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Our reference: 210302	Your reference: DFFE Ref: 2021-04-0020	Date: 28 June 2021

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

Draft Basic Assessment Report for Public Comment for the proposed technical specification upgrades to the existing Noblesfontein Wind Energy Facility, Ubuntu Municipality, Northern Cape

Terramanzi Group Project Reference: 210302

Dear Sir/Madam,

You have been identified as a potential stakeholder, to be notified, in accordance with Regulation 41 of GN No. R.982 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (Act No. 107 of 1998 and the NEMA Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2017, as amended) with respect to the above-mentioned Project.

Please take note of the following important information, for your consideration.

<u>Project Proposal:</u> The holder of the existing Noblesfontein WEF Environmental Authorisation (EA), namely CORIA (PKF) Investments 28 (Pty) Ltd\*. has applied to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for the following technical specification upgrades and additional supporting infrastructure:

- Upgrading of two authorised wind turbines from 2MW to between 4 and 5.6MW each, for a total of 10MW
- Increasing maximum height of the two wind turbines from 125m to 137.5m
- Increasing maximum turbine blade diameter of the two turbines from 110m to 165m
- An 132kV overhead power line (OHPL) of up to 500m
- An additional substation to service the turbines
- Service roads and laydown areas for the two turbines

<u>Property Location:</u> The proposed Noblesfontein WEF Upgrades will be situated on the following property: Noblesfontein (P3/227), Northern Cape.

GPS Location: 31° 43′ 1.38" S 23° 11′ 34.97" E

Activities for which Environmental Authorisation is being sought:

The proposed technical specification upgrades trigger the following listed activities:

GNR (LN)	GNR Date	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Theme</u>
GNR 327 (LN1)	2017	Activity 1.	Renewable electricity generation.
		Activity 11.	Electricity transmission <275kV.
		Activity 14.	Storage of dangerous goods.
		Activity 27.	Clearance of vegetation.

Notice of a 30-day Public Participation Process is hereby given in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2017, as amended).

<u>Project Progress:</u> This notification forms part of the public consultation process as required by the NEMA EIA Regulations (2017, as amended).

**Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd** has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner ("EAP") to undertake the necessary environmental permitting for the above-mentioned Project.

Opportunity to Participate: Interested and affected parties ("I&APs") are hereby invited to register as a stakeholder for this Project. I&APs should please use the 210302 reference number above when commenting and must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application, to the contact persons indicated below, within 30 calendar days (i.e. the deadline for comments is 29 July 2021) in accordance with the statutory requirements.

The Draft Basic Assessment Report and supporting documentation can be accessed at the following online hyperlink from:

## https://bit.ly/3gF7Cqd

## Please note the following:

- Should you require any assistance with interpreting this notice, please contact the EAP at the contact details below, accordingly.
- Should you require any assistance with interpreting the documentation noted above, including the language used, the terminology used, the outcomes and recommendations, please contact the EAP at the contact details below, accordingly.

All comments must be submitted directly to Terramanzi Group (Pty) Ltd, the "EAP", as follows:

- Electronic mail: <a href="mailto:comments@terramanzi.co.za">comments@terramanzi.co.za</a>; or
- Facsimile: 086 558 1213; or
- Post: Postnet Suite 211, Private Bag X26, Tokai, Cape Town, 7966
- For Attention: Monique Sham / Evan Milborrow
- Tel no: (021) 701 5228
- Terramanzi Group Project Reference Number: 210302
- Visit us at www.terramanzi.co.za

We look forward to your valued participation.

Yours faithfully,

Monique Terese Sham

Senior Environmental Consultant

Terrmanzi Group (Pty) Ltd

<sup>\*</sup>There has recently been a change in company details from CORIA (PKF) Investments 28 (Pty) Ltd to Sarge Development (Pty) Ltd. The identity of the Applicant and the nature/content of the application remain unchanged.