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Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

**MERINO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR RICHMOND, NORTHERN
CAPE PROVINCE
(DFFE Reference No.: To be issued)**

NOTIFICATION OF RE-SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd proposes the development of the Merino Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure as part of the Great Karoo Cluster of Renewable Energy Facilities near Richmond in the Northern Cape Province. An Application for Authorisation was submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for the proposed project (DFFE Ref No.: 14/12/16/3/3/1/2114), the Scoping Report was accepted and Plan of Study for EIA approved. In terms of Regulation 45 of the 2014 EIA Regulations, as amended, the application for this project lapsed as the applicant did not meet the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, and the file was closed by the DFFE.

As a registered Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for this project, you and/or the organisation which you represent, are hereby notified that it is the intention of Great Karoo Renewable Energy (Pty) Ltd to resubmit the application to continue at the initiation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Phase, in accordance with Regulation 21 (2)(a) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, since the application is to be submitted by the same applicant for the same development, the findings of the Scoping Report remain valid, and the environmental context has not changed.

The release of the EIA Report for your review and comment will be communicated to you and/or the organisation that you represent in due course, and we look forward to your further participation in this process.

Kind regards



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