

08 January 2018

**140MW SOETWATER WIND ENERGY FACILITY (PHASE 2) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NORTHERN
CAPE PROVINCE**
NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION
DEA REF: 12/12/20/2370/2/AM4

Dear Stakeholder,

ACED Renewables Hidden Valley (Pty) Ltd obtained an Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the 140MW Soetwater Wind Energy Facility (Phase 2) and associated infrastructure 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 Zwanepoelshoek within the Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province on 12 August 2014, as amended (DEA Ref: 12/12/20/2370/2).

An application to amend the EA was submitted in September 2017 which requested to:

1. Amend the number of turbines under the project description; and
2. Amend the turbine specifications.

The applicant is duly notifying all registered interested and affected parties, as instructed by the decision issued by the DEA, and in terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, (as amended in April 2017) of the outcome of the application for amendment. The Department of Environmental Affairs amended the Environmental Authorisation in line with the above on 13 December 2017. Please refer to the DEA's EA amendment attached hereto.

As a registered interested and affected party, your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Appeals Regulations, 2014, which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. Should you wish to appeal any aspect of the decision by DEA to amend the Environmental Authorisation for the project, an appeal must be lodged with the Minister, within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the competent authority (i.e. 14 December 2017)¹.

¹ Please note that in terms of Regulation 3(2) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended in April 2017), the period from 15 December 2017 – 05 January 2018 has been excluded from the days of reckoning. Therefore, the 20-days within which to lodge an appeal commences on 08 January 2018.

Appeals must be submitted to: Mr Z Hassam, Director: Appeals and Legal Review

Tel: (012) 399 9356

Email: AppealsDirectorate@environment.gov.za

Post: Private Bag X447, Pretoria, 0001

By hand: Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Street, Arcadia, Pretoria

Please note that ***appeals should not be addressed to the consultant*** (Savannah Environmental).

Kind regards,

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