

**Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development,
Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA)**

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**RE: NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FOR THE APPLICATION FOR
AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED IMPUMELELO 132KV
OVERHEAD POWERLINE AND SUBSTATION, NEAR SECUNDA,
IN THE GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY,
MPUMALANGA PROVINCE (REF: 1/3/1/16/1G-283).**

Dear Sindiswa Mbuyane,

ENERTRAG South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

We refer to the aforementioned subject matter.

Board of Directors
Dr. Tobias Bischof-Niemz
Mr. Stephen Koopman
Ms. Mercia Grimbeek

WSP Group Africa (Pty) Ltd (WSP) on behalf of Impumelelo Wind (Pty) Ltd (the applicant) submitted an application in terms of Regulation 19 of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 OF 1998 (NEMA) EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended for the proposed Impumelelo 132kV Overhead Powerline and Substation (Ref: 1/3/1/16/1G-283) to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) on the 23rd of March 2023, the Final Basic Assessment Report (FBAR) which was subjected to 30 days of public participation was submitted to MDARDLEA for decision making on the 23rd of June 2023.

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The applicant hereby requests for the application to be withdrawn based on the following reasons:

1. This application is directly associated with the Impumelelo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) application (Ref: 1/3/16/1G-269) which is subject to a separate Request for Application Withdrawal.
2. The applicant therefore notes that the need for this application is no longer necessary as the WEF application is being withdrawn due to the following reasons:
 - a. To afford the applicant the opportunity to reassess the layout as a result of the undermining within the proposed project area.
 - b. 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reasons stated above which directly affect the application, Impumelelo Wind (Pty) Ltd requests that the application be withdrawn.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.

Please feel free to contact Andrea Gibb in case you require any additional information.

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We trust the above to be in order.

Yours sincerely

IMPUMELEO WIND (PTY) LTD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mercia', is written over a horizontal line.

Mercia Grimbeek

(Director)