
**ZONNEQUA WIND FARM, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE
COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT**

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NO.	COMMENT	RAISED BY	RESPONSE
1.	<p>No issues are foreseen with the development of the Zonnequa Wind Farm. The developers and Eskom will just need to conclude on the issues of the roads within the area that belong to Eskom, which are proposed to be used for the developments. Eskom has confirmed that access for the use of these roads will not be denied.</p> <p>Eskom has a property next to the project site which is also earmarked for the development of a wind energy facility. The rest of the Eskom properties might be used for the future development of solar energy, however no application for Environmental authorisation has been lodged.</p> <p>The three farm houses that are located along the road near the Zonnequa Wind Farm project site are unoccupied, with occasional occupation, about once a year, by farm labourers.</p>	<p>Gert Greeff</p> <p>Eskom Land Management Manager (adjacent landowner)</p> <p>Focus Group Meeting: 18-07-2018</p>	<p>It is noted that Eskom do not foresee any issues with the development of the zonnequa Wind Farm within the project site. Further consultation between the developer and Eskom will be undertaken to finalise the use of the roads within the area that belong to Eskom for the construction and operation of the Zonnequa wind Farm.</p> <p>It is noted that Eskom is proposing the development of the Eskom Kleinsee Wind Farm, which is authorised and will have a capacity of 300MW and that solar energy facilities might be developed in future.</p> <p>The intermittent use of the farm houses located along the road is noted.</p>
2.	<p>Is a full Avifaunal Impact Assessment being undertaken as part of the shortened timeframe of the BA process considering the location of the projects within a REDZ?</p> <p>It is not considered favourable to move the nests of threatened species as mitigation as is being proposed for the Zonnequa Wind Farm project. It is preferred to move turbines, rather than nests; it is a safer option as you can't always predict how birds are going to respond. There is a reason the birds started nesting there and they may go back to the same area again.</p>	<p>Samantha Ralston-Paton</p> <p>BirdLife South Africa</p> <p>Focus Group Meeting: 18-07-2018</p>	<p>Yes, a 12-month monitoring programme has been undertaken and completed for birds in line with the best-practice guidelines of BirdLife, and a full impact assessment to assess the impacts on birds within the project site has been included as part of the BA report as Appendix E, which will be made available for comment and review.</p> <p>The concern raised by BirdLife South Africa was communicated to the avifauna specialist and the issue has been addressed as part of the Avifauna Impact Assessment (Appendix E).</p> <p>Following the meeting with BirdLife, follow-up correspondence was undertaken between the avifauna specialist and BirdLife and as a result, and with the provision of a justification for the relocation of the nest the recommendation of the specialist was accepted. The justification and feedback regarding the correspondence</p>

	<p>How do the developers feel about the mitigation recommended by the avifaunal specialist to paint one blade of the wind turbines black? Is that something the developer will be happy to experiment with? An experiment in Norway has shown very promising results with the implementation of this mitigation measure. Birdlife would like to see this measure tested more, however the challenges related to this measure are recognised.</p> <p>The Zonnequa Wind Farm project site is located south of a very localised lark, called Barlow's Lark, found near Port Nolloth. It is not a threatened species, but it is has a localised range. It will not be a red-flag to development as it is not threatened. However, the distance between the lowest blade tip and the ground will need to be considered o ensure that the species does not get hit.</p> <p>What has recently come to light is that some wind farms are constructing their internal reticulation lines between the turbines above-ground as these do not trigger a listed activity. But within an environment like this it would be preferred to have the lines placed below-ground due to the Bustard collision risk.</p>		<p>has been included in the Avifauna Impact Assessment (Appendix E).</p> <p>It is dependent on whether the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will accept this and whether the Original Equipment Manufacturers (turbines suppliers) will be able to cater for this change. The developers are not averse to this mitigation measure.</p> <p>The Avifauna Impact Assessment (Appendix E) did not identify the Barlow's Lark as a species for concern with the development of the Zonnequa Wind Farm.</p> <p>The internal reticulation lines of the Zonnequa Wind Farm will be constructed underground.</p>
3.	<p>I spoke to Lisa who suggest that I register on your database regarding the Zonnequa and Nama Wind farms.</p> <p>Can you please assist in registering?</p>	<p>Deon Fontini Martin & East Email: 15-08-2018</p>	<p>Mr. Deon Fontini has been registered as an I&AP on the Zonnequa Wind Farm project database.</p>
4.	<p>Kindly register me as an I&AP for the EIA for the Namas and Zonnequa Wind Farms.</p> <p>Also kindly share the password to access the BA report.</p>	<p>Ravisha Ajodhapersadh Business Development Enel Green Power Email: 29-08-2018</p>	<p>Ms. Ravisha Ajodhapersadh has been registered as an I&AP on the Zonnequa Wind Farm project database.</p> <p>The I&AP was advised that the Basic Assessment (BA) report is not available for review at this stage of the process and that a notification of the availability of the BA report, the timeframe of the review period and the locations of the</p>

			report (including the Savannah Environmental website) will be distributed. The password to access the report once uploaded, was provided to the I&AP.
5.	I am interested in the project and progress of it. I am the owner of Zonnekwa 326 and a portion of 328. Will appreciate if I can receive information.	J B van Dyk Affected landowner Email: 3-09-2018	The interest of the I&AP as an affected landowner is noted. Ms. JB van Dyk has been registers as an I&AP on the Zonnequa Wind Farm project database and will receive all information and notifications relating to the project and the BA process.
6.	Can you perhaps give me more information in terms of when the proposed start date of the project is, how many people are going to work by the project and what is the proposed timeframes of the project. Where can one register if you own accommodation? I own 32 Rooms (Hostel te Kleinsee)	Koos Bisschoff I&AP Email: 10-09-2018	The interest of the I&AP as a business owner in Kleinsee is noted. Mr. Koos Bisschoff has been registered as an I&AP on the Zonnequa Wind Farm project database. As the BA process to obtain Environmental Auhtorisation is still underway it is not possible to provide a timeframe on the construction and operation of the Zonnequa Wind Farm. Employment opportunities will be made available during both the construction and operation phases of the Zonnequa Wind Farm. Up to 400 job opportunities will be created and maintained for the 24 month construction phase. During the operation phase up to 30 full-time employment opportunities will be available.
7.	Would like to obtain more information on this project and what procedure to follow to register.	Anton Bodenstein Registered Lifting Machine Inspector at ECSA: Inspection and Load Testing of Lifting Tackle and Lifting Machinery. Namaqua Lifting Equipment	Mr. Anton Bodenstein has been registered as an I&AP on the Zonnequa Wind Farm project database. A background information document (BID) containing project related information was distributed to the I&AP for his consideration on 14 September 2018 via email.

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