

Proposed Mulilo Newcastle Wind Power (200MW) Wind Energy Facility and Associated Infrastructure within the Newcastle Local Municipality, Kwazulu-Natal Province - Draft Environmental Impact Assessment

Letter

IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 41(8) OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)

Attention: Mulilo Newcastle Wind Power (Pty) Ltd

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The Proposed Mulilo Newcastle Wind Power WEF will consist of up to 45 turbines with a maximum hub height of up to 140 m and a rotor diameter of up to 200 m, with a total facility output of up to 200MW. The proposed activity will be located on the following land parcels: Portion 1 of Geelhoutboom Farm 3350, Remaining Extent (RE) of Bernard Farm 9447, RE of Cliffdale Farm 9439, RE of Spitskop Farm 16302, RE of Byron Farm 9448, and RE of Geelhoutboom Farm 3350. The expected WEF footprint will be up to 82 Ha after rehabilitation. Associated infrastructure will include an onsite substation, temporary laydown areas/construction yards, internal access roads (upgrade of existing roads and the construction of new roads), operations and maintenance (O&M) building.

The Heritage Officers Committee meeting considered your application on 14 April 2023 and the desktop study indicated that there is four possible heritage sites which are a formation of Karoo Super group. It was noted that Adelaide Subgroup and Tarkastad Subgroup contains significant fossil material.

Further the study recommended that a Palaeontological Field Assessment must be undertaken, it is for this reason that Palaeontological Impact Assessment phase 2 is must be undertaken. Therefore, you are required to submit PIA phase 2.

Written responses/requests for reconsideration of the application or consideration of new information must be loaded to the case on Sahris (email khanyi.zondi@amafainstitute.org.za) within 30 days of the date of this letter or any requirements/decisions contained herein will be considered final. Extensions of this time frame can be requested upon receipt of motivation.

Required additional information or revised drawings must be submitted within six months from the date of this letter or the application will lapse, and a new application will be required.

THIS LETTER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE INSTITUTE. UNAUTHORISED WORK CARRIED OUT ON THE ABOVE SITE WILL BE IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (5 of 2018).

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute



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Head of Secretariat and Administration
KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/node/615297>
(DFFE, Ref: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2212)

Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute



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immediately.

3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.