

**Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development,
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**RE: NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR
AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED IMPUMELELO WIND
ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR
SECUNDA, IN THE GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY,
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (REF: 1/3/16/1G-269).**

Dear Sindiswa Mbuyane,

We refer to the aforementioned subject matter.

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) on behalf of Impumelelo Wind (Pty) Ltd (the applicant) submitted an application in terms of Regulation 21 of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended for the proposed Impumelelo Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure (Ref: 1/3/16/1G-269) to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) on the 12th of October 2022. Following, the acceptance of the scoping report, the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (FEIAR) which was subjected to 30 days of public participation was submitted to MDARDLEA for decision making on the 30th of March 2023.

The applicant hereby requests for the application to be withdrawn based on the following reasons:

1. To afford the applicant the opportunity to reassess the layout as a result of the undermining within the proposed project area.
2. To afford the applicant the opportunity to reassess the layout following the concerns received from MDARDLEA following the submission of the FEIAR for review and decision making regarding the Critical Biodiversity Areas - Irreplaceable (CBA 1) within the project site. Time constraints did not allow for the layout to be adequately amended and reassessed by the specialists, as required.

Due to the reasons stated above which directly affect the application, Impumelelo Wind (Pty) Ltd requests that the application be withdrawn. WSP and the applicant will inform all interested and affected parties of this matter.

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We trust the above to be in order.

Yours sincerely

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