

APPENDIX C9:
Comments and Responses Report

MERINO WIND ENERGY FACILITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

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The Scoping phase of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process for the Merino Wind Energy Facility (WEF) was announced together with the Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities located near Richmond, Northern Cape Province on Thursday, 21 October 2021. The Background Information Document was distributed together with a notification letter which served to invite Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register their interest in the project and to submit any comments / queries that they might have on any of the proposed developments or all. All written comments received during the Scoping Phase of the EIA process to date have been included in the table below and in **Appendix C7** of the Scoping Report.

The Scoping Report is available for a 30-day review and comment period from **Friday, 12 November 2021** until **Monday, 13 December 2021**. The Comments and Responses Report (C&RR) will be updated with comments received during the review and comment period and included in **Appendix C7** of the final Scoping Report.

The C&RR is included as a separate document to the Scoping Report as **Appendix C9**.

1. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SCOPING PHASE OF THE EIA PROCESS

1.1. Organs of State

No.	Comment	Raised by	Response
1.	<p>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT KAROO CLUSTER OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES AND GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>With reference to your above- mentioned application, I hereby confirm that the proposed work installation is approved in terms of Section 29 of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 as amended.</p> <p>No infrastructure of our Client (Openserve) will be affected by this proposal. We did our utmost to ensure that we indicate our route as accurate as possible and should you discover any of our cables that is not on the sketch please stop and contact us immediately to arrange a site meeting. In the event that our cables are exposed and damaged/stolen by a third party the damages will be repaired at the customer's account. Please make use of pilot holes in order not too damage our infrastructure. Therefore any damages occurred during construction of work will be repaired at the customer's account.</p> <p>Although we are not affected by this proposal, Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738 from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work.</p> <p>Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval.</p>	<p>Chris Schutte Mvelaphande Trading</p> <p>Email 04 November 2021</p>	<p>It is noted that no Openserve infrastructure will be impacted by the Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities Grid Connection Infrastructure. Should any possible Openserve infrastructure be exposed the applicant will inform Openserve.</p> <p>The requirements of Openserve are noted. These requirements have been submitted to the developer for their attention and consideration.</p>

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	<p>Any changes/deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office</p> <p>On completion of this project, please certify that all requirements as stipulated in this letter have been met. Please note that should any of our Client (Openserve) infrastructure has to be relocated or altered as a result of your activities the cos for such alteration or relocation will be for your account in terms of section 25 of the Electronic Communication Act.</p> <p>Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738 from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.</p> <p>Approval of the proposed route is valid for six months. If construction has not yet commenced within this period, then the file must be resubmitted for approval. Any changes/deviations from the original planning during or prior to construction must immediately be communicated to this office Please notify this office and forward an as built plan, within 30 days of completion of construction.</p> <p>Mr Vivian Groenewald must be contacted at telephone number 081 362 6738 from our Network Field Services. Two (2) weeks prior to commencement of proposed work. It's important that all services are shown on site before construction starts.</p>		

1.2. Key Stakeholders and Interested & Affected Parties

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