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PER EMAIL / MAIL

Dear Mr Marais

AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 28 OCTOBER 2021 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE RIETRUG WIND ENERGY FACILITY (ESKOM ON-SITE SUBSTATION), IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

The Environmental Authorisation (EA) issued for the abovementioned application by this Department on 28 October 2021, your application for amendment of the EA received by the Department on 10 March 2022 and the acknowledgement letter dated 22 March 2021, refer.

Based on a review of the reason for requesting an amendment to the above EA, this Department, in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 as amended, has decided to amend the EA dated 28 October 2021, as follows:

Amendment 1: Change of company name

From:

South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd

To:

Rietrug Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd

Amendment 2: Correct the project description

From:

AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 28 OCTOBER 2021 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELECTRICAL GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE RIETRUG WIND ENERGY FACILITY (ESKOM ON-SITE SUBSTATION), IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

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To:

AMENDMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION ISSUED ON 28 OCTOBER 2021 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GRID CONNECTION INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE RIETRUG WIND ENERGY FACILITY (ESKOM ON-SITE SUBSTATION), IN THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Reason for amendment:

On 28 October 2021, South Africa Mainstream Renewable Power Developments (Pty) Ltd received Preferred Bidder status for six (6) Solar Energy Facilities (SEF) and six (6) Wind Energy Facilities (WEF) as part of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) Bid Window 5: The Preferred Bidder Status acknowledgement has promoted the status of these twelve (12) projects to Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIP).

In order to meet staggered Financial Close commitments, all permits, and consents are to be issued in the Project Company / Trading Name i.e. Rietrug Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd.

The Department is aware that the environment changes constantly, as a result it might be significantly different from the one that existed at the time of the issuing of this EA, hence the validity of the EA cannot exceed a maximum period of 10 years. Failure to commence with construction activities within the maximum 10 year period, your EA will be deemed to have lapsed and a new application for Environmental Authorisation will have to be lodged.

This proposed amendment letter must be read in conjunction with the EA dated 28 October 2021.

In terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000), you are entitled to the right to fair, lawful and reasonable administrative action; and to written reasons for administrative action that affects you negatively. Further your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013) which stipulates that the Department should conduct itself in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing an individual or another entity's personal information by holding the Department accountable should the Department abuses or compromises your personal information in any way.

In terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended (the EIA Regulations), you are instructed to notify all registered interested and affected parties, in writing and within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the EA, of the Department's as well as the provisions regarding the submission of appeals that are contained in the Regulations.

Your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) National Appeal Regulations published under Government Notice R993 in Government Gazette No. 38303 dated 08 December 2014 (National Appeal Regulations, 2014), which prescribe the appeal procedure to be followed. Kindly include a copy of this document (National Appeal Regulations, 2014) with the letter of notification to interested and affected parties in this matter.

Should any person wish to lodge an appeal against this decision, he/she must submit the appeal to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal to the applicant, any registered interested and affected party, and any organ of state with interest in the matter within 20 days from the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the registered interested and affected parties by the applicant; or the date that the notification of the decision was sent to the applicant by the Department, whichever is applicable.

Appeals must be submitted in writing in the prescribed form to:

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review of this Department at the below mentioned addresses.

By email: appeals@environment.gov.za;

By hand: Environment House
473 Steve Biko,
Arcadia,
Pretoria,
0083; or

By post: Private Bag X447,
Pretoria,
0001;

Please note that in terms of Section 43(7) of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, the lodging of an appeal will suspend the environmental authorisation or any provision or condition attached thereto. In the instance where an appeal is lodged, you may not commence with the activity until such time that the appeal is finalised.

To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the Department's website at https://www.environment.gov.za/documents/forms#legal_authorisations or request a copy of the documents at appeals@environment.gov.za.

Yours faithfully



Mr Sabelo Malaza
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Date: *04/04/2022*

cc: Arlene Singh

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