

12 May 2022

Dear Stakeholder and Interested & Affected Party,

**AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 118MW  
CASTLE WIND ENERGY FACILITY, WITHIN RENOSTERBERG AND THE EMTHANJENI LOCAL  
MUNICIPALITIES, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE  
(DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/278/1)**

**AMENDMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ON-SITE  
SWITCHING STATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASTLE WIND ENERGY FACILITY, WITHIN RENOSTERBERG  
AND THE EMTHANJENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE  
(DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/278/2)**

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**NOTICE OF AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS**

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Castle Wind Farm (Pty) Ltd received Environmental Authorisation (EA) from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) on 08 May 2015 (DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/278/1) for the construction of Castle Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure (including the IPP substation). Amendments to the EA were issued on 30 June 2015, 04 April 2017, 15 March 2018 and 26 February 2020.

An application for amendment of the original EA was submitted to DFFE on 11 March 2022 which included the following amendment requests:

1. Splitting the EA for the authorised Castle Wind Energy Facility and shared on-site 33/132kV substation. The on-site substation is required to be split into two portions (an Eskom portion and an IPP portion) and that the Eskom portion of the substation be split from the wind energy facility such that there is a separate EA (14/12/16/3/3/23/287/1) and EMPr for the wind energy facility and IPP Substation and another one for the Eskom Grid infrastructure (14/12/16/3/3/2/278/2) to facilitate handover of the grid infrastructure to Eskom.

The applicant hereby notifies all registered interested and affected parties, as instructed by the decision issued by the Department on 09 May 2022, and in terms of Regulation 4(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (EIA), 2014, as amended, that the Department has decided, in terms of Chapter 5 of the EIA to amend the EA dated 05 October 2015.

Attached herewith for your perusal is a copy of the EA for the construction of the 118MW castle wind energy facility (DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/278/1) and a copy of the EA for the on-site switching station associated with the castle wind energy facility (DFFE Ref. No.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/278/2). The attached EAs replace the EA dated 08 May 2015.

## **NOTICE OF APPEAL PROCESS**

Should you wish to appeal against the decision made by the Department, your appeal must be submitted to the appeal administrator, and a copy of the appeal sent 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 registered interested and affected parties by the applicant. Note that, as a registered party, should any appeals be lodged your personal information may be shared with the appellant in order to enable compliance with the provision regarding notification.

### **Appeals must be submitted in writing on the prescribed form<sup>1</sup> to:**

The Director: Appeals and Legal Review  
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

One of the following should be used:

E-mail: [appeals@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:appeals@dfpe.gov.za)

By hand: Environmental House  
473 Steve Biko Street  
Arcadia  
Pretoria  
0083

By post: Private Bag X447  
Pretoria  
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To obtain the prescribed appeal form and for guidance on the submission of appeals, please visit the DFFE's website at: <https://www.dffe.gov.za/documents/forms> or request a copy of the documents at [appealsdirector@dfpe.gov.za](mailto:appealsdirector@dfpe.gov.za).

As an interested and affected party your attention is drawn to Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Management Act National Appeal Regulations (published under Government Notice No. 993) which prescribes the appeal procedure to be followed. A copy of the National Appeal Regulations is included with this notification letter.

Please note that **appeals should be submitted to the DFFE and not to the consultant** (Savannah Environmental).

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<sup>1</sup> The prescribed form is available on the DFFE website at [www.dffe.gov.za](http://www.dffe.gov.za)

Kind regards



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**Document Attached:** Environmental Authorisations (DFFE Ref. Nos.: 14/12/16/3/3/2/278/2 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/278/2)  
National Appeal Regulations, 2014  
National Appeal Amendment Regulations, 2015

