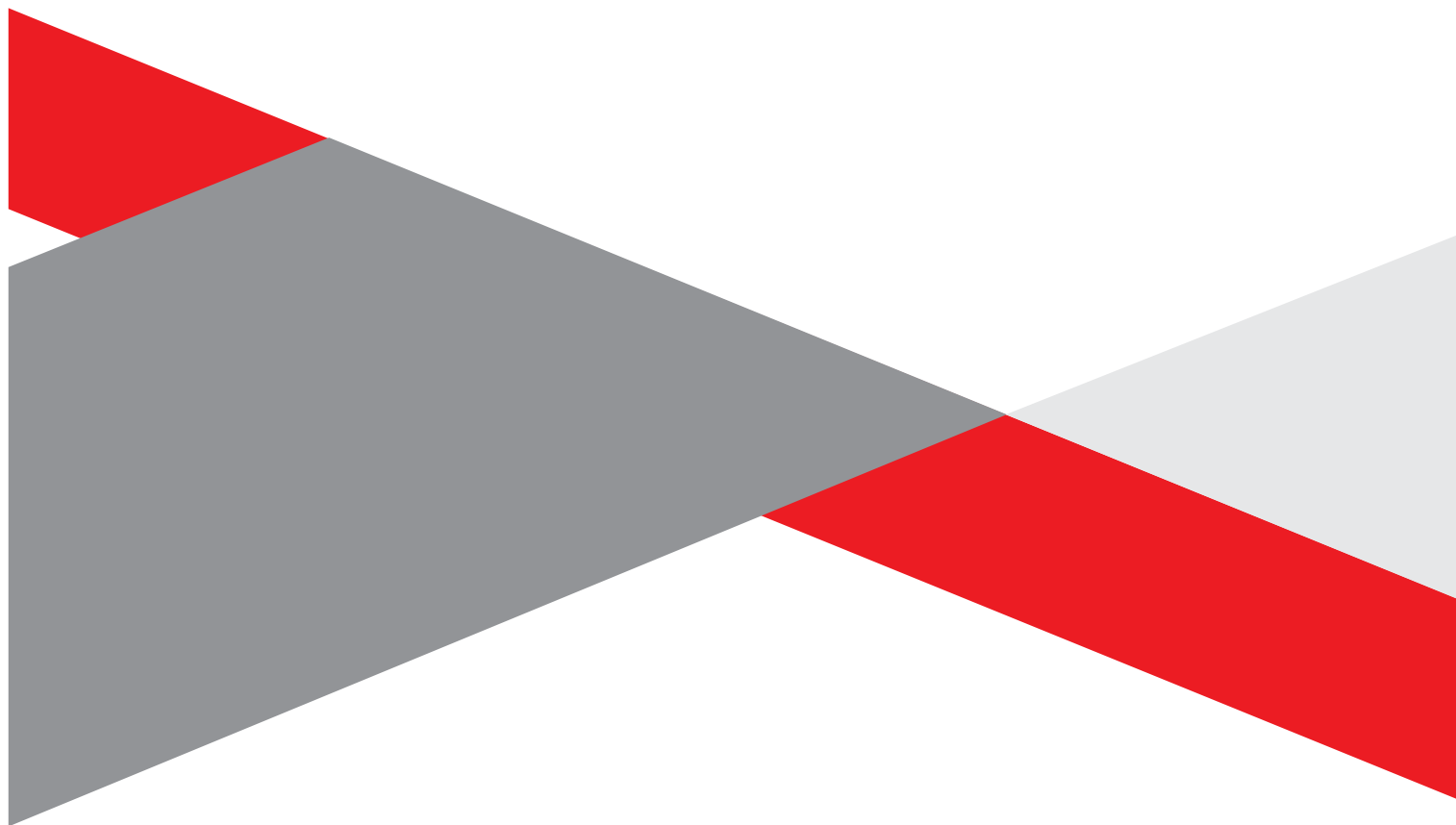


APPENDIX C3
BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT



BASIESE EVALUERINGS- EN OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES



Junie 2023

AGTERGRONDINLIGTINGSDOKUMENT

FE KUDU WINDKRAGAANLEG EN FE TANGO WINDKRAGAANLEG, OOS-KAAPROVINSIE



Die ontwikkeling van twee (2) aparte windkragaanlegte en verwante infrastruktuur word op terreine wes van Aberdeen in die Oos-Kaapprovinsie beoog. Die twee windkragaanlegte is in die Beaufort-Wes Hernubare Kragontwikkelingsone (REDZ) geleë en sal bekend staan as die FE Tango Windkragaanleg en FE Kudu Windkragaanleg. Die projekterreine is in die Dr. Beyers Naudé Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en in die groter Sarah Baartman Distriksmunisipaliteit geleë.

Die windkragaanlegte en verwante infrastruktuur is op die volgende eiendomme geleë

Projeknaam	Geaffekteerde eiendom
FE Tango Windkragaanleg	Gedeelte 1 van die plaas Klipstavel 72
FE Kudu Windkragaanleg	Gedeelte 2 van die plaas Oorlogspoort 85

Die aard en omvang van die windkragaanlegte en die verwante infrastruktuur word van naderby in hierdie Agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID) ondersoek. Elke windkragaanleg sal as 'n aparte, alleenstaande projek opgerig word. Weens die nabyheid van die projekte aan mekaar, sal die openbare deelnameprosesse egter gelyklopend onderneem word, wat die publiek 'n geleentheid bied om al drie projekte te verstaan en daarop kommentaar te lewer. Die besonderhede van die projekte is soos volg:

Projeknaam	FE Tango Windkragaanleg	FE Kudu Windkragaanleg
Ligging	~20km wes van Aberdeen	~40km wes van Aberdeen
Applikant	FE Tango (Edms.) Bpk.	FE Kudu (Edms.) Bpk.
Grootte van die ontwikkelingsgebied	~2 250ha	~9 170ha
Gekontrakteerde vermoë	Hoogstens 240 MW	Hoogstens 625 MW
Aantal turbines	~25 turbines	~80 turbines
Naafhoogte	Hoogstens 200 m	Hoogstens 200 m
Rotor se hoogste punt	Hoogstens 300 m	Hoogstens 300 m

Die kleiner ontwikkelingsvoetspoor vir elke aanleg sal in die toegewese ontwikkelingsgebied geleë wees en die uitleg vir elke aanleg sal ontwerp wees om sensitiewe omgewingsgebiede en landmerke te vermy.

Infrastruktuur vir elke windkragaanleg sal die volgende insluit:

- » Windturbines, windturbine fondasies en vaste blaaie vir turbines;
- » 'n Substasie op die perseel wat insluit:
 - 'n 132/33kV substasie op die perseel
 - skakelwerf met versamelaar-infrastruktuur
 - Batterykragbergingsstelsel (BESS)
- » Die balans van ontwikkelingsarea wat insluit:
 - Tydelike bergingsarea
 - n Konstruksiekamp-bergingsarea en tydelike betonmengselaanleg
 - Bedryf en Onderhoud geboue
- » 'n batterykragbergingsstelsel (BESS);
- » hoof- en interne toegangspaaie;
- » Kabels tussen die turbines wat ondergronds, waar prakties moontlik is; en
- » Toegangspaaie na die terrein en tussen projekkomponente met 'n breedte van tot 10m vir primêre toegangstroetes.

Toegang tot die terreine sal via aparte toegangspunte vanaf die R61 tussen Beaufort-Wes en Aberdeen wees.

Die projekte sal help met die diversifikasie en stabilisering van die land se elektrisiteitsvoorsiening, met die twee beoogde windkragaanlegte wat oor 800 MW by die nasionale kragnet sal invoer. Elke windkragaanleg sal via 'n roosterkonneksie-oplossing, wat onderhewig sal wees aan 'n aparte aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging, met die kragnetwerk verbind.

Aangesien die geïdentifiseerde projekterreine in die Beaufort-Wes REDZ geleë is, is die projekte onderhewig aan 'n Basiese Evalueringsproses (BE), asook 'n verkorte tydsraamwerk van 57 dae vir die verwerking van 'n Aansoek om Omgewingsmagtiging (OM).



DOEL VAN HIERDIE AGTERGRONDINLIGTINGSDOKUMENT

Hierdie dokument stel dit ten doel om u, as 'n belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde party (B&GP), te voorsien van:

- » 'n oorsig van die beoogde windplaas en verwante infrastruktuur;
- » 'n oorsig van die BE-proses en die studies wat onderneem word om die omgewingsimpakte te evalueer wat verband hou met die beoogde projekte; en
- » besonderhede van hoe u by die BE-prosesse betrokke kan raak, inligting kan ontvang of vraagstukke met betrekking tot die beoogde projekte kan opper wat u dalk kan raak en/of vir u van belang kan wees.

MEER OOR WINDTURBINES

Windturbines maak gebruik van windkrag om elektrisiteit op te wek. 'n Windturbine bestaan uit vier hoofonderdele:

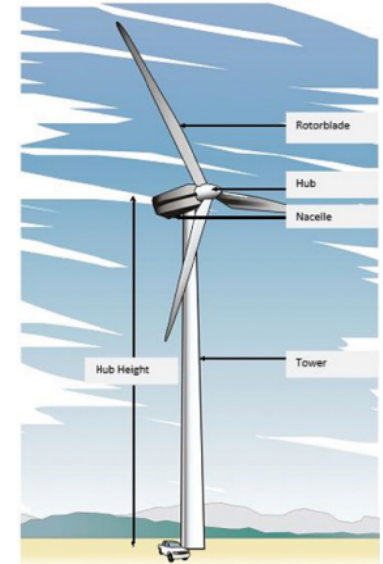
- » Die rotor
- » Die nacelle (turbinehuis)
- » Die tooring
- » Die fondasie-eenheid

Die meganiese krag wat deur die draai van die skroewe opgewek word, word via 'n ratkas en dryfwerk aan die generator binne-in die nacelle (turbinehuis) oorgedra. Die wind draai die skroewe wat op hul beurt 'n as draai wat aan 'n generator gekoppel is wat elektrisiteit opwek. Die gebruik van wind vir die opwekking van elektrisiteit is in wese 'n nie-verbruikende benutting van 'n natuurlike hulpbron en stel geen kweekhuysgasse vry nie.

Turbines kan teen verskillende snelhede funksioneer. Die hoeveelheid energie wat 'n turbine kan inspan, hang af van beide die windsnelheid en die lengte van die rotorskroewe. Die turbines wat vir hierdie drie windplase oorweeg word, sal tot hoogstens 8 MW in vermoë wissel.

Die projekontwikkelaar oorweeg verskeie windturbine-ontwerpe en -uitlegte op die projekterreine om die opwekkingsvermoë van die terreine te maksimaliseer terwyl die omgewingsimpakte geminimaliseer word. Die finale uitleg van die aanlegte, turbinevermoëns en -modelle sal afhang van wat geag word as geskik vir die projekterreine in verhouding met, onder andere, verdere studies van die windregime, terrein en omgewingsbeperkings en dinge wat maatskaplik sensitief is.

Die lengte van die konstruksietydperk vir die windkragaanleg word op ongeveer twee jaar geraam. 'n Turbine is ontwerp om deurlopend te werk, met min onderhoud vir 20 tot 25 jaar.



BASIESE EVALUERINGSPROSESSE

Ingevolge die OIE-regulasies, 2014, (soos gewysig) wat ingevolge die Nasionale Wet op Omgewingsbestuur (Wet 107 van 1998) (NEMA) gepubliseer is, sal die applikante omgewingsmagtigting moet kry om die projekte te onderneem. Ingevolge Artikel 24(5) van NEMA, die OIE-regulasies, 2014, soos gewysig, (Staatskennisgewing R326), Staatskennisgewing R114 en Lyskennisgewings (Staatskennisgewing R327, R325 en R324), sowel as Staatskennisgewing R114 (die terrein is in die Beaufort-Wes REDZ geleë), is die drie aansoeke onderhewig aan die afhandeling van 'n Basiese Assesseringsproses (BE) op grond van die ligging van die projekterreine in 'n REDZ. Elke aansoek moet gerugsteun word deur omvattende, onafhanklike omgewingstudies wat ingevolge die OIE-regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig) en ander tersaaklike protokolle en riglyne onderneem word.

'n Basiese Evaluering is 'n doeltreffende beplannings- en besluitnemingswerktuig. Dit bring mee dat potensieël omgewingsverwante gevolge wat voortspruit uit 'n beoogde aktiwiteit, geïdentifiseer en na behore tydens die oprigtings-, bedryfs- en uitbedryfstellingsfase van ontwikkeling bestuur word. Dit bied ook 'n geleentheid vir die projekapplikant om vooraf gewaarsku te wees teen potensieël omgewingskwessies en maak voorsiening vir die oplossing van die kwessie(s) wat geïdentifiseer en as deel van die BE-proses oor verslag gedoen word, en bied ook die geleentheid vir dialoog met sleutelbelanghebbers en belangstellende en geaffekteerde partye (B&GP's).



Savannah Environmental is aangestel as die onafhanklike omgewingskonsultant wat verantwoordelik is vir die bestuur van die aparte aansoeke om OM en om die stawende BE-proses te onderneem wat vereis word om potensiële omgewingsimpakte wat met elke projek verband hou, te identifiseer en te evalueer, en om gepaste versagtings- en bestuursmaatreëls aan die hand te doen wat in die Omgewingsbestuursprogramme (OBPr'e) vervat moet word. Deur die openbare deelnameproses, sal B&GP's aktief betrokke wees in die BE-prosesse.

WAT IS DIE POTENSIELE OMGEWINGSIMPAKTE WAT VERBAND HOU MET DIE BEOOGDE PROJEKTE?

Studies eie aan die terrein en evaluering sal deur die BE-prosesse onderneem word ten einde potensieel sensitiewe gebiede in die omliggende gebiede en in die geïdentifiseerde projekterreine af te baken. Sodra beperkende faktore bepaal is, kan die uitleg van die windkragaanlegte beplan word om maatskaplike en omgewingsimpakte tot die minimum te beperk. Onafhanklike spesialisstudies wat as deel van die BE-prosesse beoog word, sluit die volgende in:

- » Terrestriële ekologie – wat biodiversiteit, fauna en flora insluit, evalueëring van die potensiële impak en die gepaardgaande versteuring van plantegroei op die ekologie en biodiversiteit (insluitend kritieke biodiversiteitsgebiede en breëskaalse prosesse).
- » Varswater-ekologie - wat identifikasie van die sensitiewe varswaterkenmerke en vleilande insluit en die impak van versteuring op hierdie kenmerke assesseeer.
- » Avifauna – wat insluit monitering vóór oprigting ingevolge die tersaaklike riglyne en wat die impak op avifauna se habitats en sensitiewe spesies evalueer.
- » Vlermuise – wat insluit monitering vóór oprigting ingevolge die tersaaklike riglyne en wat die impak op vlermuise se habitats en sensitiewe spesies evalueer.
- » Grond, landboupotensiaal en grondgebruik – wat insluit oorweging van geïmpakteerde grondsoorte en wat die wesenlikheid van verlies aan landbougrond en gronddegradasie en/of erosie evalueer.

- » Erfenis – wat insluit erfenis, kultuur-argeologiese, paleontologiese en kultuurlandskaphulpbronne en wat die potensiële versteuring of vernietiging van erfenishulpbronne tydens die konstruksiefase weens opgrawingsbedrywighede evalueer.
- » Visueel – wat insluit die visuele gehalte van die gebied, en wat die impak van 'n windkragaanleg op die estetika in 'n gebied evalueer.
- » Maatskaplike en sosio-ekonomiese omgewing – wat die positiewe en negatiewe sosio-ekonomiese impakte evalueer.
- » Geraas – wat die identifisering van die sensitiewe reseptors in die gebied insluit, en wat die wesenlikheid van die versteuring evalueer.
- » Verkeer – wat die impak van die ontwikkelings op die verkeer en padnetwerke in die gebied evalueer.
- » Kumulatiewe impakte – wat die vorige, huidige en redelik-voorsienbare toekomstige impak van 'n aktiwiteit evalueer, met inagneming van die impak van bedrywighede wat verband hou met daardie aktiwiteit, wat dalk nie op sigself beduidend is nie, maar beduidend kan raak wanneer dit by bestaande en redelik-voorsienbare impakte gevoeg word wat uit eenderse of uiteenlopende bedrywighede gevoeg word.

Die onafhanklike spesialisstudies word onderneem waarin die potensieel-wesenlike impakte geëvalueer en ter plaatse getoets sal word. Waar dit nie moontlik is om impakte te vermy nie, sal praktiese en uitvoerbare versagtingsmaatreëls aanbeveel word ten einde die wesenlikheid van die potensiële impakte wat geïdentifiseer is, te minimaliseer. Hierdie aanbevelings sal vervat word in 'n terreinspesifieke Omgewingsbestuursprogram (OBPr) wat vir elke projek opgestel sal word.

Spesialisstudies sal toegelig word deur bestaande inligting, vorige ervaring in die gebied, veldwaarnemings en insette wat uit die openbare deelnameproses voortspruit. As 'n B&GP word u insette as 'n belangrike deel van die proses geag, en ons moedig u aan om betrokke te raak.

OPENBARE BETROKKENHEIDSPROSES

Die deel van inligting vorm die grondslag van die openbare deelnameproses en bied B&GP's die geleentheid om aktief by die BE-prosesse, wat vir die onderskeidelike projekte onderneem word, betrokke te raak. Kommentaar en insette van B&GP's word aangemoedig ten einde te verseker dat potensiële impakte deurentyd oorweging geniet. Die openbare deelnameproses poog om te verseker dat:

- » inligting wat al die tersaaklike feite met betrekking tot die aansoek bevat, aan B&GP's beskikbaar gestel word vir insae;
- » deelname deur B&GP's op so 'n wyse gefasiliteer word dat hulle 'n redelike geleentheid gegun word om kommentaar te lewer op die beoogde projekte; en
- » voldoende insaetydperke aan B&GP's gebied word om kommentaar te lewer op die bevindinge van die BE-verslae.

Ten einde doeltreffende deelname te verseker, sluit die openbare deelnameprosesse in:

- » die identifisering van B&GP's, insluitende geïmpakteerde en naburige grondeienaars en -bewoners en tersaaklike staatsinstellings en die boekstawing van besonderhede in 'n databasis;
- » die verwittiging van geregistreerde B&GP's van die aanvang van die BE-prosesse en die verspreiding van die Agtergrondinligtingsdokument (AID);
- » die voorsiening van toegang aan geregistreerde partye tot 'n aanlyn skakelingsplatform vir belanghebbers, wat projekinligting en insette van belanghebbers in 'n enkele digitale platform sentraliseer;
- » om B&GP's 'n geleentheid te bied om met die OIE-projekspan te skakel;
- » die plasing van terreinkennisgewings by die geïmpakteerde eiendom(me);
- » die plasing van 'n advertensie in 'n plaaslike koerant;
- » die verwittiging van B&GP's van die vrystelling van die BE-verslae vir 'n 30-dae insae- en kommentaartydperk;

U VERANTWOORDELIKHEDE AS 'N B&GP

Kragtens die 2014 OIE-regulasies, (Staatskennisgewing R326, soos gewysig), word u aandag gevestig op u verantwoordelikhede as 'n B&GP:

- » Om aan die BE-prosesse deel te neem, moet u uself op die B&GP-databasis registreer.
- » U moet toesien dat enige kommentaar met betrekking tot die beoogde projekte binne die gestipuleerde tydsraamwerke ingedien word.
- » U móét enige regstreekse sake-, finansiële-, persoonlike- of ander belang wat u dalk in die goedkeuring of weiering van die aansoek kan hê, bekend maak.

HOE OM BETROKKE TE RAAK

1. Deur telefonies, per faks of per e-pos te reageer op die uitnodiging vir u betrokkeheid.
2. Deur die Antwoordvorm aan die tersaaklike kontakpersoon terug te besorg.
3. Deur vergaderings by te woon wat gedurende die verloop van die BE-prosesse gehou sal word.
4. Deur die omgewingskonsultante met navrae of kommentaar te kontak.
5. Deur insae in en kommentaar op die BE-verslae, binne die gestipuleerde 30-dae openbare insaetydperke. Geregistreerde B&GP's sal outomaties in kennis gestel word van die vrystelling van die BE-verslae vir kommentaar, asook van die sluitingsdatums waarteen kommentaar ontvang moet word.

As u uself as 'n B&GP vir die beoogde projekte ag, moedig ons u aan om gebruik te maak van die geleentheid wat deur die openbare deelnameproses geskep word om kommentaar te lewer of daardie kwessies en knelpunte te opper wat u raak en/of vir u van belang is of waaroor u meer inligting versoek. U inset vorm 'n belangrike deel van die BE-prosesse.

Deur u kontakbesonderhede in te dien, registreer u uself outomaties as 'n B&GP vir die projek, en verseker u dat kennis geneem sal word van die kommentaar wat u geopper het. Let asseblief daarop dat alle kommentaar wat ontvang word, in die projek se dokumentasie vervat sal word en dat dit persoonlike inligting kan insluit.

Ingevolge Artikel 18(2) van die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting (Popi-wet), registreer u uself outomaties as 'n B&GP vir die beoogde projekte deur die meegaande antwoordvorm in te vul en in te dien, en alle kommentaar wat ontvang word sal ingesluit word by die projekdokumentasie, wat persoonlike inligting vir sekere doeleindes sal insluit, insluitende vir doeleindes van die appèlprosesse. As u as 'n B&GP registreer, moet u asseblief kennis dra dat die gevolge van u registrasie is dat u kontakinligting ingesluit sal word in dokumente en verslae wat in die openbare domein beskikbaar sal wees.





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BASIESE EVALUERINGS- EN OPENBARE DEELNAMEPROSES

**VOORGESTELDE FE KUDU WINDKRAGAANLEG EN FE TANGO WINDKRAGAANLEG, OOS-KAAPROVINSIE NABY
ABERDEEN, OOS-KAAPROVINSIE**

Registrasie- & Kommentaarvorm

Junie 2023

Stuur voltooide registrasie- en kommentaarvorm aan: **Nicolene Venter** van **Savannah Environmental**

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U registrasie as 'n belanghebbende en/of geaffekteerde party is slegs van toepassing tot hierdie projekte en die voorsiening van u kontakinligting is beskerm deur die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting Wet van 2013 (PoPI Act, 2013)

Verskaf asseblief u persoonlike kontak besonderhede:

Naam & Van:			
Organisasie			
Amp- of Postitel			
Posadres:			
Telefoon:		Faks	
Selfoon			
E-pos:			

Stel u belang om te registreer as 'n belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde party (B&GP) op die volgende projekte se databases
(merk asseblief toepaslike boks met 'n X)

FE Kudu Windkragaanleg		FE Tango Windkragaanleg	
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In terme van die OIE Regulasies, 2014, soos gewysig, Regulasie 43(1), moet u as 'n B&BP registreer om verdere inligting rakende hierdie twee Basiese Evalueringsprojekte te ontvang en u moet ook u direkte besigheid, finansiële, persoonlike of ander belang wat u mag hê rakende in die goedkeuring of afkeuring van die aansoek, vermeld (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

Lys u kommentaar rakende die projek per u keuse bo (gebruik addisionele bladsye indien nodig):

Verskaf bykomende kontak besonderhede van addisionele persoon/e wie u beskou as potensiële belangstellende en/of geaffekteerde partye

Naam & Van:			
Posadres:			
Telefoon:			
Selfoon:			
E-pos:			

DANKIE VIR U REGISTRASIE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)



June 2023

BASIC ASSESSMENTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

**FE KUDU WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND FE TANGO WIND ENERGY FACILITY,
EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**



The development of two separate wind energy facilities and associated infrastructure are proposed on sites located west of Aberdeen in the Eastern Cape Province. The two wind farms are located within the Beaufort West Renewable Energy Development Zone (REDZ) and are to be known as the FE Tango Wind Energy Facility and FE Kudu Wind Energy Facility. The projects are to be located within the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality and the greater Sarah Baartman District Municipality.

The wind energy facilities and associated infrastructure are located on the following properties:

Project Name	Affected Property
FE Tango Wind Energy Facility	Portion 1 of Farm Klipstavel 72
FE Kudu Wind Energy Facility	Portion 2 of Farm Oorlogspoort 85

The nature and extent of the wind farms are explored in more detail in this Background Information Document (BID). Each wind energy facility will be constructed as a separate stand-alone project. However, due to the proximity of the projects to one another, the public participation processes will be undertaken concurrently, providing the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on both projects. The details of the projects are as follows:

Project Name	FE Tango Wind Energy Facility	FE Kudu Wind Energy Facility
Location	~20km west of Aberdeen	~40km west of Aberdeen
Applicant	FE Tango (Pty) Ltd	FE Kudu (Pty) Ltd
Size of the development area	~2 250ha	~9 170ha
Contracted capacity	Up to 240MW	Up to 625MW
Number of turbines	~ 25 turbines	~ 80 turbines
Hub height	Up to 200m	Up to 200m
Tip height	Up to 300m	Up to 300m

A smaller development footprint for each facility will be located within the designated development area, and the layout for each facility will be designed to avoid sensitive environmental areas and features.

Infrastructure for each wind energy facility will include:

- » Wind turbines, turbine foundations and turbine hardstands
- » An on-site substation hub incorporating:
 - A132/33kV On-site substation
 - Switchyard with collector infrastructure
 - Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- » A balance of plant area incorporating:
 - Temporary laydown areas
 - A construction camp laydown and temporary concrete batching plant
 - Operation and Maintenance buildings
- » Cabling between the turbines, to be laid underground where practical.
- » Access roads to the site and between project components with a width up to 10m for primary access routes.

Access to the sites will be via separate access points off the R61 between Beaufort West and Aberdeen.

The projects will aid in the diversification and stabilisation of the country's electricity supply, with the proposed wind energy facilities set to inject over 800MW into the national grid. Each wind energy facility will connect to the grid via a grid connection solution which will be subject to a separate application of Environmental Authorisation.

As the identified project sites are located within the Beaufort West REDZ, the projects are subject to a Basic Assessment (BA) process, as well as shortened timeframe of 57 days for the processing of an Application for Environmental Authorisation (EA).



AIM OF THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

This document aims to provide you, as an interested and/or affected party (I&AP), with:

- » An overview of the proposed wind farm and associated infrastructure.
- » An overview of the BA process and the studies being undertaken to assess the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.
- » Details of how you can become involved in the BA processes, receive information, or raise issues regarding the proposed project which may concern and/or interest you.

MORE ABOUT WIND TURBINES

Wind turbines use the energy from the wind to generate electricity. A wind turbine consists of four large main components:

- » The rotor
- » The nacelle
- » The tower
- » The foundation unit

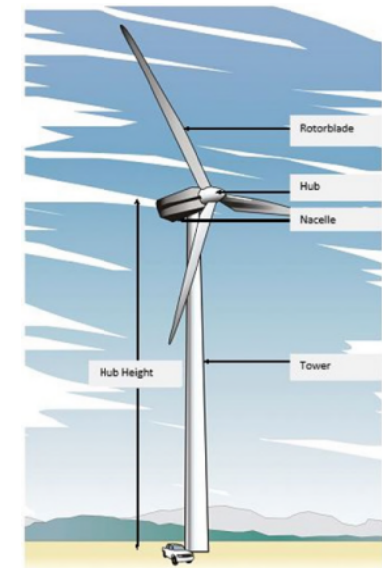
The mechanical power generated by the rotation of the blades is transmitted to the generator within the nacelle via a gearbox and drive train. The wind turns the blades, which in turn spin a shaft which connects to a generator and generates electricity. The use of wind for electricity generation is essentially a non-consumptive use of a natural resource and produces zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Turbines are able to operate at varying speeds. The amount of energy a turbine can harness depends on both the wind velocity and the length of the rotor blades. The turbines being considered for use at the wind farms will range up to 8MW in capacity.

Various wind turbine designs and layouts on the project sites are being considered by the project developer in order to maximise the generating capacity of the sites while minimising environmental impacts. The final facility layouts, turbine capacities and models will be dependent on what is deemed suitable for the project sites in relation to, among other things, further studies of the wind regime, terrain, and environmental constraints and social sensitivities.



The length of the construction period for the wind energy facility is estimated to be approximately two years. A turbine is designed to operate continuously, with low maintenance for 20 to 25 years.



BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

In accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998) (NEMA), the applicants will require environmental authorisation for the undertaking of the projects. In terms of Section 24(5) of NEMA, the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, (GNR 326), GNR 114 and Listing Notices (GNR 327, GNR 325, and GNR 324), as well as GNR 114 (the site is located within the Beaufort West REDZ), the two applications are subject to the completion of a Basic Assessment (BA) process based on the location of the project sites within a REDZ. Each application is required to be supported by comprehensive, independent environmental studies undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and other relevant protocols and guidelines.

A Basic Assessment is an effective planning and decision-making tool. It allows for potential environmental consequences resulting from a proposed activity to be identified and appropriately managed during the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of development. It also provides an opportunity for the project applicant to be forewarned of potential



environmental issues and allows for the resolution of issue(s) identified and reported on as part of the BA process, as well as provides opportunity for dialogue with key stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).

Savannah Environmental has been appointed as the independent environmental consultant responsible for managing the separate applications for EA and undertaking the supporting BA process required to identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with each project, as well as propose appropriate mitigation and management measures to be contained within the Environmental Management Programmes (EMPrs). I&APs will be actively involved in the BA processes through the public participation process.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECTS?

Site-specific studies and assessments will be undertaken through the BA processes in order to delineate areas of potential sensitivity within the surrounding areas, and the identified project sites. Once constraining factors have been determined, the layout of the wind energy facilities can be planned to minimise social and environmental impacts. Independent specialist studies that are proposed as part of the BA processes include the following:

- » Terrestrial ecology – which includes biodiversity, fauna and flora, and assesses the potential impact and the associated disturbance of vegetation on the ecology and biodiversity (including critical biodiversity areas and broad-scale processes).
- » Freshwater ecology - which includes identification of the sensitive freshwater features and wetlands and assesses the impact of disturbance to these features.
- » Avifauna – which includes pre-construction monitoring in terms of the relevant guidelines and assesses the impact on avifaunal habitats and sensitive species.
- » Bats – which include pre-construction monitoring in terms of the relevant guidelines and assesses the impact on bat habitats and sensitive species.

- » Soils, agricultural potential and land use – which includes consideration of affected land types and assesses the significance of loss of agricultural land and soil degradation and/or erosion.
- » Heritage - which includes heritage, cultural archaeological, palaeontological and cultural landscape resources, and assesses the potential of disturbance to or destruction of heritage resources during the construction phase through excavation activities.
- » Visual – which include the visual quality of the area and assesses the impact of a wind energy facility on the aesthetics within the area.
- » Social and socio-economic environment – which assesses the positive and negative socio-economic impacts.
- » Noise – which includes identification of the sensitive receptors within the area and assesses the significance of the disturbance.
- » Traffic – which assesses the impact of the developments on the road networks in the area.
- » Cumulative impacts – which assess the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may become significant when added to existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities.

The independent specialist studies are being undertaken wherein the potentially significant impacts will be assessed and ground-truthed. Where avoidance of impacts is not possible, practical and achievable mitigation measures will be recommended in order to minimise the significance of the potential impacts identified. These recommendations will be included within a site-specific Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) compiled for each project.

Specialist studies will be informed by existing information, previous experience in the area, field observations and input from the public participation process. As an I&AP, your input is considered as an important part of the process, and we urge you to become involved.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

The sharing of information forms the basis of the public participation process and offers I&APs the opportunity to become actively involved in the BA processes being undertaken for the respective projects. Comments and inputs from I&APs are encouraged in order to ensure that potential impacts are considered throughout. The public participation process aims to ensure that:

- » Information containing all relevant facts in respect of the applications are made available to I&APs for review.
- » I&AP participation is facilitated in such a manner that they are provided with reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed projects.
- » Adequate review periods are provided for I&APs to comment on the findings of the BA Reports.

In order to ensure effective participation, the public participation processes include the following:

- » Identifying I&APs, including affected and adjacent landowners and occupiers of land, and relevant Organs of State, and recording details within a database.
- » Notifying registered I&APs of the commencement of the BA processes and distributing the Background Information Document (BID).
- » Providing access to registered parties to an online stakeholder engagement platform, which centralises project information and stakeholder input in a single digital platform.
- » Providing an opportunity for I&APs to engage with the EIA project team.
- » Placing site notices at the affected property/ies.
- » Placing an advertisement in a local newspaper.
- » Notifying I&APs of the release of the BA Reports for a 30-day review and comment period.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN I&AP

In terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (GNR 326, as amended), your attention is drawn to your responsibilities as an I&AP:

- » In order to participate in the BA processes, you must register yourself on the I&AP database.
- » You must ensure that any comments regarding the proposed projects are submitted within the stipulated timeframes.
- » You are required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest that you may have in the approval or refusal of the applications.

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

1. By responding by phone or e-mail to the invitation for your involvement.
2. By returning the reply form to the relevant contact person.
3. By attending meetings to be held during the course of the BA processes.
4. By contacting the environmental consultants with queries or comments.
5. By reviewing and commenting on the BA Report within the stipulated 30-day public review periods. Registered I&APs will automatically be notified of the release of the BA Report for comment, and the closing dates by which comments must be received.

If you consider yourself an I&AP for the proposed project, we urge you to make use of the opportunities created by the public participation process to provide comment, raise issues and concerns which affect and / or interest you, or request further information. Your input forms a key element of the BA processes.

By submitting your contact details, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for the project, and are ensured that your comments raised will be noted. Please note that all comments received will be included in the project documentation, and this may include personal information.

By completing and submitting the accompanying reply form, you automatically register yourself as an I&AP for the proposed projects, and are ensured that your comments, concerns, or queries raised regarding the projects will be noted. Please note that all comments received will be included in the project documentation. This may include personal information.





COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Direct all comments, queries or responses to:

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BASIC ASSESSMENTS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FE KUDU WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND FE TANGO WIND ENERGY FACILITY NEAR ABERDEEN, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Registration & Comment Form

June 2023

*Return completed registration and comment form to: **Nicolene Vente** of **Savannah Environmental***

Phone: 011 656 3237 / **Mobile (incl. 'please call me'):** 060 978 8396 / **Fax:** 086 684 0547

E-mail: publicprocess@savannahsa.com **Postal Address:** PO Box 148, Sunninghill, 2157

Your registration as an interested and/or affected party will be applicable for this project only and your contact details provided are protected by the POPI Act of 2013

Please provide your complete contact details:

Name & Surname:			
Organisation:			
Designation:			
Postal Address:			
Telephone:		Fax:	
Mobile:			
E-mail:			

I would you like to register as an interested and affected party (I&AP) on the following Hydra B project/s database (please tick the relevant box)

FE Kudu Wind Energy Facility		FE Tango Wind Energy Facility	
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In terms of EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, Regulation 43(1), you are required to register as an I&AP to receive further correspondence regarding the EIA process for the project and to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application (add additional pages if necessary):

Please list your comments regarding your project selection above (add additional pages if necessary):

Please provide contact details of any other persons who you regard as a potential interested or affected party:

Name & Surname:			
Postal Address:			
Telephone:			
Mobile:			
E-mail:			

Thank you for your registration