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PER E-MAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Price

AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 12 AUGUST 2014 FOR THE 140 MEGAWATTS (MW) SOETWATER WIND ENERGY FACILITY (PHASE 2) AND ASSOCIATED INTRASTRUCTURE ON THE REMAINDER OF AND PORTIONS 1, 2 AND 4 OF THE FARM ORANGE FONTEIN 203 AND ANNEX ORANGE FONTEIN 185, FARM LEEUWE HOEK 183 AND FARM ZWANEOELSHOEK WITHIN THE KAROO HOOGLAND LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the above-mentioned application by this Department on 12 August 2014, the first amendment to the EA dated 03 May 2016, the second amendment to the EA dated 13 October 2016, the third amendment dated 03 May 2017, your application for amendment of the EA received by this Department on 15 September 2017, the acknowledgement letter dated 26 September 2017, the draft report received on 27 October 2017, the comments issued by this Department on 14 November 2017 and the final report received on 29 November 2017, refers.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 12 August 2014, as follows:

Amendment 1: Amendment to number of turbines under project description

Number of turbines on page 8 of the EA under technical details of proposed facility is amended:

From:

Component	Description/Dimension
Number of Turbines	56

To:

Component	Description/Dimension
Number of Turbines	Up to 43

Amendment 2: Amendment to the turbine specifications:

Current turbine specifications on page 7 of the EA is amended:

From:

"Wind turbines (between 2MW and 3.5MW in capacity and with a 120m rotor diameter and a hub height of up to 120m) and associated foundations"

To:

"Wind turbines (up to 4.5MW in capacity and with a rotor diameter up to 150m and a hub height of up to 120m) and associated foundations"

Reason for amendment:

The developer is proposing to install a turbine technology on the site which is best suited to the conditions on the site. The amendments are proposed in order to increase the efficiency of the facility and consequently the economic competitiveness thereof. The proposed changes in turbine specifications will fall within the original authorised footprint of the facility and will not constitute a new listed activities.

This amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated on 12 August 2014 and its amendments dated 03 May 2016, 13 October 2016 and 03 May 2017.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (the Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's decision in respect of your application as well as the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of the National Appeals Regulations, and the provisions regarding the submission of appeals as contained in the Regulations.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she 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 the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appealsdirector@environment.gov.za

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

By post: Private Bag X 447,
Pretoria,
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Please note that in terms of section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appealsdirector@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully.



Mr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Environmental Affairs

Date: 13/12/2017

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