

APPENDIX C8
MINUTES OF MEETINGS

**BASIC ASSESSMENT AND
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESSES
FOR THE PROPOSED
WESTERN CLUSTER (Redding Wind Farm, Aeolus Wind
Farm, Hamlett Wind Farm, Rippon Wind Farm and REDZ
3 Power Corridor 400MTS) LOCATED BETWEEN SOMERSET
EAST AND MAKHANDA, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

(DFFE Ref. No.: To be Issued)

**DRAFT MEETING NOTES OF INFORMATION SESSION
HELD ON FRIDAY, 26 MARCH 2021 AT 10H00
VENUE: SPRINGBOK PUB, 3 MAIN ROAD, GOLDEN VALLEY**

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Please note that these notes are not verbatim, but a summary of the comments submitted at the information session.

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WESTERN CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS NEAR SOMERSET EAST AND MAKHANDA, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

MEETING ATTENDEES

Captured alphabetically according to surname

Name	Position	Organisation
Christo Lombard	Landowner	Adelbors Beleggings 9 CC
John Moolman	Landowner	Moolman Prospect Trust
Francois Havenga	Owner	Spiny Cactus Pear Processing (Pty) Ltd
Savannah Environmental		
Lisa Opperman	Environmental Assessment Practitioner	
Nicolene Venter	Public Participation and Social Consultant	

Nicolene Venter welcomed all attendees upon arrival at the Information Session.

Project information was displayed providing the participants an opportunity for one-on-one discussions with the project team. The information displayed included:

- project description for the Western Cluster Wind Farms;
- the BA and public participation process followed to date;
- the locality map of the Western Cluster, inclusive of the Wind Garden Wind Farm and Fronteer Wind Farm; and
- how the development footprint has been optimised by taking the environmental sensitivities within the development footprint into consideration;
- cumulative impacts were also done and the results thereof; and
- the way forward.

The poster display is attached as Appendix A.

COMMENTS SUBMITTED

Question / Comment	Response
<p>John Moolman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> requested an understanding of the wind information that determined the placement of the wind turbines. 	<p>Lisa Opperman explained that the wind resources of the two respective projects have been monitored on the sites since 2011 which was used by the developer to locate the most relevant and appropriate locations for the placement of the wind turbines for each project. It was also indicated that regardless of the wind resource, the specific environmental features and sensitivities present within the areas (as confirmed by the independent specialists) were considered by the developer prior to confirmation of the planned infrastructure. .</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> requested that the property be fenced with electric fencing to prevent goats, jackals, warthogs, etc entering the site and moving onto adjacent properties and thereby creating challenges with the adjacent landowners. 	<p>Lisa Opperman indicated that the facility will be appropriately fenced and that this will also be in-line with the recommendations of the relevant specialists. It was also indicated that the request will be communicated to the developer for consideration and appropriate implementation, as required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> how will the impact on neighbours and occupiers be addressed in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stock theft during construction 	<p>Lisa Opperman advised that a Socio-economic Impact Assessment has been undertaken for each of the projects which considers security risks associated with the projects and recommends specific mitigation measures in this regard, which also covers the potential for stock theft.</p>
<p>Francois Havenga:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has the ecologist identified an infestation of cactus? 	<p>Lisa Opperman responded that confirmation of whether there is an infestation or not will be obtained from the specialist and forwarded to Francois Havenga. It was also indicated that his company information has been submitted to the developer on a previous occasion.</p>

Minutes of meetings held during the Basic Assessment
Reports' review and comment period
(to be included in the final BA Report)