na die bogenoemde aansoeke, neem asseblief kennis dat die Departement van Omgewingsake (DEA) besluit het om **magtiging toe te staan, met voorwaardes**. Kopieë van die Omgewingsmagtigings van die DEA is aangeheg. Volledige kopieë van die Omgewingsmagtigings is beskikbaar op die projek webwerf (www.eims.co.za) en van Ms. Nobuhle Hughes by 011 789 7170 / komsberg@eims.co.za. Verskaf asseblief die projek verwysing (1086) in u versoek.

Appèl prosedures: Daar moet gelet word op Hoofstuk 2 van Goewermentskennisgewing No. R993, wat die appèl prosedure wat gevolg moet beskryf. Indien u will appelleer, moet 'n beroep na die appèl administrateur, en 'n afskrif van die appèl aan die aansoeker, enige geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde party en enige staatsinstansie met belangstelling in die saak, binne 20 dae vanaf die datum waarop die kennisgewing van die besluit aan die geregistreerde belanghebbende en geaffekteerde partye, deur die aansoeker, gestuur is, ingedien word. Die appèl moet voor of op die **11 Oktober 2016** ingedien word.

Moet asseblief nie huiwer om die ondergetekende te kontak indien u enige navrae of kommentaar het nie.

Vriendelike groete,
Nobuhle Hughes.