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#### PER FACSIMILE / MAIL

Dear Mr Garner

# AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE PROPOSED TSITSIKAMMA COMMUNITY WIND ENERGY FACILITY IN THE TSITSIKAMMA AREA, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) approved by this Department on 06 March 2013 and your application for an amendment to the EMPr received on 25 August 2014 refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EMPr, this Department, in terms of Regulation 46 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010, has decided to approve the amended EMPr Revision 3 (prepared by Savannah Environmental (Pty) Ltd and dated August 2014).

This EMPr should be regarded as a 'living document', which may be amended from time to time as and when the need arises. Amendments to the EMPr must be approved by this Department.

This letter must be read in conjunction with the EA issued on 01 March 2012 as amended.

In terms of Regulation 10(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 12 (twelve) days of the date of the Department's decision in respect of the amendment made as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 7 of the Regulations, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. This procedure is summarised in the attached document. Kindly include a copy of this document with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties.

Should the applicant or any other party wish to appeal any aspect of the decision a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged by all prospective appellants with the Minister, within 20 days of the date of this decision, by means of one of the following methods:

By post:

Private Bag X447,

Pretoria, 0001; or

By hand:

**Environment House** 

473 Steve Biko,

Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

If the applicant wishes to lodge an appeal, it must also serve a copy of the notice of intention to appeal on all registered interested and affected parties as well as a notice indicating where, and for what period, the appeal submission will be available for inspection, should you intend to submit an appeal.

# Appeals must be submitted in writing to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review, of this Department at the above mentioned addresses. Mr Hassam can also be contacted at:

Tel:

(012) 399 9356

Email: AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za

Further, please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, an appeal under section 43 of that Act will suspend the decision or any provision or condition attached thereto.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ishaam Abader

Deputy Director-General: Legal, Authorisations, Compliance and Enforcement

Department of Environmental Affairs

Ms Jo-Anne Thomas

Date:

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APPEALS PROCEDURE IN TERMS OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE NEMA EIA REGULATIONS, 2010 (THE REGULATIONS) AS PER GN R.543 OF 2010 TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE APPLICANT AND INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF A DECISION

APPLICANT		INT	INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES (IAPs)	
1.	Receive decision from the relevant Competent Authority (the Department of Environmental Affairs [DEA]).	1.	Receive decision from Applicant/Consultant.	
2.	Within 12 days of date of the decision notify all IAPs of the decision and draw their attention to their right to appeal against the decision in terms of Chapter 7 of the Regulations.	2.	N/A.	
3.	If you want to appeal against the decision, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the decision with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs (the Minister).	3.	If you want to appeal against the decision, submit a notice of intention to appeal within 20 days of the date of the decision with the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs (the Minister).	
4.	After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide each registered IAP with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice.	4.	After having submitted your notice of intention to appeal to the Minister, provide the applicant with a copy of the notice of intention to appeal within 10 days of lodging the notice.	
5.	<ul> <li>The Applicant must also serve on each IAP:</li> <li>a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.</li> </ul>	5.	<ul> <li>Appellant must also serve on the Applicant within 10 days of lodging the notice,</li> <li>a notice indicating where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection by the applicant.</li> </ul>	
6.	The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.	6.	The appeal must be submitted to the Minister within 30 days after the lapsing of the period of 20 days provided for the lodging of the notice of intention to appeal.	
7.	Any IAP who received a notice of intention to appeal may submit a responding statement to that appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.	7.	An Applicant who received notice of intention to may submit a responding statement to the appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date that the appeal submission was lodged with the Minister.	

#### NOTES:

# 1. An appeal against a decision must be lodged with:-

- a) the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs if the decision was issued by the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs (or another official) acting in his/her capacity as the delegated Competent Authority;
- b) the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development if the applicant is the Department of Water Affairs and the decision was issued by the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs (or another official) acting in his/her capacity as the delegated Competent Authority;

# 2. An appeal lodged with:-

- a) the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs;
- b) the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs;

# 3. An appeal must be:-

- a) submitted in writing;
- b) accompanied by:
- a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;
- supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal; and
- a statement that the appellant has complied with regulation 62 (2) or (3) together with copies of the notices referred to in regulation 62.