

24 July 2020

Our ref: SK/sk/1322

DEA REFERENCE: 12/12/20/2370/2/AM6

To whom it may concern

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party:

**NOTIFICATION: AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION IN TERMS OF REGULATION 29 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS, 2014 (AS AMENDED) READ WITH NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (ACT 107 OF 1998): FOR THE PROPOSED 140MW SOETWATER WIND ENERGY FACILITY (PHASE 2) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, IN THE KAROO HOOGLAND LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA.**

Notice is given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R982) as amended, promulgated under the National Environmental Management (Act 107 of 1998-NEMA), that the above-mentioned project was granted environmental authorisation (DEA Reference: 12/12/20/2370/2/AM6) on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 for the amendment of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 by the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) (previously referred to as the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)). The EA has been amended as follows:

1. Amendment 1: Amendment of the approved layout plan and Environmental Management Programme (EMPr).

The details relating to the amendments and reasons for the decision by the competent authority are provided as an attachment hereto. It is important to note that although the decision is dated 08 June 2020, a copy of this decision was only made available to the EAP and the Applicant on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 by the DEFF. Therefore, the notification period will commence on the date the EA was received due to the delay in the EA being sent out by the Department (i.e. later than the date indicated on the EA).

A copy of the decision and Environmental Authorisation (EA) is available upon request from EIMS at the details provided below:

- Contact Person: Cheyenne Muthukarapan
- EIMS Reference Number: 1322
- Postal Address: P.O. Box 2083; Pinegowrie; 2123
- Telephone: (011) 789 7170/ Fax: (086) 571 9047
- E-mail: cheyenne@eims.co.za

Please include the project reference number 1322 in all correspondence.

Should you wish to Appeal any aspect of the decision, an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeal Regulations of 2014 (Government Notice R993) within 20 days of the date of this notification and must be submitted in writing in the prescribed appeal form obtainable from the relevant appeal administrator.

An extract from Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations is presented below for your convenience:

A 8 Dalmeny Road, Pine Park, Randburg | PO Box 2083, Pinegowrie 2123, South Africa  
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Directors: T Nkhahle, L Whitlow, A Smith.

*4(1) An appellant must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from:*

- a) the date that the notification of the decision for an application for an environmental authorisation or a waste management licence was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or*
- b) the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority, issuing authority or licensing authority, in the case of decisions other than those referred to in paragraph (a).*

*4(2) An appeal submission must be:*

- a) submitted in writing in the form obtainable from the appeal administrator; and*
- b) accompanied by-*
  - i. a statement setting out the grounds of appeal;*
  - ii. supporting documentation which is referred to in the appeal submission; and*
  - iii. a statement, including supporting documentation, by the appellant to confirm compliance with regulation 4(1) of these Regulations.*

An appeal, including any supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Appeals Administrator whose contact details are presented below:

**To: The Director: Appeals and Legal Review**

By Email: [appeals@environment.gov.za](mailto:appeals@environment.gov.za);

By hand: Environment House; 473 Steve Biko, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Cheyenne Muthukarapan