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1. INTRODUCTION

Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd ('the Project Applicant') is applying for Environmental Authorization (EA) construct and operate the up to 260 MW Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) (the proposed Emvelo WEF) and its associated auxiliary infrastructure, which is includes one on-site substation, with capacity of up to 132 kV, to facilitate the connection between the WEF and the electricity grid. As well as an up to 132 kV over-head powerline of approximately 30 km (300 m corridor), traversing 35 land parcels, be constructed to connect the proposed WEF to the new Camden B substation. Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd ('ERM') has been appointed to act as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for Environmental Authorisation under Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 - NEMA) as amended, for the Proposed Development

The Emvelo WEF, as accepted pursuant to the scoping report phase by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment ("DFFE") by letter dated 19 November 2024 and signed by Ms. Masina Morudu[1], will now include properties that were assessed as part of the scoping process for the Emvelo WEF and the Rochdale WEF.

In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA), and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Project Applicant appointed Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM), to act as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) and to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) process for Environmental Authorisation.

This Comments and Responses Report (CRR) forms Volume II of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submission for the proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated infrastructure, located near Sheepmoor in the Mpumalanga Province. The CRR captures and addresses all comments received from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), including landowners, community members, relevant government authorities, and other stakeholders, throughout the Scoping and EIA phases. In the interest of procedural fairness and to ensure compliance with the EIA Regulations (Appendix 2 of GN R.982, as amended), a consolidated stakeholder engagement approach was adopted. All registered I&APs from the initially scoped Rochdale WEF application, which was later merged into the Sheepmoor WEF process, were incorporated into a single, unified stakeholder database alongside I&APs from the Emvelo and Sheepmoor applications. These I&APs were notified of the release of the Draft EIA Reports for both the Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs through newspaper notices (Mpumalanga News, 5 March 2025; The Highvelder, 7 March 2025) as well as targeted communications. This integrated engagement ensured that all stakeholders were kept informed of the project developments and afforded a fair opportunity to participate and submit comments.

2. THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Engaging with external stakeholders on the project and associated Public Participation Process (PPP) is a key part of the overall S&EIA process. The PPP is key in that it provides the public the

[1] Ms. Morudu is the Designated Control Environmental Officer: National Integrated Authorisation, and at the behest of Dr. Sabelo Malaza the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations in DFFE.

opportunity to have meaningful input into the decision-making process. The primary aims of the PPP are:

- To inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) of the proposed development;
- To identify and respond to issues, comments and concerns as raised by I&APs;
- To promote transparency of the project and its potential consequences and ensure I&APs understanding of the proposed development;
- To facilitate open dialogue and liaise with all I&APs;
- To assist in identifying potential environmental (biophysical and socio-economic) impacts associated with the proposed development; and

To ensure that all I&AP issues and comments are accurately recorded, addressed and documented in a Comments & Response Report. The Final Scoping Report (FSR) (ERM, October 2024) presented and assessed the initial proposed wind turbine layout and associated infrastructures of the Sheepmoor WEF and its associated infrastructure. In November 2024, the DFFE accepted the FSR. The results of the specialists' scoping assessments, DFFE comments on the FSR, and other technical and financial constraints for the proposed development site were taken into consideration and a revised 'preferred layout' was produced.

This Public Participation Report (Volume III) accompanies the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (Volume I) and the Comments and Responses Report (Volume II). It provides a record of all stakeholder engagement activities undertaken throughout the S&EIA process, including both rounds of public participation carried out in support of the Draft EIA Report:

- First round: Conducted from 10 March to 10 April 2025, during which I&APs and regulatory authorities reviewed the initial Draft EIA Report and specialist studies.
- Second round: Currently conducted following the updates to the EIA, particularly the inclusion of additional biodiversity assessments such as the Oribi Management Plan, Biodiversity Offset Report (BOR), and revised specialist studies the project applicant, Mulilo (Pty) Ltd, submitted a formal request to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for an extension to the submission deadline for the Final EIA Report. This request, submitted in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended), was approved by the DFFE, granting an extension until 25 August 2025. In light of these material changes, a second round of public participation is being undertaken from 15 July to 14 August 2025 to provide stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) with an opportunity to review and comment on the revised Draft EIA Report and supporting documentation prior to finalisation and submission.

The sharing of I&AP information complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (POPI Act 4 of 2013). The following steps have been and will continue to be undertaken throughout the PPP to ensure compliance:

- The contact details, e-mail address and postal address of the public will not be made available for public review, however this will be made available to the Department and to any I&AP who may wish to appeal; and
- The contact details, e-mail address and postal address of I&APs will be blacked out in the Comments and Responses Report and Public Participation Documents.

3. METHODOLOGY

The PPP follows the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), as well as the Public Participation Guidelines in terms of NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014.

3.1 IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

The I&AP database (Appendix 1) was created by ERM, in consultation with the Applicant and was used as the baseline for the pre-identified I&APs list.

Pre-identified / Registered I&APs included:

- Pre-identified I&APs who are identifiable affected landowners and surrounding landowners. Landowners and surrounding landowners will also be requested to inform the occupiers of their properties regarding the project.
- Government organisations, NGOs, relevant municipalities, ward councilors and other key stakeholders and organ of states that might be affected.
- Registered I&APs who responded to the advertisements (i.e., newspapers, notices, and e-mails) and requested to be registered or request to register any other person/s.

This database was updated throughout the duration of the scoping process and continued to be updated through to the EIA phase. Anyone with an interest in the proposed development and/or associated EIA process was encouraged to register.

It is important to note that whilst efforts are made to notify pre-identified I&APs, the contact details of people are not openly shared due to certain legal restriction prohibiting the unauthorized distribution of personal information in South Africa. To obtain a wide reach, we therefore undertake a robust notification exercise and invite and encourage I&APs to register with us to receive project updates.

3.2 INITIAL NOTIFICATION PHASE

Initial Notification was conducted prior to the completion of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR). Notification during this phase was undertaken in the following manner:

- Site notices were erected on the site boundary in July 2023;
- Notices were erected in the towns of Ermelo, Amsterdam and Sheepmoor in July 2023;
- Advertisements were placed in the Highveld Newspaper and the Mpumalanga News Newspaper in July 2023; and
- Initial notification e-mails were distributed on to all pre-identified I&APs, including the affected landowner and occupiers of the site, municipal councillor(s), ratepayers in the area, affected district and local municipalities, and organs of state. I&APs who responded to the newspaper and notices were also sent an initial notification email.

The public notices and initial notification contained sufficient information on the proposed application and afforded pre-identified and interested I&APs the opportunity to submit their issues / queries / concerns and indicate the contact details of any other potential I&APs that should be contacted and registered. The contact person at ERM, contact number and email details were clearly stated on the notifications.

3.3 SCOPING PHASE

3.3.1 AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT (DSR) FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Notification regarding the availability of the DSR for public review and comment (Appendix 4) were sent to all registered I&APs (pre-identified key I&APs, I&APs registered during the initial period, as well as affected landowners, surrounding landowners and their occupiers) via e-mail. SMS notifications were sent to I&APs and / or land occupiers that have supplied mobile phone numbers and who did not have an email. The written notification also advised registered I&APs of the following:

- How and where they could access the DSR (electronic and hardcopy);
- The duration that the DSR was made available for public comment, and the date by when comments must be submitted; and
- To submit their comment / questions / queries / concerns regarding the development and content of the DSR.

The Emvelo WEF projects have previously undergone a Public Review and Comment process that ran from Friday, 19 July 2024 until the Tuesday, 20 August 2024 (both days inclusive). Due to the lapse of the previous application, the proposed development underwent a new application process.

Therefore, an additional 30-day scoping Public Participation period was undertaken from 22 August to 21 September 2024, to ensure compliance with the regulations and will augment the public participation process that was undertaken during the lapsed application process.

Furthermore, advertisements were placed in the Highveld Newspaper and the Mpumalanga News Newspaper in March 2025 to inform

The table below presents the respective locations the DSR was made available for public review and comment.

Location	**Physical Address**
Hard Copy Location	
Ermelo Public Library	Msukaligwa Municipality Civic Centre, corner of Church and Smuts street, Ermelo, 2350, Mpumalanga
CD copies were available upon request.	
Electronic Copy Locations	
ERM Website	https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/
Electronic Transfer	Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) could request for copies to be shared via a One Drive folder.

3.3.2 SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT (FSR)

Notification regarding the submission of the FSR to DFFE for a decision was sent to all registered I&APs in the following manner:

- Written Notification was sent to all registered I&APs via e-mail.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PHASE PP PROCESS

4.1 AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Notification regarding the availability of the Draft EIA report for public review and comment (Appendix 6) were sent to all registered I&APs (pre-identified key I&APs, I&APs registered during the PP period, as well as affected landowners, surrounding landowners and their occupiers) via e-mail. SMS notifications was sent to I&APs and / or land occupiers that have supplied mobile phone numbers and who did not have an email / postal address. The written notification also advised registered I&APs of the following:

- How and where they could access the Draft EIA Report (electronic and hardcopy);
- The duration that the Draft EIA report was made available for public comment, and the date by when comments must be submitted; and
- It afforded I&APs the opportunity to submit their comment / questions / queries / concerns regarding the development and content of the Draft EIA report.

The table below presents the respective locations the Draft EIA report was made available for public review and comment from Monday, 10 March 2025 until Thursday, 10 April 2025 (both days inclusive):

Location	**Physical Address**
Hard Copy Location	
Ermelo Public Library	Msukaligwa Municipality Civic Centre, corner of Church and Smuts street, Ermelo, 2350, Mpumalanga
CD copies were available upon request.	
Electronic Copy Locations	
ERM Website	https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/
Electronic Transfer	Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) could request for copies to be shared via a One Drive folder.

The commenting period was 30 days, as per the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

Following the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report and the formal submission of the application for Environmental Authorisation. During this period, Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were invited to review and comment on the report. Notably, key regulatory authorities, including the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) and the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), raised significant concerns—particularly with respect to potential impacts on biodiversity and the adequacy of proposed mitigation and management measures.

In response to these concerns, an additional biodiversity assessments were comissioned to strengthen the EIA. This included the preparation of an Oribi Management Plan, the development of a Biodiversity Offset Report (BOR), and the revision of relevant specialist studies. These additions, alongside further technical refinements, led to material changes to the project layout, including a reduced number of turbines, a revised configuration, and updated avoidance and mitigation strategies to address ecological sensitivities.

Due to the scope and significance of these changes, the project applicant, Mulilo Emvelo (Pty) Ltd, submitted a formal request to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for an extension to the statutory timeframe for submission of the Final EIA Report. This request was made in accordance with Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), which allows for an extension where material changes to the scope of the EIA have occurred. The DFFE approved the extension, granting a revised submission deadline of 25 August 2025. A copy of the extension approval letter is included in Appendix C of the EIA Report.

In line with this extension and the principles of transparency and meaningful engagement under NEMA, a second round of public participation is being conducted from 15 July to 14 August 2025. This additional 30-day commenting period provides all I&APs and stakeholders with a renewed opportunity to review and provide input on the revised Draft EIA Report, including the updated specialist studies and biodiversity management plans, prior to finalisation and submission of the Final EIA Report to the Competent Authority.

4.2 SUBMISSION OF THE REVISED DEIA REPORT

Notification regarding the availability of the revised Draft EIA report for public review and comment (Appendix 6) will be sent to all registered I&APs (pre-identified key I&APs, I&APs registered during the PP period, as well as affected landowners, surrounding landowners and their occupiers) via e-mail using the database of all the registered I&APs from the initial DEIAr. SMS notifications will be sent to I&APs and / or land occupiers that have supplied mobile phone numbers and who did not have an email / postal address. The notification advised registered I&APs of the following:

- How and where they could access the Draft EIA Report (electronic and hardcopy);
- The duration that the Draft EIA report was made available for public comment, and the date by when comments must be submitted; and
- It afforded I&APs the opportunity to submit their comment / questions / queries / concerns regarding the development and content of the Draft EIA report.

- The table below presents the respective locations the Draft EIA report was made available for public review and comment from Tuesday, 15 July 2025 until 14 August 2025.

Location	Physical Address
Hard Copy Location	
Ermelo Public Library	Msukaligwa Municipality Civic Centre, corner of Church and Smuts street, Ermelo, 2350, Mpumalanga
CD copies were available upon request.	
Electronic Copy Locations	
ERM Website	https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/
Electronic Transfer	Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) could request for copies to be shared via a One Drive folder.

The commenting period is 30 days, as per the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

4.3 SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL EIA REPORT

- Written Notification (English and / or Afrikaans) regarding the submission of the Final EIA report for EA will be sent to all registered I&APs (pre-identified key I&APs, I&Aps registered during the PP period, as well as affected landowners, surrounding landowners and their occupiers) via e-mail;
- SMS notifications will be sent to I&APs and / or land occupiers that have supplied mobile phone numbers and who do not have a postal or email addresses; and
- If written notification cannot be sent to an I&AP, notification will be provided telephonically.

5. DECISION AND APPEAL PHASE

All registered I&APs will be provided with access to the decision on the EIA Report and the reasons for such decision. Registered I&APs will also be notified of the appeal process and that appeals can be lodged against the decision in terms of the NEMA, 1998, National Appeal Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

Notifications regarding the DFFE decision will be provided in the following manner to all registered I&APs:

- Via e-mail, which will include an attachment of the decision, reasons for the decision, and appeal procedure;
- Via SMS, which will be sent to I&APs and land occupiers that have supplied mobile phone numbers and who do not have a postal or email addresses. The SMS will advise the I&AP

that access to the decision, reasons for the decision, and appeal procedure must be accessed from the ERM website: https://www.erm.com; and

- Courtesy telephone calls will be made to those who cannot be contacted by either of the above-mentioned methods to advise them of the decision made by the DFFE and to confirm if and / or how they wish to receive access to the decision, reasons for decision, and appeal procedure.

I&APs will be provided with access to the decision, reasons for the decision by the DFFE and the process for appeals within 14 days of date of receipt of the decision.

6. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

During the initial notification phase, no comments / queries / questions / concerns were received from I&APs.

During the DSR PPP comments were received from the DFFE, DARDLEA, MTPA, other authorities and I&APs. Follow-up e-mails were sent to all registered I&APs, stakeholders and authorities, and no further comments were received.

During the DEIAR PPP comments were received from I&AP's. Follow-up e-mails were sent to all registered I&APs, stakeholders and authorities, and comments were received.

Responses to comments received during the PP period are provided in Section 7, Table 7.1 below, with EAP / specialist / applicant responses, and the original comment and responses has been appended to the PP report which will be submitted with the FSR for DFFE decision.

7. COMMENTS AND RESPONSES REPORT

This comments and responses section has been updated throughout the duration of the initial Draft EIAr and comments has been collated by thread and not by date. Responses have been formulated collaboratively by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), in consultation with the relevant specialists and the project applicant, to ensure that the responses are informed, accurate, and reflective of the multidisciplinary inputs received during the assessment process.

TABLE 7-1 COMMENTS FROM DARDLEA

No.	Name and Organization	Date and Method	Phase of PPP	Comment	Response
1.	DARDLEA Robyn Luyt	10 April 2025 Per Email	Draft EIAr	According to your paragraph 2.2, "There have been changes to the approved Plan of Study for the EIA. The Emvelo WEF will now include properties that were also evaluated during the scoping process for the Rochdale WEF. The DFFE has confirmed that this approach is reasonable and has allowed both the Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs, together known as the Amsterdam Cluster, to move forward to the EIA phase". However no written confirmation of DFFE's agreement to continue to the EIA phase under such circumstances has been provided. How has compliance with Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, as well as the rights of all Interested and Affected Parties, including landowners on and directly adjacent to the site, been accounted for, given that the layout and the affected farm portions are substantially different to what was provided in the Scoping Report for the proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility and associated Grid Connection? Furthermore it is understood that the Rochdale application has been withdrawn, but the Rochdale site	Noted. The consolidation of the southern portion of the Emvelo WEF site into the proposed Sheepmoor WEF application is consistent with the iterative and adaptive nature of the EIA process as provided for under NEMA and the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended). These changes arose primarily due to technical and geographical considerations, including constraints from Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) buffers and environmental sensitivities, which necessitated a reconfiguration of the initial Sheepmoor WEF layout. The properties now incorporated into the Sheepmoor WEF were previously included in the screening and scoping assessments for the Emvelo WEF. These assessments formed part of the approved Plan of Study for Scoping and were placed in the public domain, with registered I&APs given the opportunity to comment. Thus, the affected properties were subject to environmental scrutiny, and stakeholder rights to participate have been upheld. To ensure procedural fairness and compliance with Appendix 2 of the EIA Regulations, all registered I&APs from the Rochdale, Emvelo, and Sheepmoor applications were consolidated into a single

No.	Name and Organization	Date and Method	Phase of PPP	Comment	Response
				boundary has been retained and is now included as part of the Emvelo site.	stakeholder database. These I&APs were notified of the release of the Draft EIAs for both the Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs via newspaper notices (Mpumalanga News, 5 March 2025; The Highvelder, 7 March 2025) and bespoke communications. This approach ensured that all parties were informed of project developments and given adequate opportunity to comment. Importantly , the DFFE was consulted regarding the proposed consolidation and did not raise any objection. In correspondence from Ms. Milicent Solomons (DFFE) to Mr. Lloyd Barnes (applicant), dated 17 February 2025, the Department stated: "In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) we do not see any prohibition of the proposed process, incorporating the 20% of the Rochdale site into the Emvelo application. The project scope and the relevant assessments will have to comply with all legislative requirements." The transcript of this communication has been attached to appendix 9 of this report. While this correspondence referenced a separate consolidation, the principle it affirms is directly applicable: that consolidation of components between WEF applications is legally permissible, provided that public consultation and assessment obligations are met. All relevant components have now been fully assessed in the Draft EIA Report for the Sheepmoor WEF, and there has been substantial compliance with the principles of procedural fairness under PAJA, the Constitution, NEMA, and the 2014 EIA Regulations. Stakeholder engagement has been comprehensive,

No.	Name and Organization	Date and Method	Phase of PPP	Comment	Response
					and all changes have been transparently communicated and assessed. We respectfully submit that the EIA process remains procedurally fair and legally compliant, and that the Department may now proceed to evaluate the application for Environmental Authorisation on its substantive merits.
2.				Further to the above, it is noted that the comments and response report that is included in the draft EIA only includes comments from I&APs on the draft Scoping Report for Emvelo WEF. This confirms the Department's reservations about process being followed. The change in sites, site layouts, and subject properties is not without consequence. It compromises the relevance of the Scoping Phase and the reporting in the Scoping Report which I&APs have commented on, where the location, composition and size of the project sites changes fundamentally between the completion of the Scoping Phase and the current EIA phase. The project sites identified and assessed during the Scoping phase are not the same as those now being considered in the draft EIA for Emvelo WEF. Since the current Emvelo WEF site (that considered in the draft EIA) now includes the same site / location as the original Rochdale WEF site, the Department is of the view that the comments provided on the Rochdale WEF draft Scoping Report should have been included and responded to in the	Noted. While the Rochdale WEF is no longer being pursued as a standalone application, approximately 20% of the original Rochdale development footprint (representing two turbines) has been incorporated into the proposed Emvelo WEF. These areas were previously subject to screening and scoping under the Rochdale WEF Plan of Study and Scoping Report, which were made available to the public during that phase. This consolidation of project areas enhances efficiency, avoids unnecessary duplication, and promotes integrated environmental management. The decision to exclude the majority of the Rochdale WEF area was based on findings during the scoping process, including technical and environmental constraints—specifically, aviation safety concerns raised by the Civil Aviation Authority, avifaunal sensitivities, and the proximity of a landing strip. These constraints rendered the Rochdale WEF technically and economically unviable as a separate facility. Furthermore, the email from Ms Milicent Solomons (DFFE), dated 17 February 2025, confirms that the Department saw no prohibition in incorporating the remaining viable portion of Rochdale into the Emvelo

No.	Name and Organization	Date and Method	Phase of PPP	Comment	Response
				draft EIA for the Emvelo WEF, but this has not been done.	WEF application. Her correspondence—based on consultation with the Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations—clearly stated: "In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), we do not see any prohibition of the proposed process... The project scope and the relevant assessments will have to comply with all legislative requirements." With respect to I&AP engagement and procedural fairness: all stakeholders registered under the Rochdale, Emvelo, and Sheepmoor WEF applications were consolidated into a single I&AP database. All I&APs were duly notified of the availability of the in the initial Draft EIArs for Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEFs through newspaper advertisements (Mpumalanga News – 5 March 2025; The Highvelder – 7 March 2025) and direct communication. All were afforded the opportunity to comment. This approach ensured full transparency and inclusivity, in line with the requirements of the Constitution, PAJA, NEMA, and the 2014 EIA Regulations. Importantly, while comments on the Emvelo Draft Scoping Report were included in the current CRR, the issues raised during the Rochdale Scoping Phase were also integrated and addressed in the updated project layout and EIA assessment. The site components retained from Rochdale had already undergone environmental scrutiny and were scoped in or out accordingly. As such, the integration of those previously assessed areas into the Emvelo EIA has occurred with full consideration of earlier public input. All legislative requirements for a procedurally fair and legally compliant EIA process have been met. The Department is respectfully advised that the process followed is both substantively and

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					procedurally sound. The application for Environmental Authorisation can now be considered on its merits, in accordance with NEMA and the applicable EIA.
3.				DARDLEA is not supportive of development of WEFs (or any non-compatible land use) within Critical Biodiversity Areas and Key Biodiversity Areas, or within intact grassland patches. The Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP) specifically incorporated climate change into spatial priorities through the prioritisation of the connectivity of remaining intact grassland patches in the province, as they provide habitat for species to thrive, and allow for their dispersal. Intact grasslands are crucial for supporting threatened fauna and avifauna. The MBSP was adopted in 2023, and in Provincial Notice 279 of 2023 - which states that "The MBSP is a planning tool that has been developed to manage biodiversity resources of the province by setting strategic objectives to ensure that spatial biodiversity and climate change priorities are effectively incorporated into land-use and development planning, environmental assessments and authorisations, and natural resource management within Mpumalanga Province - the links to the various reports and shape files were made available, including the MBSP technical report (https://mtpa. maps. arcgis. com/sharing/rest/content/items/fc6d8f9e 7 ef84d2f87f86b91 e8e9f87 al data), which details the scientific method used to identify Intact Grassland Patches. Intact Grassland	DARDLEA's concerns regarding the development within Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs), Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs), and intact grassland patches are acknowledged. As part of early project planning, development screening and specialist assessments were conducted across an area of approximately 25,000 hectares. Based on the findings, the layout was refined to avoid the most environmentally sensitive features wherever feasible, and to focus development within areas where potential environmental impacts could be better managed while ensuring that wind resource potential remains economically viable. The current proposed project area has been reduced to approximately 6,150 hectares, with a total disturbance footprint of only ~48 hectares. Site sensitivity verification, conducted during fieldwork, revealed that the area is more heavily impacted than indicated by desktop-based mapping, which relied on outdated 2010 land cover data from the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP). This ground-truthing effort highlighted the extent of historic degradation and current land-use pressures, particularly from overgrazing. Notably, according to a WhatsApp and email survey conducted by the applicant on 16 May 2025 among landowners and occupiers of the Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) properties, 50% confirmed year-round livestock grazing (cattle and sheep) in areas that are uninhabited, uncultivated, or beyond formal

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				Patches are important source areas in terms of metapopulation dynamics.	boundaries. Further, 58% of the intact grassland areas, including sections of CBA: Irreplaceable and Optimal, are currently under grazing pressure, which has resulted in widespread degradation and fragmentation, as confirmed by the terrestrial biodiversity specialist team. While it is acknowledged that intact grassland areas are of high conservation value, particularly for faunal species of conservation concern (SCC)—as stated in the Faunal Impact Assessment (FIA)—the layout has been revised to avoid intact grasslands and other key sensitivities where feasible. Where infrastructure remains in such areas due to geotechnical or engineering constraints, site-specific mitigation, biodiversity offset measures, and species management plans (e.g., for Oribi and priority avifauna) have been developed and incorporated into the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr). The EMPr ensures alignment with provincial biodiversity planning tools and reflects a tiered and location-specific approach to mitigation. The high-sensitivity escarpment area—described in the Final EIA as "likely of general importance for a range of faunal groups, representative of a large contiguous and ecologically intact area of mostly good-quality montane grassland"—has been treated with particular caution. Informed by detailed habitat modelling and fieldwork, the project layout and mitigation hierarchy aim to ensure that residual impacts are reduced to acceptable levels, and that ecological connectivity and functionality are maintained or enhanced through offset and management interventions.

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4.				DARDLEA therefore remains concerned that the proposed location of the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is not compatible with the desired land use.	Land use compatibility concerns are noted. Independent specialist assessment, by a range of specialists as required by the various specialist protocols (and in line with best practice), have concluded that the location of the development, and the current layout is acceptable with mitigation. The proposed preferred alternative route mostly follows an already existing Eskom 400kV, as well as other linear infrastructure and disturbed areas. According to a WhatsApp and email enquiry conducted by the applicant on 16 May 2025 among WTG landowners and occupiers, 100% of the proposed farm portions confirmed the use of areas that are either uninhabited, uncultivated, or located beyond their property boundaries for year-round livestock grazing (cattle and sheep). This indicates that 97% of the intact grasslands present on site, along with significant portions of Critical Biodiversity Area Irreplaceable and Optimal areas are currently being grazed. This has led to widespread overgrazing of grassland areas on site, as corroborated by the findings of the terrestrial specialists. A transcript of the WhatsApp chats with landowners/occupiers confirming this information can be provided to the Competent Authority upon request to the applicant. We acknowledge DARDLEA's concern regarding the compatibility of the proposed Emvelo WEF and associated grid infrastructure with the desired land use of the area. As outlined in the Biodiversity Offset Report (BOR), the project has been carefully designed in line with national policy and legislative frameworks, including the application of the full mitigation hierarchy as required under NEMA and the 2023 National Biodiversity Offset Guideline. Ecological sensitivities and land use priorities were

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					thoroughly considered during the layout refinement process, which avoided Critical Biodiversity Areas, wetland buffers, and agricultural land of high value wherever possible. The project is supported by specialist assessments, and residual impacts are addressed through enforceable biodiversity offsets to secure long-term conservation outcomes without undermining regional development objectives. We remain open to further engagement with DARDLEA to ensure alignment between renewable energy development and the region's land use vision.
5.				During the Scoping process, you confirmed - in response to our comments - that the layout would be optimised by incorporating the buffers and constraints provided by specialists, including those identified in the Faunal Assessment as High Sensitivity and High Sensitivity Escarpment. You further confirmed that the following would be addressed: the location of turbines and associated infrastructure in bat sensitive and bat no-go areas; the location of the laydown area in a sensitive aquatic feature; and the location of a number of turbines in avifaunal exclusion zones. However it is noted that turbines, roads and OHLs are still proposed within all the aforementioned areas, which is not supported. The areas of concern are outlined below.	Noted. The final layout (dated 05 May 2025) reflects efforts to avoid sensitive areas; however, due to spatial and technical constraints, some infrastructure remains in areas identified as highly sensitive in the Faunal Assessment. Where avoidance was not possible, mitigation is provided in the EMPr including the Oribi Management Plan and the BOR. Additionally an enquiry conducted on 16 May 2025 with landowners and occupiers confirmed that the sensitive escarpment area is currently grazed year-round, leading to overgrazing and reduced habitat suitability for Oribi. This aligns with findings from the Terrestrial Ecology assessment. A transcript of the WhatsApp chats with landowners/occupiers confirming this information can be provided to the Competent Authority upon request to the applicant.
5.1				WTG 3, as well as associated roads and MV cable route, is located in a CBA Irreplaceable area.	Avoidance of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) was a key principle in the layout planning. WTG 3, its associated road, and MV cable route were reviewed and relocated where feasible into more disturbed areas to minimise impacts within the CBA: Irreplaceable zone. Where full avoidance was not

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					technically or spatially possible, site-specific mitigation was developed in consultation with the terrestrial specialist. The road alignment was confirmed as ecologically acceptable, with additional mitigation measures incorporated into the EMPr to address any residual impacts.
5.2				Turbines (ie. WTGs 3, 15 and 17), as well as roads and OHLs are located in a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) that is untransformed.	Noted. During the layout refinement process, turbines WTG 3, 15, and 17 along with associated roads and overhead lines (OHLs) were reviewed in light of their location within untransformed Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs). As a result, WTG 15 was removed from the final layout, and WTG 3 was shifted outside of the CBA Irreplaceable area. Where complete avoidance of KBAs was not technically or spatially feasible, site-specific mitigation measures were developed with input from biodiversity specialists. These include habitat management, monitoring protocols, and impact minimisation strategies, all incorporated into the EMPr. In recognition of the broader avifaunal sensitivity of the area, additional measures such as turbine curtailment, shut-down on demand, and blade patterning have been proposed to reduce collision risk and disturbance to bird species.
5.3				A number of turbines (ie. WTGs 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25), as well as associated roads and a portion of the OHL and MV cable route are still located in Intact Grassland Patches.	The placement of turbines WTG 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, as well as associated roads, overhead lines (OHLs), and MV cable routes within intact grassland patches, was carefully assessed during the layout refinement process. Where avoidance was technically or spatially feasible, infrastructure was relocated. As a result, WTG 21 was shifted to avoid intact grasslands, and WTG 24 was removed from the final layout. OHL and MV cable alignments were also optimised to avoid intact

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					grasslands where possible, following existing Eskom infrastructure and other linear features such as farm fences. Despite these efforts, some infrastructure remains within intact grassland patches. These turbines are located within the windiest parts of the site, which are essential for the project's energy yield and economic viability. The final layout reflects a significant reduction in infrastructure within sensitive areas and includes robust site-specific mitigation measures—developed in consultation with biodiversity specialists—outlined in the EMPr. These measures will be fully implemented and monitored to minimise and manage ecological impacts throughout the project lifecycle. The total disturbance to intact grassland is approximately 13 hectares, representing only 0.0004% of the total intact grassland mapped in Mpumalanga Province. Moreover, the Biodiversity Offset Report addresses this residual loss by proposing the conservation and management of ecologically equivalent or higher-value grassland areas, with the aim of maintaining landscape connectivity and species persistence. The Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP) was considered during screening and scoping. While the MBSP maps intact grasslands, it does not provide strategic objectives or land-use restrictions for these areas. The areas where turbines are proposed are designated as “Other Natural Areas” in the MBSP, which allows for greater flexibility in permissible land uses. The terrestrial specialist therefore deemed the proposed development appropriate in these locations.

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5.4				Notably, the same eight (8) turbines (WTG 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25), roads, and portions of the OHL are located in areas identified as High Sensitivity (Escarpment) for Fauna (as per Figure 7.1). To clarify, the Intact Grassland Patches coincide with the area identified as High Sensitivity (Escarpment) for Fauna.	The concern is noted. The Faunal Impact Assessment (FIA) acknowledged the ecological importance of the high sensitivity escarpment area, which represents a large, contiguous area of mostly good-quality montane grassland. As stated in the FIA, "the high sensitive escarpment area is likely of general importance for a range of faunal groups." The placement of infrastructure within this area was carefully considered by the terrestrial ecologist in the context of the site's topography, habitat distribution, and avoidance of no-go areas. While parts of the infrastructure intersect with high sensitivity areas, complete avoidance was not feasible due to technical, engineering, and spatial constraints. Importantly, infrastructure was sited to avoid the most critical features (e.g. wetlands, cliffs, and Oribi hotspots), and mitigation has been incorporated to reduce residual impacts. From an ecological perspective, the long-term impact of wind energy infrastructure given its relatively low surface footprint and allowance for continued low-intensity land use (e.g. grazing) is of low to moderate significance, particularly when compared to alternative land uses such as mining or intensive agriculture. Furthermore, the transition to renewable energy is likely to yield broader positive environmental outcomes, including reduced greenhouse gas emissions and reduced pressure on biodiversity from fossil fuel-driven climate change. The Biodiversity Offset Report addresses impacts on faunal species by securing and managing plateau grassland habitats that provide essential ecological services, such as foraging, shelter, and movement corridors, for species like Oribi, thereby reducing

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					residual impacts and supporting long-term population viability.
5.5				Turbines (ie. WTGs 14, 15 and 24), as well as associated roads, OHL and MV cable route, are located in CBA Optimal areas.	Acknowledged. The presence of WTGs 14, 15, and 24 along with associated roads, overhead lines (OHL), and MV cable routes—within Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) Optimal zones was carefully evaluated during the layout optimisation process. Avoidance of CBAs was a primary design principle, and placement within CBA Optimal areas occurred only where spatial or technical constraints limited further avoidance. As a result, WTG 15 and WTG 24 were removed from the final layout, and WTG 14 was repositioned to border an already invaded portion of the CBA. CBA Optimal areas, while sensitive, are intended to allow for limited, biodiversity-compatible land uses. The terrestrial specialist confirmed that the affected areas were partially transformed or degraded, reducing the ecological risk. Residual impacts are addressed through targeted mitigation and monitoring measures detailed in the EMPr, including ongoing biodiversity monitoring in collaboration with specialists. To further address impacts on CBAs, the Biodiversity Offset Report proposes securing and managing ecologically equivalent or higher-value grassland areas to maintain ecosystem services such as water regulation, soil stability, and climate resilience—thus reducing residual impacts and supporting long-term ecological integrity.

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5.6				Turbines are located in No-Go areas for Bats (WTGs 3, 4, 5 and 10), based on you Figure 7 .3 for Bat sensitivity in the EIA Report (noting that the Figures in the Bat Specialist Report dated February 2025 were not provided, and it was therefore not possible to confirm whether rotor swept areas of the remaining turbines, which appear to be located very close to No-Go areas, intrude on No-Go areas).	Turbines 3, 4 and 5 are located in low and medium sensitivity areas. The turbine blades are also not within the blade tip buffers.  Turbine 10 is also in a low sensitivity area and not within the blade tip buffer.

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					No turbines blades extend into No-Go Areas.
5.7				The following eight (8) turbines are located in sensitive Avifaunal "All infrastructure Exclusion zones" and in Avifaunal 'Turbine Exclusion Zones":	
5.7.1				WTGs 21, 23 and 24 are located in "All Infrastructure Exclusion Zones" (Yellow-breasted Pipit habitat).	Noted. WTGs 21 and 23 have been moved outside of the Very High Risk All Infrastructure Exclusion Zones (Yellow-breasted Pipit habitat). Note that WTG 24 has been removed from the revised WEF layout completely.
5.7.2				WTGs 12, 20 and 21 are located in a 'Turbine Exclusion Zone" (Martial Eagle nest buffer), and WTG 13 is located too close to this zone.	Noted. WTGs 12, 20 and 21 have been moved outside of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone (Martial Eagle nest buffer), and WTG 13 has been micro sited to be located further away with the rotor swept area also not intersecting with this zone.
5.7.3				WTG 25 is located within the rotor swept area of the "Turbine Exclusion Zone" (Southern Bald Ibis colonies and associated flight behaviour).	Noted. WTG 25 has been micro sited to be located outside of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone with the rotor swept area also not intersecting with this zone (Southern Bald Ibis colonies and associated flight behaviour).
5.7.4				WTG 7 is located within the rotor swept area of the "Turbine Exclusion Zone" (Species 23 habitat).	Noted. WTG 7 has been moved outside of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone with the rotor swept area also not intersecting with this zone (Species 23 habitat).
5.7.5				WTGs 14, 19, 21 and 22 are located in the "Turbine Exclusion Zones" (Avifaunal habitat associated with drainage lines and wetlands).	Noted. Upon further interrogation of the Aquatic Specialist's delineation of aquatic features on site as well as the no-go buffers assigned to each aquatic feature, it was determined that the avian habitat associated with aquatic bird species recorded on site aligns largely with the delineated features and associated buffer areas as identified and mapped by

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					the Aquatic Specialist. Aquatic sensitivity data also corresponds to the avifaunal high-risk zones specifically, and as such the avifaunal study therefore retained its identification of high-risk turbine exclusion zones as it relates to avifaunal habitat associated with wetlands, while it elected to adopt the Aquatic Specialist's delineation and assigned sensitivity of drainage lines. Therefore, based on the revised WEF layouts, WTGs 14, 19, 21 and 22 are no longer located in the turbine exclusion zones for avifaunal habitat associated with drainage lines and wetlands.
5.8				Further to the location of turbines in Avifaunal No-Go areas, the following infrastructure is located in "All infrastructure Exclusion Zones":	
5.8.1				The road in the southern portion of Emvelo WEF 2	Noted. This road in the southern portion of the Emvelo WEF 2 project site has been removed from the revised WEF layout completely.
5.8.2				The MV Cabling Route in Emvelo WEF 2 (traversing Species 23 habitat)	Noted. This MV cable has been removed from the revised WEF layout completely and no longer traverses Species 23 habitat.
5.8.3				The MV Cabling Route that runs between Emvelo WEF 1 and Emvelo WEF 2	Noted. This MV cable has been removed from the revised WEF layout completely.
5.8.4				The road in the southern part of Emvelo WEF 1	Noted. This road in the southern portion of the Emvelo WEF 1 project site still traverses the southern fringes of an All Infrastructure Exclusion Zone; however, this proposed road follows an existing gravel road on the property and is therefore acceptable. It should be noted that as this existing road is located within is located within Yellow-breasted Pipet habitat. This road exists unformalized and without maintenance and management. An EMPr will prescribe management measures, in relation to the use of this road. This will ultimately have a

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					positive impact, due to the management of activities and maintenance within a sensitive environment. Something which is currently left unmanaged. A Water Use License Application will be undertaken.
5.9				Twelve (12) turbines (ie. WTGs 13 to 25, acknowledging that WTG 13 is located on old lands, fall within an Important Bird Area (IBA). While we are aware that Birdlife has replaced the IBAs with the IUCN KBAs, which represent areas of global importance required to meet global thresholds, both DARDLEA and MTPA still regard IBAs as important regionally, as they play a valuable role in the identification of important avifaunal areas.	Noted. Although these turbines are located within an IBA, it should be noted that none of these listed turbines are located within a Very High Risk All Infrastructure Exclusion Zone. Note that WTGs 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20 that are located within a High Risk Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone will be subjected to compulsory SDoD as well as diurnal proactive curtailment fully implemented throughout the lifespan of the proposed WEF. The Biodiversity Offset Report acknowledges the placement of turbines within the IBA and addresses residual impacts by securing and managing offset areas that support habitat for priority bird species, thereby maintaining ecological functions such as foraging and breeding, and contributing to the regional conservation objectives still associated with IBAs.
5.10				It is notable also that all turbines proposed on untransformed land (ie. WTGs 3, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25) are located within National Protected Area Expansion Priority areas.	Acknowledged. It is noted that all turbines proposed on untransformed land (WTGs 3, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25) fall within areas identified as National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) priorities. The layout was developed with the objective of avoiding sensitive areas wherever technically and spatially feasible. Where avoidance was not possible, infrastructure placement was guided by a precautionary approach informed by biodiversity sensitivity mapping, field surveys, and specialist input. Notably, several turbines (e.g. WTG 13) are located in already

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					transformed areas or in zones of lower ecological sensitivity within the broader NPAES context. Site-specific mitigation measures have been developed in consultation with the terrestrial and faunal specialists, and these are comprehensively outlined in the EMPr. The planning and assessment process has recognized and incorporated the importance of conservation of these zones, and appropriate mitigation has been put in place to manage and minimize ecological impact.
5.11				Significant portions of the transmission line are located in Terrestrial CSA Irreplaceable areas and Aquatic CBAs.	Acknowledged. Significant portions of the transmission line route were initially identified within Terrestrial Climate Change Support Areas (CSA) Irreplaceable and Aquatic Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs). In response, the alignment was refined through iterative layout planning in consultation with biodiversity specialists to avoid these areas where feasible. Where complete avoidance was not possible due to technical constraints, such as topography, grid connection requirements, or land use conflicts, site-specific mitigation measures were proposed. As the physical footprint of pylons is minimal, the terrestrial biodiversity impact is limited to small, localised areas. Furthermore, overhead transmission lines are capable of spanning ecologically sensitive habitats with minimal ground disturbance, thereby reducing fragmentation and habitat loss. All proposed mitigation measures are detailed in the EMPr and will be implemented and monitored to ensure that biodiversity values within CSA Irreplaceable and Aquatic CBA areas are

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					appropriately protected throughout the life of the project.
6.				The significant reduction in the Turbine Exclusion Zone in relation to Martial Eagle is very concerning (compared to the Scoping Phase, the Turbine Exclusion Zone is substantially smaller). While the Avifaunal assessment confirms that Martial Eagle tracking data were collected from one adult and one juvenile bird from the nest site located adjacent to the Emvelo WEF Project Site from Eagles that were tagged in April/May 2024, Paragraph 5.8.7.1 of the Avifaunal Report states that: "Given the temporal span of data at the time of analysis (8 months) and data representing a limited number of birds, detailed flight risk modelling was not conducted. However, given the tracking data did incorporate both an adult and juvenile bird over the pre-breeding, breeding and post-breeding periods, the data offered a unique opportunity to gain some understanding of flight risk as it pertains to certain variables". The report further states that in the 8 months of tracking, results indicated that 24% of time was spent within 3-9km of the nest site, and that "the 15% cluster of time spent between 6-9 km was associated with a likely roost site located approximately 6 km away that was frequented pre-breeding (April) and post-breeding (Oct - Nov)". Following from this:	
6.1				It is premature to deviate from the 5km Birdlife buffer, or even the 6km EWT buffer, advocated for Martial Eagle nests, given that detailed flight risk modelling has not been conducted due to insufficient tracking data.	Noted. The flight risk model and sensitivity zonation for Martial Eagle were developed using a combination of tracking data, focused field observations, and high-resolution environmental predictor variables. While the model incorporates GPS data from one adult (13 months, 6380 transmitted locations) and one juvenile individual (5 months, ~1450 transmitted locations) at the project site, it also includes tracking data (12 months, ~5850 transmitted locations) from a second adult male Martial Eagle monitored at a comparable highland grassland site. This second dataset extended to approximately 12 months and exhibited a remarkably similar spatial use pattern, which is included in the figures reporting on space use. Together, these datasets provided a robust basis for
6.2				The tracking data has not been availed for interpretation, therefore it is not possible to verify how the data informed the Avifauna specialists' sensitivity thresholds.	

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					assessing spatial flight activity in relation to nest proximity and landscape features. In addition to the tracking data, over 37 hours of direct Martial Eagle flight observations were recorded near the nest site during 60 hours of targeted pre-construction surveys. This effort produced a substantial dataset of localized flight behavior, which was used to train a flight risk model (FRM) using an artificial neural network (ANN). The ANN was developed using a suite of predictor variables representing topography and focal site characteristics (distance from nest, perch sites, etc.). This enabled a data-driven approach to modelling spatial risk beyond traditional buffer methods. Regarding the delineation of high and medium sensitivity zones: the original high-risk zone (~80 km²) closely mirrors the area of a 5 km circular buffer recommended by BirdLife South Africa and EWT. However, based on the tracking and observation data showing that ~75% of recorded activity occurred within 3 km of the nest, a more precautionary Very High Risk zone (~31 km²) was delineated, within which no wind turbines will be permitted. The Medium Risk zone (~148 km²) now incorporates a more stringent mitigation regime than conventional practice, including both automated Shutdown-on-Demand (SDOD) and dynamic diurnal curtailment during periods of expected eagle activity. Importantly, the risk classification framework was not adjusted to reduce turbine constraints, but rather to reflect biologically informed risk thresholds derived from empirical data. The risk model thresholds themselves remained unchanged; what changed was the delineation of more conservative

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					spatial zones to better reflect the observed space use and mitigate risk more effectively. While we acknowledge the limitations inherent in working with a small sample size — which is a known challenge for this species — the modelling approach integrates multiple lines of evidence and has prioritized precaution in delineating turbine exclusion zones and mitigation areas. The intent is to implement a risk-responsive mitigation hierarchy that reduces potential collisions. Refer to Section 5.8.7.1 of the updated Avifaunal Specialist Report for additional information on Martial Eagle tracking data considered in this study. Additionally; the Martial Eagle Tracking data and study is being co-ordinated by the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT). The applicant is restricted from sharing this data with the public, given the protection status of the species and the requirement to obtain a permit, in terms of NEMBA, to collect, utilize and study the data obtained. The applicant was contacted by Mr. Tommie Steyn (Control Scientist: Terrestrial Systems), from the MPTA, requesting the ME data. This request is being complied with and the applicant has provided the EWT with permission to share the data. Mulilo remains committed to engaging and working with the MTPA.
6.3				It is concerning that a "likely roost site" is located within 6km of the known nest site, and that this has not been investigated further and included in the sensitivity thresholds. It is not revealed in any of the studies where the likely roost site and/or	Noted. The flight risk model and sensitivity zonation for Martial Eagle were developed using a combination of tracking data, focused field observations, and high-resolution environmental predictor variables. While the model incorporates GPS data from one adult (13 months, 6380

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				potential alternate nest site is located, therefore it is not possible to assess which turbines would accordingly need to be removed.	transmitted locations) and one juvenile individual (5 months, ~1450 transmitted locations) at the project site, it also includes tracking data (12 months, ~5850 transmitted locations) from a second adult male Martial Eagle monitored at a comparable highland grassland site. This second dataset extended to approximately 12 months and exhibited a remarkably similar spatial use pattern, which is included in the figures reporting on space use. Together, these datasets provided a robust basis for assessing spatial flight activity in relation to nest proximity and landscape features. In addition to the tracking data, over 37 hours of direct Martial Eagle flight observations were recorded near the nest site during 60 hours of targeted pre-construction surveys. This effort produced a substantial dataset of localized flight behavior, which was used to train a flight risk model (FRM) using an artificial neural network (ANN). The ANN was developed using a suite of predictor variables representing topography and focal site characteristics (distance from nest, perch sites, roosts, etc.). This enabled a data-driven approach to modelling spatial risk beyond traditional buffer This tracking data indicated the concentrated activity of the Martial Eagle (i.e., up to 20% of time spent) at a location situated approximately 6 km away from the known nest site, which at the time of assessment is confirmed to be a roost based on the amount of time the tracked birds spent at this site, specifically during the summer months (November to March). A site inspection conducted in May 2025 confirmed the absence of an alternate nest at this location. Consequently, this FRM data was analysed further and resulted in a slightly expanded high risk zone for Martial Eagle incorporating as a precautionary approach both the nest and the regularly used roost

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					site. Following from this revised sensitivity mapping and based on the updated WEF layout, WTGs 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20 now appear to be located in what is delineated as a high-risk turbine exclusion zone. Although these turbines will be subjected to compulsory ASDoD as well as diurnal proactive curtailment, it is the specialist's recommendation that these affected turbine positions be reconsidered during the detailed design phase, post-EA (should such EA be granted) prior to construction. Refer to Section 5.8.7.1 of the updated Avifaunal Specialist Report for additional information on Martial Eagle tracking data considered in this study.methods.
6.4				Therefore, as per our comments on the Scoping Report, we maintain that the Martial Eagle nest buffer must be in accordance with the Bird Life and EWT minimum recommendation of 5-6km.	Noted. Refer to the response provided in 6.1 and 6.2 above.
7.				The mitigation proposed to reduce the mortality from collision with wind turbines states that "Analysis of Mattia/ Eagle tracking data has revealed strong correlations between flight activity and variables such as time of day, wind speed, and temperature. These correlations will be further refined prior to the wind farm becoming operational'. The requirement for ongoing correlations to finalise a flight risk model for Martial Eagles further corroborates our view that reducing the Turbine Exclusion Zone at this stage is premature, and that resident Martial Eagles will be at risk of collision as a result.	Noted. Refer to the response provided in 6.1 and 6.2 above.

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8.				DARDLEA is not in agreement with the mitigation proposed in respect of Shut Down on Demand (SDoD) to reduce bird mortality due to collisions with the wind turbines, as provided in the EMPr. It states that "Wind turbines (WTGs) located within the medium risk zones (as indicated in Section 6.5 of this report (the Avifaunal Report]) must be subject to Shut Down on Demand (SDoD), either Observer SDoD or Automated SDoD, as well as proactive curtailment based on environmental and weather conditions conducive to bird flight activity. Analysis of Martial Eagle tracking data has revealed strong correlations between flight activity and variables such as time of day, wind speed, and temperature. These correlations will be further refined prior to the wind farm becoming operational". Given the conservation value of the area and the species it supports, the following must be compulsory in the event that any turbines are authorised: All wind turbine generators (WTGs) - and not just those in 'medium risk zones' - must be subjected to SDoD, which must include Automated SDoD (camera and radar) to accommodate misty conditions and night flying species, as well as proactive curtailment based on environmental and weather conditions. SDoD and radar technology must be in operation at the onset of commercial operation date (COD). SDoD success must be monitored throughout the lifetime of the facility, where monitoring data during operation will continuously inform the SDoD needs for each turbine. Furthermore, the Shut Down	Noted. Diurnal and nocturnal SDoD will be fully implemented on all authorized WTGs throughout the lifespan of the proposed WEF. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include the following compulsory mitigation measures as recommended for inclusion in the EMPr: • All wind turbine generators (WTGs) – located in both 'high risk zones' and 'medium risk zones' - must be subjected to SDoD, which must include Automated SDoD (camera and radar) to accommodate misty conditions and night flying species, as well as proactive curtailment based on environmental and weather conditions. • SDoD and radar technology must be in operation at the onset of commercial operation date (COD). • SDoD success must be monitored throughout the lifetime of the facility, where monitoring data during operation will continuously inform the SDoD needs for each turbine. • The Shut Down on Demand (SDoD) programme must be developed and included in the EMPr, post-EA (should such EA be granted) during the detailed design phase prior to construction. Specific details of the SDoD programme will be included in a comprehensive Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) which will be developed and implemented prior to the commercial operational date of the facility.

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				on Demand (SDoD) programme must be developed and included in the EMPr.	
9.				In our comments on the Scoping Report, we required that appropriate bird fatality thresholds (turbine collision, as well as power line collision and electrocution) be defined in the EIA report and incorporated in the EMPr. However this has not been done. Instead, the EMPr states that "If estimated annual collision rates indicate unacceptable mortality levels of priority species, i.e. if it exceeds mortality thresholds as determined by the avifaunal specialist in consultation with BLSA and other avifaunal specialists, additional measures will have to be implemented which could include shut down on demand or other proven measures". This approach is not accepted, for the following reasons:	The EMPr has been updated accordingly. Refer to responses below for specific details.
9.1				Appropriate fatality thresholds triggering the need for additional mitigation action need be defined so that action is immediate.	Noted. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include Potential Biological Removal (PBR) estimates alongside Collision Risk Model (CRM) outputs for all wind priority species recorded on site. This approach enables a scientifically defensible method of establishing species-specific annual fatality thresholds. The PBR framework provides an estimate of the maximum number of individuals that can be removed from a population annually without affecting its viability. By pairing these values with our site-specific CRM fatality predictions—which incorporate the effect of avoidance behaviour and mitigation effectiveness—we can assess whether predicted collision mortality falls within acceptable biological limits.

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					The ratio of predicted annual fatalities (CRM) to allowable removals (PBR) is expressed as a percentage threshold, which serves as a practical trigger for additional mitigation. If operational monitoring indicates that annual fatalities are approaching or exceeding PBR-based thresholds, this will trigger an immediate review and escalation of mitigation measures, such as extending curtailment periods, adjusting SDOD protocols, or refining exclusion zones. This framework ensures that mitigation is responsive, data-informed, and conservation-aligned, with threshold exceedance serving as a clear and proactive management trigger. Refer to Section 5.8.8 of the Avifaunal Specialist Report for full details on PBR integration and species-specific thresholds.
9.2				No timeframes for reporting and implementing additional mitigation measures have been included in the EMPr.	Noted. The EMPr included in the Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include the following: Quarterly reports must be submitted to all relevant authorities and NGO's during the operational phase throughout the lifespan of the facility. • Annual independent audits must be undertaken by an ECO during the operational phase throughout the lifespan of the facility. • A comprehensive Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) that is to be developed and implemented prior to the commercial operational date of the facility, must prescribe the minimum reporting requirements as well as details for 'internal' reporting timelines. • Additional mitigation measures, when required during operations, are to be implemented timeously in accordance with the practicality and associated ease of implementation. All revised

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					mitigation measures should be implemented within a period of maximum six (6) months.
9.3				In these comments we have already advocated for SDoD to be implemented on all authorised turbines. The statement is therefore not clear about what the additional mitigation action options are.	Noted. In addition to compulsory SDoD to be implemented on all authorised turbines across the project sites, both diurnal and/or nocturnal proactive curtailment will be implemented for certain species, where recommended. Blade patterning is also recommended for all authorised turbines.
10.				The following limitations specified in Paragraph 2.5.4 are noted with concern, especially in respect of the impact of the proposed facility on Oribi, an Endangered antelope, that has seen a continued decline due to habitat destruction: • "Despite increasing prevalence, there is currently limited scientific evidence and empirical data on the impacts of wind farms on invertebrate and on non-volant mammals (Docrat, 2023; Helldin et al., 2012; Klich et al., 2024; Lopucki and Mroz, 2016; Tolvanen et al., 2023). This is especially evident for South Africa, where except for birds, there is almost no information based on scientific studies concerning the impacts of wind farms on other faunal elements, such as mammals and invertebrates. Consequently, there is limited local information and published guidance specifically on the impacts of wind farms on faunal SCC with regards to aspects such as habitat fragmentation and noise disturbances in grassland	Considering this, a precautionary approach was adopted throughout the assessment process, with a strong emphasis placed on avoidance and minimisation of impacts to sensitive faunal species of conservation concern (SCC), including the Endangered Oribi. These have been incorporated in the updated EMPr, including offset planning and detailed management interventions, to ensure long-term conservation outcomes.

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				habitats such as found at the project site. • The impacts from wind farms in South Africa should therefore ideally follow a precautionary approach. and provide mitigation measures around avoidance and minimisation, when it comes to sensitive faunal SCC and their associated habitats. This is especially important as new wind farm developments that will occur in remote areas with limited access roads are likely to have impacts at the population level of faunal SCC (Helldin et al., 2012)".	
11.				The Faunal Impact Assessment dated 6 March 2025 (still in Draft Format), and the faunal site sensitivity verification undertaken in May 2023, concluded that site sensitivities and potential impacts, particularly on high sensitive areas, would need to be assessed through seasonally appropriate micro-siting once the final footprint area and sizes for turbines and access roads were finalised. However, the final layouts provided to the faunal specialists on 30 January 2025 indicated that eight wind turbines, new access roads and all OHL alternatives fall within areas of high faunal sensitivity, including the area of escarpment grassland habitat that the faunal specialists had considered to be the most significant area of fauna/ sensitivity. The faunal specialists however concluded that the proposed development "can be approved in terms of the specific theme of this terrestrial animal species assessment:	An Oribi survey and management plan has been developed and presented as a mitigation to help identify/confirm areas of high sensitivity and help mitigate any possible impacts on this SCC. Although the proposed Oribi management plan is somewhat post-hoc, we had taken this on good faith and considered it as a mitigation when assessing impact scores. The Biodiversity Offset Report (BOR) has been developed in accordance with the 2023 National Biodiversity Offset Guideline and applies the full mitigation hierarchy as prescribed under Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) and the EIA Regulations (2014, as amended). While full avoidance of sensitive areas was not feasible due to technical and spatial constraints, the project layout was refined to limit development in ecologically significant zones as far as practically possible. Robust mitigation measures have been embedded to minimise further minimise impacts on birds, ecosystems, and fauna.

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				on the condition that all mitigation measures are implemented, including the avoidance of high sensitive areas, off-setting of high sensitive areas that are developed, and the implementation of an alien plant and Oribi management plans as stipulated here and in various other EMPrs". However, the high sensitive areas have not been avoided, no offset process has been investigated or provided in the EIA report, nor has it been demonstrated that an offset would even be feasible. Also, no Oribi Management Plan has been drafted.	Additionally, the development of an Oribi Management Plan, and grazing/fire management measures, are recognised as necessary and are being progressed in line with the framework set out in the 2023 National Biodiversity Offset Guideline. The BOR provides a structured offset pathway to address residual impacts, including those relating to Oribi habitat and other fauna of concern. Crucially, the BOR quantifies and offsets any remaining ecological loss through targeted, enforceable biodiversity offsets, securing measurable conservation outcomes and ensuring no net loss of biodiversity, in line with national policy objectives and regulatory expectations.
12.				Again, the "Faunal Management Plan" on Page 165 of the EMPr states that "Off-set areas to be determined for any high faunal sensitive areas that are to be developed; these should form part of a long-term conservation programme", and then goes on to state that an Oribi Management Plan must be developed by a faunal specialist. Neither an offset nor an Oribi Management Plan have been included in the EIA Report. Furthermore, Page 42 of the EMPr states that a 5m buffer must be applied to Areas of High Sensitivity for Fauna, however roads and turbines have been located in these areas.	The concern is noted. The EMPr acknowledges the presence of areas of high faunal sensitivity within the proposed development footprint and prescribes that offsets may be required should development be unavoidable in these areas. It also makes provision for the development of an Oribi Management Plan by a qualified faunal specialist, should Oribi presence or suitable habitat be confirmed within areas affected by infrastructure placement. As part of the iterative site refinement process, efforts were made to avoid the most sensitive faunal areas, as identified by the specialist assessments. However, where full avoidance was not technically feasible—particularly for linear infrastructure such as roads or cabling—site-specific mitigation and management measures have been incorporated into the EMPr to minimise residual impacts. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of low-impact

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					construction techniques, rehabilitation commitments, and operational-phase activity restrictions. Regarding the 5 m buffer for areas of high faunal sensitivity, it is acknowledged that some infrastructure elements, such as roads and turbines, intersect with these zones. These cases were subject to specialist review and deemed acceptable with the implementation of enhanced mitigation measures as detailed in the EMPr. It is important to note that the 5 m buffer serves as a general guideline and must be applied contextually in line with specialist input and site-specific constraints.
13.	Cumulative Impact Assessment:				
13.1				In Point 6 of our comments dated 17 September 2024 on the draft Scoping Report we stated that: "We are concerned that cumulative impacts will not be dealt with adequately. While the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment has set a limit of 30km for the assessment of cumulative impacts, this should be viewed as a minimum requirement. Due to the extremely sensitive habitat within which all wind farms in the region have either been authorised or are currently in process, it is our view that all authorised and in-process wind farms in the Gert Sibande District should be included in the assessment of cumulative impacts. Currently, these include Ujekamanzi WEF 1, Ujekamanzi WEF 2, Ummbila Emoyeni WEF (authorised, and within 55km); Phefumula Emoyeni WEF (within 40km); Mukondeleli WEF (authorised), ZephyrWEF (within 30km), as	Noted. The EIA Report and associated specialist assessments incorporate cumulative impact assessments in line with national guidance, with the standard 30 km radius treated as a minimum rather than a fixed threshold. It is important to clarify that there is no legislated or scientifically fixed threshold for a cumulative impact radius. Instead, the radius should be ecologically justified and context specific. In this case, a 35 km radius was applied for both the avifaunal and bat specialist cumulative assessments, in recognition of the movement ecology of priority species and the density of surrounding wind energy developments. For avifauna, the 35 km cumulative radius included all authorised, in-process, and proposed wind energy facilities reasonably expected to interact with the project's area of influence, such as Camden I & II, Zephyr, Emvelo, Ujekamanzi I, Daggafoort, and Ntabande. The assessment considered spatial overlap, species-specific sensitivity, habitat

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				well as Camden I and II, Sheepmoor WEF and Rochdale WEF. The cumulative assessment must, inter alia, identify the species and habitats most at risk of cumulative impacts, and identify key uncertainties. The definition of cumulative impacts as per the EIA Regulations is "the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may be significant when added to the existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities". A comparative assessment of the impacts of this proposed facility, in relation to and in conjunction with, adjacent and surrounding renewable energy facilities should therefore be provided in the EIA Report". Your responded in the comments and response report as follows: "As per the DFFE guidelines related to cumulative impacts, all specialists will be requested to provide an assessment of the potential cumulative impacts of the proposed project, and all other renewable energy projects within the prescribed radius, on the environment. These cumulative impact assessments will be incorporated into the EIAr for adjudication during the EIA comment period". DARDLEA again reiterates that a radius of 30 km is insufficient to adequately address the cumulative impacts of similar	connectivity, and flight behavior of species of conservation concern. For bats, two cumulative radii were applied to accommodate differences in ecological behavior: • 35 km for resident and non-migratory bat species, reflecting expected foraging ranges • 150 km for migratory species, specifically the Natal long-fingered bat (Miniopterus natalensis), to account for their broader movement and migration routes. These radii were selected based on best available ecological understanding and aimed to ensure that the species and habitats most vulnerable to cumulative impacts were identified and assessed. The findings and recommended mitigation measures are fully integrated into the EIA Report and EMPr, with adaptive management and monitoring protocols in place to manage residual and cumulative risks.

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				developments in a region comprising sensitive and important high-elevation habitats that are known to be used by avifauna for breeding, particularly considering the magnitude of these structures, as well as the vast distances that bird (and bat) species can travel. Although the avifauna specialist assessed cumulative impacts for a 35 km radius, we believe that cumulative impacts need to be assessed for a much wider area.	

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13.2				Even though Section 4.3.3 of the EIA Report confirms an understanding of the definition of cumulative impacts, the EIA Report only identifies three (3) WEFs (i.e. Sheepmoor WEF, Camden I WEF and Camden II WEF) within 35 km of the proposed Sheepmoor WEF. However there are actually and additional three (3) (1 Approved, Le . Zephyr WEF, and 2 In Process, i.e. Ntabande WEF and Daggafoort WEF). Within a 55 km radius there are an additional 2 WEFs (1 Approved, i.e. Ukekamanzi 1 WEF, and 1 In Process, i.e. Phefumula One). Over and above the WEFs that are either approved or in process, there are also an additional four (4) within 35km and two (2) within 55km that are at preapplication stage. This brings the potential number of turbines within a 35 km radius to 442 (not 192 as indicated in the EIA Report), and 551 within a 55 km radius.	The importance of a robust and comprehensive cumulative impact assessment (CIA) is fully acknowledged, The cumulative impact assessment undertaken for the proposed WEF did identify and assess cumulative impacts from other known WEFs within a 35 km radius, in line with ecologically justified parameters and best practice guidance. These include Sheepmoor, Camden I and II, Zephyr, Ntabande, and Daggafoort WEFs. The 35 km radius used in the assessment reflects a deliberate extension beyond the minimum 30 km guidance issued by DFFE, and was selected in consultation with the specialist teams to ensure adequate representation of overlapping zones of influence, particularly for species with known ranging behaviors such as large raptors, cranes, and bats. In terms of project status, the cumulative assessment included all approved and in-process WEFs for which sufficient public domain information was available at the time of reporting. Projects at the pre-application stage were not formally included in the quantitative cumulative turbine count, as many of these are still under development and do not yet have finalised layouts, turbine numbers, or impact information. However, their potential contribution to future cumulative impacts is acknowledged as a limitation and flagged as a key uncertainty in the CIA. The difference in turbine numbers (442 vs. 192) likely stems from inclusion of pre-application and conceptual phase developments in external tallies, which were not yet publicly confirmed or finalised at the time of the EIA compilation. It is standard

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					practice to focus CIA on projects that are sufficiently advanced to provide spatially explicit and reasonably foreseeable data, in line with the NEMA definition of cumulative impacts.
13.3				The potential cumulative impact on avifauna as a result of these approved and proposed turbines in the landscape is substantial. Preliminary predictions of potential bird collisions (per key species of conservation concern) for all the approved and proposed WEFs within a 55 km radius, indicate fatalities of approximately 222 Cape Vultures (Endangered), 40 White Backed Vultures (Critically Endangered), 60 Martial Eagles (Endangered), 60 Black Harriers (Endangered), 40 Secretarybirds (Vulnerable) and 747 Jackal Buzzards (Near Threatened). This is a precautionary prediction, using the latest (2023) bird collision monitoring data at existing operational wind farms in South Africa, based on the average number of bird collisions per turbine per year over a 30 year WEF lifespan, prior to any mitigation measures being implemented. Furthermore, the Bird life South Africa Occasional Report Series 3: Summary of Bird Monitoring Reports from Operational Wind Energy Facilities in South Africa (February 2025), indicates that at current fatality rates due to collisions with wind turbines, fatalities of Martial Eagles may already be exceeding the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) rate.	Noted. The specialist is curious as to how these fatality figures, as a result of potential bird collisions with turbine infrastructure, were calculated. Also, are these fatality figures based on estimations before or after mitigation? Considering that it is referred to as being a 'precautionary' prediction based on bird collision monitoring data recorded at existing operational wind farms in South Africa (none of which are located in Mpumalanga), one questions the level of mitigation that is being implemented or the lack thereof at most of these existing facilities. Following from the information provided in this comment, it is noted that these fatality rates are also based on an operational period of 30 years. Furthermore, one should keep in mind that although a large number of wind farm projects are being proposed / approved, not all projects will be realised as several factors could influence / hinder the development process beyond the EIA process and issuing of EA, should such EA be granted.
13.4				DFFE also requires that "the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and	The EIA process has recognised this requirement and has included project-specific transformation

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				assessed impacts must indicate the following: (a) Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land". The EIA Report does not accurately quantify the size of the identified impacts, i.e. hectares of cumulatively transformed land. The overall footprint size of this, and all other similar proposed and approved renewable energy facilities within a 35 km radius is 167 138.69 ha (Approved: 33 060.73 ha, In Progress: 47 567.96 ha, Pre-Application: 108 554.19 ha).	footprint estimates for the Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (WEF) based on the full build-out scenario. Furthermore, as part of the cumulative impact assessment (CIA), the avifaunal, bat, and biodiversity specialists considered the spatial extent and likely overlap of ecological disturbance footprints for approved and in-process wind energy developments within a 35 km radius. However, it is acknowledged that the EIA Report did not explicitly aggregate and present a total hectare figure representing the cumulative transformed land area across all facilities in a manner consistent with DFFE's suggested formatting (i.e., in hectares per project stage). This has since been addressed: the cumulative transformation footprint has been recalculated and tabulated, based on the best available data for: • Approved projects (33,060.73 ha), • In-progress projects (47,567.96 ha), • Pre-application projects (108,554.19 ha), Totalling an estimated 167,138.69 ha within the 35 km cumulative assessment radius. It is important to note that the cumulative footprint figure reflects project application areas or lease areas, not the actual physical disturbance footprint, which remains significantly lower (typically <5% of the project area). Nevertheless, this aggregated transformation area has now been incorporated into the final Cumulative Impact Assessment and EIA Report, with an explanation of methodology and limitations, to ensure alignment with DFFE's requirements and support transparent decision-making.

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13.5				This is a substantial development footprint and is likely to have highly significant cumulative impacts in terms of the fragmentation of intact grassland patches and possible loss of critical biodiversity areas (CBAs). Our internal Mpumalanga Renewable Energy Risk Map indicates that as much as one third of the entire cumulative footprint of wind energy facilities within a 35 km radius, is made up of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs), and intact grassland patches. Furthermore, at least one quarter of this cumulative footprint area makes up important climate change corridors, which serve an important function to allow species to move in response to climate change.	The concern regarding the cumulative fragmentation of intact grassland patches, CBAs, and climate change corridors is acknowledged and has been carefully considered in both the specialist assessments and the layout optimization process. While the cumulative project area across multiple WEFs may appear extensive, the actual disturbance footprint of a wind energy facility is relatively limited. The physical infrastructure footprint (including turbine foundations, roads, and OHL pylons) constitutes a small fraction of the overall site area. Turbines are spaced widely apart, and associated infrastructure has been concentrated in already transformed or degraded areas as far as technically feasible, thereby reducing incremental habitat fragmentation. The terrestrial specialist confirmed that the footprint of the proposed infrastructure does not represent a barrier to faunal movement or metapopulation processes, particularly for wide-ranging species. Additionally, grassland vegetation between infrastructure components will remain largely intact and functionally continuous, supporting landscape-level connectivity and species dispersal in the context of climate change. Nevertheless, the layout was refined to minimise impacts on mapped intact grassland patches, CBAs, and corridors, and all areas of overlap were subject to additional specialist scrutiny. Where residual impacts could not be avoided, site-specific mitigation and management measures have been proposed. The project supports the implementation of provincial tools such as the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP) and acknowledges the

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					importance of strategic, landscape-level planning for climate resilience and biodiversity conservation. The EMPr also outlines provisions for adaptive management should cumulative pressures increase over time.
13.6				The Visual / Landscape Impact Assessment states that "the significance of the cumulative impact of these projects on the visual environment during their operational phase is assessed to have a high magnitude over the long-term", and further states that no real mitigation is likely to reduce this residual impact. If all WEF facilities located within 35km and 55km were incorporated into the assessment, it would stand to reason that the Visual/ landscape cumulative impact could actually be assessed as "very high".	The Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) incorporated known existing, approved, and proposed WEFs within a 35 km radius, in line with accepted visual impact assessment practice and the distance within which turbines are most likely to contribute meaningfully to visual cumulative effects. It is important to clarify that, notwithstanding the number of turbines within the broader landscape, the application of the formal EIA assessment methodology did not yield a rating of “Very High” for cumulative visual impact. As reflected in Table 10: Visual Impact of the Cumulative Effect, the significance of the unmitigated impact was rated as “High”, which is the highest possible rating within the applied impact rating framework. With mitigation, this was reduced to “Moderate”. Similarly, the magnitude (intensity) of the impact was assessed as “High”, and not “Very High,” even when considering cumulative scenarios. The specialist further noted that visibility and perceived landscape intrusion decline substantially with distance, and that inclusion of WEFs beyond the 35 km radius would not significantly alter the impact rating due to: • Reduced visual detectability at distances beyond 35 km, especially under typical atmospheric and lighting conditions;

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					• The limited number of sensitive receptors at such ranges where cumulative visual impacts would be discernible; • The design of the WEF, sought to align infrastructure within areas of higher visual absorption capacity and existing disturbance. While residual cumulative impacts remain, they are consistent with renewable energy development scenarios, and are not considered prohibitive from a landscape or visual standpoint when balanced against national imperatives for clean energy transition and climate resilience.
13.7				DARDELA is therefore of the view that the EIA Report does not adequately assess the cumulative impacts of this proposed facility, in relation to current and future similar renewable development facilities in the surrounding area.	Noted. The cumulative impacts of the proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility were assessed in accordance with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended), which require that cumulative impacts be identified and evaluated. The assessment included a detailed cumulative impact analysis based on all known existing, approved, and formally proposed wind energy facilities within a 35 km radius, which is consistent with standard practice and aligns with the NEMA EIA Regulations. The following was undertaken: • A full list of all known wind energy developments (operational, approved, and in formal application phases) within the 35 km study area. • Cumulative visual, avifaunal, bat, and biodiversity impacts were assessed in

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					consultation with specialists, including a quantitative estimation of potential cumulative collision risk for birds, and an expanded 150 km assessment radius for migratory bats, as per the bat specialist study. • The cumulative assessment also considered landscape-scale impacts on Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs), intact grasslands, and climate change corridors, including spatial overlay analysis of all known WEFs and their infrastructure footprints. While it is acknowledged that additional WEFs may be at early, pre-application stages, the EIA Regulations limit the cumulative impact scope to existing, approved, or formally submitted applications. Projects that are speculative or not formally submitted cannot be reliably assessed due to insufficient publicly available data on layout, turbine numbers, and infrastructure details.
14.				In our comments on the draft Scoping Report, due to concerns surrounding the unique micro climate in the areas and the potential impact of this WEF on precipitation and soil moisture, we recommended that a micro-climate assessment be undertaken to inform the terrestrial biodiversity study as well as the agricultural assessment. This impact has however not been considered in the EIA Report.	The Agricultural Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that only active croplands are of high sensitivity, with the rest of the site being medium sensitivity due to soil constraints. The Agricultural Specialist Assessment found that over half the site is unsuitable for cropping, and that land exclusion due to the WEF footprint is minimal, resulting in a low and acceptable impact on agricultural potential. While minor, localized microclimate effects (e.g. turbulence, soil moisture) may occur, they are not expected to materially affect biodiversity or agricultural productivity. Therefore, a standalone Microclimate Assessment was not deemed necessary.

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15.				There are a number of concerns related to the EMPr. The following points highlight some (not all) of the pertinent examples:	
15.1				The current application is for the WEF and associated Grid, but in paragraph 2.1.2 is states that "Due to the complexity related to the routing of the transmission line, it will not form a part of this application. The intention is for the internal project cabling to follow the road network to the on-site facility substation".	The EMPr has been updated to clarify the routing of the transmission line and the intention for the internal project cabling to follow the road network to the on-site facility substation.
15.2				On Page 24, the requirement is that "During the pre-construction phase, the temporary construction camps and laydown areas must be located outside of the water courses (including the 45 m buffer)". The conservation importance of the wetlands on site for bird species, especially the Critically Endangered Species 23, has not been effectively incorporated into the EMPr. Very specific buffer requirements have been modelled by the avifaunal specialist for this purpose.	The EMPr has been updated to incorporate the avifaunal specialist's recommended buffer zones around wetlands, including the 45 m buffer from watercourses, as part of the pre-construction phase requirements. Temporary construction camps and laydown areas will be strictly located outside these buffers to avoid disturbance and habitat degradation. These measures will be monitored and enforced throughout construction to ensure the protection of sensitive wetland habitats and associated avifauna, in alignment with best practice and regulatory requirements.
15.3				Paragraph 5.3.1 requires that "Vegetation clearance must preferably be phased as required to work in certain areas, rather than clearing of the entire site initially. If this is not practical and the entire site is cleared at the start of the contract, it is to be stabilized immediately to control dust". How does this accommodate the requirement to avoid displacing avifauna and fauna?	The phased vegetation clearance approach outlined in Paragraph 5.3.1 is specifically designed to minimise disturbance and displacement of avifauna and fauna by limiting habitat loss to only those areas actively required for construction at any given time. This incremental clearing allows wildlife to relocate progressively rather than being suddenly displaced by wholesale site clearance. In cases where phased clearance is not practical and full-site clearing occurs, immediate stabilization measures (such as dust control and temporary vegetation cover) are implemented to reduce habitat degradation and disturbance. These measures are

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					complemented by timing restrictions and specialist oversight to further mitigate impacts on sensitive species, ensuring alignment with the commitment to avoid unnecessary displacement of fauna.
15.4				Page 42 (Loss of Fauna SCC and Fauna Habitat): "If high sensitive areas are to be developed, then off-sets will be required". This is vague and unenforceable. High sensitive areas are required to be avoided, but haven't been, and Offsetting is a regulated process that is supposed to form part of the EIA process.	The EMPr has been updated to ensure that highly sensitive areas are avoided.
15.5				Page 51 : "Liaise with affected landowners to discuss potential footprint related issues for wind turbines 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 14, 18, 21 , 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33, 34, 38, 40, 43, 118 and 119 and associated access roads etc". This application is for 24 turbines, and does not include turbines numbered up to 119.	The concerns raised regarding the reference to offsets on page 42 are duly acknowledged. It is emphasised that avoidance of high sensitivity areas remains the primary mitigation principle, with offsets considered only as a measure of last resort for residual impacts that cannot be otherwise mitigated. The offsetting process is strictly regulated and forms an integral part of the EIA process. Accordingly, any proposed offsets will be developed in accordance with the relevant legislative frameworks, and detailed, enforceable offsetting measures will be incorporated into the final Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) to ensure compliance and effective implementation. With respect to the mention on page 51 of liaising with landowners for turbines numbered beyond the scope of this application, this has been identified as an inadvertent inclusion likely carried over from earlier documentation or other projects. The current application for the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility specifically comprises 24 turbines. All stakeholder engagement and consultation activities have been

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					appropriately scoped and aligned with this turbine count and the corresponding infrastructure. The relevant sections of the final documentation will be revised to accurately reflect the correct turbine numbers and associated consultation requirements to avoid any ambiguity.
16.				Based on what has been outlined above, at least more than half (ie. 14) of the 24 turbines proposed are located in unsuitable areas. Implementing a 5km Martial Eagle nest buffer would bring the number of turbines located in unsuitable areas to 18. The implementation of a 6km Martial Eagle buffer translates to 26 of the 29 turbines proposed being in unsuitable locations. In light of this, and in conjunction with the location of associated roads, OHLs and cabling in CBAs and avifauna and fauna high sensitivity areas, DARDLEA cannot support the application in its current format.	The new layout design considered specialist input and sought to balance ecological sensitivity with technical and operational feasibility. While it is acknowledged that a significant proportion of turbines overlap with identified sensitivity zones, the final layout incorporated measures to minimize ecological impacts, including micro-siting adjustments, avoidance of the most critical habitats where feasible, and comprehensive mitigation strategies. Furthermore, site-specific management plans, such as targeted avifaunal monitoring, Shut Down on Demand protocols, and offset considerations, have been developed to address potential impacts on Martial Eagles and other species of conservation concern. The (EMPr) will enforce these measures and include adaptive management based on ongoing monitoring outcomes.
17.				Please provide this Department with an opportunity to review and engage with your response to these comments	Noted.

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1.	DFFE Ms Bathandwa Ncube	10 April 2025 Per Email	Draft EIAr	The final EIAr must comply with all comments on the draft scoping report signed on 20 September 2024; conditions of the acceptance of the scoping report signed on 19 November 2024; as well as these comments on the draft EIAr, and must address all comments received for the DSR, FSR and draft EIAr.	Acknowledged. The revised Draft EIAr has been revised to incorporate all comments received to date, including those on the DSR, FSR, and initial Draft EIAr. A comprehensive Comments and Responses Report (CRR) is included, documenting how each comment has been addressed.
2.				It is noted that the proposed development site, which has been assessed in the draft EIAr is different to the proposed development site which was identified and approved for assessment in the acceptance of Scoping report letter dated 19 November 2024. The 20% of the proposed Rochdale development site, which has now been included as part of the proposed Emvelo development site, was not part of the screening reports and approved Plan of Study. This results in the process being procedural flawed in terms of legislative requirements under EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. The concerns raised and recommendations in the email sent to you	The concern regarding changes to the development site post-Scoping Phase is noted. It is important to clarify that the proposed inclusion of portions of the original Rochdale WEF site into the revised Sheepmoor WEF application was necessitated by technical, environmental, and spatial considerations that emerged following the Scoping Phase. These changes were made in accordance with the iterative nature of the EIA process, as recognised in the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), which allows for refinement based on new information and specialist input. While 20% of the area now forming part of the proposed Sheepmoor WEF originates from the former Rochdale WEF, this area had previously undergone screening, scoping, and specialist assessment under

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				from this Department, dated 17 February 2025 still apply.	that application. These reports were in the public domain, and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were given the opportunity to engage with and comment on them. These I&APs were retained and notified of the changes and the opportunity to participate in the Draft EIAr review process. All previously registered I&APs across Rochdale, Emvelo, and Sheepmoor were consolidated into a single stakeholder list and were duly notified and engaged in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations. Furthermore, the Department was formally consulted on the proposed approach. In an email dated 17 February 2025, Ms. Milicent Solomons of the Department noted that: "In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), we do not see any prohibition of the proposed process, incorporating the 20% of the Rochdale site into the Emvelo application. The project scope and the relevant assessments will have to comply with all legislative requirements.
Public Participation Process					
1.				Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the final ElAr, including comments from the relevant sections of this Department.	Acknowledged. All stakeholder comments received during the public participation process, including those from relevant sections of DFFE, are included in the CRR submitted with the revised DEIAr.
2.				All issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the SR and draft EIAr from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state, as listed in your I&APs Database, and others which have jurisdiction in respect of	Confirmed. All issues raised by I&APs and organs of state have been addressed. Responses to these issues are documented in the CRR appended to the revised DEIAr.

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				the proposed activity must be adequately addressed and included in the final EIAr.	
3.				Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final EIAr. This must indicate that this draft EIAr has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP.	Acknowledged. Proof of all correspondence with stakeholders, including notification emails, letters, and a copy of the advertisement, has been included. The PPP was conducted over a 30-day period, from (10 March 2025) to (10 April 2025), as required.
4.				Evidence that all identified and relevant competent authorities have been given an opportunity to comment on the draft EIAr for the proposed development must be provided with the final EIAr. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.	This has been addressed. All relevant authorities were provided with an opportunity to comment on the initial Draft EIAr. Copies of correspondence and proof of attempts to solicit input from non-responding authorities are included in the revised DEIAr.
5.				Copies of the original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity, must be submitted with the Final EIAr.	Included. All original comments from I&APs and competent authorities have been appended in full to the revised DEIAr as part of the CRR annexures.
6.				In the final EIAr, the Comments and Response Report (CRR) must include all historical comments and issues raised to date.	Confirmed. The CRR has been consolidated to include all historical and current comments and responses, ensuring continuity and full traceability.
				General Please also ensure that the final EIAr includes the period for which the Environmental Authorisation is required and the date on which the activity will be concluded as per Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.	The requirements of Appendix 3 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), are duly noted and will be fully incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr). The final report will clearly indicate the period for which the Environmental Authorisation (EA) is being sought and the anticipated date of conclusion for the listed

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				You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 23(1)(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that: "The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority - (a) an environmental impact assessment report inclusive of any specialist reports, an EMPr, a closure plan in the case of a closure activity and where the application is a mining application, the plans, report and calculations contemplated in the Financial Provisioning Regulations, which must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority." Should there be significant changes or new information that has been added to the EIAr or EMPr which changes or information was not contained in the reports or plans consulted on during the initial public participation process, you are required to comply with Regulation 23(1)(b) of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states: "The applicant must within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report submit to the competent authority – (b) a notification in writing that the documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority or where regulation 21(2) applies, within 156 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or	activities associated with the proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (WEF). In terms of Regulation 23(1)(a), the initial Draft EIAr (inclusive of specialist reports and the draft Environmental Management Programme) were submitted within the prescribed timeframe following the acceptance of the Final Scoping Report (FSR) by the competent authority. The Draft EIAr was made available for public review from 10 March to 10 April 2025, ensuring a 30-day public participation period as required. However, as a result of material changes and the inclusion of significant new information particularly additional biodiversity reporting (i.e., the Oribi Management Plan, Biodiversity Offset Report, and revised specialist assessments) the project applicant, Mulilo Emvelo (Pty) Ltd, submitted a formal request to the DFFE in accordance with Regulation 23(1)(b), for an extention to the EIA process,. The DFFE approved this extension and the Final EIAr is due by no later than 25 August 2025. The revised Draft EIAr was subsequently made available for public comment for a further 30-day period, from 15 July to 14 August 2025, in line with the requirements of Regulation 23(1)(b). All revised documentation, including the updated EIAr, EMPr, specialist reports, and comments received during both public participation rounds, will be submitted to the competent authority by the extended deadline of 25 August 2025, as approved. The Final EIAr will include a detailed record of how all public and authority comments have been incorporated.

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				significant new information has been added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days". Should you fail to meet any of the timeframes stipulated in Regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, your application will lapse. You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.	

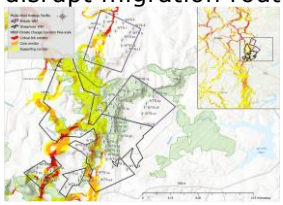
TABLE 7-3 COMMENTS FROM MTPA

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7.	MTPA F.N. Krige & Dr. M Lötter	10 April 2025 Per Email	Draft EIAr	INTRODUCTION The Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) has reviewed the application for the proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure (Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611). Following our review, the MTPA wishes to register significant concerns regarding the project in its current configuration and the proposed turbine layout. These concerns arise from the high environmental sensitivity of the proposed site and the potential for considerable impacts on biodiversity and critical habitats. Key areas of concern include potential effects on critical habitats such as Intact Grassland Patches, Critical Biodiversity Araes, Climate Change Corridors, and National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) areas; risks to avifauna, including numerous species of conservation concern; perceived limitations in specialist assessments and proposed mitigation measures, particularly regarding buffer zones; and the cumulative impacts within a region already facing significant development pressure. We also note the recent new placement of several turbines into sensitive areas, including Intact Grassland Patches and zones highlighted as "High Sensitivity – escarpment" in the faunal assessment (described as "the most	The sensitivity of the receiving environment, including the presence of Intact Grassland Patches, Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs), Climate Change Corridors, and National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) focus areas, was recognised early in the planning process and guided the application of the mitigation hierarchy throughout project development. Multiple layout revisions, informed by input from the biodiversity and avifaunal specialists, to avoid and minimize impacts on sensitive habitats. Where avoidance was not technically feasible due to constraints such as wind resource optimization, topographical limitations, safety buffers, and the recent exclusion zone related to the adjacent airstrip site-specific mitigation measures were developed in line with best practice and applicable guidelines. The relocation of some turbines into more sensitive areas was not undertaken lightly, but rather as part of a broader balancing exercise to avoid other constraints while minimizing biodiversity impacts as far as practically possible. These relocations were reviewed in consultation with the relevant specialists, and the updated layout was subjected to sensitivity overlays and field verification. • The (EMPr) has been updated to reflect refined mitigation and monitoring actions, including: • Habitat-specific mitigation prescriptions for construction and operation in or near sensitive zones;

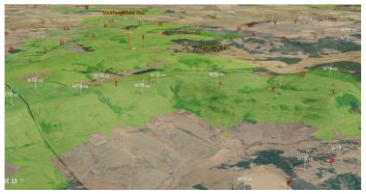
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				significant faunal habitat"), following relocation to avoid the runway.	• Reinforcement of avifaunal monitoring and Shut Down on Demand (SDOD) protocols; • Rehabilitation and erosion control measures tailored for escarpment and grassland environments; • Clarified post-authorisation responsibilities and enforcement mechanisms. Furthermore, cumulative impacts were assessed within a 35 km radius, consistent with established practice and aligned with the spatial extent used for similar developments in the region. The cumulative analysis included all approved, in-process, and known pre-application wind energy developments to the extent data were available at the time of reporting.
CORE CONCERNS					
2.1				Impacts on Sensitive Habitats The MTPA has reviewed the proposed application and objects to the current proposed layout, and the project as a whole. The reasons for the concern is based on the following: Intact Grassland Patches Intact grassland patches allow for species to thrive and support species that may need to move in response to climate change, enabling the normal functioning of natural ecological processes such as fire regimes or pollination. These patches are larger than 100ha with little or no gaps and edge effects. These large intact patches are expected to be "source areas" in	The ecological importance of Intact Grasslands and their role in supporting biodiversity is fully acknowledged. Through detailed specialist assessments, it has become evident that the environmental impacts associated with current land uses—particularly livestock grazing—within and surrounding the intact grassland areas significantly exceed the anticipated impact of the proposed wind energy facility, which is supported by a robust, multi-tiered mitigation strategy. The proposed development affects only 0.02% of the total Intact Grassland area mapped within Mpumalanga Province. Of this, just 0.2% is expected to be physically disturbed, equating to approximately 0.0003% of the province's total intact grassland extent. This small footprint, in conjunction with the

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				metapopulation dynamics where birth rates should exceed death rates. No significant impacts should be allowed to affect these areas or change a source area into a sink area (where the death rate usually exceeds the birth rate). There are only 1,039 intact grassland patches that together make up 15% of the province's surface area. These have been prioritised and refined based on their connectivity importance, and these priority areas must be avoided by wind energy facilities. Although the MTPA raised their concern about the occurrence of the intact grassland patches, the specialist reports are silent on the inclusion or consideration of intact grassland patches. For the MTPA and DARDLEA, we are most concerned about the important role these intact grassland patches play as source areas for birds of conservation concern. One would not want to locate wind farms that would displace and kill birds through collisions in "source" areas (metapopulation dynamics). To prevent further loss or extinction risk, we need to avoid these areas. In short, the MTPA utilised a bird point dataset of over 80,000 observations, in combination with 700 intact grassland patches and 700 non-intact grassland patches, to establish that: • Intact grassland patches have a 22% higher likelihood of having any birds of conservation concern present than non-intact grasslands. • Intact grassland patches have on average 49% more bird species of	ability to maintain compatible land uses such as low-intensity grazing, results in a relatively low overall impact. The Biodiversity Offset Report further mitigates this residual loss by proposing the conservation and management of ecologically equivalent or higher-value areas. These offsets aim to maintain long-term ecological functionality, enhance landscape connectivity, support species persistence, and secure key ecosystem services. It is also noted that the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP) does not explicitly designate Intact Grasslands as "no-go" areas, nor does it prohibit development within them. Instead, the MBSP recognises the need for biodiversity-compatible land uses, which this project strives to achieve. Concerns regarding bird conservation in these habitats are noted. To this end, long-term avifaunal monitoring has been undertaken by a reputable specialist, exceeding standard guideline requirements. In addition, detailed grassland habitat modelling and mapping were conducted by Dr Robyn Colyn and AfriAvian, with a focus on key grassland- and wetland-associated bird species to inform siting, mitigation, and long-term management. The National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy (NPAES) is acknowledged as a valuable strategic tool developed by the Department of Environmental Affairs to guide the expansion of South Africa's protected area network. While it identifies spatial priorities for conservation, the NPAES is non-binding and does not confer formal legal protection on designated areas.

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				conservation concern than non-intact grasslands (bird diversity). • Intact grasslands have over 98% more bird observations than non-intact grasslands (bird abundance). Intact grassland patches make up 23% of the proposed Emvelo WEF footprint. Figures 1 and 2 show the extent of the intact grassland patches. Eight (8) turbines are currently located in intact grassland patches. These are: 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25. They need to be removed. Therefore, the MTPA feels stronger than ever that the establishment of wind farms in intact grassland patches should not be allowed as it may turn a "source" area into a "sink" area. Even Page 4 of the Faunal assessment within the DEIA recognises that "Faunal integrity relies on inter-connected grassland habitats across landscapes." and "…any contiguous areas of intact grassland are considered as high conservation importance." Other Sensitive Spatial Areas: Climate Change Corridors The MBSP's climate change corridor network was designed to enable species and ecosystems to adapt to a changing environment (see Figure 1 below). These features were also incorporated into the MBSP, so there is some overlap. The corridor network considered a single-best (least-cost) corridor connecting up the climate change refugia with the climate change corridors from adjacent provinces.	Portions of the Emvelo WEF site do overlap with NPAES spatial priorities. However, the proposed biodiversity offset together with robust, long-term management interventions is designed to secure and enhance the ecological integrity of these areas. The offset strategy focuses on achieving a net conservation gain by protecting and managing ecologically equivalent or higher-value habitat in perpetuity. This approach directly responds to the current absence of formal protection and the ongoing degradation of these landscapes due to poor land management and unsustainable land uses. In its current condition, the NPAES-priority area within the project footprint is under significant ecological pressure. Without proactive intervention, its conservation value is likely to decline further. The offset therefore not only compensates for the residual impacts of the development but also contributes to the restoration, protection, and long-term improvement of priority areas—supporting national and provincial biodiversity conservation and climate resilience goals.

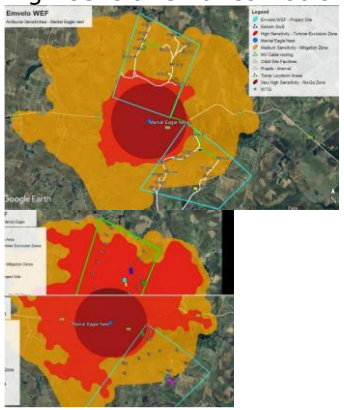
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				Additional fine-scale corridors were also identified using Circuitscape, finding alternative pathways and identifying pinch points in the corridors and thereby building resilience into the corridor network. As can be seen from Figure 1 below, the north western part of the Emvelo WEF is located over an important climate change corridor that connects up the climate change priorities, thereby potentially compromising the corridor network. The risk from the proposed wind farm on the corridor network is that it will result in both collisions and electrocution, and habitat displacement. Displacement of birds is called functional habitat loss. This disturbance can be detrimental to migratory bird populations if wind farms disrupt migration routes.  Figure 1: MBSP Climate Change Corridor network that links up climate change priorities with refugia and national climate change corridors. Intact grassland patches are indicated in hatched green. National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES 2018) Just over 70% of the proposed Emvelo WEF is comprised of NPAES spatial priority areas with 25% of the proposed wind turbines	

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				located on NPAES focal areas. These are a priority area for the national and provincial protected area expansion strategy and highlight the national importance of this area. Given and accounting for the recent landcover transformation that has (illegally) occurred, currently 12 turbines are located in NPAES areas. These are: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25. Under the needs and desirability section of the draft EIA, it states that the PAOI does not intersect any NPAES (page 116), however, on pages 216 and 386 the specialists confirm that it does. According to our calculations, 12 of the 24 turbines are placed in NPAES (2018) areas, which make up 70.5% of the Emvelo WEF. This same text goes on to state that "There are no specific features of very high biodiversity value within the affected polygons and highly sensitive areas have been avoided for development. In addition, the site does not appear to fall on any significant gradients or corridors that are likely to be of high importance for biodiversity processes such as migration and faunal movement." This is certainly not true. Several sensitive areas are included within the proposed development footprints, and the MBSP Ecological Support Areas and climate change corridors (and vulture flightpaths) clearly show important migration corridors running through the proposed WEF. The DEIA text is incorrect and misleading.	

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				Recent placement of wind turbines in sensitive areas We noted that several wind turbines have been moved into sensitive areas following the need to relocate them due to the runway that had to be avoided. These new turbines are located in intact grassland patches and areas highlighted as high sensitivity – escarpment in the faunal assessment. This was considered to be "the most significant faunal habitat" on page 14 of the faunal specialist assessment. As can be seen from Figure 2 below, the old and the new turbine layout is presented where several new turbines are located in intact grassland patches.  Figure 2: 3D map showing the location of the current turbines (white) as well as the turbines as of the 2024 scoping report (in red). Intact grassland patches are shown in green. It can be seen that in the current layout, there are now significantly more turbines in the intact grassland patches.	
2.2				Avifaunal Risks and Buffer Zones The site's recognised avian biodiversity, including numerous sensitive species, necessitates a highly precautionary approach to impact assessment and mitigation.	Avifaunal Risks and Buffer Zones Noted. From a terrestrial biodiversity perspective, intact grassland vegetation present within the project site and with a CBA 1 (Irreplaceable) classification was modelled and has been avoided by the proposed infrastructure placement. Great effort was employed

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				Important Bird Areas (IBAs) and IUCN Key Biodiversity Araes (KBAs) The proposed WEF falls in an area rich in bird species, particularly birds of conservation concern. Thirty-two priority bird species for wind energy development have been recorded within the WEF and broader area. An additional seventy-six species have been recorded which are powerline sensitive. Of particular concern are the occurrence of African Marsh-Harrier (EN), Black Harrier (EN), Blue Crane (VU), Blue Korhaan (NT), Cape Vulture (EN), Denham's Bustard (VU), Grey Crowned Crane (EN), Lanner Falcon (VU), Martial Eagle (EN), Secretarybird (EN), Southern Bald Ibis (VU), White-bellied Bustard (VU), and Yellow-breasted Pipit (VU). These are all threatened bird species at risk of extinction, over various timeframes. This rich avifaunal biodiversity is recognised regionally and globally through its inclusion within IBAs and KBAs. IBAs make up 49% and KBAs 65% of the Emvelo WEF. At the heart of the MTPA's concerns, resulting in our objection, is the rich avifaunal diversity that is at risk of continual loss of mature individuals through collisions and electrocutions. The avifaunal specialist report acknowledges that collision can be reduced from a high to a medium impact following post-mitigation. However, with 13 threatened bird species occurring on site, reducing the impact to a medium level is still significant, as any loss of large individuals may impact the conservation	to ensure the placement of the majority of proposed turbines in areas of lower biodiversity value. However, the proposed development site's avian biodiversity is recognised with up to 32 priority bird species recorded in the larger project area. Noteworthy is the confirmed presence of 2 of the 3 KBA trigger species (Southern Bald Ibis, Blue Crane and Rudd's Lark). Blue Crane presence has been accommodated by exclusion of suitable habitat from the development footprint and with stringent mitigation to be implemented for all authorised turbines. For Southern Bald Ibis, please refer to our response provided below in the Sheepmoor WEF comments. Note that the Rudd's Lark was not recorded on site. However, the current state of anthropogenic disturbance on the site is concerning and has an existing significant effect on the rich avifaunal diversity of species known to occur in the area. The extent of grazing pressure on the grasslands and continued trampling of wetlands by overstocking of livestock have a significant negative impact on the biodiversity value and continued sustainability of these avian habitats to support healthy populations. It is believed that the development of the proposed WEFs in the area will provide an opportunity for the potential improvement of the habitat conditions through improved grazing regimes, the implementation of onsite conservation measures and the facilitation of potential stewardship agreements in order to manage and reduce anthropogenic impacts. Furthermore, the compulsory implementation of an extensive suite of mitigation measures as recommended by the specialist for all approved turbines are believed to sufficiently reduce the risk to avifauna through potential collision and/or electrocutions posed by the WEF infrastructure.

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				status of these species, particularly in light of cumulative impacts from the 350 approved wind turbines in the province and 129 approved turbines within 40km of Emvelo WEF. Additionally, the avifaunal specialist report assessed the cumulative impact of Emvelo WEF to be moderate to high. Reflecting back on the BirdLife monitoring report of 2025, it states that on average, for every turbine, there are 4.25 bird fatalities per year, and that 10% of these were species of conservation concern. Buffers: Martial Eagle The specialist acknowledges that data limitations (poor temporal span) prevented a detailed flight risk model. Despite this uncertainty, significant confidence is placed in a shaped buffer model that is markedly reduced from previous versions and standard EWT/BLSA recommendations of a 5-6km buffer. Preliminary outputs from the National Martial Eagle Risk Assessment (MERA) tool led by the University of Cape Town, too, support the need to apply a circular buffer of approximately 5km to consider and include the core ranges utilised heavily by resident breeding eagles - rather than applying bespoke buffers based on tracking and observational flight path data. The proponent's own presented model showed 76% of flight time within 3km of the nest, yet a 2.5km no-go buffer is proposed and consistently referenced. This apparent inconsistency requires clarification.	The reference made to the number of approved turbines in the province and surrounding area as well as fatality rates contained in the Birdlife South Africa monitoring report of 2025 is acknowledged; however, one should keep in mind that although a large number of wind farm projects are being proposed / approved, not all projects will be realised as several factors could influence / hinder the development process beyond the EIA phase and decision-making process. Buffers: Martial Eagle Noted. The flight risk model and sensitivity zonation for Martial Eagle were developed using a combination of tracking data, focused field observations, and high-resolution environmental predictor variables. While the model incorporates GPS data from one adult (13 months, 6380 transmitted locations) and one juvenile individual (5 months, ~1450 transmitted locations) at the project site, it also includes tracking data (12 months, ~5850 transmitted locations) from a second adult male Martial Eagle monitored at a comparable highland grassland site. This second dataset extended to approximately 12 months and exhibited a remarkably similar spatial use pattern. Together, these datasets provided a robust basis for assessing spatial flight activity in relation to nest proximity and landscape features. In addition to the tracking data, over 37 hours of direct Martial Eagle flight observations were recorded near the nest site during 60 hours of targeted pre-construction surveys. This effort produced a substantial dataset of localized flight behavior, which was used to train a flight risk model (FRM) using an artificial neural network (ANN). The ANN was developed using a suite of predictor variables representing topography (e.g., slope, ruggedness, TWI), hydrology, and remotely sensed vegetation

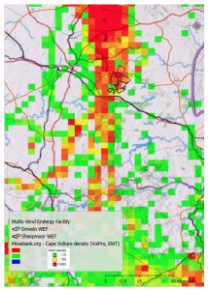
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				The high sensitivity zone of the Martial Eagle nest sensitivity analysis (Figure 3 below) is now a fraction of its former size. If the specialists reran the shaped buffer model, then why did the medium and very high sensitive zones not change shape?  Figure 3: Comparison of the Martial Eagle nest buffer presented in the scoping report (right) versus the current report (left), besides the specialist acknowledging data gaps. This is half the size EWT and MTPA recommend The new high sensitivity shaped buffer is also now half the size of the general industry standard/EWT recommended 5-6km buffer for Martial Eagles. This is concerning and it leads me back to avifaunal specialists' comments made about insufficient temporal data and flight data for the flight risk assessment, then how come so much confidence is being placed in the limited data to now half the EWT	productivity indices. This enabled a data-driven approach to modelling spatial risk beyond traditional buffer methods. Regarding the delineation of high and medium sensitivity zones: the original high-risk zone (~80 km²) closely mirrors the area of a 5 km circular buffer recommended by BirdLife South Africa and EWT. However, based on the tracking and observation data showing that ~75% of recorded activity occurred within 3 km of the nest, a more precautionary Very High Risk zone (~31 km²) was delineated, within which no wind turbines will be permitted. The Medium Risk zone (~148 km²) now incorporates a more stringent mitigation regime than conventional practice, including both automated Shutdown-on-Demand (SDOD) and dynamic diurnal curtailment during periods of expected eagle activity. Importantly, the risk classification framework was not adjusted to reduce turbine constraints, but rather to reflect biologically informed risk thresholds derived from empirical data. The risk model thresholds themselves remained unchanged; what changed was the delineation of more conservative spatial zones to better reflect the observed space use and mitigate risk more effectively. While we acknowledge the limitations inherent in working with a small sample size — which is a known challenge for this species — the modelling approach integrates multiple lines of evidence and has prioritized precaution in delineating turbine exclusion zones and mitigation areas. The intent is to implement a risk-responsive mitigation hierarchy that reduces potential collisions. We remain open to integrating additional tracking data from future studies to refine the risk model and will update curtailment protocols accordingly as part of the adaptive management strategy.

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				accepted Martial Eagle buffer? We worry that lack of data is putting this species at risk. Furthermore, it is noted that only one year of tracking data has been used to develop recommendations on buffer size and no-go zones, when it is evident that Martial Eagles display significant differences between breeding and non-breeding periods; Martial Eagles typically breed every second year, and thus a minimum of two years of data is vital when considering range use, to capture both the intensive breeding season, and "sabbatical" periods where Martials often utilise larger ranges away from nesting sites. If there is not enough data for a proper flight risk model, then why should we now trust this greatly reduced model that puts the bird at much greater risk? The MTPA is concerned about the transparency around the Martial Eagle tracking data. No map is provided to show any of its tracked flights and major flyways over the study area. Figure 19 is a map of flight lines manually drawn in on a map, not the tracking data. Concern is raised about the accuracy and reliance of flight paths derived from observational vantage points. The MTPA requested a copy of the tracking data in one of the meetings but did not receive it. Given that the occurrence of a nest and flight paths of the Martial Eagle will have a material impact on the turbine layout, we are very concerned about the actual flight paths and the selection and interpretation of certain datasets to support the expansion of the wind turbines.	The national Martial Eagle Risk Assessment (MERA) tool, that has been in development for the past five years using tracking data from over 40 birds, presumably aims to produce a generalized risk framework/model suitable for application across diverse biomes and/or ecoregions. However, the objective of the modelling effort employed by AfriAvian in this instance differs in that our intent is to create a localized site-specific flight risk model that reflects the specific behavioral ecology and landscape use of a resident breeding pair within a defined project area. This includes integrating GPS tracking, direct observational flight data, and spatial environmental predictors to capture actual space use patterns in situ. Using site-specific data allows for the following: Spatial delineation of risk areas based on observed behavior rather than conservative generalization. Habitat-contextualized modelling, accounting for topographic and vegetative (e.g. distribution of perch sites) features that affect flight behavior at this particular site. Empirical validation of proposed mitigation zones (e.g., shaped buffers, curtailment areas) using real exposure data rather than assumed or pooled exposure distributions. This approach provides a more comprehensive and context sensitive model and includes the use of shaped buffers, derived from actual movement patterns, which represents a refined evolution of the circular buffer concept. Collision Risk Modelling Noted. The specialist Collision Risk Modelling (CRM) approach follows the Bayesian framework developed by New et al. (2015), which explicitly incorporates uncertainty by using prior distributions informed by

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				It is well established that adult female Martial Eagles utilise their homeranges differently to males, who spend a significant amount of time hunting and provisioning for their incubating breeding partners and developing nestlings. During core breeding periods, females have a much higher nest site fidelity while males forage extensively over larger ranges. Females typically do not fly as far as the males during the core breeding season, and so the exclusion, and lack of buffers that consider male Martial Eagle range use, is of concern. The conclusions drawn did not factor the flight activity range use, and paths of males. Furthermore, given the reliance of the Martial Eagle on thermals or warm air to travel longer distances, the report does acknowledge that most of the distance flying occurs between 12:00 and 15:00 in the day (this makes up 12% of the day). It is during this 12% of their time where the Martial Eagle female could be spending a significant amount of time over in the turbine rotor swept zone. The fact that only 76% of the time is near the nest means that outside of this, between 12:00 and 15:00, they are very active and could easily collide with a wind turbine. Relying on the 3km buffer zone because of this is very misleading as the impacts can still be very significant. The report is also not clear whether the analysis of time and distance was for the female or the juvenile. The report mentions	the best available biological and empirical data, and updates these with site-specific pre-construction survey data. This model structure is transparent and repeatable, and has been successfully implemented in both international and local contexts. Initially, CRM outputs were generated for five high-priority species: Martial Eagle, Southern Bald Ibis, Cape Vulture, Yellow-breasted Pipit, and Species 23. However, we have expanded the CRM analysis to include all wind priority species. Where robust species-specific data were available (e.g., bird exposure rates, collision probabilities), these were used directly to inform the prior distributions of the model. For species with limited or no local/regional empirical data, ecologically relevant surrogate species were used. Surrogates were selected based on comparable morphology, flight behavior, habitat use, and foraging strategy, in line with best practice guidelines. This ensures that all priority species are accounted for in the CRM, even in data-poor scenarios, while maintaining biological realism and precaution. The core principle of our CRM is to assess predicted fatalities based on three key parameters: (1) bird exposure (flight minutes within turbine space), (2) collision probability (chance of being struck while within the rotor-swept zone), and (3) the hazardous footprint (spatial-temporal turbine risk volume). The Bayesian structure allows for continuous improvement of predictions as additional monitoring data become available, enabling updates to fatality estimates and mitigation strategies within an adaptive management framework. Thus, while initial CRM implementation was focused on data-rich species, the modelling was broadened to all priority taxa, using the most appropriate scientific

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				analysing both but the legend in Figures 22, 22, and 23 refer to an adult. Which makes us think that only the female's data was analysed. Half of her time would have been spent on a nest. The MTPA also reached out to the research team working on the Martial Eagle risk assessment tool, and they confirmed that after analysing the data from over 40 tracked Martial Eagles, they have concluded that they are unable to model the flight paths around nesting areas (like the Vera model) and that we should be using circular 5km buffers around all nest sites. Therefore the MTPA stands strongly by the requirement for insisting on a 5km buffer for all wind turbines. With the 5km circular buffer being the current recommended buffer around Martial Eagle nests, the application of a 5km buffer will result in the removal of turbines 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25. Collision Risk Modelling Collision risk modelling does identify significant risks to four species if unmitigated. Therefore, any approvals must include the compulsory SDoD to ensure risks stay low. There are many more species that were not assessed and impacts unknown and unquantified. Cape Vulture flyways Cape Vultures are globally vulnerable and regionally endangered. The specialist assessment did observe Cape Vultures over the project area for 48 minutes over 756 hours, and within the rotor swept zone.	proxies where necessary to ensure a comprehensive and precautionary assessment. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include Potential Biological Removal (PBR) estimates alongside Collision Risk Model (CRM) outputs for all wind priority species recorded on site. This approach enables a scientifically defensible method of establishing species-specific annual fatality thresholds. The PBR framework provides an estimate of the maximum number of individuals that can be removed from a population annually without affecting its viability. By pairing these values with our site-specific CRM fatality predictions—which incorporate the effect of avoidance behavior and mitigation effectiveness—we can assess whether predicted collision mortality falls within acceptable biological limits. The ratio of predicted annual fatalities (CRM) to allowable removals (PBR) is expressed as a percentage threshold, which serves as a practical trigger for additional mitigation. If operational monitoring indicates that annual fatalities are approaching or exceeding PBR-based thresholds, this will trigger an immediate review and escalation of mitigation measures, such as extending curtailment periods, adjusting SDOD protocols, or refining exclusion zones. This framework ensures that mitigation is responsive, data-informed, and conservation-aligned, with threshold exceedance serving as a clear and proactive management trigger. Refer to Section 5.8.8 of the Avifaunal Specialist Report for full details on PBR integration and species-specific thresholds. Cape Vulture flyways The potential risk to Cape Vultures from the proposed wind energy facility was given due consideration, especially given the species' globally Vulnerable and

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				This amounts to 1 vulture visit every 2 weeks. In the recent Birdlife summary report from monitoring operational wind energy facilities (2025), it provides a case study of a wind farm that recorded very low numbers of Cape Vultures during pre-construction monitoring (recorded in less than 1% of total vantage point surveys), yet later in the year, once operational, the wind farm had shutdowns involving 384 Cape Vultures. This highlights the need for impact assessments to incorporate all sources of information. We acknowledge that the Cervantes (2023) report, based on data recorded before that date, did categorise the population utilization distribution as low sensitivity. However, the MTPA queried the following datasets on Movebank.org early in April 2025 – See Figure 4 (Kruger NP Raptors E-obs (n=18); Vulpro (Rehab & Captive bred) (n=123); & EWT SigFox Vultures (n=18)) to create the below map showing Cape Vulture flight paths based on density of observations in movebank.org. This data in Figure 4 clearly shows a north-south flightpath that connects the northern Mpumalanga Escarpment with KwaZulu Natal. And with the specialist reported observation that the vultures fly within the rotor swept zone, then we are very concerned about the risk that the wind farm may pose to vultures as they fly through this corridor. This corridor impacts all the proposed wind turbines.	regionally Endangered conservation status and known collision vulnerability with wind energy infrastructure. The site-based pre-construction monitoring recorded low vulture activity (48 minutes over 756 hours). These results align with the Cape Vulture utilization distribution model published by Cervantes et al. (2023), which classified the area of interest (AOI) as a mosaic of low and medium sensitivity for this species. Nonetheless, the importance of incorporating additional datasets beyond pre-construction surveys is recognized. The recent query of Movebank data by MTPA showing a north–south flight path near the AOI adds a broader regional perspective. However, it is important to note that the density of GPS tracking points (as per Figure 4) does not necessarily imply intensive use of airspace at rotor-swept height or regular passage directly over the proposed turbine positions. Our own focal surveys did record vulture presence, including at risk heights, but these were marginal events—not indicative of regular corridor-like use at the local scale. This distinction highlights a key issue: the Movebank-derived corridor represents a regional pattern recorded over what appears to span more than a decade, whereas our assessment focuses on localized collision risk informed by observed behavior at rotor height. Nonetheless, we acknowledge the precautionary value in layering mitigation across spatial scales. As such, in addition to the site being classified as low/medium sensitivity in Cervantes et al. (2023), we have adopted a stringent, site-wide mitigation strategy. The following compulsory mitigation measures have been incorporated into the EMPr: All turbines, whether in low, medium, or high sensitivity zones, will be subject to Shutdown-on-

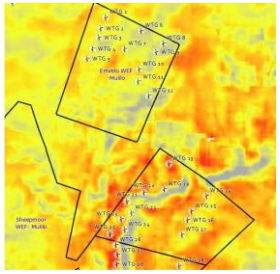
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				 Figure 4: Tracking data from Cape Vultures flying over the Emvelo and Mulilo WEFs. Data sourced from Movebank.org in April 2025. Data source VulPro, EWT. Symbology represents density of recorded points. Red = high density.	Demand (SDoD) protocols, with automated radar and camera-based detection systems capable of operating in low-visibility conditions (e.g., mist, dusk). SDoD systems will be operational from the Commercial Operation Date (COD) and monitored continuously throughout the lifespan of the facility. A comprehensive Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) will be developed prior to COD, specifying turbine-specific curtailment protocols, including diurnal and nocturnal shut-down triggers based on vulture activity and weather conditions. Post-construction monitoring results will be reviewed quarterly to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation, and the SDoD programme will be adaptively refined based on evidence of elevated flight activity or near-miss events. In conclusion, while the observed risk at site level remains low, we have adopted a precautionary and adaptive approach that implements best-practice curtailment/shut-down technology to prevent collisions. This implemented mitigation measure ensures that if Cape Vulture activity within rotor swept height increases over time, appropriate mitigation measures will be triggered without delay.
2.3				Specialist Assessments While extensive specialist work has been undertaken, MTPA notes areas where further information, methodological alignment, or alternative approaches could strengthen the overall environmental assessment. General Enhanced integration between the aquatic, faunal, bat, terrestrial and avifaunal assessments is recommended to better	Noted. The Guidelines require a minimum of four surveys over a period of a year (12 months) covering four seasons. Pre-construction monitoring data collected at the Emvelo WEF site includes a dataset covering a period of approximately 18 months (February 2022 to August 2023) with additional surveys done adding approximately five more months to the dataset (from October 2023 to February 2024). These additional surveys were done to cover the expanded WEF and EGI development footprints as well as additional targeted Martial Eagle monitoring (with GPS tracking data spanning a period of more

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				understand potential synergistic or cumulative biological impacts. Faunal Specialist Assessment Placement of infrastructure in high/very high sensitivity areas warrants careful justification given specialist recommendations to avoid these areas. Inclusion of previously recommended elements, such as an oribi management plan and distribution map, and potentially broader survey data (e.g., camera traps, reptile/amphibian surveys which appear absent), could enhance the assessment. The assessment's conclusion that the project can be approved based on this theme alone, conditional on mitigation, seems optimistic without considering integrated impacts. Avifaunal Specialist Assessment Further discussion on buffer justifications is needed, especially where they deviate significantly from standard practice or are based on acknowledged limited data. Given the site's sensitivity, the adequacy of one year's monitoring versus a potentially more robust two-year dataset could be considered. Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment: The MTPA has significant reservations regarding this assessment. Key concerns include: • The terrestrial biodiversity theme is not aligned with SANBI's Species Environmental Assessment Guideline (2022) that the consultant is required to	than 12 months i.e., April 2024 to May 2025) during which time all other bird species were also recorded across the entire project site. In addition, from December 2024 to February 2025 additional targeted wetland surveys were conducted with special focus on Species 23 and again all other bird species were also recorded across the entire project site during this time. Collectively, this totals to a combined 26 months' worth of monitoring data recorded on site. Therefore, the specialist's findings, buffer/exclusion zones, models and recommendations are based on avifaunal data collected over a period of more than two years.

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				comply with in terms of Notice 1150 of Government Gazette 43855 of 2020. • The author only allowed for 4 days to survey both the Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF sites during the summer months when most summer rainfall plants would be flowering and identifiable. Summer surveys are also a requirement of the SANBI Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines. Four days is certainly not enough to cover an area this size (12,543 ha for both WEFs). • The report also mentions that the Emvelo WEF "falls within a summer & winter rainfall area". It is well known that Mpumalanga is a summer rainfall region. • No plant species of conservation concern, or endemics, were recorded on site. This is not surprising given the lack of time to survey this large area. ERM also opted to appoint a botanist not familiar with the flora of this area. There are several endemics restricted to this part of Mpumalanga that would be unfamiliar to someone from the Eastern Cape. It just makes it harder to confirm identification, particularly with limited time and coverage in the field. I am confident that several species of conservation would occur on site, they were just not detected. • The failure to apply the SANBI Guidelines not only resulted in inadequate time being allowed to properly assess the terrestrial biodiversity (botany) but also in	

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				determining site ecological importance (SEI). The MTPA does not believe that the approach followed to identify sensitive areas would be able to adequately assess the environmental sensitivity for this area. There were a number of additional variables that could have been applied but were not (site-specific species, CBAs and ESAs, climate change corridors, intact grasslands, rocky ridges, etc.). These could have been applied together with criteria and approach of provided for in the SANBI Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines. • The approach followed resulted in some CBA Irreplaceable areas, that overlapped with intact grasslands and provincial climate change corridors, being designated medium sensitivity (as a maximum value because it did not ultimately fall within the Eastern Highveld Grassland). This is fundamentally wrong as there was no consideration for any species of conservation concern (like roosting areas) or other spatial priorities. Applying the SANBI criteria could allow the montane grassland to be categorised as high, or even very high if species and additional data were considered. • The MTPA has recently modelled the occurrence of all threatened species across the province and our data suggests that the montane ridge has the highest expected threatened species (see side graphic – reddish areas having	

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				highest likelihood of species of conservation concern). We obviously do not expect this data to have been considered, but the mismatch with the results from the terrestrial biodiversity assessment supports our concerns. • In terms of the terrestrial biodiversity assessment, the result is that the montane grassland (not degraded) is of Medium sensitivity, but the degraded Highveld grassland has High sensitivity, and non-degraded Very-high. We have significantly more threatened plant species recorded in the Wakkerstroom Montane Grassland than for the Eastern Highveld Grassland and consider it far more sensitive. • On page 70 of the terrestrial biodiversity specialist report, there is reference to karroid vegetation. This is not the Karoo and I suspect this is a copy and paste error. • The report also records Eucomis bicolor, however it does not occur much north of Wakkerstroom (although it does occur southwards in this vegetation unit); the similar looking Eucomis montana occurs in this area and it has a provincial status of Declining. • The MTPA noticed some of the plant species visible in the photographs provided in the terrestrial assessment were not included in the plant list, which makes us wonder if they could not be identified. • Although the terrestrial assessment report (page 12) also states that there	

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				are no KBA areas on site. It further incorporated Important Bird Areas under the KBA heading and then states that the KBAs are being investigated but not yet finalised. That is not true; they were officially endorsed by the IUCN in June 2024. The avifaunal assessment confirms this and KBAs make of 65% of the Emvelo WEF. 	
2.4				Cumulative Impacts The concentration of renewable energy projects in Mpumalanga (890 turbines approved, in process, or planned), particularly along this sensitive escarpment, necessitates careful consideration of cumulative impacts. Each additional project contributes incrementally to regional habitat fragmentation and potential impacts on species populations, especially avifauna. The avifaunal assessment itself rated cumulative impacts for Emvelo as Moderate to High. Avoiding development in biologically significant 'source' areas like Intact Grassland Patches	Noted. The Avifaunal Impact Assessment has carefully considered the potential cumulative impact of these WEFs resulting in an overall impact significance rating of moderate to high post mitigation. Factors that were taking into account contributing to determining these findings include detailed analysis of avian habitat delineation and flight- and collision risk modelling data for all priority species recorded on site, as well as the avoidance of intact grassland vegetation by turbine infrastructure. Furthermore, an extensive suite of stringent compulsory mitigation measures to be implemented on all authorised turbines on site are recommended as a condition of the EA. In addition, is it worthy to note that suitable habitat for all trigger species characteristic of the Chrissie Pans KBA (i.e., Blue

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				is key to managing these cumulative effects.	Crane and Southern Bald Ibis) has been excluded from the development footprint as it relates to avifaunal sensitivity. Of the 890 turbines mentioned, it is noted that only 350 turbines have been approved in the Mpumalanga Province to date, of which 129 turbines have been authorised within a 40 km radius of the EmveloWEF. Although these figures imply a potentially higher cumulative impact, one should keep in mind that although a large number of wind farm projects are being proposed / approved, not all projects will be realised as several factors could influence / hinder the development process beyond the EIA process and issuing of EA, should such EA be granted.
2.5				Acknowledgement of recent change in landcover and impact on spatial mapping products The delineation of the CBAs and intact grassland patches was based off a landcover map from 2010. Any subsequent loss or transformation is not a fault in the MBSP or intact grassland patches, but as a result of a legal or illegal change in land use. In the MBSP Handbook, the guidelines recommend that a site assessment is required to confirm the current land use. Any loss of which may require additional areas to meet targets (will be dealt with in MBSP v2), but acknowledging that the CBA status may no longer apply to these areas if they have been ploughed or developed (where recovery is not possible within our lifetimes). Therefore, in terms of the Emvelo WEF, any change in land use from natural to cultivation or plantation would result in this particular area no longer being	The concerns raised regarding changes in land cover since the original delineation of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Intact Grassland Patches, and the resulting implications for spatial biodiversity planning tools such as the MBSP are acknowledged. As recommended in the MBSP Handbook, site-level verification was undertaken through the terrestrial biodiversity and avifaunal specialist assessments to confirm current land use and condition. Where areas originally classified as CBAs or intact grassland have undergone transformation (e.g., to cultivation or plantation), these were considered in assessing the actual ecological value and sensitivity of the receiving environment. Turbine placements and infrastructure alignments were revised accordingly through an iterative design process, and specialist input was used to avoid or minimise residual impacts on areas that remain intact or retain high biodiversity value.

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				identified as a CBA or intact grassland patch. The impact of this has been considered when commenting on turbine placement and those that need to be removed.	It is acknowledged that updated spatial products (e.g., MBSP v2) may revise classifications based on observed changes; however, the EIA process applied current best-practice, ground-truthed data and followed the mitigation hierarchy to inform a layout that seeks to balance environmental protection with technical and land access constraints.
3.				Summary of Turbine Locations Requiring Reconsideration Should DFFE proceed towards authorisation, we strongly recommend, at a minimum, the exclusion of the turbines identified in below. • WT 3: CBA Irreplaceable; KBA; NPAES; Terrestrial Biodiversity- Very High sensitivity' Lanner Falcon frequented • WT 13: Intact grassland; IBA, NPAES; Faunal High Sensitivity - escarpment (highest category); Martial - High (edge) • WT 14: CBA Optimal; IBA; NPAES; Avifauna High • WT 15: CBA Optimal; KBA; IBA; NPAES; Terrestrial - Very High sensitivity • WT 17: KBA; IBA; NPAES • WT 19: Intact grassland; IBA; NPAES; Faunal High Sensitivity - escarpment (highest category); Avifauna High • WT 20: intact grassland; IBA; NPAES; Faunal High Sensitivity - escarpment (highest category); Martial - High; Avifauna High • WT 21: Intact grassland; IBA; NPAES; Faunal High Sensitivity - escarpment (highest category); Martial - High; Yellow-breasted Pipit model; Avifauna High	Noted. From an avifaunal perspective, following careful consideration of the comments received, the Developer has revised the proposed WEF layout with the following adjustments as it relates to these turbine locations: WTG 3 – The turbine is located outside of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone. WTG 13 – The turbine is located on the edge of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone. WTG 14, 15, 17 and 19 – The turbines are located outside of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone. WTG 20 – The turbine has been moved and is now located outside of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone. WTG 21 – The turbine has been moved and is now located outside of the Very High- and High-Risk Avifaunal Exclusion Zones, as well as outside of the Medium Risk mitigation zones. WTG 22 – The turbine has been moved and is now located outside of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone. WTG 23 – The turbine has been moved and is now located on the edge of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone. WTG 24 – The turbine has been removed from the revised WEF layout completely.

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				• WT 22: Intact grassland; IBA; NPAES; Faunal High Sensitivity - escarpment (highest category); Avifauna High • WT 23: Intact grassland; IBA; NPAES; Faunal High Sensitivity - escarpment (highest category);Yellow-breasted Pipit model; Avifauna High • WT 24: Intact grassland; CBA Optimal; IBA; NPAES; Faunal High Sensitivity - escarpment (highest category) • WT 25: intact grassland; IBA; NPAES; Faunal High Sensitivity - escarpment (highest category); Bald Ibis nest (1km) In addition, the application of a 5km circular buffer for the Martial Eagle nest site, as recommended by the research team working on the Martial Eagle risk assessment tool, would result in the additional removal of turbines: 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, and 12. Closing In summary, the MTPA highlights substantial environmental sensitivities associated with the proposed Emvelo WEF site. Concerns persist regarding the potential impacts on critical habitats and biodiversity, particularly avifauna, stemming from perceived limitations in the supporting data, assessment methodologies, and proposed mitigation measures. The uncertainty surrounding long-term and cumulative impacts suggests a precautionary approach is warranted, particularly concerning development within ecological 'source areas'.	WTG 25 – The turbine has been moved and is now located outside of the Avifaunal Turbine Exclusion Zone. Note that for WTG 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 15 which are specifically located in High-Risk zones, both compulsory SDoD and diurnal proactive curtailment will be fully implemented on all authorized WTGs throughout the lifespan of the proposed WEF. In addition, for all turbines located in the Medium Risk zones, compulsory SDoD will be fully implemented on all authorized WTGs across the entire project site throughout the lifespan of the proposed WEF. The Guidelines require a minimum of four surveys over a period of a year (12 months) covering four seasons. Pre-construction monitoring data collected at the Emvelo WEF site includes a dataset covering a period of approximately 18 months (February 2022 to August 2023) with additional surveys done adding approximately five more months to the dataset (from October 2023 to February 2024). These additional surveys were done to cover the expanded WEF and EGI development footprints as well as additional targeted Martial Eagle monitoring (with GPS tracking data spanning a period of more than 12 months i.e., April 2024 to May 2025) during which time all other bird species were also recorded across the entire project site. In addition, from December 2024 to February 2025 additional targeted wetland surveys were conducted with special focus on Species 23 and again all other bird species were also recorded across the entire project site during this time. Collectively, this totals to a combined 26 months' worth of monitoring data recorded on site. Therefore, the specialist's findings, buffer/exclusion zones, models

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				The proposed Emvelo WEF is expected to have a significant cumulative impact on the avifauna, bats, and other terrestrial biodiversity. The environmental sensitivity ensures the probability of serious risk to the avifaunal biodiversity. We were disappointed with the quality of the terrestrial biodiversity assessment report that was not aligned with the SANBI Guidelines for species assessments and the resulting sensitivity layer should not be used as it was based on limited data and skewed towards transformation percentage for the entire vegetation units. It should have followed the established site sensitivity assessment approach presented in the guidelines. Most of the other specialist assessments were aligned with this methodology. The sensitivity of the proposed WEF is so high, with so many bird species of conservation concern present, that two years of detailed avifaunal monitoring should have been conducted. There are still significant gaps in the knowledge and confidence in the data presented that we cannot trust the models and information presented. The Emvelo WEF occurs along a north-south running escarpment where uplift and intact grasslands result in an unusually high number of birds of conservation concern. Even the globally threatened Cape Vultures have a flight path over the proposed WEF. We are not comfortable with the confidence and robustness of the data presented around the avifauna, terrestrial biodiversity, and	and recommendations are based on avifaunal data collected over a period of more than two years. The comment regarding the Cape Vultures' flight path across the proposed development site is noted; however, the risk to vultures on site was confirmed to be low based on the results of the pre-construction monitoring data and the findings of the Avifaunal Impact Assessment. We are confident that the onsite monitoring dataset is sufficiently robust and is considered adequate given the avifaunal sensitivity on site. Also, the recommended mitigation measures i.e., compulsory Automated SDoD to be implemented on all approved turbines across the development site is considered sufficient to reduce the potential risk of collision to vultures passing through the area (see response regarding Cape Vulture flyways above). Furthermore, given the sensitivity of the site and the potential risk to avifauna by the WEF and its associated infrastructure, it is important to note that the habitat on the site is currently subjected to extensive degradation and transformation related to anthropogenic activities such as trampling, over grazing, erosion and alien infestation. Therefore, we have recommended an extensive suite of mitigation measures that have been proven successful at other operational wind farms globally and elsewhere in South Africa. We have also recommended that the implementation of these required mitigation strategies and management actions be included in the EMPr as well as conditions to the EA, should such EA be granted by the Competent Authority. It is thus our specialist opinion that this proposed WEF development can proceed on the condition that all recommended and required

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				fauna, that we object to this application. Should DFFE wish to authorise this application, then we recommend specific wind turbines that should not be authorised. The high sensitivity of the site, combined with the potential for collisions, displacement, and cumulative impacts, suggests that the project could still have severe and potentially irreversible impacts on regional bird populations. The mitigation measures proposed may not be sufficient to address these risks, making the current proposed turbine layout fatally flawed from an avifaunal perspective. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.	mitigation measures and management actions be successfully implemented.

TABLE 7-4 COMMENTS FROM BIRDLIFE SOUTH AFRICA

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1	Birdlife South Africa Sammantha Ralston-Paton	10 April as per Email	Draft EIAr	The proposed developments overlaps with critical habitats, including Intact Grassland Patches, Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs), Climate Change Corridors, National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES) areas, and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs), wetlands and the escarpment (the latter is used by birds for altitudinal and north-south migrations). The area supports numerous species of conservation concern, including bird that are at risk of direct fatalities (e.g., collisions and electrocutions), habitat loss, and disturbance. We are therefore concerned that this site is not suitable for wind turbine and associated infrastructure.	Noted. The sensitivity of the site and area in general is noted and recognised in terms of the number of sensitive avifaunal species. The degradation of the landscape as a result of current unsustainable farming practises of overgrazing the grasslands and wetlands, as well as the alien tree infestation should be highlighted. The developer commits to implementing numerous mitigation measures and to embark on extensive land management issues to minimise anthropogenic impacts.
2				The duration and scope of data collection for the avifaunal assessments appear inadequate given the sensitivity of the habitats and the spices they support. BirdLife South Africa and the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)'s Best Practice Guidelines and our Cape Vulture guidelines recommend increased survey effort in areas of high avifaunal sensitivity. The sites have been confirmed as such by the avifaunal specialist.	Noted. The Guidelines require a minimum of four surveys over a period of a year (12 months) covering four seasons. Pre-construction monitoring data collected at both the Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF sites include a dataset covering a period of approximately 18 months (February 2022 to August 2023) with additional surveys done adding approximately five more months to the dataset (from October 2023 to February 2024). These additional surveys were done to cover the expanded WEF and EGI development footprints as well as additional targeted Martial Eagle monitoring during which time all other bird species were also recorded across the entire project site. In addition, from December 2024 to February 2025 additional targeted wetland surveys were conducted with special focus on Species 23 and again all other bird species were also recorded across the entire project site during this time. Furthermore, the risk to vultures were

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					confirmed to be low; therefore, the claim made in terms of the Cape Vulture Guidelines regarding increased survey effort is considered unsubstantiated. We are therefore of the opinion that the onsite monitoring dataset is sufficiently robust and considered adequate given the avifaunal sensitivity on site.
3				While the location of vantage points is provided, there is no indication of view-sheds, and it is unclear what proportion of turbines were covered by vantage point surveys.	Noted. For the Emvelo WEF, only 4 out of 24 proposed WTG locations fell outside the 2 km radii of the vantage point surveys, whereas for the Sheepmoor WEF, also only 4 out of 29 proposed WTG locations were located outside the 2 km radii of the vantage point surveys. Therefore, the total site area surveyed during pre-construction bird monitoring covered about 105 km2 out of the approximately 143 km2, translating to about 73% reporting coverage of the entire Amsterdam WEFs project site. Some factors influenced the reporting coverage through vantage point surveys such as i) the development footprint for each WEF kept changing during the pre-construction monitoring period, and ii) additional land was added to the project area mid-way through the pre-construction monitoring period. As a result, additional effort was made to include additional surveys in the area in general beyond the first year of pre-construction monitoring as well as the recording of additional flight data of all incidental observations supports the slightly below average reporting coverage via vantage point surveys.
4				Limiting cumulative assessment to a 35 km radius is inappropriate for wide-ranging species - i.e. most birds. A more ecologically relevant approach is needed	Noted. The specialist was required to assess all cumulative impacts within a 30 km radius of the proposed Amsterdam WEF cluster as provided by the EAP. From a specialist perspective, a radius of at least 50 km would have been considered a more ecologically relevant approach, hence why

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					the Avifaunal Impact Assessment considered all cumulative impacts within a slightly increased radius of up to 35 km based on available information provided to the specialist at the time of assessment.
5				We are concerned about potential degradation of wetlands associated with the developments, including habitat for Critically Endangered Species 23. We are particularly concerned where MV cabling is proposed to traverse a wetland (marked as a no-go area). It is unclear whether the cable will be buried or above ground; neither option is supported due to collision risk (above ground) and habitat degradation (below ground).	Noted. This MV cable has been removed from the revised WEF layout completely and no longer traverses Species 23 habitat. Also, project related infrastructure avoids all wetlands as well as the identified Species 23 habitat. Wetland functioning is set to improve through proper grazing regimes and onsite remediation. It is important to note that many wetlands in the area are already significantly impacted by agricultural activities, including overgrazing during dry periods, fertiliser runoff, sedimentation, and invasive alien plant species that reduce water availability. Where impacts on wetlands are expected, the EMPr includes strict site-specific mitigation measures to minimise disturbance, including careful micro-siting, erosion control, and rehabilitation. The Biodiversity Offset Report (BOR) further supports long-term ecological recovery through targeted restoration and alien clearing, ensuring residual impacts are appropriately offset.
6				We acknowledge the thought and analysis that went into developing the proposed mitigation strategy for Species 23 but are concerned that the proposed avoidance and mitigation measures are not sufficiently precautionary.	Noted. The mitigation strategy proposed for Species 23 is designed to be both precautionary and adaptive, leveraging high-resolution, near real-time data sources to inform turbine curtailment decisions during the species' active season. The use of dynamic habitat modelling based on updated satellite imagery, rainfall patterns, and soil moisture conditions provides a proactive mechanism to anticipate wetland activation and potential habitat use. This approach offers temporal resolution beyond static

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					or pre-season assessments, ensuring that turbines in the medium-risk mitigation zone are curtailed specifically when habitat conditions become suitable for Species 23. In addition, the integration of drone-based structural assessments and vegetation productivity monitoring allows for localized ground-truthing and improves predictive accuracy of habitat suitability. Night-time curtailment is automatically triggered during periods of confirmed habitat favourability between October and March, aligning with the species' life history requirements. Further precaution is embedded in the detailed engineering design phase (or proposed pre-operational research phase) prior to construction, which includes tracking movement and flight height of Species 23. These data will be used to refine model thresholds and potentially extend or adjust curtailment periods as needed. Should ongoing monitoring indicate a higher-than-expected risk, curtailment protocols can be intensified or spatially expanded. This strategy ensures that mitigation is not static, but instead responds to actual habitat conditions and species activity, thereby balancing ecological protection with operational feasibility in a scientifically defensible manner. The EMPr includes adaptive management measures that allow for refinement should Species 23 be encountered during pre-construction walkdowns or monitoring. In addition, the Biodiversity Offset Report (BOR) supports broader habitat conservation and species persistence through targeted offset actions, ensuring that precautionary principles are upheld across both site-level and landscape-scale interventions. The DEIAr layout has been updated to further avoid Species 23 sensitive areas by

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					removing an identified MV cable and reducing the blade length by 20m.
7				In light of the to the limited data on the species of its movement patterns and collision risk, we do not support the location of turbines in any of the medium sensitivity areas identified for the species in the avifaunal assessment.	Noted. The rigorous mitigation strategy includes a systematic approach, where wetland condition monitoring and observation of catchment level rainfall events offer sufficient warning for night-time proactive turbine curtailment. The system's precision will be improved through further research on the movement patterns and flight height of Species 23 prior to the WEFs becoming operational, to which the developer has already committed to undertake. Furthermore, WTG7 has been removed from the Species 23 Very High Sensitivity No-Go area based on the revised WEF layout. It is the specialist's opinion that the mitigation strategy proposed for Species 23 is considered sufficient.
Additional comments on the proposed curtailment strategy are detailed below.					
9				The avifaunal assessment uses various data sources to predict how Martial Eagles use the area, but the basis for the final buffer recommendations is unclear. For example, a 2.5 km no-development buffer is recommended, despite the report's own vantage point surveys suggesting 3 km may be more appropriate.	Specialist: Noted. Additional Vantage Point monitoring was conducted near the identified Martial Eagle nest to gain a better understanding of flight behaviour. Five additional targeted surveys were conducted, in addition to the seven surveys completed as part of the pre-construction monitoring recorded during February 2022 to August 2023. The five additional targeted surveys were conducted during the following time envelopes: 17–22 October 2023 15–23 November 2023 30 November–05 December 2023 17–22 January 2024 14–20 February 2024 A total of 60 hours of Vantage Point watches were completed to record flight patterns of Martial

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					Eagles as well as other priority species. Observations were primarily concentrated in the vicinity of the Martial Eagle nest, but where feasible, the eagles were followed to collect as much flight data in the landscape around the nest as possible. The flight risk model developed is based on the extensive flight data (60+ hours) collected on-site. The model output has been refined using tracking data, which indicated that the majority of tracked flight activity (up to about 75% of recorded Martial Eagle flight time) was concentrated within an approximately 3 km buffer zone surrounding the nest.
10				Tracking data from a single adult and one juvenile was used to model habitat use and define high and medium sensitivity zones (turbine collision). However, as far as we can ascertain, the model was based on less than a year's worth of data and does not account for interannual variation, seasonal use, alternative nest sites, or sex-based behavioural differences. Furthermore, the criteria used to define high, medium, and low/no sensitivity areas are not transparent. It is also unclear whether other relevant data (e.g., territory size and tracking data from other studies) were considered and how this influenced the recommendation.	Noted. The flight risk model and sensitivity zonation for Martial Eagle were developed using a combination of tracking data, focused field observations, and high-resolution environmental predictor variables. While the model incorporates GPS data from one adult (13 months, 6380 transmitted locations) and one juvenile individual (5 months, ~1450 transmitted locations) at the project site, it also includes tracking data (12 months, ~5850 transmitted locations) from a second adult male Martial Eagle monitored at a comparable highland grassland site. This second dataset extended to approximately 12 months and exhibited a remarkably similar spatial use pattern, which is included in the figures reporting on space use. Together, these datasets provided a robust basis for assessing spatial flight activity in relation to nest proximity and landscape features. In addition to the tracking data, over 37 hours of direct Martial Eagle flight observations were recorded near the nest site during 60 hours of targeted pre-construction surveys. This effort produced a substantial dataset of localized flight
11				While we support refining circular buffers with more robust, site-specific data, we are concerned that the proposed buffer is significantly smaller than the 5–6 km buffer recommended by BirdLife South Africa and EWT. Although available studies in this regard	

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				are limited, this buffer is based on the best available data on territory size.	behavior, which was used to train a flight risk model (FRM) using an artificial neural network (ANN). The ANN was developed using a suite of predictor variables representing topography and focal site characteristics (distance from nest, perch sites, etc.). This enabled a data-driven approach to modelling spatial risk beyond traditional buffer methods. Regarding the delineation of high and medium sensitivity zones: the original high-risk zone (~80 km²) closely mirrors the area of a 5 km circular buffer recommended by BirdLife South Africa and EWT. However, based on the tracking and observation data showing that ~75% of recorded activity occurred within 3 km of the nest, a more precautionary Very High Risk zone (~31 km²) was delineated, within which no wind turbines will be permitted. The Medium Risk zone (~148 km²) now incorporates a more stringent mitigation regime than conventional practice, including both automated Shutdown-on-Demand (SDOD) and dynamic diurnal curtailment during periods of expected eagle activity. Importantly, the risk classification framework was not adjusted to reduce turbine constraints, but rather to reflect biologically informed risk thresholds derived from empirical data. The risk model thresholds themselves remained unchanged; what changed was the delineation of more conservative spatial zones to better reflect the observed space use and mitigate risk more effectively. While we acknowledge the limitations inherent in working with a small sample size — which is a known challenge for this species — the modelling approach integrates multiple lines of evidence and has prioritized precaution in delineating turbine exclusion zones and mitigation areas. The intent

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					is to implement a risk-responsive mitigation hierarchy that reduces potential collisions. Refer to Section 5.8.7.1 of the updated Avifaunal Specialist Report for additional information on Martial Eagle tracking data considered in this study. It is further acknowledged that the basis for the 5–6 km buffer recommended by BirdLife South Africa and EWT and supports the precautionary intent behind it. However, it is noted that the species in question is known to range well beyond this distance, often exceeding 100 km from the nest, which means that a static radial buffer is not going to prevent collisions. The approach adopted for this project is grounded in site-specific data collection, including detailed behavioural observations and habitat-use assessments, which provide a more accurate understanding of how the species interacts with the landscape. This data not only informs a more meaningful buffer around known nest sites, but also feeds directly into a curtailment model and other active mitigation measures designed to reduce collision risk and ensure that wind turbines within the broader landscape are managed in a way that prioritises the protection of the species.
12				A shaped turbine exclusion zone was delineated in the avifaunal reports, based on modelled flight activity for Southern Bald Ibis. Again, we request clarity on how the thresholds for the sensitivity zones (i.e. between high, medium, and low/no sensitivity) were defined.	Noted. The delineation of the turbine exclusion (sensitivity) zones for Southern Bald Ibis (SBI) was based on a continuous flight risk surface derived from flight data and spatial modeling of flight behavior around known roost and colony sites. To define the risk categories (High and Medium), we applied an empirical thresholding approach informed by observed flight density patterns. Specifically, the High Risk zone was delineated to encompass the core 70% of modeled flight activity, with a target of including at least 70% of

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					all recorded SBI flight points surrounding known roosts and colonies. The final High-Risk Zone achieved coverage of approximately 75% of all observed flights, slightly exceeding the target to ensure conservative spatial buffering around high-use areas. The Medium Risk zone was extended outward to capture a broader range of movements, aiming to encompass over 80% of recorded SBI flights. The final modelled zone covered approximately 79% of all flight data, offering a precautionary yet data-driven buffer beyond the core area. This tiered thresholding strategy attempted to reflect biologically meaningful space use given available recorded data. These zones were not arbitrarily defined, but rather derived directly from spatial correspondence between observed flight patterns and modelled risk predictions.
13.				Cape Vulture (Endangered): We are concerned that the impact assessments underestimates the risk of Cape Vulture fatalities. Our recent review of operational monitoring reports (BirdLife South Africa 2025) shows that vulture collisions occurred even at sites where the species was rarely or never recorded during monitoring surveys. We are therefore of the opinion that the recorded observation of one vulture a week is sufficient to warrant the implementation of shutdown-on-demand (SDoD) for all proposed turbines.	Specialist: Noted. The implementation of SDoD can be an effective mitigation measure to prevent the risk of Cape Vulture fatalities. SDoD will be fully implemented on all authorized WTGs throughout the lifespan of the proposed WEF. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include the following compulsory mitigation measures as recommended for inclusion in the EMPr: All wind turbine generators (WTGs) – located in both 'high risk zones' and 'medium risk zones' - must be subjected to SDoD, which must include Automated SDoD (camera and radar) to accommodate misty conditions and night flying species, as well as proactive curtailment based on environmental and weather conditions. SDoD and radar technology must be in operation at the onset of commercial operation date (COD).

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					SDoD success must be monitored throughout the lifetime of the facility, where monitoring data during operation will continuously inform the SDoD needs for each turbine. The requirement of a comprehensive diurnal and nocturnal Shut Down on Demand (SDoD) programme must be included in the EMPr, post–EA (should such EA be granted) during the detailed design phase prior to construction. Specific details of the SDoD programme will be included in a comprehensive Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) which will be developed and implemented prior to the commercial operational date of the facility.
14.				Yellow-breasted Pipit (Vulnerable): Turbines and roads have been proposed within Yellow-breasted Pipit habitat, contrary to the avifaunal specialist's recommendations. We do not support this.	Noted. All WTGs were removed from Yellow-breasted Pipit habitat with the exception of WTG 23 that still appears to be fringing on a high-risk area as identified for the Yellow-breasted Pipit. It is recommended that this turbine position be reconsidered following the avifaunal walkthrough, post-EA (should such EA be granted) prior to construction. Also, according to the revised WEF layout, a few proposed access roads still transect Yellow-breasted Pipit habitat where these roads follow existing gravel roads occurring on site. Where impacts are expected, existing disturbed tracks already used by landowners have been prioritised for access routing, in line with specialist guidance to utilise the most impacted areas and minimise new disturbance. The routings have been carefully selected based on site verification and input from the avifaunal and terrestrial specialist team. Furthermore, residual impacts on Yellow-breasted Pipit habitat are addressed through the BOR, which outlines

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					targeted conservation measures to support species persistence at a landscape scale.
15.				We also suggest that there should be greater commitment to avoid and conserve the remaining habitat of this species.	Noted. All WTGs were removed from Yellow-breasted Pipit habitat with the exception of WTG 23 that still appears to be fringing on a high-risk area as identified for the Yellow-breasted Pipit. It is recommended that this turbine position be reconsidered following the avifaunal walkthrough, post-EA (should such EA be granted) prior to construction. To promote conservation of the remaining, Yellow-breasted Pipit habitat, alien clearing and rehabilitation of natural grasslands will benefit all grassland bird species within the development footprint as well as in the larger area. An extensive conservation stewardship and habitat restoration and management programme is being developed that will form part of the operational management of the WEF. The implementation of extensive and stringent mitigation measures will ensure that avifaunal species potentially attracted to these habitats receive adequate protection.
16.				Other Species at Risk: The ecological importance of intact grassland patches for birds (e.g. Endangered Secretary bird) is not sufficiently acknowledged in the assessment.	Noted. The current conservation status of Secretary birds is locally Vulnerable. The grassland habitat in the area is of importance for numerous of the priority species and species of conservation concern that occur in the area. The site ecological importance in terms of grassland has been rated as medium. Grassland areas of importance have been avoided from both an avifaunal as well as a terrestrial biodiversity perspective.
17.				At least 32 priority bird species were recorded in the project area of influence, and more within the powerline corridor. However, sensitivity maps were only produced for a few	Noted. The sensitivity of the site is duly recognised. Several species do share specific sensitive habitat types e.g. grasslands and wetlands and will indeed benefit from avoidance

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				of these species. It appears that the assumption is that the overlap in mitigation/avoidance zones for the handful of key species will cover the others. However, this is not made explicit and may give the false impression that only the mapped species are at risk.	areas delineated for specific species. Although sensitivity maps were only generated for specific species it must be noted that all species of conservation concern and priority species will be SDoD trigger species. Low detection probability species and nocturnal or smaller species will be offered protection through selective proactive curtailment and other innovative mitigation strategies.
18.				Similarly, collision risk modelling was only conducted for a few species, likely due to limited data (see above regarding concerns about data limitations).	Noted. Our Collision Risk Modelling (CRM) approach follows the Bayesian framework developed by New et al. (2015), which explicitly incorporates uncertainty by using prior distributions informed by the best available biological and empirical data, and updates these with site-specific pre-construction survey data. This model structure is transparent and repeatable and has been successfully implemented in both international and local contexts. Initially, CRM outputs were generated for five high-priority species: Martial Eagle, Southern Bald Ibis, Cape Vulture, Yellow-breasted Pipit, and Species 23. However, we have expanded the CRM analysis to include all wind priority bird species. Where robust species-specific data were available (e.g., bird exposure rates, collision probabilities), these were used directly to inform the prior distributions of the model. For species with limited or no local/regional empirical data, ecologically relevant surrogate species were used. Surrogates were selected based on comparable morphology, flight behavior, habitat use, and foraging strategy, in line with best practice guidelines. This ensures that all priority species are accounted for in the CRM,

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					even in data-poor scenarios, while maintaining biological realism and precaution. The core principle of our CRM is to assess predicted fatalities based on three key parameters: (1) bird exposure (flight minutes within turbine space), (2) collision probability (chance of being struck while within the rotor-swept zone), and (3) the hazardous footprint (spatial-temporal turbine risk volume). The Bayesian structure allows for continuous improvement of predictions as additional monitoring data become available, enabling updates to fatality estimates and mitigation strategies within an adaptive management framework.
19.				Avoidance and Layout Alternatives: Although avifaunal and faunal specialists made explicit recommendations for avoiding sensitive areas, these do not appear to have influenced the "preferred" development layouts. These recommendations are reflected in the EIA reports and EMPrs and they seem to influence the "post mitigation" significance ratings presented in the reports. This creates ambiguous and potentially misleading assessments – it is unclear what exactly is being proposed and what has been assessed.	The layout refinement process followed an iterative, multi-disciplinary approach in which inputs from all specialists particularly faunal and avifaunal were considered alongside technical, landowner, engineering, and constructability constraints. While not all avoidance recommendations could be implemented in full due to competing land use considerations (e.g., landowner consent, wind resource availability, constructability, and exclusion zones), numerous turbine positions were amended or removed throughout the EIA process to improve alignment with environmental sensitivities. The preferred layout represents a compromise that reflects the best balance achievable between environmental constraints and project feasibility. The selection of the preferred layout was made by the applicant, based on a combination of ERM's environmental findings, specialist inputs (including sensitivity maps and avoidance recommendations), and technical requirements.
20.				It is also unclear on what basis the "preferred" layouts were been selected. Is it the applicant's opinion, or ERM's?	

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					The significance ratings presented in the EIA reflect the post-mitigation residual impacts based on this final layout and assume full implementation of the mitigation hierarchy—including avoidance where possible, minimisation, and operational-phase mitigation (e.g., Shut Down on Demand, monitoring, and adaptive management). To clarify these aspects, the final layout and rationale were further elaborated in the revised DEIA Report, and the EMPr has been updated to ensure consistency between recommended mitigation and actual layout implementation.
21.				Table 5-1 of the EIR contains misleading claims with regards to the site and overlap with sensitive areas. For example, it states: "There are no specific features of very high biodiversity value within the affected polygons and highly sensitive areas have been avoided for development. In addition, the site does not appear to fall on any significant gradients or corridors that are likely to be of high importance for biodiversity processes such as migration and faunal movement". This contradicts the avifaunal assessment.	Noted. To address this concern, the revised DEIA Report has been updated to more accurately reflect the findings of the avifaunal assessment and to avoid generalizations that could be perceived as misleading. The revised narrative now acknowledges the presence of sensitive features within the broader site and clarifies that avoidance was applied to the extent practicable, with further mitigation proposed through the EMPr and operational-phase measures such as monitoring and adaptive management.
22.				We strongly recommend that layout alternatives (e.g. the applicant's preferred alternative and one that implements the biodiversity specialists' recommendations for avoidance) are more transparently assessed.	Recommendation noted. The revised DEIA Report was updated to more clearly compare the preferred layout with alternatives that incorporate biodiversity specialists' avoidance measures, ensuring greater transparency in the assessment of options.
23.				If turbine relocations are not implemented in a layout, this should not influence the assessment of impact significance.	Noted. The revised DEIAr reflects that impact significance ratings reflect the actual assessed layout. Where turbine relocations were not adopted, the associated impacts were rated

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					accordingly to maintain assessment integrity and transparency.
24.				SDoD is recommended for medium sensitivity areas, yet the (applicants') "preferred" alternative includes turbines within high sensitivity zones. If such turbines are approved (which we do not support), SDoD should be extended to those areas as well.	Noted. Diurnal and nocturnal SDoD will be fully implemented on all authorized WTGs throughout the lifespan of the proposed WEF. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include the following compulsory mitigation measures as recommended for inclusion in the EMPr: All wind turbine generators (WTGs) – located in both 'high risk zones' and 'medium risk zones' - must be subjected to SDoD, which must include Automated SDoD (camera and radar) to accommodate misty conditions and night flying species, as well as proactive curtailment based on environmental and weather conditions. SDoD and radar technology must be in operation at the onset of commercial operation date (COD). SDoD success must be monitored throughout the lifetime of the facility, where monitoring data during operation will continuously inform the SDoD needs for each turbine. The Shut Down on Demand (SDoD) programme must be developed and included in the EMPr, post–EA (should such EA be granted) during the detailed design phase prior to construction. Specific details of the SDoD programme will be included in a comprehensive Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) which will be developed and implemented prior to the commercial operational date of the facility. In addition, note that the SDoD implementation will entail systems capable of curtailing turbines during daylight hours based on species level identification. Also, all turbines will be subjected to several tiers of mitigation that include seasonal night time proactive curtailment for Species 23

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					(from dusk to dawn), daylight proactive curtailment at high-risk periods for specific turbines in relation to known high risk periods for Martial Eagle flight activity, and night time radar SDoD for nocturnal species such as flamingos. Blade patterning will also be fully implemented on all WTGs.
25.				Several species recorded on site were not mapped for sensitivity but are likely to be at risk of collisions (e.g. Secretarybird and Cape Vulture). SDoD should therefore be applied to all turbines.	Noted. SDoD will be fully implemented on all authorized WTGs throughout the lifespan of the proposed WEF. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include the following compulsory mitigation measures as recommended for inclusion in the EMPr: All wind turbine generators (WTGs) – located in both 'high risk zones' and 'medium risk zones' - must be subjected to SDoD, which must include Automated SDoD (camera and radar) to accommodate misty conditions and night flying species, as well as proactive curtailment based on environmental and weather conditions. SDoD and radar technology must be in operation at the onset of commercial operation date (COD). SDoD success must be monitored throughout the lifetime of the facility, where monitoring data during operation will continuously inform the SDoD needs for each turbine. 4The Shut Down on Demand (SDoD) programme must be developed and included in the EMPr, post-EA (should such EA be granted) during the detailed design phase prior to construction. Specific details of the SDoD programme will be included in a comprehensive Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) which will be developed and implemented prior to the commercial operational date of the facility.

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					Note that blade patterning will be applied to all authorised WTGs and diurnal proactive curtailment for Martial Eagles will also be fully implemented within high-risk zones.
26.				The EIA and EMPrs suggest either observer-led or automated (radar or camera) SDoD should be implemented - implying that just one of these approaches will be adequate. However, a combination of approaches, tailored to the behaviour of all priority species at risk may be required. For example, radar would benefit large night-flying species (e.g., flamingos, owls) and those that fly in misty conditions, while camera-assisted SDOD is more suited for large soaring birds (e.g., eagles) that move during the day. Observer-led SDOD would benefit species that spend time on the ground (e.g., Secretarybird and Southern Bald Ibis), that, when they do fly, may not be detected by technology in time to shut turbines down.	Noted. Compulsory diurnal and nocturnal SDoD, both observer-led and/or automated (radar and/or camera) will be fully implemented on all authorised WTGs throughout the lifespan of the proposed WEF.
27.				In light of the above, we suggest that more detail is needed with regards to required approach to SDOD, including the spatial and temporal coverage, trigger species, and operational protocols for implementation.	Noted. Automated SDoD will be implemented on all turbines at both WEF facilities. The SDoD implementation will entail systems capable of curtailing turbines during daylight hours based on species level identification. Also, all turbines will be subjected to several tiers of mitigation that include seasonal night time proactive curtailment for Species 23, daylight proactive curtailment for Martial Eagles at high-risk periods for specific turbines, and night time radar SDoD for nocturnal species such as flamingos.
28.				With regards to reducing collision risk for Species 23 (which is too small to benefit from SDoD), the proposal to curtail operations at night based on habitat suitability monitoring does not offer adequate protection.	Noted. Rallids (and Species 23) are predominantly confined to wetland habitats with dense cover during daylight hours, reinforcing our confidence that the 350m wetland buffer will provide effective protection for these birds. When flushed,

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					their daytime flights are brief—covering only a few meters—and remain low to the ground, never exceeding a few meters in height. During night time, when longer distance flight activity becomes a possibility, a comprehensive proactive turbine curtailment strategy will be implemented for the entire duration of the summer season. Every turbine within the mitigation zone will be shut down during the night while the birds are present, significantly reducing (if not entirely eliminating) the likelihood of collisions and ensuring their safety. We believe that curtailing the turbines at night, as per the rigorous mitigation strategy proposed, will provide Species 23 with adequate protection against collision risk. Furthermore, it is commonly known that rallids and other waterbirds such as Species 23 that are known to migrate (local, seasonal, or palearctic) do so primarily at night to conserve energy, avoid predators and to use the stars for navigation. Given our knowledge and understanding of Species 23's ecology, it is strongly believed that this species would exhibit similar behaviour and hence the proposed mitigation strategy would provide adequate protection.
29.				Movements likely occur between wetlands as conditions change—often faster than the proposed 7–14-day monitoring interval, and while it is commonly assumed that the species only moves at night, there is no data to verify this assumption yet.	Note that the satellite imagery is updated weekly, therefore the frequency of checking these datasets cannot be increased; however, the proposed mitigation strategy prescribes the onsite implementing of hydrometric equipment that would measure the ambient conditions (such as soil moisture, temperature, etc.) on an hourly basis. Therefore, changes in the local weather parameters will be detected much more frequently than at a 7-14 day interval. Wetland monitoring at the onset of spring / summer will be conducted more frequently, and

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					regional rainfall patterns will also be monitored in order to determine when conditions become or are likely to become suitable for the species. At such time, the facilities will be required to curtail all turbines located within the identified medium risk Species 23 habitat connectivity corridors at night i.e., from dawn to dusk. The following turbines at each facility are affected: Emvelo WEF: WTGs 5, 13, 15, 19, 20, 23, 25 Sheepmoor WEF: WTGs 26, 27, 28, 29, 44, 45 Refer to Table 11 in section 6.3.2 as well as Appendix 7 (EMPr inputs) of the updated Avifaunal Specialist Reports.
30.				We are further concerned that much simpler operational phase mitigation measures have failed at wind farms elsewhere in South Africa. The complexities and expertise required for this "smart" curtailment presents a risk of poor implementation and an inability of officials to ensure and, if necessary, enforce compliance.	Noted. The Developer themselves will construct and operate the proposed two WEFs and is therefore committed to implementing the specialist's recommended mitigation measures and management actions as underpinned by the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation (EA) (should such EA be granted), and as such the proposed mitigation strategy is therefore enforceable. furthermore, the concerns around the effectiveness of operational-phase mitigation at other wind farms, and agrees that smart curtailment requires both technical expertise and strong implementation oversight are acknowledged. However, this project is being developed under a more current regulatory and ecological understanding, and with a fundamentally different level of commitment. The applicant is committed to setting a new standard, smart curtailment and other mitigation measures will not only be incorporated into the EMPr, but also embedded in contractor obligations, financing agreements, and Financial Close (FC) conditions. Furthermore, a robust reporting framework has been included to ensure transparency and allow

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					authorities and stakeholders to monitor compliance in real time.
31.				Given our limited understanding of this species' movement patterns and risk of collisions we do not support turbines in any medium sensitivity areas identified for this species. Alternatively, we suggest that a risk averse, precautionary approach would be full seasonal curtailment of turbines in medium risk areas during summer.	Noted. All turbines avoid very high and high sensitivity areas identified for Species 23. For WTGs 5, 13, 15, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 44 and 45 that are located within medium sensitivity areas i.e., habitat connectivity corridors identified for Species 23 will be subjected to a rigorous nocturnal proactive curtailment strategy during summer (i.e., from dusk to dawn) to reduce and mitigate any potential risk those turbine positions could possibly pose on Species 23.
32.				The EIAs and EMPr mention adaptive management strategies should be implemented if fatality thresholds are exceeded. However, no such thresholds are defined.	Noted. The avifaunal specialist report has been updated to include Potential Biological Removal (PBR) and Collision Risk Model (CRM) results calculated for all priority species recorded on site. CRM values that take the effectiveness of avoidance and mitigation measures into account have been used to calculate the PBR as a percentage value for each priority species. This value is then considered to serve as the annual fatality threshold value per species as it relates to turbine collisions per site. If these annual fatality thresholds are potentially exceeded during operations the prescribed mitigation strategy will be improved and refined. Refer to Section 5.8.8 of the updated Avifaunal Specialist Report.
33.				In the absence of robust figures, we recommend a zero-fatality target for threatened and demographically sensitive species. Exceeding this should trigger further mitigation if available data suggests that further fatalities of the affected species are likely over the lifespan of the facility.	
34.				We are exceptionally concerned that there are currently no proven, additional mitigation options beyond curtailment, or stopping turbines entirely. This would have significant cost implications for the operator. This open-	Noted. If the calculated annual fatality thresholds for these WEFs are potentially exceeded during operations, the prescribed mitigation strategy will be improved and refined. For example, the automated SDoD species level identification

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				ended recommendation introduces a significant degree of risk and uncertainty for the applicant, as well as biodiversity. There should be clear parameters defined and budget set aside accordingly.	algorithm might need to be improved or retrained for the specific species or more camera systems with better viewsheds might be required.
35.				While we support recommendations for proactive conservation contained in the EIA (e.g., stewardship, alien clearing and offsets), we are concerned about feasibility of this if the applicant is not the landowner. We suggest that these recommendations and landowner agreements should carefully considered to ensure recommendations and commitments in this regard are implementable.	Noted. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include more species-specific detail regarding both monitoring to assess impacts and the implementation of stringent Post Construction Fatality Monitoring at the facility. The applicant has secured the necessary landowner consents.
36.				As a condition of approval (should this be granted), the applicant must secure landowner agreements for all required mitigation and monitoring (e.g., carcass searches, SDoD) before construction begins.	This comment is noted and DFFE should consider to include as condition for approval if practical, feasible and appropriate.
37.				Given the site's sensitivity and risk to birds species of conservation concern, monitoring requirements should be more detailed and species-specific. For example: a. Carcass surveys should be tailored to detect fatalities for Species 23 and other small species (e.g., Yellow-breasted Pipit) in addition to large birds, b. Surveys should be designed to detect displacement, disturbance, and habitat alteration for priority species. c. Carcass surveys must continue for the facility's lifespan to evaluate SDoD and curtailment effectiveness.	Acknowledged. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include more species-specific detail regarding both monitoring to assess impacts and the implementation of stringent Post Construction Fatality Monitoring at the facility.

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38.				As discussed above, the construction phase EMPr is not aligned with the preferred layout (i.e. it recommends avoidance of areas where roads, turbines and cables have been proposed). Clarification is needed on how this will be resolved.	This discrepancy is acknowledged. The EMPr has been updated to align with the final preferred layout and associated mitigation hierarchy.
39.				The operational EMPr should be revised to include specific, time-bound, and measurable impact management outcomes, clearly defined triggers for additional action and response timeframes.	The EMPr has been updated to incorporate clear and enforceable timeframes for the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of all mitigation and management measures. Each mitigation measure is now linked to specific deadlines and reporting intervals to ensure accountability and effective tracking of progress. These revisions are detailed in the EMPr implementation schedule which also clearly outlines the responsibilities of the Environmental Control Officer (ECO), relevant specialists, and the project proponent.
40.				Fatality thresholds must be clearly defined to avoid ambiguity.	Noted. The Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated to include Potential Biological Removal (PBR) and Collision Risk Model (CRM) results calculated for all priority species recorded on site. CRM values that take the effectiveness of avoidance and mitigation measures into account have been used to calculate the PBR as a percentage value for each priority species. This value is then considered to serve as the annual fatality threshold value per species as it relates to turbine collisions per site. If these annual fatality thresholds are potentially exceeded during operations the prescribed mitigation strategy will be improved and refined. Refer to Section 5.8.8 of the updated Avifaunal Specialist Report.

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41.				We suggest that the operational EMPr, specifically the mitigation actions included in the avifaunal management plan should be reviewed at least every five years. Stakeholders should be provided an opportunity to provide input into any changes.	Noted. Appendix 7 and 8 of the Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated accordingly to include this recommendation as a condition in the EMPr.
42.				Operational phase EMPr compliance, including avifaunal management plan, should be audited annually.	Noted. Appendix 7 and 8 of the Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated accordingly to include this recommendation as a condition in the EMPr.
43.				All avifaunal monitoring and audit reports should be made publicly available and shared with BirdLife South Africa.	Noted. Appendix 7 and 8 of the Avifaunal Specialist Report has been updated accordingly to include this recommendation as a condition in the EMPr.
44.				We are concerned that the proposed conditions of authorization relating to impacts on bird are weak, particularly with regard to monitoring and mitigating operational phase impacts. While the EMPrs play an important role, many requirements can be lost in the detail of these vast documents. Critical recommendations should be highlighted in the EA, and detailed in the EMPr.	Noted. Section 8.3 of the Avifaunal Specialist Reports have been updated to include specific conditions relating to the implementation of recommended and required mitigation measures and management actions as it relates to potential Avifaunal impacts.
45.				Conclusion and Next Steps BirdLife South Africa does not support the proposed developments in their current formant. We have significant concerns about that suitability of the area of wind farm development, and suggest that the impact assessment, layout and mitigation strategies need to be substantially strengthened and updated before the development could be considered for approval (if at all). Due to time constraints, BirdLife South Africa has not reviewed the EIA report in as much detail as we	Noted. The revised DEIA Report has been revised to strengthen the impact assessment, refine the layout in line with specialist recommendations, and enhance the mitigation hierarchy, particularly for biodiversity and avifauna. The recommendations of BirdLife South Africa were reviewed and considered in this process. While independent peer review is not a statutory requirement under the EIA Regulations, the assessments were subject to rigorous internal review and multiple specialist inputs. All legally required processes have been followed. BirdLife

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				would prefer. We may have missed some issues and reserve the right to raise further concerns and questions. We also recommend that the EIAs be subjected to an independent peer review as part of the revision process.	South Africa's right to raise further issues is acknowledged, and any additional submissions will be considered if received within the applicable regulatory timeframes.

TABLE 7-5 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE FOR IAPS ON DRAFT EIA PHASE (10 APRIL 2025)

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				General Comments	
1	Josua Meyer	07 April 2025	Draft EIA phase	From: Josua Meyer [redacted] Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:30 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: Re: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms EXTERNAL MESSAGE	Good day Josua and Matodzi, Please may you clarify what you mean by "Sheepmoor WEF 2". The only projects proposed are the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility and the Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility. The previously proposed Rochdale Wind Energy Facility application has been withdrawn. Nor is a Sheepmoor WEF 3 proposed. The refinement and micro siting of wind turbines and

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				Hi Sir, With all due respect Sir, you did not answer my questions. - does Sheepmoor WEF 2 fall away as confirmed in writing by Mulilo? - what is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 3 with Sheepmoor WEF 2 also not part of project as confirm in writing by Mulilo (previous email should read WEF 3 and not WEF 1) Regarding comment on liniere infra structure, by implication you said that private landowners got no right on their own property and that this current layout drawings is not the paper worth that it is written on? Does your comment on liniere infra structure also refer to the transmission line that crosses my private property that no permission is required to do so? Facts about meeting on 4/02/25 at Mr Jan Robberts house - Mulilo did not invite me as IAP. I was present on Mr Jan Robberts request because he did not trust the integraty of Mulilo's representatives and needed me as witness. - Meeting requested with Mr Johans van Wyk of Mulilo and specialist on 19/02/25 was denied the same day. No use in meeting after comments deadline.	associated infrastructure, for each facility, will not impact the process of the associated applications. As discussed, in order to apply for environmental authorisation for linear infrastructure, the current EIA regulations do not require the applicant to obtain Landowner consent. That being said, the applicant will consider landowner willingness to be a part of the project when compiling the final layout. Overhead line infrastructure is regarded as Linear Infrastructure. The applicant is not aware of the meeting request you reference. Please be sure to direct requests for engagements, in relation to this application, from the EAP, or keep the EAP in CC. The applications are still within the Public Participation Phase and the applicant has informed the EAP that they are available for a meeting at the I&APs earliest convenience. If you are unfortunately not available during the Public Participation phase, the applicant will endeavour to accommodate your availability and include your comments in the Public Participation record.

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2	Restrov Boerdery (NWJ Vorster Trust)	04 April 2025	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Retsrov Boerdery [redacted] Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 10:30 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: 0684401 Mulilo WEF-cluster Goodday, NWJ Vorster Trust (NWJ Vorster & AE Vorster) do hereby wish to register as I&AP. Any documentation can be delivered to this email address. Adelma Vorster – Director at Retsrov Boerdery - Pikkie Vorster [redacted]	Good day, Thank you for your email. We hereby acknowledge receipt of your request to register NWJ Vorster Trust (NWJ Vorster & AE Vorster) as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) for the project. Kindly note that your contact details will be added to the I&AP database. Please find attached the formal notice, which includes a link to download all relevant project documentation for your review and records.
3	Mpilo Masondo	04 April 2025	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Mpilo Masondo [redacted] Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 5:32 PM To: Mpho Malema [redacted] Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities Good day Mpho,	Hi Mpilo, I hope you are well. Kindly receive the attached kmz files as per your request. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information or clarity.

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				Please could you send the kmz shapefile(s) of the proposed projects so that we can see whether they affect any of our current or future projects. Regards, Mpilo	
4	Bathandwa Ncube	03 April 2025	Draft Scoping Phase	**From:** Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] **Sent:** Thursday, April 3, 2025 11:12 AM **To:** Stephen Burton [redacted] GCowden [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Masina Morudu [redacted] Portia Makitla [redacted] Mashudu Mudau [redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted] R Luyt [redacted] Albert Froneman <Albert@afriavian.com>; reth@mulilo.com; joth@mulilo.com; oqfakude@mpg.gov.za **Subject:** RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613:	Good day Bathandwa, Many thanks for attached attendance register. Best Regards,

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				Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Goodmorning Thank you for attending the site visit yesterday. Please find attached, attendance register. Kind regards **Ms Bathandwa Ncube**	
5	Khululwa Matshoba	04 April 2025	Draft EIA phase	From: Khululwa Matshoba [redacted] Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 5:07 PM To: Mpho Malema [redacted] Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities Dear Mpho Please share the kmz files so that we may check if our files are impacted. Thank you. Warm regards Khush	Dear Khululwa Matshoba, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly receive the attached kmz files as per your request. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information or clarity. Kind regards

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6	Eleanor Richardson	31 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	**From:** Eleanor Richardson [redacted] **Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 3:22 PM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] **Subject:** Complete bat specialist reports needed Good afternoon ERM, Please could I have the complete bat specialist reports for both proposed Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEFs (Amsterdam cluster)? The reports on the website https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/ are missing all the figures and appendices. Many thanks, Kate Richardson	Good morning, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly receive the attached as requested. Please let me know if you need any further information or clarification. Kind regards Attachments in PDF: 1. Appendix 1 Figures 2. Appendix 1 Figures_ 3. Appendix 2 Specialist CV 4. Appendix 3 eia.specialistdeclaration2023aug(003)_Emvelo 5. Appendix 3 eia.specialistdeclaration2023aug(003)_sheepmoor 6. Appendix 4 Aronson_ SACNASP 7. Appendix 2 Specialist CV
7	Matodzi Albert Silidi	31 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	**From:** Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted] **Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2025 11:15 AM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted]	Dear Matodzi, I hope this email finds you well. As per our telephone conversation, please note that your request for the documents has been duly noted. As mentioned, the EAP is currently on-site and will

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				Mpho Malema [redacted] **Cc:** Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com>; Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Reception – Richard Summers Inc. [redacted] Richard Summers [redacted] Clarice Arendse [redacted] **Subject:** Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province **EXTERNAL MESSAGE** Dear Mpho Please refer to my email of 28 March 2025 We have specifically requested the Bat specialist report with the Appendices referred to in the report, and these are Appendix 1: Figures Appendix 2: Specialist V Appendix 3: Specialist Declaration Appendix 4: SACNASP Certificate	provide the documents as soon as they return to the office. Apologies for the delay, and thank you for your patience. From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:36 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted] Cc: Stephen Burton [redacted] Mpho Malema [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Good day, Please see attached documents as requested. Kind regards Attachment: Bat Specialits Appendices.zip

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8	Josua Meyer	29 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	**From:** Josua Meyer [redacted] **Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2025 11:44 AM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] **Subject:** Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms - URGENT - Email of 11/3/2025 refers Still waiting for the data recovered from the two tagged MARTIAL EAGLES This delay to provide required data by ERM will affect the submission date for comments on the above project. We need at least 15 working days to verify and analyze the data before we can submit our comments. We appreciate your urgent attention	Dear Mr Meyer, RE: Please see below formal communications from Mulilo pertaining the Amsterdam Wind Energy Project. Thank you for your inquiry and for your evident dedication to the conservation and understanding of Martial Eagles. We appreciate your interest in this species and acknowledge the depth of care you have expressed in your request. As this is a protected species, the tracking data related to Martial Eagle flights, nesting locations, and movements is sensitive information that must be managed responsibly. Mulilo Renewable Project Developments, in partnership with the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) is the custodian of the Data, and access to it is subject to strict regulatory and ethical considerations. We also note that your request to use this data in assessing the proposed buffer distances would not provide your specialist with the necessary insights. The buffer proposed by the project's avifaunal specialist in the draft environmental Impact Assessment was not solely based on tracking data, but included a combination of the following information/data/insights: • Proprietary commercial Data from our met mast; • Findings, data and in-depth site experiences gained by the specialist from the long-term bird monitoring program conducted before tracking began, following South African bird monitoring guidelines; and • An additional focal point survey of the nest itself, over a number of months including substantial observed and documented flight paths; and

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					Detailed site specific vegetation and habitat mapping and modelling. Given this, the specific tracking data you have requested would not contribute meaningfully to further understanding or reassessment of the proposed buffer zones. A second specialist, without the above mentioned information and experience, is unlikely to arrive at a similar or meaningful conclusion of the recommended buffer size and shape. Furthermore, it must be noted that the project specialist, as required by the NEMA EIA regulations, is independent of the applicant, is SACNASP registered, and has complied with all guideline requirements to obtain an informed buffer and set of recommendations for the project. Additionally, under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA), this tracking program is classified as bioprospecting. Accessing or conducting research on such data requires a permit, which neither you nor your specialist have provided. Without the necessary permit, we are unable to share this information.
9	Matodzi Albert Silidi	28 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	From: Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted] Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:28 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Cc: Stephen Burton [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted]	EAP accepted phone call from Matodzi, providing requested documents on Monday the 31st March 2025. Dear Matodzi, I hope this email finds you well. As per our telephone conversation, please find attached the appendices related to the bat specialist reports that were previously sent.

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				Reception – Richard Summers Inc. [redacted] Richard Summers [redacted] Clarice Arendse [redacted]; Mpho Malema [redacted] Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Hi Lucien/ Stephanie Thank you for providing the copies of the comments. Could you kindly send us the complete Bat Specialist Report, including the figures, as the version in your package excluded them Kind regards,	Please let me know if you need any further information. Kind regards From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:36 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted] Cc: Stephen Burton [redacted] Mpho Malema [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Good day, Please see attached documents as requested. Kind regards Attachment: Bat Specialits Appendices.zip
10	Bathandwa Ncube	28 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	**From:** Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] **Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 12:42 PM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted]	This comment has been duly noted.

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				Stephen Burton [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted] **Cc:** [redacted]; Mashudu Mudau [redacted] Masina Morudu [redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted] Portia Makitla [redacted] Thivhulawi Nethononda [redacted] mervyn.lotter@gmail.com; GCowden [redacted]; R Luyt [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted] **Subject:** RE: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Goodday Stephen Thank you for the itinerary. We will see how the day goes, but as stated by Robyn, we may have to end the site visit earlier, as we also have to travel back to Pretoria. Kind regards Bathandwa	

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11	Matodzi Albert Silidi	28 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	From: Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted] Sent: Friday, 28 March 2025 09:28 To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Cc: Stephen Burton [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Reception – Richard Summers Inc. [redacted] Richard Summers <[redacted] Clarice Arendse [redacted]; Mpho Malema [redacted] Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Hi Lucien/ Stephanie Thank you for providing the copies of the comments. Could you kindly send us the complete Bat Specialist Report, including the figures, as the version in your package excluded them Kind regards,	Good day, Please see attached documents as requested. Kind regards Attachments to email as PDF: 1. Appendix 1 Figures_ 2. Appendix 1 Figures

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12	Robyn Luyt	27 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	**From:** Robyn Luyt [redacted] **Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 2:56 PM **To:** [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted]; Gavin Cowden [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted]; Lloyd Barnes [redacted] **Cc:** [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] **Subject:** Re: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611;	Noted. Itinerary was adjusted accordingly.

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				2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Dear Stephen, Gavin and I will be traveling together from Nelspruit. The trip to Ermelo for us will be just under 3hrs. Because of poor night vision I'm averse to driving in the dark, but will try to get to Holbank by 08h30. I'm more concerned about our trip back to Nst. I have a Subaru Crosstrek (all wheel drive but not the clearance of an SUV / bakkie); I would not want to leave Ermelo after 14h00, so it may be best for us to leave to get back to Nelspruit from Holbank at the proposed 12h00 slot. Kind Regards Robyn	
13	Gavin Cowden	27 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	**From:** Gavin Cowden [redacted] **Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:21 AM **To:** [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Stephen Burton	Dear All, For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site. Please could we ask that you try to make the site visit start time or let us know if you are running late for some reason.

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				[redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted]; Lloyd Barnes [redacted] **Cc:** [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Robyn Luyt [redacted] **Subject:** Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP **EXTERNAL MESSAGE** Morning Stephen, Re the site visit next week - please advise where we are meeting and what time ? Also - I am not sure of the conditions of the roads in that area after the rains but is it maybe possible to get a	@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup? Please let us know if you have any queries.

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				lift to site (from Ermelo ?) with someone that has a 4x4 ? Many thanks Kind regards Gavin	
14	Bathandwa Ncube	25 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 9:24 AM To: Stephen Burton [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Masina Morudu [redacted]; Mashudu Mudau [redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted]; Portia Makitla [redacted] Thivhulawi Nethononda [redacted]; SB. Mbuyane [redacted]; R Luyt [redacted] GCowden [redacted]; Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted]; Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613:	This comment has been duly noted.

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				Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Goodday Stephen Thank you for your response. 1. The withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) was received and EIA admin will confirm with you in due time. 2. Communication from MTPA regarding their unavailability for the site visit is noted. 3. The site visit is confirmed, and we have finalised our bookings. We will arrive in Ermelo on Tuesday, 01 April 2025, for the site visit on the 02 April 2025. Please note my cellphone number below. Kind regards	
15	BC Admin DFFE	25 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	From: BC Admin [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 3:21 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Portia Makitla [redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted]; Lindiwe	Good day, Please see attached Shapefiles as requested. Kind regards

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				Victoria Dlamini [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Dear Sir/Madam DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 10 March 2025 to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers. Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota	
16	Josua Meyer	25 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	**From:** Josua Meyer [redacted] **Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:26 PM	Good day Mr Josua Meyer,

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				To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] **Subject:** Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms It came to my attention that Mr Jan Robberts and Mr Pikkie Vorster are not part of the Sheepmoor WEF anymore as confirmed in writing by Mlilo. Does that mean that the layout is going to change again - WTG39 falls away? - Sheepmoor WEF 2 also falls away? - What is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 1? According to the owner of Windhoek farm, Mr Braam Moodie, Mlilo hasn't got any permission for the MW cable routing between Sheepmoor 1 & 2 that crosses his property and will not be given. Alternative route? There is also no permission for the internal roads between WTG 39 and WTG 31 and between WTG 40 and WTG 41 which crosses my properties. Alternative route? Also the preferred transmission line crosses my property Waaihoek 4/286, 12/286 and 3/286 without permission. Permission will never be grand and an	Thank you for your comment. We would like to address the concerns you raised. In terms of the layout, there will indeed be changes, and WTG39 will likely be removed. However, the Sheepmoor WEF will continue without WTG39, and the proposed Sheepmoor WEF will not be dropped. The project will still move forward with the revised layout. Regarding the linear infrastructure, including the MW cable and internal roads, the current regulations does not require the applicant to obtain landowner consent for these elements. That being said, the applicant will explore alternative routes where needed and will consider all options when finalizing the layout. We also want to clarify that the applicant has not refused meeting requests. In fact, Applicant representatives met with yourself and other IAP Landowners on-site on the 4th of February 2025 to discuss the project. If you or any other concerned parties would like a meeting, please let us know, and we will be happy to arrange one. Kind Regards,

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				alternative route needs to be investigated and resubmitted for comments. Mlilo refuses meeting requests with the parties. Did Mlilo base this application on assumptions? Urgent clarification required for comments.	
17	Matodzi Albert Silidi	24 March 2025		From: Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted] Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 2:08 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Mpho Malema [redacted] Cc: Stephen Burton [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Hi Lucien	Good day Matodzi, Please see copies of comments as requested. Kind Regards Below list of PDFs Attached to mail: 1. Mulilo Amsterdam WEFS DSR Comments 2. Comments SR Emvelo WEF 5G-30 3. Comments SR Sheepmoor WEF 5G-30 4. Comments SR Rochdale WEF 5G-30 5. LUA24-3966 obj. Emvelo WEF infrastructure Draft SR ERM 6. LUA 24-2967 MPTA objection DSR Sheepmor WEF ERM

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				Would you kindly send the copies of the comments. I have read those extracts on the report already but needed the whole copy. I might have confused when I responded by saying "on the scoping report" and was of the idea that you will attach the copies Kind regards, Matodzi A. Silidi	7. LUA24-6965 Rochdale Wind Energy (Draft Comments)
18	Mervyn Lotter	24 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	From: Mervyn Lotter [redacted] Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 6:33 PM To: Stephen Burton [redacted] Cc: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Masina Morudu [redacted]; Mashudu Mudau <[redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted] Portia	This comment has been Duly noted.

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				Makitla [redacted] Thivhulawi Nethononda [redacted]SB. Mbuyane [redacted]; R Luyt [redacted] [redacted] GCowden [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Subject: Re: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Dear Stephen Please note that the MTPA would be unable to participate in the upcoming site visit due to cost curtailment measures. However, we will review the documentation and specialist reports and comment accordingly. Kind regards Mervyn	
19	Matodzi Albert Silidi	24 March 2024	Draft EIA Phase	From: Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted] Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 11:06 AM	Good day Matodzi, Please see the following locations within Public Participation Reports Volume III for requested comments:

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				To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] EIA Applications [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Mpho Malema [redacted] Cc: Clarice Arendse [redacted] Richard Summers [redacted] Reception – Richard Summers Inc. [redacted] Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Dear Stephanie Please send us the comments from DFFE Biodiversity section, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) and Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) Kind regards, Matodzi A. Silidi	Emvelo TABLE 7-4 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM DARDLEA (20 SEPTEMBER 2024) TABLE 7-3 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM MTPA (20 SEPTEMBER 2024) TABLE 7-4 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION (13 AUGUST 2024) Sheepmoor TABLE 7-2 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM MPUMALANGA TOURISM AND PARKS AGENCY (18 SEPTEMBER 2024) TABLE 7-3 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM DARDLEA (17 SEPTEMBER 2024) TABLE 7-4 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION (13 AUGUST 2024) Thank you,

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20	Matodzi Albert Silidi (Summersinc)	20 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	From: Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted] Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2025 7:01 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] EIA Applications [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Cc: Clarice Arendse [redacted] Richard Summers [redacted] Reception – Richard Summers Inc. [redacted] Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Dear Stephanie See attached letter for your urgent attention. Kind regards, Matodzi A. Silidi Dear Sir/Madam, RE: NOTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SHEEPMOOR AND	Dear Matodzi, We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 20 March 2025 regarding your request for an extension of the commenting period for the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities. We recognize the concerns raised regarding the volume and technical complexity of the documentation. However, we regret to inform you that we are bound by the statutory timeframes prescribed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended). As per Regulation 3(8) of the EIA Regulations, a minimum of 30 days is required for public participation during the review and comment period. While the Regulations allow for an extension in specific circumstances, the overall project timeline and legislated approval process do not permit an extension beyond the prescribed 30-day timeframe in this instance. **Regulatory Framework Governing Public Participation** The public participation process (PPP) for this project has been conducted in full compliance with the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the EIA Regulations, 2014. The notification of the commenting period was issued in accordance with legal requirements to ensure that Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were duly informed and provided with an opportunity to participate. The

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				EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE [DFFE Reference Numbers: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613] 1. We represent Mr. Josua Meyer, who is a registered I&AP in connection with the above applications. 2. On 10 March 2025 we received the notification sent to interested and affected parties ('I&APs') regarding the current 30-day period for I&APs to review and comment on the abovementioned Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Reports and specialist reports for the above mentioned project comprising of two (2) separate WEF projects. According to your notice the commenting period would run until 10 April 2025. 3. We hereby request additional time for the commenting period and associated public participation process for the reasons set out below: 3.1. The documentation provided to I&APs is voluminous, viz, Emvelo is in excess of 2600 pages whilst Sheepmoor is on excess of 2800 pages, all of which will need to be reviewed in order for I&APs to	timing of the process was determined in alignment with the overall project schedule, which must adhere to strict regulatory deadlines. **Clarification on the 30-Day Commenting Period** When the EIA Regulations specify a minimum of 30 days for public comment, it means: • Legally Required Baseline: The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) must allow at least 30 days for I&APs to review and submit comments on the Draft EIA Report. This is the shortest legally permissible timeframe. We understand that appointment of legal or other representatives by I&APs are done at the discretion, cost and in the timeframe of the IAP needing representation and this does should ideally be done earlier on in the EIA process- however this is something that is outside of the control of the EAP and in this case, there isn't an opportunity to extend the commenting timeframe on the draft EIA as it cannot be accommodated by the overall process. • Extension is Possible but Not Guaranteed: While the Regulations provide for longer periods in certain circumstances (e.g., highly technical reports, public holidays, or large-scale projects), an extension is not automatic and depends on project timelines, regulatory constraints, and is granted at the discretion of the competent authority (DFFE).

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				meaningfully comment on the abovementioned reports and to enable engagement in the scoping and environmental impact assessment processes in a manner that is fair, meaningful and promotes the right to administrative justice enshrined in section 33 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. 3.2. Restricting I&APs timeframes for comment to 30 days – as the bare minimum statutory period - in these circumstances undermines the ability of I&APs ability to interrogate the various specialist reports to ensure that I&APs provide meaningful inputs into the EIA process. Regulation 3(8) of the EIA Regulations provides for a 30-day period as bareminimum period for which public participation may be conducted. This does not mean that a 30-day period is appropriate in all circumstances. 3.3. Limiting the commenting period to 30 days not only flies in the face of procedural fairness but also offends our client's right to administrative justice, is inappropriate, unreasonable and unjust. 4. In light of the above, it is not reasonable to expect I&APs to digest	• Fixed Project Timelines: Any extension must align with the broader regulatory approval process. If an extension would jeopardize key project milestones, including submission deadlines to the competent authority, it cannot be accommodated. We acknowledge your concerns that public holidays may affect availability; however, given the constraints of the statutory process, we are unable to extend the commenting period beyond the legislatively mandated timeframe. We encourage I&APs to submit their comments within the stipulated timeframe and remain available to assist with any clarifications or additional information required to facilitate meaningful participation. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. Kind Regards

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				that level of detailed (and highly technical) information and to be able to comment within the stipulated timeframe of 30 days. Our client obviously would wish to consult with its own specialists, some of whom are not really available at such short notice. 5. We therefore request an additional 30 days over and above the comment period advertised (i.e. a total of a 60-day commenting period) which would expire on 15 May 2025 in order to facilitate meaningful public engagement. By way of equivalent example we are advising clients in connection with several pending NEMA applications in which the public comment period is running over the April slash Easter holiday time frame and for that reason the EAP in connection with that project has extended the public comment period into mid-May 2025 to account for the potential prejudice. 6. Our client finds it deeply concerning that the EAP has elected to release public comment notification for these two projects during the period marked by Human Rights Day, the Easter holidays, Freedom Day as well as Worker's Day. The net result of your approach in this regard is	

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				that you are effectively depriving I&APs of a reasonable opportunity for a thorough review and response to the voluminous information. This practice places an undue burden on I&APs and significantly limits their ability participate fairly in the application process. 7. Our client considers this approach to be unreasonable and in bad faith, as it undermines the principle of fair and inclusive stakeholder engagement. 8. We look forward to hearing from you. Yours faithfully, RICHARD SUMMERS INC.	
21	Matodzi Richard Synners INC	19 March 2025 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	**From:** Richard Summers [redacted] **Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 1:09 PM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] EIA Applications [redacted] **Cc:** Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Clarice Arendse [redacted] Reception – Richard Summers Inc. [redacted] **Subject:** RE: Notification of	Good morning Richard, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly find the attached KMZ files as per your request. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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				Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province **Importance:** High Dear Stephanie Please send us the kmz files for all the turbines in respect of both Projects. Kind regards **Richard Summers**	
22	Josua Meyer	19 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	From: Josua Meyer [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 5:36 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province EXTERNAL MESSAGE Good day The following figures refer to in the bat specialist reports for Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF outstanding FIGURE 1, FIGURE 3 and FIGURE 5	Good morning Joshua, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly find the attached bat specialist figures as requested. Please let me know if you need any further information or clarification. Kind regards

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				Appreciate if it can be submit ASAP. Thanks	
23	Bathandwa Ncube	19 March 2025 Draft EIA phase	Draft EIA Phase	From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:36 PM To: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted]; ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted] Cc: Masina Morudu [redacted]; Mashudu Mudau [redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted] Portia Makitla <[redacted] Thivhulawi Nethononda [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted]; R Luyt [redacted] GCowden [redacted]	Dear Bathandwa, Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025. With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below: 1.We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk. 2.Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you. 3. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself. 4. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum. Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly. Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

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				Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP EXTERNAL MESSAGE Dear EAP and Applicant 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE 14/12/16/3/3/2/2612: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department	

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				requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below: Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025 Proposed time : To be confirmed Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed) Please note the following: 1.It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department. 2.An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from: a. DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations; Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas sections. b. Mpumalanga DARDLEA c. MTPA 3. You are requested to propose a high-level itinerary for the site visit (meeting location; meeting time; brief introduction and signing of the attendance register; proposal of site to be inspected first and last; key environmental features to be observed on each site; estimated end	

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				time; access to ablutions etc). Officials who want to observe specific areas on site will communicate this. 4. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.) For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you. Kind regards	
25	Chrisna Calitz	11 March 2025	Draft EIA Phase	**From:** Calitz, Chrisna Judith [redacted] **Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025 7:11 AM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] **Subject:** Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Good day I see that you put the address for the Ermelo Public Library as Wedgewood avenue. THIS IS WRONG The Physical address for the Ermelo PL is:	Good day Sindy, Thank you for your query. The report content of the versions you have has not changed with the resubmission, other than the amendment of the dates of public participation (PP), and thus the versions you have can be used to confirm receipt if you are happy to do so. Additional copies of the reports (including the amended dates for PP) have been couriered to you and should be with you soon. Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above. Kind regards,

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				Msukaligwa Municipality Civic Centre, Ermelo Entrance on c/o Church and Smuts street.	

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26	Celia de waal	11 March 2025	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:08 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Frans Krige [redacted] Khumbelo Malele [redacted] Mervyn Lotter [redacted] Subject: FW: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Good day Kindly send us, the MTPA a hard copy of the Draft EIA Report for Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, for our scientists to comment on, to the following physical address in Lydenburg **From:** Celia de Waal [redacted] **Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 11:55 AM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] **Cc:** Frans Krige [redacted] Khumbelo Malele [redacted]	Good afternoon Celia, I hope this email finds you well. As per our conversation on Friday, I wanted to inform you that the report is on its way to you via USB. Please let me know if you need anything else or if you have any questions. Kind regards

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				Mervyn Lotter [redacted] **Subject:** FW: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Good day Your USB memory stick was just delivered. Kind regards Celia	

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	Josua Meyer	12 March 2025	Draft scoping phase	**From:** Josua Meyer [redacted] **Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 3:43 PM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] **Subject:** Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Sorry Sir, still no property boundaries show except for the power lines figures. Can you please make sure and resend it. List of figures where property boundaries are missing : Figures 1 / 3 / 5 / 6 / 7,1 / 7,2 (2 off) Thanks	Good morning, Joshua, I hope this email finds you well. Please find the attached document containing the refined figures you requested. If you need any further information or clarification, feel free to reach out. Kind regards Attachments Sheepmoor WEF site layout plan Sheepmoor WEF Critical Biodiversity Sheepmoor WEF site sensitivity map Sheepmoor WEF renewable energy projects within 35 km radius Sheepmoor WEF preliminary developmental geographical coordinates Sheepmoor WEF site locality map The same figure names for Emvelo were attached

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27	Josua Meyer	11 March 2025	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Josua Meyer [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:59 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Re: DRAFT EIA REPORT : EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms CAN YOU PLEASE CLEARLY SHOW ALL THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES AS WELL AS DISTRICT ROADS ON ALL THE FIGURES FOR BOTH PROPOSED WIND FARMS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COMMENT WITHOUT THAT INFORMATION GPS COORDINATES NOT PRACTICAL AT THIS STAGE THIS WAS ALREADY REQUESTED DURING SCOPING FACE BUT BLINDLY IGNORE	Dear Joshua, I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for your email. As requested, please find the attached figures showing the property boundaries and roads. Should you need any further details or clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out. Attachments Emvelo WEF site locality map Emvelo WEF land use Sheepmoor WEF site locallity map Sheepmoor WEF lan use
28	Megan Govender	11 March 2025	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Megan Govender [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:51 PM	Good afternoon Mpilo, I hope this email finds you well.

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				To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Good Day Stephanie Please can you share a kmz of the updated project boundaries for Sheepmoor (WEF 1, 2 and 3) and Emvelo (WEF 1 and WEF 2). Thanks so much!	As requested, please find attached the KMZ files for both Sheepmoor and Emvelo for your attention. Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Kind regards
29	Josua Meyer	11 March 2025	Draft Scoping Phase	**From:** Josua Meyer [redacted] **Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:59 PM **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] **Subject:** Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province **Re: Draft EIA report for ENVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms** The avifaunal report made use of data recovered from two tagged MARTIAL EAGLES apparently tagged by EWT.	Dear Mr Meyer, RE: Please see below formal communications from Mulilo pertaining the Amsterdam Wind Energy Project. Thank you for your inquiry and for your evident dedication to the conservation and understanding of Martial Eagles. We appreciate your interest in this species and acknowledge the depth of care you have expressed in your request. As this is a protected species, the tracking data related to Martial Eagle flights, nesting locations, and movements is sensitive information that must be managed responsibly. Mulilo Renewable Project Developments, in partnership with the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) is the custodian of the Data, and access to it is subject to strict regulatory and ethical considerations. We also note that your request to use this data in assessing the proposed buffer distances

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				ONE believes to be shot already. Can it be arranged that the data make available to us for independant analising. We need it urgently for our comments. Thanks	would not provide your specialist with the necessary insights. The buffer proposed by the project's avifaunal specialist in the draft environmental Impact Assessment was not solely based on tracking data, but included a combination of the following information/data/insights: • Proprietary commercial Data from our met mast; • Findings, data and in-depth site experiences gained by the specialist from the long-term bird monitoring program conducted before tracking began, following South African bird monitoring guidelines; and • An additional focal point survey of the nest itself, over a number of months including substantial observed and documented flight paths; and • Detailed site specific vegetation and habitat mapping and modelling. Given this, the specific tracking data you have requested would not contribute meaningfully to further understanding or reassessment of the proposed buffer zones. A second specialist, without the above-mentioned information and experience, is unlikely to arrive at a similar or meaningful conclusion of the recommended buffer size and shape. Furthermore, it must be noted that the project specialist, as required by the NEMA EIA regulations, is independent of the applicant, is SACNASP registered, and has complied with all guideline requirements to obtain an informed buffer and set of recommendations for the project. Additionally, under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA), this tracking program is classified as bioprospecting. Accessing or

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					conducting research on such data requires a permit, which neither you nor your specialist have provided. Without the necessary permit, we are unable to share this information.
30	Mpilo Masondo	10 March 2025 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Mpilo Masondo [redacted] Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 5:47 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province Good day, Please could you provide the kmz file(s) of the development so that we can see if any of our current of future projects are affected. Regards, Mpilo	Good afternoon Mpilo, I hope this email finds you well. As requested, please find attached the KMZ files for both Sheepmoor and Emvelo for your attention. Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Kind regards

TABLE 7-6 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES FOR FINAL SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM DFFE (19 NOVEMBER 2024)

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			General Comments		
1.	DFFE Ms Masina Morudu	19 November 2024 Per email	Final Scoping Phase	The meeting minutes in Appendix 6 of the Public Participation Report refers. The discussions during the meeting with the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) and the Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency (MTPA) on 11 September 2024 are noted.	Comment has been acknowledged.
2.				The table of coordinates on page x of the SR is noted. The EIAr must include: a. The corner coordinates for the Battery Energy Storage System. b. Bend point coordinates for the 132kV powerline alternatives; and the main access roads.	Coordinates of the bend points for the 132kV alternatives and main access roads have been included in the Draft EIA Report.
3.				The EIAr must include the approximate length of each grid connection alternative route, and these grid connection routes must be discussed in the "Alternatives" section of the EIAr.	The EIAr includes the approximate length of each grid connection alternative route and discussed in the alternative section accordingly
4.				You are requested to provide the estimated operational lifespan of the proposed Emvelo WEF and details of future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning, as well as the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies.	Lifespan of the proposed WEF is 25 – 30 years. There are several sustainable plans and strategies that can be implemented for decommissioning, repowering, or transitioning to new uses such as decommissioning and recycling, repowering and upgrading technology, Land restoration/biodiversity enhancements.
5.				The EIAr must confirm the availability of services identified on pages 124 to 126 of the final SR.	Water and waste services will be requested form the local municipality,

					or where services are not available, they will be outsourced to private contractors.
6.				If the EIAr contains listed activities and/or other information that differs from the application form, the application form must be amended accordingly and submitted to the Department with the EIAr.	The listed activities in Table 3.1 of the EIAr Report correspond with the listed activities in the application form.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

No.				**Comment from DFFE**	**EAP Response**
7.				Applicable BESS technologies must be included under the Technology Alternatives section of the EIAr.	Not Applicable as BESS has been removed from final layout.
8.				A risk assessment study is not required for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), however, impacts associated with the risks must be identified, considered, and assessed as part of the EIAr.	BESS is no longer included in the final layout.

Public Participation

No.				**Comment from DFFE**	**EAP Response**
9.				Comments on the draft EIAR must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za and Protected Areas section (regarding the NPAES) at Tnethononda@dffe.gov.za. Further to that, these comments must be addressed and incorporated in the final EIAr.	When the EIA phase commences, the Draft EIA report and all appendices, including the public participation documentation will be submitted to the Directorate Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za and Protected Areas section (regarding the NPAES) at Tnethononda@dffe.gov.za
10.				Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAr. This must indicate that this draft EIAr has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP.	Please refer to Volume III – PP Report, which includes written notice for the availability of the draft EIAr for comment

11.				Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr.	Original copies of comments from stakeholders have been included as an appendix to Volume III – PP Report
12.				Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. Please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the draft EIAr for comment.	Please refer to Volume III – PP Report, which includes written notice for the availability of the draft EIAr for comment
13.				All issues raised and comments received must be incorporated into the Comments and Response Report (CRR).	All comments and issues raised are addressed in this CRR.
14.				Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.	Comments from each submission has been responded to individually
15.				Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to an I&AP's comments.	Comments have been captured verbatim and not summarised. All comments have been responded to clearly and 'noted' has been avoided in all responses.
16.				The CRR addresses comments on the draft SR, which have been received from organs of state, however, copies of these comments are not included in the report. Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity must be submitted to the Department with the EIAr.	Original copies of comments from I&APs and organs of state have been included as an appendix to Volume III – PP Report
17.				If applicable, the attendance registers and minutes of any meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the EIAr.	Attendance registers and minutes of any meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players been included as an appendix to Volume III – PP Report

18.				The newspaper advert proof in Appendix C of the Public Participation Report refers. Please submit a full page of the newspaper(s) containing the advertisement, ensuring that the name of the newspaper and date are visible.	This has been included as an Appendix in Volume III.

Specialist Assessments

No.				Comment from DFFE	EAP Response
19.				Interim and final comments from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be addressed and incorporated in the EIAr.	Please note comments from SAHRA was not provided during scoping phase. Comments received from SAHRA during EIA phase will be incorporated in the EIAr
20.				Specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with the Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species).	Specialist assessments have been conducted in accordance with the Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020.
21.				The following specialist studies will form part of the EIAr as indicated in Section 12.6 of the FSR: a. Soil and Agriculture Potential Impact Assessment; b. Freshwater and Wetlands (Aquatics) Impact Assessment; c. Terrestrial Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna) Impact Assessment; d. Avifauna Impact Assessment; e. Bat Impact Assessment; f. Visual / Landscape and Flicker Impact Assessment; g. Heritage, Archaeology and Palaeontology Impact Assessment; h. Noise Impact Assessment; i. Socio-economic Impact Assessment; and j. Traffic and Transportation Impact Assessment.	The EIAr report encompasses all studies outlined
22.				Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development	The term "no-go" is often applied to various types of infrastructure by different specialists, however, its

				of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.	application can vary based on the specific environmental concerns being addressed. In the context of avifauna, certain areas may be designated as "no turbine areas" to protect sensitive bird species, while still permitting the development of other types of infrastructure.
23.				Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.	The EAP acknowledges that the departments definition of a 'no-go' area is for any infrastructure, including the associated infrastructure such as access roads. Applicable buffer zones are shown on the sensitivity figures.
24.				Should the specialist studies provide more detail regarding any of the project activity thresholds, please ensure that the project activity descriptions are amended accordingly in the application form and EIAr.	Project activity descriptions was amended in the application form and EIAr according to the specialist studies.
25.				All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.	Specialist studies are final, with no further studies recommended.
26.				Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.	Specific mitigation measures as recommended by specialists are clearly indicated the EIAr and EMPr.
27.				Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.	No contradicting recommendations were provided by specialists. Specialists' recommendations have been considered and included Section 13 of the EIAr to be included in EA and / or in the EMPr for implementation.

28.				Where applicable, each specialist study must provide a preferred grid connection alternative.	Three grid connection alternatives have been considered.
				Layout & Sensitivity Maps	
No.				**Comment from DFFE**	**EAP Response**
29.				Please provide a layout map which indicates the following: a. Wind turbine positions (numbered) and its associated infrastructure; b. Permanent laydown area footprint; c. Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible); d. Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used; e. The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure; f. Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint; g. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads; h. Buildings proposed within the substation footprint; i. Buffer areas; and j. All "no-go" areas.	A layout map detailing the proposed layout of the facility, adhering to specialist recommendations have been included in Volume I of the EIAr.
				Cumulative Assessments	
30.				Regarding the identified similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must indicate the following: a. Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.	A preliminary assessment of cumulative impacts was made in the Scoping Phase and has been assessed further in the EIA Phase where a detailed process flow and methodology has been defined as recommended.

				b. Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process. c. Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project. d. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development. e. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.	
WEF Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)					
31.				A construction and operational phase EMPr for the WEF, which includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the EIAr.	A construction and operational phase EMPr for the WEF, which includes mitigation and monitoring measures has been drafted and will be submitted with the EIAR.
32.				The EMPr must be developed in terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended and must include (but not limited to) the following plans and measures: a. A Re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats; b. A Weed and invader plant management plan, to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that	The content of the EMPr produced for the proposed development is in compliance in terms of Appendix 4 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, and includes, where relevant the plans and measures recommended by the Department.

				the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken; c. A Plant rescue and protection plan, which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase; d. An Open space management plan, to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility; e. A Traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations; f. A Transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment; g. A Stormwater management plan, to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off; h. A Fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility; i. An Erosion management plan for monitoring and rehabilitating erosion events associated with the facility. Appropriate erosion mitigation must form part	

				of this plan to prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion; j. An effective monitoring system to detect any leakage or spillage of all hazardous substances during their transportation, handling, use and storage. This must include precautionary measures to limit the possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from entering the soil or storm water systems; k. Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants; l. Dust management measures; m. Waste management measures; n. Emergency response; and, o. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted. This includes the management and monitoring plans and procedures appended in the specialist studies.	
33.				The decommissioning chapter of the EMPr for the facility must contain information relating to the handling, repurposing or disposal of dysfunctional, severely damaged batteries, module and containers.	The decommissioning phase section of the EMPr for the facility contains information relating to the handling, repurposing or disposal of dysfunctional, severely damaged batteries, module and containers
34.				The EMPr must distinguish between impact management actions and impact management outcomes.	The EMPr ensures a structured approach, distinguishing between impact management actions and impact management outcomes.
35.				The EMPr must not contain any ambiguity. Where applicable, statements containing the word "should" or "may" are to be amended to "must".	Where applicable, statements containing the words 'should' or 'may' have been removed.
Generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)					
36.				The proposed development triggers Activity 11 of Listing Notice 1 (as amended). The relevant generic	Applicable Generic EMPr(s) have been included in Volume I.

				EMPr(s) must be included in the EIAr, over and above the EMPr for the WEF.	
37.				Part B: Section 2 of the generic EMPr(s) must be completed, and a copy of the signed EMPr(s) must be submitted with the EIAr. Please note that Point 7.1.1 in Part B: Section 2 needs to match the details of the applicant as contained in the application form. The generic EMPr(s) must be signed by the applicant and submitted with the EIAr. An unsigned Generic EMPr is regarded as incomplete.	Signed Generic EMPr(s) have been included in Volume I.
38.				If any specific environmental sensitivities/attributes are present on the site which require more specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions, not included in the pre-approved generic EMPr template, to manage impacts, those impact management outcomes and actions must be included in Part C of the generic EMPr.	Specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions have been included in Part C of the Generic EMPr(s).

TABLE 7-7 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE FOR IAPS ON DRAFT SCOPING PHASE 22 AUGUST 2024 (RESUBMISSION)

Ref	Name and Organisation	Date and Method	Phase of PPP	Comment	Response
8.	Nrateng Mashiloane Aviation Environmental Compliance Department	22 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Aviation Environmental Compliance [redacted] Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 2:16 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Pamela Madondo [redacted] Evelyn Shogole [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Good day, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/ . A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za. Kind regards,	The EAP acknowledges that the SACAA has transferred all application responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS). The applicant confirms that a formal application has been lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted.
9.	Sindy Mbuyane DARDLEA	23 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 12:58 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]	Good day Sindy, Thank you for your query. The report content of the versions you have has not changed with the resubmission, other than the amendment of the dates of public participation

				Cc: Gavin Cowden [redacted] Robyn Luyt [redacted]'Mervyn Lotter' [redacted] Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Good day Stephanie, Thank you for the resubmission notification. Are the reports submitted to our Office the updated versions or we need to await submission of the updates before considering receipt of such reports? I recall an email by Lloyd that there will be updates on the reports. Kind Regards, SIndi	(PP), and thus the versions you have can be used to confirm receipt if you are happy to do so. Additional copies of the reports (including the amended dates for PP) have been couriered to you and should be with you soon. Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above. Kind regards,
10.	Pamela Madondo Environment Compliance Specialist	26 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Aviation Environmental Compliance [redacted] Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 9:11 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Nrateng Mashiloane [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Good day, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/ . A formal application must be lodged with Air	The EAP acknowledges that the SACAA has transferred all application responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS). The applicant confirms that a formal application has been lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted.

				Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za. Kind regards, Pamela Madondo	
11.	Tebego Kgaphola Branch: Biodiversity and Conservation	26 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: BC Admin [redacted] Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 10:18 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Good morning Kindly note that our comments still stands.	The EAP acknowledges that Biodiversity and Conservations comment still stands.
12.	Salome Mambane Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Integrated Environmental Authorisations	26 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Salome Mambane [redacted] Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 11:49 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]; Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Cc: EIAadmin [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted] Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611 Dear Sir/Madam ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PROPOSED	EAP acknowledges receipt of the comment from the Department on the Draft Scoping Report for the Emvelo WEF.

				DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 22 August 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority. Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of	

				Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.	
13.	Mpilo Masondo NTCSA	2 September 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Mpilo Masondo [redacted] Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 9:58 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Good day, Please could you send the kmz files of the proposed projects to see whether any of our current or future projects will be affected. Regards, Mpilo	Good day, Please see attached KMZ files as requested. Kind Regards
14.	Josua Meyer Interest and Affected Party	10 September 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Josua Meyer [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 8:22 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: Re: VOORGESTELDE ERMELO WINDPLASE Dankie vir uit maar EIENDOM GRENSE word nie getoon nie. Uitleg dus nutteloos aangesien grense noodsaaklik is om enige kommentaar te lewer voor periode daarvoor verstryk (20/9/24)	Good day Josua, I have attached a copy of the form for your perusal, please do complete and send back to me so that I am able to capture your data. Attached are the shapefiles of the land parcels of affected Land Owners. I confirm that you are a registered I&AP. The development is within its comment period and any comments made by you in this period will be captured accordingly. You will also receive further communication regarding the development as it moves through its different phases.

				VERSOEK DUS DRINGEND UITLEG WAT EIENDOM GRENSE EN PAAIE DUIDELIK TOON Vertrou op u spoedige reaksie By voorbaat dank	Kind Regards
15.	Josua Meyer Interest and Affected Party			From: Josua Meyer [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 8:29 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: Re: SHEEPMOOR, EMVELO WIND ENERGIE PROJEKTE Het ongelukkig nie toegang tot Aida nie Kan u vorm asb aanstuur Wys u egter daarop dat as aangrensende eienaar aan u beoogde ontwikkeling registrasie outomaties deur u ontwikkelaar gedoen moet word. Graag verneem ek of sodanige registrasie wel gedoen is aangesien nog geen korrespondensie in die verband ontvang is nie Vertrou op spoedige en gunstige reaksie op bogemelde	Good day Josua, I have attached a copy of the form for your perusal, please do complete and send back to me so that I am able to capture your data. Attached are the shapefiles of the land parcels of affected Land Owners. I confirm that you are a registered I&AP. The development is within its comment period and any comments made by you in this period will be captured accordingly. You will also receive further communication regarding the development as it moves through its different phases. Kind Regards
16.	Robyn Luyt DARDLEA	11 September 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Robyn Luyt [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 2:52 PM To: Gavin Cowden [redacted]; Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Cc: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted] Clifford Kubheka [redacted]; Sindy Mbuyane [redacted]; Okwethu Fakude [redacted] mervyn@mtpa.co.za;	The EAP acknowledges receipt of the attendance register for the engagement meeting. The register is attached to the PPP report as annexure A.

				[redacted] [redacted] Subject: Attendance Register | Mulilo Renewable Energies engagement Good afternoon everyone, Herewith the attendance register of physical attendees at today's meeting for your records. Kind Regards Robyn	
17.	Ryan David-Andersen Interested and Affected Party	13 September 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Ryan David-Andersen [redacted] Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 8:24 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: Registration as I&AP for Mpumalanga Projects Dear ERM Please may you register my details in signature below for any Mpumalanga projects - including Amsterdam - we are developing a wind farm near Ermelo named Zephyr. Thanks very much Ryan David-Andersen	Good day Ryan, Thank you for reaching out, your details will be captured. Kind regards,
18.	Robyn Luyt DARDLEA	17 September 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Robyn Luyt [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 2:42 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: [redacted]	The EAP acknowledges receipt of DARDLEAs comment on Emvelo WEF.

				[redacted] Gavin Cowden [redacted] Clifford Kubheka [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Subject: SR Comments | Emvelo WEF Amsterdam Cluster Importance: High Dear Stephanie, Please find herewith DARDLEAs comments on the draft Scoping Report for the Emvelo WEF and Grid Connection. Comments for Sheepmoor and Rochdale to follow. Kind Regards Robyn	
19.	Celia De Waal MTPA	18 September 2024	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 2:36 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Tommie Steyn [redacted]Johan Eksteen [redacted] Frans Krige [redacted]; Khumbelo Malele [redacted] Thabile Mnisi [redacted]Phumla Nkosi [redacted] Fortunate Watkins [redacted] Mervyn Lotter [redacted] Subject: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility. Dear Ms. Gopaul	Hi Celia, Thank you for providing comment on the Emvelo WEF facility. Are you able to please indicate when we can expect comment on the remaining 2 facilities, namely Rochdale and Emvelo. Kind regards Lucien

				Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft EIA Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoore Wind Energy facility (WEF) with 23 wind turbines and Auxiliary infrastructure. Your reference number: Project 0684401 (DFFE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593) Our EIA registration/reference number is LUA 24/3967 (kindly use this number in any further correspondence to us regarding this project) Kind regards Celia de Waal	
20.	Celia De Waal MTPA	19 September 2024	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:07 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Tommie Steyn [redacted] Frans Krige [redacted] Tommie Steyn [redacted] Subject: RE: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility. Good morning Regarding your enquiry below, the following: • The comments for the Emvelo project (our ref: LUA 24/3966) is currently at the Acting Manager: Scientific Service for review). The signed copy might be released today, which will be send to you as soon as I receive it.	Hi Celia, Thank you for the update, Regards

				• The commenting scientist is currently still busy commenting on the Rochdale project (LUA 24/3965). Kind regards Celia	
21.	Josua Meyer Interested and Affected Party	19 September 2024	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Postnet Ermelo [redacted] Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 1:21 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: [redacted] Subject: [ATTACHMENT SKM_C250i24091906550] APPENDIX A COMMENTS ON ROCKDALE, EMVELO AND SHEEPMOOR WIND FARMS The following problems are foreseen with development of above-mentioned wind farms 1. DISTURBANCE OF CLIMATE AND Rainfalls The escarpment has a unique rainfall pattern where the east wind introduces moisture into layers and condenses as rain and/or precipitates as fog and dew once it moves in over the plateau. The fog and dew that comes in along with the east wind is critically important and prevents pollination problems especially during mid-summer droughts. Turbulence of rotary turbine rotors increases vertical mixing of heat and water vapor which adversely affects meteorological conditions downwind, including rainfall. Wind turbines further cause significant desiccation of soil by pulling the warmer upper	Hi Josua, Thank you for sharing your concerns about the proposed WEF cluster. We appreciate your input. Your comments will be considered during the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase. As part of the process, we will assess potential changes to the wind turbine layout and work to avoid sensitive areas to minimize any negative impacts. Your feedback appreciated and we will keep you updated as the EIA progresses. Kind regards,

				air down to the ground in order to increase soil temperatures. Turbines therefore change local wind patterns that have negative impacts on rainfall, soil moisture and even micro climate with long-term effects on fertility and productivity of agricultural soils and grasslands. THE PLACEMENT OF THE WIND TURBINES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ESCARPMENT WILL THEREFORE BE FATAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT'S CLIMATE AND VEGETATION WHICH WILL ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT MV FARMING PROSPECTS IN THE LONG TERM. 2. Bird LIFE IS THREATENED Area consists of unique grassland that provides ideal habitat for several rare and endangered bird species. It also hosts large diverse small grassland species that are not even mentioned here. Number of several threatened and/or protected species found here include : Breekop arende (eagles). Breeding pair successfully hatched chick this year. - Sekretaris Voels. Several old as well as active nests enter the area. As recently as May '24, a pair with a chick were spotted at Waaihoek. Mahem is found widely spread throughout area which is also actively breeding. A chick is often spotted with adults. Blou Kraanvoels are on the rise with at least one chick observed annually. - Fish eagles also regularly visit the ponds in the area. - Veldpou occurs but is currently becoming rare. Nests in the field were also spotted already. Kalkoen Ibus is common with several active breeding colonies.	

				There are positive signs that Aasvoels are also moving back. Breeding colonies are active at Smithfield, not far from the area. Various owl species that may not be extinct but are extremely necessary to ensure ecological balance are also present in large numbers AI the bird species, as well as bats and insects, are essential to maintain balance in the ecology and are in danger of either being killed or relocated to other areas due to this. Fatal collision with turbine blade Habitat disturbances by increased soil temperatures. Air pressure changes voar turbines as well as the vertebrae behind turbines. Very sensitive to low frequency electromagnetic pressure causing waves by wind turbines that act adversely on hui Eradicating nests and even killing them to eliminate approval barriers as has already been proven with the shooting of a break-headed eagle. 3. ANIMAL LIFE IS THREATENED The following rare and protected nursing animals are found here Oorbietjie Bruinhiena Mieshoop Tier Aardwolf The animals are in danger of moving away by habitat destruction, vibration and noise caused by turbines. Dirty electricity produced by wind power can pass through cables and into the ground. The soil stream has a detrimental effect on the productivity and reproduction of mammals. 4. NOISE AND VIRTUAL POLLUTION Wind turbines produce sound waves (pressure waves) by the rotating blades and are heard as rumbling and/or detectable as infra-sounds as	

				well as electromagnetic waves generated upon conversion of wind energy into electricity. The conversion produces poor quality power (dirty electricity and ground current) which is detrimental to human and animal health. The shade flickering of turbines is also contributing factor to health problems. There is a definite link between the 'ground current' produced by turbines and cancer. It has been documented that childhood leukemia has increased by 300% due to it. However, the above can activate several other clinical health conditions in humans. In animals and insects that perceive low frequency sounds and vibrations better than humans, there is great danger of moving out of territory and thus disappearing altogether. IN LIGHT OF THE FACTS, A TURBINE AND CABLE Free BUFFER ZONE OF AT LEAST 1.5 KM FROM My PROPERTY'S BOUNDARY WIRES MUST BE REHABILITATED. The number of how turbines contributes to virtual pollution of nature. 5. INFRASTRUCTURE The improved infrastructure will lead to increases in movement and inflow of undesirable elements which will drastically increase crime. Stock theft at my farm has stopped since I stopped scraping district road to Sheepmoor because it has become difficult to pass. During the construction phase, labour unrest can be expected due to expectations created in local populations. The fact that no turbines are allowed on my property will not indemnify my property from the negative side effects of the 3 wind farms. THOROUGH FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED BEFORE APPROVAL IS GRANTED TO PROJECT BY THE AUTHORITY	

				- LONG-TERM INFLUENCE OF PLANNED WIND FARMS ON AGRICULTURE, CLIMATE AND RAIN FALL. - IDENTIFICATION AND MOVEMENTS OF ENDANGERED AND PROTECTED Bird SPECIES AS WELL AS WHERE NESTS OCCUR, ACTIVE AND OLD NESTS. - IDENTIFICATION OF THE RARE MAMMALS AS WELL AS THEIR MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA. Foresees adverse long-term prospects for agriculture and environment and therefore cannot UNRESERVEDLY support development of wind farms. Sincerely, On behalf of JOSHUA MEYER TRUST	
22.	Kirsten Jones Interested and Affected Party	19 September 2024	Draft Scoping Phase	From: [redacted] Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 4:17 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: 'Francois le Roex' [redacted] Subject: Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs - Registration as I&AP Hi there, Please could you register myself and colleague Francois le Roex (copied) as I&APs on these projects, Kind regards	Good day, Thank you for your email, you will now be added as an I&AP to the proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs. Kind Regards
23.	Kirsten Jones Interested and Affected Party	20 September 2024	Draft Scoping Phase	From: [redacted] Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 9:56 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]	Hi Kristen, That is correct. Kind Regards

				Cc: 'Francois le Roex' [redacted] [redacted] Subject: RE: Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs - Registration as I&AP Thanks Lucien, Will you be uploading the FSR onto the website (and notifying I&APs) once it has been submitted to DFFE? Kind regards Kirsten	
24.	Josua Meyer Interested and Affected Party	20 September 2024 Aida Form	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Postnet Ermelo [redacted] Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 11:17 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: [redacted] Subject: What's your name? Josua Last Name Meyer Who do you represent? Organisation – Josua Meyer Trust Designation - Trustee Your Email – [redacted] Your Phone Number – 081 019 2213 Alternative Phone Number – n/a Your Address Street Address – Plaas Ondwerwacht Street Address Line 2 – Plaas Waaihoek City - Ermelo State/Province - Mpumalanga Zip Code – n/a Country - RSA What is your interest in the projects? – Plaas Eienaar	The EAP acknowledges receipt of IAPs Aida response form as well as attached file.

				Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website? Please copy and paste the link onto a browser (https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/) No What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster? Verwys na bylaag A aangeheg Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, Act 4 of 2013 Do you consent to your information being published in the public domain, and being used as part of the Public Participation Process? Yes	
25.	Moya Odendaal Interested and Affected Party	21 September 2024 Aida Form	Draft Scoping Phase	Dear AidaForm user, Your form "Stakeholder Engagement Form" has a new response. ========== 1. What's your name? Moya Odendaal 2. Who do you represent? Heya Lidri Pty Ltd Odendaal 3. Your Email [redacted] 4. Your Phone Number [redacted] 5. Alternative Phone Number [redacted]	Good day, Thank you for your comment. Your comments will be taken into consideration during the EIA phase of the proposed WEF Cluster. Kind Regards

				6. [redacted] 7. What is your interest in the projects? Environment 8. Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website? Yes 9. What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster? It will change the environment forever 10. Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, Act 4 of 2013 No (0)	
26.	Rone Odendaal Interested and Affected Party	21 September 2024 Aida Form	Draft Scoping Phase	Dear AidaForm user, Your form "Stakeholder Engagement Form" has a new response. ========== 1. What's your name? Rone Odendaal 2. Who do you represent? Individual Affected party 3. Your Email [redacted] 4. Your Phone Number [redacted] 5. Alternative Phone Number [redacted]	Good day, Thank you for your comment. Your comments will be taken into consideration during the EIA phase of the proposed WEF Cluster. Kind Regards

				6. Your Address Athole farm, Amsterdam, Mpumalanga, 2375, South Africa 7. What is your interest in the projects? Strongly oppose 8. Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website? No 9. What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster? Negative impact on the environment and bird life. 10. Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, Act 4 of 2013 No (0)	
27.	Bathandwa Ncube DFFE	24 September 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 6:06 PM To: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted]; ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Andrew Pearson [redacted] R Luyt [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted] EIAadmin [redacted] Lydia Kutu [redacted] Ephron Maradwa [redacted]; Salome Mambane [redacted] Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2612; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613 Goodday	The EAP acknowledges receipt of DFFEs comment on Mulilo WEF Cluster.

				Please find attached, DSR comments for the proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEF developments. Kind regards Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)	
28.	Celia De Waal MTPA	01 October 2024 Per Email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:35 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Frans Krige [redacted] Johan Eksteen [redacted] Subject: FW: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3966 - Draft Scoping for 45 wind turbines (Emvelo Wind Energy) Good day Kindly receive two of the letters as requested I will follow up with Frans Krige on LUA 24/3965, Rochdale, as soon as he is done with his meeting. Regards	
29.	Celia De Waal MTPA	01 October 2024 Per Email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 11:15 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Frans Krige [redacted] Subject: DRaft Comments LUA 24-3965 Rochdale Wind Energy Facility Good day Kindly receive the draft comments from Mr. Krige of LUA 24-3965. As soon as we have a signed copy, I will forward it to you.	Thanks Celia!

				Kind regards	
30.	Celia De Waal MTPA	02 October 2024 Per Email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 11:14 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Frans Krige [redacted]; Mixo Hlatshwayo [redacted]Khumbelo Malele [redacted]; Johan Eksteen [redacted] Thabile Mnisi [redacted] Phumla Nkosi [redacted] Subject: MTPA's comments: LUA 24/3965 - Draft Scoping report for the Rochdale Wind Energy Facility near Ermelo Good day Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft Scoping Report for the 240 MW Rochdale Wind Energy Facility near Ermelo. Your reference number is: 0684401 Our EIA registration/reference number is: LUA 24/3965 Kind regards Celia de Waal	Hi Celia Signed copy well received Kind Regards

TABLE 7-8 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM DFFE (24 SEPTEMBER 2024)

	Application Form

No.	Comment from DFFE	EAP Response	Section in Report
1.	Please confirm that the postal code for the EAP's address is correct.	Application form has been updated. EAP's address has been updated.	Please refer to Application form.
2.	The screening tool report attached as Appendix 14 of the application form must be signed by the compiler.	Signature has been added to Appendix 14.	Please refer to Application form.
3.	Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. The onus is on the applicant and the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable listed activities are included in the application form. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application.	Listed activities in the application form corresponds to those listed in the Final Scoping Report.	Please refer to Application form and Table 3.1 in this Final Scoping Report.
4.	If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted with the final SR.	Listed activities in the application form mirror those listed in this Final Scoping Report.	Please refer to Application form.
5.	Please take note of GNR 4143, which was gazetted on the 04 December 2023, which requires a letter of consent from Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd if the proposed development is within a specific radius of a main electricity transmission or distribution	The proposed development is not near to an Eskom Main Transmission Substation (MTS) and therefore does not trigger the need for consent from Eskom in terms of GN 4143. However, the applicant confirms that it will engage Eskom further during the EIA phases and during the confirmation of the final layout to ensure all relevant set back requirements are met	Not Applicable.

	substation. Should this gazette apply to the proposed development, please ensure the necessary documents are included.	Kind Regards,	
	Specialist Assessments		
No.	**Comment from DFFE**	**EAP Response**	**Section in Report**
6.	Page 4 of the meeting minutes of the pre-application meeting held on 26 April 2023 refers to the applicant undertaking a Geotechnical Assessment; however, this study is not included in the Specialist Plan of Study (PoS). All required specialist studies must be conducted as part of the EIA process. If there are development design constraints, a desktop Geotechnical Assessment must be included as part of the Specialist PoS.	The EAP is of the opinion that a Geotechnical Assessment for the development can and will only be undertaken prior to the commencement of the construction phase. A desktop geotechnical assessment has already been conducted as part of the EIA phase studies and will be included in the EIA documentation. Furthermore a detailed geotechnical assessment will be completed prior to the start of construction.	Not Applicable.
7.	The Civil Aviation Theme has a "Medium sensitivity" rating, as per the outcome of the screening tool provided. According to the protocols, a Civil Aviation Compliance Statement must be included in the PoS. Should a compliance statement not be included as part of the PoS, a motivation/explanation for its exclusion, must be provided [including proof of request for comments from the Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)].	Please note that an obstacle assessment will be undertaken prior to construction. An application has been submitted to ATNS to evaluate the preliminary WEF layout and final approvals will be received prior to construction.	Not Applicable.

8.	You are requested to submit copies of signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms (witnessed and signed by a Commissioner of Oaths) for all specialist studies conducted. The forms are available on Department's website (please use the Department template).	Specialist Declarations have been included in Volume II.	Please refer to Volume II – Specialist Studies.
9.	Please note that in terms of Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), it is a requirement for specialists to be registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) in their respective fields.	SACNASP certifications has been included in Volume II.	Please refer to Volume II – Specialist Studies.
10.	The Heritage Survey, which has been included as part of this SR, must be submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for comments, via the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS).	All requested documentation will be uploaded to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for comments, via the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS). Should comment be received following submission of the FSR, the comment will be sent to the Department for consideration.	Not Applicable.
	Public participation process		
No.	**Comment from DFFE**	**EAP Response**	**Section in Report**

11.	The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.	The public participation process for the Emvelo WEF has been conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.	Refer to Section 9 of the FSR and Volume III – Public Participation Report.
12.	The proposed development site is within a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) and National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy (NPAES). Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Section. The contact details are as follows: i. Biodiversity Conservation Directorate Attention: Mr. Seoka Lekota Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za ii. Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness Directorate Attention: Mr. Thivhulawi Nethononda Email: [redacted]	All issues raised and comments received during the availability of the DSR have been addressed in the Public Participation Report (Volume III) and in the FSR, as required. Comments have been provided from BCAdmin and comments from Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness will be obtained during the EIA phase.	Refer to the PP Report – Volume III.
13.	Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final SR.	All issues raised and comments received during the availability of the DSR has been addressed in the Public Participation Report (Volume III) and in the FSR, as required. The Project Details of the FSR - Volume I, reflects the changes made from DSR to FSR.	Refer to the PP Report – Volume III.
14.	Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of	Original comments received from I&APs and organs of state have been included in Volume III – Public Participation Report.	Refer to the PP Report – Volume III.

	the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the final SR.		
15.	Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. This must indicate that this draft SR has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.	This has been provided for in the Public Participation Report (Volume III) of the FSR. Any correspondence with relevant organs of state and stakeholders has been included in the comments and response table. Where no correspondence has been received, the proof of attempts to retrieve a comment has been provided.	Refer to the PP Report – Volume III.
16.	All issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR, including comments from this Department, and must be incorporated into the Comments and Response Report (CRR).	All issues raised and comments received during the availability of the DSR has been addressed in the Public Participation Report (Volume III) and in the FSR, as required. The Project Details of the FSR - Volume I, reflects the changes made from DSR to FSR.	Refer to the PP Report – Volume III.
17.	The CRR report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in Annexure 1 of this comments letter.	The C&R report is included in the PP Report (Volume III) of the FSR and is therefore separate from the main report.	Refer to the PP Report – Volume III.
18.	Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.	Comments from each individual has been responded to individually in the C&R report.	Refer to the PP Report – Volume III.

19.	Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to an I&AP's comments.	Comments received have been adequately addressed and have not been summarised in the C&R report.	Refer to the PP Report – Volume III.
20.	The attendance register and minutes of any meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final SR.	This has been included as an Appendix in Volume III.	Please refer Volume III – Public Participation Report.
21.	Provide photo evidence of on-site notices, including the names of landmarks and/or GPS coordinates (in degrees, minutes, and seconds) of their placements.	This has been included as an Appendix in Volume III.	Please refer Volume III – Public Participation Report.
22.	Please submit a full page of the newspaper(s) containing the advertisement, ensuring that the information in the advert is legible and that the name of the newspaper and date are visible.	This has been included as an Appendix in Volume III.	Please refer Volume III – Public Participation Report.
	General		
No.	**Comment from DFFE**	**EAP Response**	**Section in Report**
	You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:		

	"If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority" You are are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended. Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).		

TABLE 7-9 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM DARDLEA (20 SEPTEMBER 2024)

Ref	Comment	Response
1	The proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is located in areas Identified as CBA Irreplaceable and Optimal (over 21%), Intact Grassland Patches (33%), Key Biodiversity Areas (21.4%), ESAs, Priority Focus Areas, Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas and Threatened Ecosystems (Endangered). Furthermore, 43% of the site falls within Grasslands SA02.0 Important Bird Area (IBA), and close to two other Important Bird Areas.	This has been noted. The layout will be revised during the EIA phase, to avoid Key Biodiversity Areas and No-go areas.
2	The proposed Emvelo WEF and associated grid connection is located in an area comprising a high diversity of threatened bird species, Including the following confirmed on site: African Marsh Harrier (Regionally Endangered); Denham's Bustard (Globally Near Threatened; Regionally Vulnerable); Secretary bird (Globally Endangered, Regionally Vulnerable); White bellied Bustard (Regionally Vulnerable), Blue Crane (Globally Vulnerable, Regionally Near Threatened); Grey Crowned Crane (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Martial Eagle (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Lanner Falcon (Regionally Vulnerable); Greater Flamingo (Regionally Near Threatened); Southern Bald Ibis (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable); Cape Vulture (Globally Vulnerable and Regionally Endangered); and Yellow breasted Pipit (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable).	All wetland No-Go areas as identified by the Aquatic Specialist should be buffered by an additional 110m on either side to reduce the risk of turbine collisions and to prevent the disturbance of priority species breeding and roosting in these areas. Priority species in this category include African Fish Eagle, African Grass Owl, African Marsh Harrier, Black-winged Pratincole, Blue Crane, Grey Crowned Crane, Long-crested Eagle, Marsh Owl, Yellow-billed Stork, and sensitive Species Number 23 (as listed by the National Screening Tool). During the EIA Phase fine scale habitat modelling and identification of wetland corridors for cryptic / low detection probability wetland species will be conducted. Two forms of risk zones will be delineated, namely core breeding habitat, and associated connectivity habitat. Connectivity habitat will include wetland habitats not used for breeding but for movement, as well as wetland/grassland margins. These features will need to be buffered to account for the sensitivity of the respective species involved. Modelled Yellow-breasted Pipit and Rudd’s Lark habitat areas are considered No-Go zones. These high-quality grassland areas were identified to prevent displacement of birds due to disturbance and habitat destruction. The Yellow-breasted Pipit and Rudd's Lark model output represents the habitat patches most suitable for the species' using a multi-year assessment of

		imagery indices etc. spanning 2019–2023. This is to account for variability related to drivers of habitat suitability for grassland habitat specialist species such as these endemic larks and pipit. Primary drivers of variability include seasonal rainfall across years, burning/fire, and grazing intensity. The model boundaries will extend beyond suitable habitat into other habitats (forest edge, roads, etc.) in some areas as we have accounted for typical blade swept area (BSA) by buffering the habitat output. This output should be considered high sensitivity and avoided (no-go) given habitat loss/degradation is the primary issue. Although Botha's Larks were not observed on site during the extensive surveys conducted, further investigations regarding habitat suitability will be conducted through modelling during the EIA phase of the project.
3	Furthermore, Intact grassland patches make up a third of the site footprint. DARDLEA does not support the development of WEFs (or any noncontactable land use) within Intact grassland patches. The MBSP specifically incorporated climate change into spatial priorities through the prioritization of the connectivity of remaining intact grassland patches in the province, as they provide habitat for species to thrive, and allow for their dispersal. Intact grasslands are crucial for supporting threatened avifauna.	These high-quality grassland areas already contain many transformed habitats. The proposed development should avoid the high sensitivity areas, therefore the layout will be revised during the EIA phase.
4	DARDLEA is therefore concerned that the proposed location of the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is not compatible with the desired land use. The WEF and all associated Infrastructure is not a land use, in accordance With the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), that will support the Inherent Biodiversity values of CBAs	While the departments concern is noted, the development of a wind energy facility would allow the IPP to directly enhance the conservation landscape of the area through the implementation of recommended mitigation measures from the various specialists to improve the ecology of the landscape. As such, we feel that the proposed development could support the biodiversity values of the CBAs.
5	It is acknowledged that the layout plan in the draft Scoping Report is preliminary, and that you have confirmed that it will be revised further during the EIA phase to be Informed by buffers and constraints provided by specialists. Such constraints identified to date include the location of turbines in areas Identified in the Faunal Assessment as High Sensitivity and High Sensitivity Escarpment, the location of turbines and associated infrastructure in bat sensitive and bat no- go areas, the location of the laydown area in a sensitive aquatic feature, .and the location of a number of turbines in avifaunal	We appreciate the departments inputs as to the potential risks and impacts associated with the current layout. As noted above, and in our meeting on the 11th of September 2024, the sensitivities identified by the various specialists are being taken into account during the review of the layout that is currently underway. Any additional sensitivities identified will be incorporated into the layout to ensure that the direct and cumulative impacts of the project are minimized.

	exclusion zones. It must be noted though that in addition to the exclusion :zones identified in the specialist studies, a number of turbines as well as associated substation and laydown areas are still be located in Key Biodiversity Areas and IBAs (i.e. turbines 4, 8, 11, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26, 31, 33 and 35), Intact Grassland Patches (including turbines 1-6 9 and 13), and CBA Irreplaceable areas (12, 14, 16, 17, 29, 32 and 33) and CBA optimal areas (8, 18 and 19), which is very concerning.	
6	We are concerned that cumulative impacts will not be dealt with adequately, While the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment has set a limit of 30km for the assessment of cumulative impacts, this should. be viewed as a minimum requirement. Due to the extremely sensitive habitat within which all wind farms in the region have either been authorized or are currently In process, it is our view that all authorized and in-process wind farms In the Gert Sibande District should be included In the assessment of cumulative Impacts. Currently, the.se include Ujekamanzi WEF 1, Ujekamanzl WEF 2, Ummbila Emoyenl WEF (authorised, and within 55km); Phefumuia Emoyeni WEF (within 40km); Mukondeleil WEF (authorised), Zephyr WEF (within 30km), as well as Camden I ano II, Sheepmoor WEF and Rochdale WEF. The cumulative assessment must, inter al/a, identify the species and habitats most at risk of cumulative impacts, and identify key uncertainties. The definition of cumulative impacts as per the EIA Regulations is "the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may be significant when added to the existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities". A comparative assessment of the impacts of this proposed facility, in relation to and in conjunction with, adjacent and surrounding renewable energy facilities should therefore be provided in the EIA Report.	As per the DFFE guidelines related to cumulative impacts, all specialists will be requested to provide an assessment of the potential cumulative impacts of the proposed project, and all other renewable energy projects within the prescribed radius, on the environment. These cumulative impact assessments will be incorporated into the EIAr for adjudication during the EIA comment period.
7	Roads must be Included in the draft layout plan, and must be incorporated in the impact analysis.	A refined layout, including all internal roads and other infrastructure, will be submitted following the specialist inputs on the EIA phase.

8	The plan of study for EIA must include and address the following: 8.1 Terrestrial Biodiversity: ▪ Intact Grassland Patches and Key Biodiversity Areas must be identified and considered in the analysis of impacts on terrestrial biodiversity. ▪ Where Infrastructure is to be developed In CBAs and Intact Grassland Patches, the impact of the loss of CBAs and intact grassland habitat In terms of metapopulation dynamics (i.e. how the loss of source areas Will impact areas of low quality habitat that cannot support a population of species on Its own) must be assessed. ▪ The Site Ecological Importance methodology, as per the requirements of the Species ▪ Environmental Assessment Guidelines, must be demonstrated to have been applied. ▪ The Impact of the potential loss of ecological drivers on ecological processes must be analyzed I.e. fire, which is an important driver for the maintenance of grassland biodiversity.	The Terrestrial Impact assessment will consider the listed requirements.
8.2	Avifauna: DARDLEA supports the avifaunal specialists' recommendations to remove turbines from the "exclusion zones" identified during pre-construction monitoring. However, in the proposed re-assessment of the layout, the Avifaunal Assessment must consider and include the following:	This comment has been duly noted
	▪ The Birds and Wind-Energy Best-Practice Guidelines state that the duration of pre-construction monitoring should be extended (beyond 12 months) where there is a high risk of significant Impacts on priority species. Sufficient evidence of high risk of significant impact on avifauna on site and within the Project Area of influence exists to extend minimum pre-construction monitoring requirements to adequately assess impacts and determine appropriate mitigation measures. Where the layout of the proposed wind farm does not avoid all sensitive features, corridors and buffers (e.g. CBAs, intact grasslands patches, KBAs, pans and all waterbodies, and provide shaped buffers for such features), additional monitoring must be undertaken to confirm the full	The monitoring protocol implemented was guided by the following: • Procedures for the Assessment and Minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of NEMA when applying for Environmental Authorisation (Gazetted October 2020) • Protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on avifaunal species by onshore wind energy generation facilities where the electricity output is

	spectrum of prevailing environmental conditions to ensure avoidance of significant Impacts,	20MW or more (Government Gazette No. 43110 – 20 March 2020). • Jenkins, A.R., Van Rooyen, C.S., Smallie, J.J., Anderson, M.D., & A.H. Smit. 2015. Best practice guidelines for avian monitoring and impact mitigation at proposed wind energy development sites in southern Africa. Produced by the Wildlife & Energy Programme of the Endangered Wildlife Trust & BirdLife South Africa. Hereafter referred to as the wind guidelines. Monitoring at the WEF sites and a Control Site were conducted by a team of experienced avifaunal field specialists during the following time envelopes: • 21 February–03 March 2022 • 21–27 April 2022 • 01–16 June 2022 • 06–21 October 2022 • 14–17 January 2023 • 05–09 May 2023 • 28–30 June 2023 • 22–26 August 2023 Additional Vantage Point and Transect Count monitoring was conducted near the identified Martial Eagle nest to gain a better understanding of their flight behaviour. Five surveys were conducted, in addition to the seven surveys completed as part of the pre-construction monitoring. The five additional surveys were conducted during the following time envelopes: • 17–22 October 2023

		• 15–23 November 2023 • 30 November–05 December 2023 • 17–22 January 2024 • 14–20 February 2024
	▪ Intact grassland patches are important habitat for foraging and facilitate avifauna breeding and movement. Intact grassland patches must be considered and incorporated in the analysis of Impact zones applicable to avifauna.	MTPA intact grassland patches would have to be avoided both from a terrestrial and avifaunal perspective.
	▪ Buffers for waterbodies aquatic features - confirm the rationale in their determination and how their sizes (210m around drainage lines, and 110m around wetland no-go zones) were determined to be sufficient to account for movement of birds through the site, and protection of roosting areas and flight behaviors (approaching and leaving roost sites foraging sites etc).	The additional 110m (i.e. 210m in total) is to account for the rotor-swept area of the turbines. During the EIA Phase fine scale habitat modelling and identification of wetland corridors for cryptic / low detection probability wetland species will be conducted. Two forms of risk zones will be delineated, namely core breeding habitat, and associated connectivity habitat. Connectivity habitat will include wetland habitats not used for breeding but for movement, as well as wetland/grassland margins. These features will need to be buffered to account for the sensitivity of the respective species involved.
	▪ DARDLEA is especially concerned that the site comprises habitat suitable for species with low detection probability, including the Globally Vulnerable Yellow-breasted Pipit, and Endangered Rudd's Lark, and the Critically Endangered Species 23. The precautionary principle must be applied in the undertaking of comprehensive habitat- based assessments in order to robustly delineate flyways and movement corridors for these species.	During the EIA phase fine scale habitat modelling and identification of wetland and grassland corridors for cryptic / low detection probability wetland species will be conducted. Two forms of risk zones will be delineated, namely core breeding habitat, and associated connectivity habitat. Connectivity habitat will include wetland and grassland habitats not used for breeding but for movement, as well as wetland/grassland margins. These features will need to be buffered to account for the sensitivity of the respective species involved. No dedicated site surveys were conducted for Sensitive Species 23 as yet – these will be conducted during the EIA phase.

	▪ Confirmation of compliance with vantage point requirements. Based on our viewshed analysis appears that only 45-50% of the site is covered vs the required 75%, and that some turbines have been located outside of vantage point visibility.	Vantage points were selected based on their accessibility and the ability to observe the maximum area of the site. The proposed turbine locations covered by vantage points at the Emvelo site is in fact at least 73% and not 45-50% as stated. The locations of these vantage points were also chosen to cover the three WEF sites collectively, achieving a combined coverage of 76%, which meets the minimum requirement stipulated by the BLSA guidelines. Additionally, the vantage point observations were supplemented by five further surveys (total of 60 hours) conducted at various on-site locations to record detailed information on the flight activity of Martial Eagles. During these surveys, the flight behavior of all species of conservation concern was noted and recorded, thereby enhancing the overall coverage and observations from the vantage points on site.
	▪ DARDLEAs position is that blade painting will be a non-negotiable, compulsory requirement for all authorized wind farms in the province, and Shut Down on Demand (SDoD) would be a compulsory adaptive management requirement. However, since neither of these measures are effective for night flying birds, which have been confirmed on and adjacent to the site, a separate operational impact analysis must be undertaken for "Mortality of priority night flying species due to collisions with the wind turbines",	Blade patterning (painting) as well as sdod will be a compulsory requirement during the operational phase. Additionally adaptive management for the implementation of additional mitigation measures will also be a requirement during the operational phase. Nighttime vs. Daytime impact ratings will be done separately during the EIA phase. Radar SDoD mitigation to be considered for nighttime mitigation to reduce flamingo and other night flying bird collisions. Nocturnal surveys were not undertaken, however Grass Owl habitat will be modelled as part of the wetland sensitive areas to avoid during the EIA phase.
	▪ The night-flying greater flamingo was confirmed on site, and there is currently no known technology to mitigate for the collision of night flying birds.	Flamingo presence and mitigation will be revisited in more detail in the EIA phase. Radar SDoD mitigation to be considered for nighttime mitigation to reduce flamingo and other night flying bird collisions.

	▪ Due to the sensitivity of avifauna using the area, and the presence of pans and wetlands on and adjacent to the site, as well as the presence of night-flying birds, tracking data should be acquired to augment the 2D models used.	Extensive tracking studies are typically not within the scope of an EIA process. The Martial Eagle female is however being satellite tracked to better understand spatial and temporal use of the landscape with the aim of further refining the buffer zones and mitigation measures.
	▪ Surveys and tracking should be undertaken to determine the collision risks for nocturnal species,	Extensive tracking studies are typically not within the scope of an EIA process. But all available data sources will be investigated and integrated in the EIA phase of the project.
	▪ A site-specific list of priority avifaunal species for wind farms for this particular region must be developed, which must include all wetland species (noting that the priority species list published by BirdLife South Africa in 2012 does not include most wetland species, and did not Include Mpumalanga).	Priority species definitions and considerations for the EIA phase will be revisited and where possible all wetland species will be taken into account with a particular focus on species of conservation concern.
	▪ Appropriate fatality thresholds (turbine collision, as well as power line collision and electrocution) need to be defined and agreed on within and as part of the EIA process, which must then be incorporated into the Impact analysis.	Collision Risk Modelling to be conducted during EIA phase.
	▪ It Is acknowledged that the Martial Eagle nest turbine no-go buffer Is currently being investigated further with detailed modelling and additional survey work, to inform the final no-go area during the EIA phase. Latest available information from literature, specialists and BirdLife must be consulted during this exercise. This must Include BirdLife's and EWT's recommendations of 5-6km buffer for Martial Eagle nests, noting however that Martial Eagles are known to have large breeding territories, and any buffer must be supported by the birds' actual use of an area.	A detailed flight risk model has been developed to define a high-risk turbine exclusion buffer around the nest. The flight risk model will be further refined during the EIA phase. Tracking data currently collected by the Endangered Wildlife Trust will be used to better inform the spatial and temporal use of the eagles in the area around the nest to better inform the buffer and further refine the implementation of mitigation measures.
8.3	Bat Assessment ▪ Appropriate fatality thresholds need to be defined and agreed oh within the EIA process and Incorporated in the impact analysis. ▪ Separate mitigation measures need to be considered in more detail for high-flying bat species (i.e. Egyptian Free-TaUed bat) ,1nd lower-level bat species (e.g. Cape Serotine) In the EIA, i.e. different turbine design, blade I rotor sweep size and height,	The feedback regarding the Bat specialist report is noted and these concerns will be addressed in the Final Bat EIA Report.

	should be investigated for the specific wind turbines located adjacent to areas where these different bat species occur.	
8.4	Microclimate Impact Assessment ▪ Research has demonstrated that turbines can affect the conditions required for mist formation, and that wind farms warm the land surface, especially at night. Altered microclimates will affect the conditions that support the highveld grasslands. Biodiversity and agricultural potential will potentially be affected. A Microclimate Impact Assessment must be undertaken, which must inform the terrestrial biodiversity study as well as the Agricultural Assessment. The impact of this WEF on the micro- climate, in particular the potential impact on precipitation, soil moisture, soil temperature, etc. therefore also needs to be assessed as part of the EIA.	We are unaware of any local studies on Microclimate that have shown the same impacts in the South African context. Should you be aware of any local study that has identified land surface warming as an impact of wind energy facilities, please direct us to the appropriate published document.
9	All relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, Birdlife SA, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Gert Sibande District Municipality (GSDM), Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWRT), and Msukaligwa Local Municipality must be must be consulted and provided with an opportunity of.at least 30 days to submit comments.	All issues raised and comments received during the availability of the DSR have been addressed in the Public Participation Report (Volume III) and in the FSR, as required. Additionally, all the I&APs listed are, or have been added to the I&AP database.
10	The public participation process must be demonstrated to have been conducted In accordance with Regulations 39-44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	The public participation process for the Emvelo WEF has been conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
11	Please provide this Department with an opportunity to review and engage with your response to these comments prior to the submission the final scoping report.	Due to the tight time constraints associated with the EIA regulations, we will not be able to afford DARDLEA an opportunity to re-comment prior to Final Scoping Report Submission. Any additional comments on our responses can be submitted directly to DFFE should they deem them appropriate.
12	We are concerned that the proposed development site is not suitable for the development of wind energy infrastructure, and do not support the layout in its current form.	We appreciate the departments inputs as to the potential risks and impacts associated with the current layout. As noted above, and in our meeting on the 11th of September 2024, the sensitivities identified by the various specialists are being

		taken into account during the review of the layout that is currently underway. Any additional sensitivities identified will be incorporated into the layout to ensure that the direct and cumulative impacts of the project are minimized.

TABLE 7-3 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM MTPA (20 SEPTEMBER 2024)

Ref	Comment	Response
1	The sensitivity of the above farm on which the proposed activity is likely to occur was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014). This sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, priority sensitive areas are identified in terms of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are deemed to be necessary to ensure protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability, and human well-being, and are to remain unaltered.	The general comment about the importance of intact grassland patches and CBAs: In this regard, intact grassland habitat and CBAs was considered to classify the constraints map in terms of faunal sensitivity. Once turbine placement and associated roads and other infrastructure are finalized, then one can better assess the site sensitivity of these specific areas and if any ecological processes may be impacted in relation to the animal theme and flagged animal SCC. Any features within aquatic features and buffer zones will be resolved during the EIA phase.
2	According to the MBSP terrestrial assessment map (figure 1) the proposed development will occur within CBA Irreplaceable, CBA Optimal, ESA Landscape corridor, ESA Ecological Corridor, Important Bird Areas (IBA), other natural areas, moderately modified- old lands and heavily modified area (Degraded). According to the freshwater assessments map (figure 2), the proposed development will occur within a CBA Aquatic River, CBA wetlands, ESA wetlands, ESA Strategic water source, ESA Important sub-catchments other natural areas and heavily modified area (Degraded).	Please refer to response above.

3	The MTPA is concerned with the proposed project area for the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated Auxiliary infrastructure which is within Important Bird Areas (IBA), CBA Irreplaceable, CBA optimal, CBA aquatic rivers, ESA wetland clusters, ESA wetlands and intact grasslands. These areas are of biodiversity importance and the proposed Emvelo WEF and associated infrastructure will compromise the primary biodiversity objectives of these areas.	The layout will be revised during the EIA phase to ensure avoidance of these Key Biodiversity Areas as well as the implementation of appropriate mitigation measures.
4	The MTPA is Concerned with A Number Of Turbines That Are In No-Go Areas Or Highly Sensitive Areas. There Are Ten (10) Turbines That Are Located Within the Intact Grasslands Which Are Turbines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13 And 15 (Refer to Figure 3), Intact Grasslands Are Crucial For Supporting Threatened Avifauna And These Turbines Will Compromise That Biodiversity Objective. The Mbsp Specifically Incorporated Climate Change into Spatial Priorities Through The Prioritisation Of The Connectivity Of Remaining Intact Grassland Patches In The Province, As They Provide Habitat For Species To Thrive, And Allow For Their Dispersal.	The specialist supports the recommendation to retain intact grassland areas where possible, and to focus turbine placement and access roads, etc., across low faunal sensitive areas, such as ploughed fields, and other transformed habitat. Intact grassland habitat and CBAs were considered to classify constraints map in terms of faunal sensitivity.
5	Turbines 12, 14, 16, 17, 29, 32 and 33 are within CBA irreplaceable, which is to be maintained in a natural state with no loss of ecosystems, functionality or species with no flexibility in land-use options. turbines 8, 18 and 19 are within CBA optimal which is to be maintained in a natural state with no loss of ecosystems, functionality or species with some flexibility in land-use options.	This comment has been noted. Further ground truthing will be undertaken during the EIA phase to survey the Intact Grassland Patches and confirm CBAs. Habitat mapping will be looked at see where site verification might conclude that it potentially may not intact grassland.
6	Turbines 1,2,3,5, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26, 31, and 35 are located within important bird area (iba). the important bird area (iba) as established by the birdlife sa are areas that has the richness of conservation important bird species and care should be taken not to lose their breeding and feeding habitats. wind turbines increase the risk of bird's collision. surface water (wetlands, drainage lines and dams) is crucially important for priority avifauna, wind turbines and powerlines that that are placed near surface water pose a collision risk (as mentioned by the avifaunal specialist). the most preferred sites are moderately and heavily modified areas; other natural areas are also preferred but under certain conditions.	Habitat suitability modelling has been done for several species of conservation concern and further investigations regarding habitat suitability modelling will be conducted through during the EIA phase of the project. Areas of concern will be avoided during the EIA phase. During the EIA Phase fine scale habitat modelling and identification of wetland corridors for cryptic / low detection probability wetland species will be conducted.

		flight risk models were also developed for species at risk of collisions with turbines (Martial Eagle), and turbines were excluded, or mitigation measures suggested for these. As per communication from BirdLife South Africa (July 2024) it should be noted that IBA's are being replaced by Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA's).
7	The Proposed Emvelo WEF And Its Associated Grid Connection Is Located In An Area Comprising A High Diversity Of Threatened Bird Species, Including The Following Confirmed On Site: African Marsh Harrier (Regionally Endangered); Martial Eagle (Globally And Regionally Endangered); Denham's Bustard (Globally Near Threatened, Regionally Vulnerable); Secretary Bird (Globally Endangered, Regionally Vulnerable); White- Bellied Bustard (Regionally Vulnerable), Blue Crane (Globally Vulnerable, Regionally Near Threatened); Grey Crowned Crane (Globally And Regionally Endangered); Lanner Falcon (Regionally Vulnerable); Greater Flamingo (Regionally Near Threatened); Southern Bald Ibis (Regionally And Globally Vulnerable); Cape Vulture (Globally Vulnerable And Regionally Endangered}; And Yellow-Breasted Pipit (Regionally And Globally Vulnerable}.	Agreed, as per findings of the avifaunal specialist report. During the EIA Phase fine scale habitat modelling and identification of wetland corridors for cryptic / low detection probability wetland species will be conducted. Two forms of risk zones will be delineated, namely core breeding habitat, and associated connectivity habitat. Connectivity habitat will include wetland habitats not used for breeding but for movement, as well as wetland/grassland margins. These features will need to be buffered to account for the sensitivity of the respective species involved. Modelled Yellow-breasted Pipit and Rudd's Lark habitat areas are considered No-Go zones. These high-quality grassland areas were identified to prevent displacement of birds due to disturbance and habitat destruction. The Yellow-breasted Pipit and Rudd's Lark model output represents the habitat patches most suitable for the species' using a multi-year assessment of imagery indices etc. spanning 2019–2023. This is to account for variability related to drivers of habitat suitability for grassland habitat specialist species such as these endemic larks and pipit. Primary drivers of variability include seasonal rainfall across years, burning/fire, and grazing intensity. The model boundaries will extend beyond suitable habitat into other habitats (forest edge, roads, etc.) in some areas as we have accounted for typical blade swept area (BSA) by buffering the habitat output. This output should be considered high sensitivity and avoided (no-go) given habitat loss/degradation is the primary issue. Although Botha's Larks were not observed on site during the extensive surveys conducted, further investigations regarding habitat suitability will be conducted through modelling during the EIA phase of the project.
8	Turbines 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 13 And 15 Are Within The 5km Martial Eagle Buffer, Birdlife South Africa Currently Recommends 5-6 Km Buffer for Martial Eagles, This 5km No-Go Buffer Must Be Adhered To By The Applicant.	The turbines located within the buffer zone for Martial Eagles will be removed, hence a revised layout will be produced during the EIA phase.

9	The MTPA would like to recommend the following: Key biodiversity areas should be avoided, and Wind turbines removed from such. • A 100m buffer around wetlands and other waterbodies must be implemented and adhered to throughout the lifecycle of the proposed development. • 5km radius Martial Eagle Buffer (as recommended by BirdlifeSA} must be implemented and avoided throughout the lifecycle of the proposed development. • A Thorough Terrestrial Biodiversity assessment which also includes Intact grasslands patches. • A thorough Avifaunal study must be done with all the best practices to avoid the bird collision risks. • Proper mitigation strategies of the wind turbines to avoid collisions and mortalities must be included in the EIAr. • The roads, temporary site camps and all the other associated infrastructure must be included on the site layout of the Emvelo WEF in the EIAr. • The Applicant must find a more suitable alternative site for this development with less risk to biodiversity. • The clearance or removal of vegetation must be restricted to the project footprint. • Moderately modified- old lands and heavily modified areas (Degraded} are the most preferred sites for the Emvelo WEF, other natural areas are also preferred but under certain conditions. • The applicant must apply duty of care to ensure that there is no significant pollution or degradation of the environment.	Recommendations provided will included in the Impact Assessment, accordingly. 5km radius Martial Eagle Buffer (as recommended by BirdlifeSA} must be implemented and avoided throughout the lifecycle of the proposed development. **Response**: • Due to the discovery of a Martial Eagle nest within the proposed WEF project footprints, extensive additional monitoring was performed to collect flight data of the adult eagles and the juvenile in the area. 37 hours, 34 minutes and 11 seconds of Martial Eagle flight time was recorded during an additional 60 hours of observation time conducted in the area. The extensive dataset of Martial Eagle flight data was used to develop a flight risk model. High-quality grassland areas were also identified to prevent displacement of sensitive grassland birds due to disturbance and habitat destruction. A thorough Avifaunal study must be done with all the best practices to avoid the bird collision risks. **Response**: • Noted – a comprehensive avifaunal impact assessment study is underway. Proper mitigation strategies of the wind turbines to avoid collisions and mortalities must be included in the EIAr. **Response**: • An Avifaunal EMPR has been included as Appendix 7 & 8
10	The MTPA does not support the Environmental Authorisation of the proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (Ply} Ltd for proposed Wind Energy Facility and Auxiliary infrastructure operation within the application area with up to 45 proposed wind turbines. The sensitive areas cover most of the proposed Emvelo WEF project area, Important Birds Area (IBA} covers 43% of the project area; Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA} Covers 21.4% of the project area; Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA} covers 1,302.2 ha of the project area; and 2,272.5 ha of intact grassland patches within the project area.	The layout will be revised during the EIA phase

TABLE 7-4 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION (13 AUGUST 2024)

Ref	Comment	Response
1	**COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MULILO AMSTERDAM WEFS CLUSTER, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE** The Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation has reviewed and evaluated the reports and does not have any objection to the draft Scoping Reports and the Plan of Study for EIA. Kindly note that the EIA report must comply with the procedures for the assessment and minimum criteria for reporting on identified environmental themes in terms of sections 24(5) (A) and (H) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998. The Environmental Impact Assessment report must comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) guideline for renewable energy projects and the Best Practice Guideline for Birds & Wind Energy for assessing and monitoring the impact of wind energy facilities on birds in Southern Africa. In conclusion, all Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA for review and queries should be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email; BCAdmin@environment.gov.za for the attention of Mr. Seoka Lekota.	The EAP acknowledges the comment from the Department and notes their response in terms of compliance with EIA regulations and Best Practice Guideline for Birds & Wind Energy for assessing and monitoring the impact of wind energy facilities on birds in Southern Africa.

TABLE 7-10 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE (PREVIOUSLY WITHDRAWN APPLICATION)

Ref	Name and Organisation	Date and Method	Phase of PPP	Comment	Response
1	Nrateng Mashiloane Aviation Environmental	23 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Nrateng Mashiloane [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 9:25 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam	

	Compliance Department			[redacted] Cc: Pamela Madondo [redacted] Evelyn Shogole [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Good day, I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/ . A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za. Kind regards,	
2	John Geeringh National Transmission Company South Africa SOC Ltd (NTCSA)	23 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: John Geeringh [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 11:50 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Please send me KMZ files of the proposed developments and grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as a setbacks guideline for RE Developments. Kind regards	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 5:56 PM To: John Geeringh [redacted]; ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Dear John, Thank you for your e-mail. Please find attached a KMZ file of each WEF. Thank You Kind Regards

3	Lydia Kutu Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Integrated Environmental Authorisations	24 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Lydia Kutu [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:34 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] EIAadmin [redacted] Salome Mambane [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted] Sadiya Salie [redacted] Anathi Manyakanyaka [redacted]; Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591 Dear Sir/Madam ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CARLETONVILLE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANT AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE ON REMAINDER OF FARM TWYFELVLAKTE NO. 105, MERAFONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, WEST RAND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, GAUTENG PROVINCE. The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 22 July 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states	EAP acknowledge that this was an unintended error of acknowledgement. DFFE had subsequently attempted to redact this message.

				that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority. Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department. Kind Regards,	
4	Lydia Kutu Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Integrated Environmental Authorisations	24 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Lydia Kutu [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:37 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] EIAadmin [redacted] Salome Mambane [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted] Sadiya Salie [redacted] Anathi Manyakanyaka [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2592 Dear Sir/Madam	The EAP acknowledges the receipt of the Draft Scoping report to the department

				ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 22 July 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority. Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of	

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5	Lydia Kutu Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Integrated Environmental Authorisations	24 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Lydia Kutu [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:38 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] EIAadmin [redacted] Salome Mambane [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted] Sadiya Salie [redacted] Anathi Manyakanyaka [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591 Dear Sir/Madam ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for	

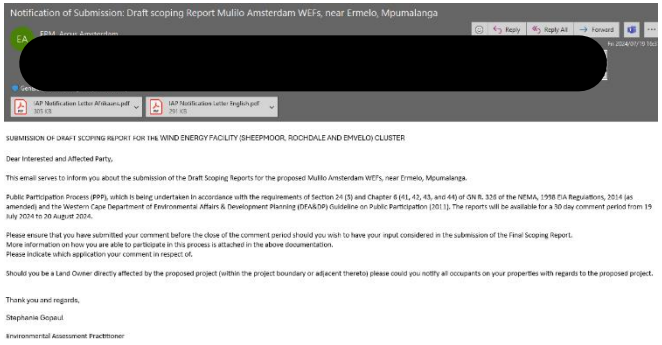
				Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 22 July 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended. Please take note of Regulation 40(3) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, which states that potential Interested & Affected Parties, including the Competent Authority, may be provided with an opportunity to comment on reports and plans contemplated in Regulation 40(1) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, prior to the submission of an application but must be provided an opportunity to comment on such reports once an application has been submitted to the Competent Authority. Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.	

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6	Lydia Kutu Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) Integrated Environmental Authorisations	24 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 7:40 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: [redacted] EIAadmin [redacted] Salome Mambane [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted] Sadiya Salie [redacted] Anathi Manyakanyaka [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593 Dear Sir/Madam ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 22 July 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred	The EAP acknowledges the receipt of the Draft Scoping report to the department

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7	Tebego Kgaphola Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment	29 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: BC Admin [redacted] Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 9:22 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Portia Makitla [redacted] Tebego Kgaphola [redacted] Lindiwe Victoria Dlamini [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft	

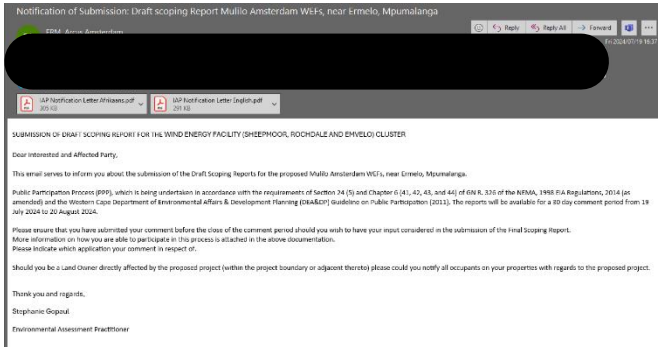
				scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Dear Sir/Madam DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Tebego Kgaphola (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers. Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota	
8	Josua Meyer Aida Form entry	30 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Josua Meyer [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 11:00 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: Fwd: SHEEPMOOR, EMVELO WIND ENERGIE PROJEKTE VERSOEK VORM OM TE REGISTREER AS BELANGHEBBENDE PARTY OP BOGEMELDE PROJEKTE sodat kommentaar gelewer kan word. Het nie rekening op aida om aanlyn te registreer nie en die foon nommer 011-798 5400 is foutief. Waardeer	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:10 PM To: Josua Meyer [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: SHEEPMOOR, EMVELO WIND ENERGIE PROJEKTE Good day, Thank you for your comment, you will now be added to the I&AP database. Below is a link to the Aida form, there will be no need to register in order to fill out the form: https://mulilowef.aidaform.com/public-participation-form Thank you,

9	John Geeringh National Transmission Company South Africa SOC Ltd (NTCSA)	31 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: John Geeringh [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 3:45 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Thanks, they will have to relook at their turbine layouts with regards to the setbacks requirements of 3 x tip height from TX lines and 1 x tip height from Dx lines. Lines connecting to power stations are extremely sensitive and chance are we may no grant setbacks relaxation. Regards	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 9:24 AM To: John Geeringh [redacted]ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Hi John, Thank you for your email. The layout will be revised, taking into account the WTG's that are within the proximity of the existing transmission lines. We will ensure that these turbines are 3x the Tip height from existing Electrical infrastructure. Kind Regards,
10	Josua Meyer Interested and Affected Party	31 July 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Josua Meyer [redacted] Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 9:06 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: VOORGESTELDE ERMELO WINDPLASE Plasing, groottes van turbines onduidelik Versoek duidelike kaart waar turbines geplaas gaan word. Eiendom grense en distrikspaaie moet duidelik getoon word.	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 9:45 AM To: Josua Meyer [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: VOORGESTELDE ERMELO WINDPLASE Good day, Kindly see attached Layout of Proposed WEF's. Additional information on the project can be found in the link below: https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/ Kind Regards,

11	Robyn Luyt Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM) DARDLEA	03 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Robyn Luyt [redacted] Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 3:09 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: [redacted]; Gavin Cowden [redacted]Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Subject: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga Importance: High Good day Ms Gopaul, It has come to our attention, and not via any official notification from ERM, that draft Scoping Reports for the following wind farms proposed in the Gert Sibande District in Mpumalanga Province are out for public comment from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024 (as per ERM website), where ERM is the EAP: 1. Shepmoore WEF 2. Emvelo WEF 3. Rochdale WEF Neither DARDLEA nor MTPA have been consulted to date, nor have we received copies of any of the draft Scoping Reports. Aside from the requirements of the EIA Regulations, DARDLEA and MTPA have through internal arrangements with DFFE requested to be included in all pre-application consultations for Renewable Energy projects in Mpumalanga, particularly wind energy facilities. DARDLEA and MTPA must be included during all pre-application meetings and in all in-process consultations.	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 1:43 PM To: Robyn Luyt [redacted]; ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: [redacted]Gavin Cowden [redacted]; Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Subject: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga Good day Robyn, Please note that DARDLEA and MTPA were notified regarding the PP for the Draft scoping Phase on the 19th July 2024. Kindly see proof of notification below:  Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga [redacted] SUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER Dear Interested and Affected Party, This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga. Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2013). The reports will be available for a 50 day comment period from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024. Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final Scoping Report. More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation. Please indicate which application your comment in respect of. Should you be a Land Owner directly affected by the proposed project (within the project boundary or adjacent thereto) please could you notify all occupants on your properties with regards to the proposed project. Thank you and regards, Stephanie Gopaul Environmental Assessment Practitioner

For the purpose of commenting on draft reports during the regulatory periods, we request that hard copies of all reports are submitted to Ms Sindi Mbuyane in our Ermelo office (where projects are located in the Gert Sibande District), and sent electronically to me via WeTransfer. Please also ensure that MTPA receives the reports in the manner requested by them. For your records I include the contact details of all relevant officials to be consulted in DARDLEA (when an application is in the Gert Sibande District) and MTPA:

DARDLEA	DESIGNATION	EMAIL	PHONE
Robyn Luyt	Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM)	[redacted]	082 672 7868
Sindisiwe Mbuyane	Deputy Director: EIM Gert Sibande District	[redacted]	076 870 5543
Gavin Cowden	Deputy Director: Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination	[redacted]	
MTPA	**DESIGNATION**	**EMAIL**	**PHONE**
Mervyn Lotter	Manager: Biodiversity Planning	[redacted]	083 299 7618


Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga

[redacted]

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IAP Notification Letter English.pdf 291 KB

SUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga.

Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2013). The reports will be available for a 30 day comment period from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024.

Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final Scoping Report.
More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.
Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Should you be a Land Owner directly affected by the proposed project (within the project boundary or adjacent thereto) please could you notify all occupants on your properties with regards to the proposed project.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

If required, we will send through hard copies and also resend to the below contacts and will update our I&AP database accordingly. Additionally, kindly note that PPP for the Mulilo Wind Energy Farm in Mpumalanga closes the 20th of August 2024.

				<table><tr><td>Frans Krige</td><td>Land Use Advisor</td><td>[redacted]</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Khumbelo Malele</td><td>Land Use Advisor</td><td>[redacted]</td><td>013 235 2395</td></tr><tr><td>Celia de Waal</td><td>EIA Data Capturer LUA</td><td>[redacted]</td><td>082 841 7163</td></tr></table> Please note that time frames for commenting on draft reports can only commence on the date that hard copies of the reports are received, and we request that our 30 day time frame aligns with DFFE's. Kind Regards Robyn	
12	Celia de Waal Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks	06 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 9:35 AM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Mervyn Lotter [redacted] Johan Eksteen [redacted] Frans Krige [redacted] Khumbelo Malele [redacted] Subject: FW: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit Good morning Kindly send us, the MTPA, hard copies of the 3 Wind Farm reports, for our Scientists to comment on, to the following physical address: To: Cecilia de Waal (EIA Data Capturer) MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg)	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 3:27 PM To: Celia de Waal [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Johan Eksteen [redacted] Frans Krige [redacted] Khumbelo Malele [redacted] Mervyn Lotter [redacted] Subject: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga Good day Cecilia, Thank you for your email. The reports are on their way to the below address as we speak. Kind Regards,

End of Morgan street
Lydenburg 1120

My contact details are: [redacted]

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

From: Mervyn Lotter [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:00 AM
To: Frans Krige [redacted] Celia de Waal [redacted]; Robyn Luyt [redacted] Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted]
Subject: FW: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

Hi there

Christophe sent me the attached KML file and the below links. I see these are links to scoping reports dated 19 July 2024. They seem to have started with the application process while not yet consulting us.

Celia, could you please write to ERM to request copies of the three wind farm documents for comment.

Robyn/Sindy, you may want to do the same.

I have updated our webmap with these latest boundaries from the KML file.

Best wishes
Mervyn

				From: Christophe Pajonk [redacted] Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 12:19 PM To: Mervyn Lotter [redacted] Subject: RE: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit Hi Mervyn, Many thanks for reaching out. Please find attached the kmz of the Mullilo WEF projects in Mpumalanga. Please also find below the publicly available documents for their respective projects https://www.sustainability.com/globalassets/documents/proposed-amsterdam/0684401_sheepmoor-wef-dsr.pdf https://www.sustainability.com/globalassets/documents/proposed-amsterdam/0684401_emvelo-wef-dsr.pdf https://www.sustainability.com/globalassets/documents/proposed-amsterdam/0684401_rochdale-wef-dsr.pdf I hope this helps. Kind regards,	

Christophe

From: Mervyn Lotter [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 8:25 PM
To: Christophe Pajonk [redacted]
Subject: RE: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

EXTERNAL MAIL
Hi Christophe

Thank you for writing. Would you please send me an image or shapefile for the Mulilo WEF boundaries when you get a chance?

Best wishes
Mervyn

From: Christophe Pajonk [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 4:50 PM
To: Sindy Mbuyane [redacted]; Gavin Cowden [redacted] Robyn Luyt [redacted] Frans Krige [redacted] Mervyn Lotter [redacted] Rockey Nkosi [redacted]
Cc: Ryan David-Andersen [redacted]
Subject: RE: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

Good afternoon everyone,

Thank you so much for your time and very valuable feedback and recommendations.

				Ryan and I are now back in Cape Town and addressing your comments. We have liaised back with our EAP and will provide you with further information shortly. Thanks again for taking the time to meet with us and for the transparency, we highly appreciate it. I will be sending a couple of emails in the next few days in line with our engagement. Kind regards, Christophe From: Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 11:23 AM To: Ryan David-Andersen [redacted]; Christophe Pajonk [redacted] Gavin Cowden [redacted] Robyn Luyt [redacted]Frans Krige [redacted] Subject: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit EXTERNAL MAIL Good day All, Find attached for your attention. Kind Regards, Sindisiwe Mbuyane EAPASA Reg: 2021/3509, IAIAsa 2040304	

				Environmental Officer Control Grade B Gert Sibande District (13 De Jager Street, Ermelo 2350) [redacted] [redacted]	
13	Celia de Waal Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks	06 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 3:37 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga Thank you	
14	Robyn Luyt Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM) DARDLEA	10 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Robyn Luyt [redacted] Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 4:19 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Subject: Re: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga Good afternoon, Please confirm whether you received the below email - I have deleted all graphics from the email thread to ensure this reaches you. Regards Robyn >>> Robyn Luyt 08/11/24 9:51 AM >>> Good day Stephanie, As of 8 August 2024, neither DARDLEA nor MTPA have received draft Scoping Reports to review and comment on, nor have we received a response to the email below.	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 4:23 PM To: Robyn Luyt [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Subject: RE: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga Good day Robyn, Emails have been received and responded to. Please see attached response. Kind Regards *NOTE:* *Post concerns expressed from DARDLEA/MTPA. The previous draft applications were withdrawn and the*

				Kind Regards Robyn *Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc.,* *Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)* *Director: Environmental Impact Management* *Department of Agriculture, Rural Development,* *Land & Environmental Affairs* *Mpumalanga Provincial Government* *Riverside Office Park, Aqua Street (Cycad* *Building - Block 4)* *Nelspruit, 1200* *Tel: 013 759 4000* *Email: rluyt@mpg.gov.za* >>> Robyn Luyt 08/07/24 9:41 AM >>> Good day Stephanie, Be advised that the names of the officials at MTPA that you have highlighted in your below notification are not the relevant officials that are required to be notified or the relevant officials that must review and comment on draft Scoping or EIA reports, or any reports related to an EIA process. There are also no officials in the list of officials in your screenshots that are in the Environmental Affairs Chief Directorate in MDARDLEA - as far as I am aware they are in the section that deals with Agriculture, which is an entirely different mandate. It would not be acceptable to not provide the commenting authority the mandatory 30 days to review and comment on draft reports, especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification. The Directorate Environmental Impact Management within DARDLEA represents the MEC as Competent Authority in Mpumalanga, and the commenting	*entire process restarted to afford all IAPs 30 days commenting period.*

				authority in respect projects administered by DFFE. MTPA has the mandate for biodiversity matters on behalf of DARDLEA. As per my email to you below (3 August), hard copies of all reports must be submitted to Ms Mbuyane (Environmental Impact Management) at our Ermelo office, and the documents must be made available to me (and in this instance to Mr Cowden and Mr Lotter) electronically at the same time. You will need to contact Ms De Waal and Mr Krige at MTPA to confirm how documents must be submitted to MTPA. Please provide shape files of the 3 proposed WEFs as well. Regards Robyn	
15	Robyn Luyt Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM) DARDLEA	10 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Robyn Luyt [redacted] Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 4:56 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Subject: Re: RE: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga Importance: High Good day, Please see my email response to you on 7 August as per below email thread. I have not had a response and we still await the draft reports for commenting. Please urgently advise how this is being addressed. I have just had an email from MTPA stating that you are busy sending them the draft reports. Please confirm when I will receive a link to the reports, and when our Ms Mbuyane will receive the hard copies. Please also confirm that we (both	

				DARDLEA and MTPA) will be provided with the mandatory 30 days to comment. Should you wish to discuss this further please call me on [redacted]. Regards Robyn	
16	Tebego Kgaphola Directorate: Biodiversity Mainstreaming and EIA	12 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: BC Admin [redacted] Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 1:07 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Good day Kindly share the link for the below project.	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 2:07 PM To: BC Admin [redacted]; ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Good day Tebego, Please see below link to the proposed project: https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/ Kindly navigate to the bottom of the page to download all reports and additional documentation related to the project. Kind Regards
17	Robyn Luyt Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM) DARDLEA	12 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Robyn Luyt[redacted] Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 2:09 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc:[redacted] Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Subject: Re: RE: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind	From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 4:06 PM To: Robyn Luyt [redacted]; ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: [redacted] Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted]

				Farms Mpumalanga Importance: High Dear Lucien, Our telephone discussion this morning refers. I just wanted to confirm what we discussed in writing, ie. that MTPA and DARDLEA are different entities, and that MTPA and DARDLEA must each get reports for commenting. You confirmed that you dispatched documents to Ms Celia de Waal in Lydenburg last week (to arrive this week). Note that as per the table below, Ms de Waal will receive the documents for MTPA. DARDLEA must therefore still be provided with the documents. Hard copies to Ms Mbuyane at our Ermelo office, and a link to be sent to me. Please also send me the shapefiles. I have understood that you will be discussing this with your client and with Ms Gopaul, and that ERM would revert to me. Please see page 2 of our application form attached where you will find the physical address of our Ermelo office (Gert Sibande District). Kind Regards Robyn	Subject: RE: RE: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga Hi Robyn, Thank you for your call earlier. I wanted to inform you that we sent out the notification to all IAPs on July 19th, 2024. We are currently in the process of couriering the Draft Scoping Reports to Sindiswe Mbuyane in Ermelo. We would greatly appreciate it if you could review the reports within the current PPP period. Additionally, we have added you to the IAP database for the Full Scoping and EIA Phase to afford you an opportunity to comment. We are keen to have you onboard and to ensure that you are up to speed with the proposed project, we would be happy to set up a call at your convenience. We understand that you may not have received the reports yet, but if you could review them at your earliest convenience, it would be greatly appreciated. Below is a link to the electronic copies of the reports and attached the shapefiles of the development for your review. https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/ Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further or if you have any questions.
18	Bathandwa Ncube DFFE	12 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 4:14 PM To: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted]; ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]	

				Cc: Masina Morudu [redacted] [redacted] GCowden [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted] R Luyt [redacted] Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Goodday Lucien 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE 14/12/16/3/3/2/2592: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE The application and draft Scoping Report (SR) for Environmental Authorisation received by the Department on 22 July 2024 refers. Following our telephone conversation earlier today regarding the public participation process, please be informed that comments on the draft Scoping Report (SR) are due to you on 22 August 2024. It is noted that there are organs of state who have jurisdiction in respect	

				of the proposed activity, which requires that they be added to the I&AP Database and given an opportunity to comment on the draft SR. The applicant is requested to submit the final SR to the Department on or before the due date (05 September 2024) and may submit comments from MTPA and DARDLEA as addendums, subsequent to the submission of the final SR to the Department. MTPA and Mpumalanga DARDLEA are requested to cc this Department when submitting comments to the EAP. Kind regards	
19	ERM Arcus Amsterdam Mailbox	12 August 2024 Per Email	Draft Scoping Phase		From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 4:58 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: [redacted] Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Hi Bheki, Our telephonic discussion earlier refers. Understandably, you mentioned IT related issues in terms of receiving e-mails and forwarding them, hence I have copied your gmail address as requested. Please see below notification that was sent on the 19th of July 2024.

					SUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER Dear Interested and Affected Party, This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga. Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The reports will be available for a 30 day comment period from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024. Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final Scoping Report. More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation. Please indicate which application your comment in respect of. Should you be a Land Owner directly affected by the proposed project (within the project boundary or adjacent thereto) please could you notify all occupants on your properties with regards to the proposed project. Thank you and regards, Stephanie Gopaul Environmental Assessment Practitioner

20	Celia de Waal Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks	13 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Celia de Waal [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 8:16 AM To: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Masina Morudu [redacted] GCowden [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted]; Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]; R Luyt [redacted] Frans Krige [redacted]Johan Eksteen [redacted] Subject: MTPA Acknowledgement of receipt RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Good day Stephanie The MTPA acknowledge the receipt of the following 3 documents. It was delivered yesterday 12 August 2024. 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE 14/12/16/3/3/2/2592: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE	The EAP acknowledges the receipt of the DSRs to the department

				MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE The commenting scientist is Mr. Frans Krige who is copied in this e-mail.	
21	Robyn Luyt Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM) DARDLEA	13 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Report	From: Robyn Luyt [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 8:50 AM To: [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Cc: [redacted] Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Subject: Re: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Importance: High Good Morning all, I am extremely concerned with the agreement reached between ERM and DFFE. DARDLEA, as the Provincial Department responsible for environmental affairs in Mpumalanga Province, has to date not yet received any of the draft documents for review and comment. In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(1)(b), the scoping report is required to be subjected to all I&APs for a period of at least 30 days for comment. Further to this, Regulation 40(2)(b) states that the public participation process must provide access to all information ...and must include consultation with every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment	From: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 3:56 PM To: Robyn Luyt [redacted] Cc: [redacted] Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Dear Robyn Thank you for your email in response to that of Bathandwa's in the email trail. Apologies that the draft documents did not reach your desk, however these were submitted and made accessible to DARDLEA on 19th July (see email attached). Following your email on 3rd August 2024, we responded to you on 6th August (as per the email attached) and advised you that DARDLEA were in fact notified of the availability. Your email on 8th August refers: Good day Stephanie, "Be advised that the names of the officials at MTPA that you have highlighted in your below notification arenot the relevant officials that are required to be

				relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation. Regulation 21(1) is very clear in the requirement that a final Scoping Report must, within 44 days of submitting an application to the CA, be submitted to the CA (ie. DFFE), which report has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received. The arrangement below is not in line with this requirement, which amounts to an administrative flaw, and I fail to see how DFFE would be in a position to consider a final Scoping report that does not include the input from DARDLEA. The arrangement would also preclude the requirement for the applicant to incorporate the comments received from DARDLEA into the final Scoping report. As stated above, DARDLEA still awaits the documents for comment. Kind Regards Robyn	notified or the relevant officials that must review and comment on draft Scoping or EIA reports, or any reports related to an EIA process. There are also no officials in the list of officials in your screenshots that are in the Environmental Affairs Chief Directorate in MDARDLEA - as far as I am aware they are in the section that deals with Agriculture, which is an entirely different mandate. It would notbe acceptable to not provide the commenting authority the mandatory 30 days to review and comment on draft reports, especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification. The Directorate Environmental Impact Management within DARDLEA represents the MEC as Competent Authority in Mpumalanga, and the commenting authority in respect projects administered by DFFE. MTPA has the mandate for biodiversity matters on behalf of DARDLEA. As per my email to you below (3 August), hard copies of all reports must be submitted to Ms Mbuyane (Environmental Impact Management) at our Ermelo office, and the documents must be made available to me (and in this instance to Mr Cowden and Mr Lotter) electronically at the same time. You will need to contact Ms De Waal and Mr Krige at MTPA to confirm how documents must be submitted to MTPA. Please provide shape files of the 3 proposed WEFs as well." We then responded to you with the links to access the documents electronically and couriered hard copies to Ms Sindi Mbuyane as per your request on 3rd August - we will follow up with the courier if these haven't been received by her as yet. MTPA received their hard copies yesterday (refer to email attached from Celia de Waa for proof of receipt). Importantly, in your email of 3rd August, you state that "DARDLEA and MTPA have through internal arrangements with DFFE requested to be included in all pre-application consultations for Renewable

					Energy projects in Mpumalanga, particularly wind energy facilities." You also state in your email of 8th August (referenced in the para above) that "especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification". I would like to point out that Ms Sindi Mbuyane was in fact involved in the pre-app meeting – please see attached the pre-app meeting minutes that Ms Sindi signed. Prior consultation therefore did happen and we kindly request that in light of this, you consider completing your review of the DSR to meet the public participation deadline of 22 August 2024. Should you be unable to provide your comments by this date, we would agree to the way forward stipulated in the email by Ms Bathandwa Ncube on 12 august 2024- ie. this would mean that the FSR would progress and get submitted without DARDLEA and MTPA comments if these are not available at the time, and for comments from these departments to be submitted as an addendum to the FSR. We thank you for your engagement to date and look forward to your response.
22	Tebego Kgaphola Directorate: Biodiversity Mainstreaming and EIA	13 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Tebego Kgaphola [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 12:47 PM To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Cc: Portia Makitla [redacted] Subject: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MULILO AMSTERDAM WEFS CLUSTER, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE Good day	*NOTE:* *Post concerns expressed from DARDLEA/MTPA. The previous draft applications were withdrawn and the entire process restarted to afford all IAPs 30 days commenting period.*

				Kindly find the attached comments for the aforementioned project	
23	Mervyn Lotter	13 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Mervyn Lotter [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 8:34 PM To: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Cc: Robyn Luyt [redacted] Gavin Cowden [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]; Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Frans Krige [redacted] Subject: Re: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP DDear Stephanie, I am writing to clarify several points regarding the recent applications: The appropriate MTPA staff members responsible for reviewing these three applications only received the links on August 6th and hard copies on August 12th. The two MTPA staff members you contacted in July are involved in permitting processes (such as issuing permits for collecting protected species) and are not responsible for reviewing development applications. As they were blind copied, they would have been unaware if the correct staff had been included in the correspondence.	

				According to the minutes you provided, Ms. Mbuyane informed you on May 31, 2024, that "the MTPA is the main custodian of biodiversity in Mpumalanga and their guidelines would provide guidance on avoiding biodiversity sensitive areas." However, it appears this guidance was not sought. Upon reviewing my email records, I found communications from Andrew Pearson, Annitta Attieh, and Verushka Snyders (all from Mulilo) regarding CBAs for other projects, indicating that Mulilo is aware that I am the appropriate contact for biodiversity planning related matters. I also have several emails to both Frans Krige and myself from ERM staff, such as Kate Hamilton from around 2016 and more recently. ERM should know who the correct staff would be to send the EIA documents to for comment. We are currently managing several other development applications with similar deadlines. Given the short notice, it would be challenging to thoroughly review and apply our minds to the three applications before August 22nd. It is regrettable that we were not consulted earlier, despite the prior recommendation to do so. This has now placed undue pressure on our team to meet your deadline. Comments from authorities need to be considered and incorporated into the final EIA document. Including them as an appendix defeats the purpose of the legislated timeframes and the need to consider these inputs in the first place. This is a risk to your project.	

				We can only try and do our best. Regards, Mervyn	
24	Masina Morudu DFFE	14 August 2024 Per email	Draft Scoping Phase	From: Masina Morudu [redacted] Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 12:00 PM To: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Cc: Coenrad Agenbach [redacted]; Olivia Letlalo [redacted] Sindiswa Dlomo [redacted] [redacted]; GCowden [redacted]; SB. Mbuyane [redacted] R Luyt [redacted] Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]Andrew Pearson [redacted] Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Dear Stephanie, Following the discussion between the Provincial Department (DARDLEA) and the EAP earlier this morning, it was confirmed that the EAP did notify the province about the proposed wind energy developments but unfortunately the notification was sent to the Agriculture section within the department and the environmental section did not get the notification/draft reports. The Provincial Department was made aware of the public review of the draft scoping reports of the proposed developments by other interested and affected parties and Ms Luyt contacted ERM and requested the draft reports for comment on 03 August 2024 (see attached	From: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 8:06 PM To: Masina Morudu [redacted] Cc: Coenrad Agenbach [redacted]; Olivia Letlalo [redacted] Sindiswa Dlomo [redacted] [redacted] GCowden [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted] R Luyt [redacted]Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]Andrew Pearson [redacted]Stephen Burton [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted]; Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP Dear Masina Thank you for your emails. We will discuss with the proponent and get back to you.

				email). The EAP/Applicant failed to submit the requested reports until this week. The Provincial Department and MTPA must be afforded 30 days to comment as per EIA Regulations 2014 as amended otherwise the process will be viewed as being procedural flawed. Considering the above, it is noted that the EAP will not be able to meet the regulated time frames for the submission of the final Scoping Reports (05 September 2024), and thus, the applications are going to regrettably lapse. Therefore the Department advices that the EAP withdraws the current applications and reapply. Please note that , reapplying constitutes the EIA process from the beginning. Regards, MASINA MORUDU	

APPENDIX 1 I&AP DATABASE

AFFILIATION TO PROJECT	FARM / DEPARTMENT / ORGANISATION NAME	FARM PORTION	NAME	SURNAME	OTHER	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	OTHER PHONE	ADDRESS	POSTAL ADD.	CITY	CODE	COMMENT	RETURNED EMAIL ADDRESSES	SG CODE
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Rochdale facility	272	5													
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Emvelo facility	274	5				[redacted]	[redacted]								
Emvelo facility	274	6				[redacted]	[redacted]								
Emvelo facility/ Gridline	274	RE				[redacted]	[redacted]								

Emvelo facility	283	RE				[redacted]	[redacted]									
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3. National / Provincial / Local Government Departments																
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Muhammod	Essop		[redacted]										
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National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)				Environmental Case Officer											
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Ms Ernest	Mokganedi	Chief Directorate: Protected Areas Expansion Unit	[redacted]			[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]				
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Portia	Maklita	BDC Department	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]				
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Seoka	Lekota	BDC Department	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]				
National Government	National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)		Stanley	Tshitwamulomoni	Chief Directorate: Biodiversity Section	[redacted]			[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]				

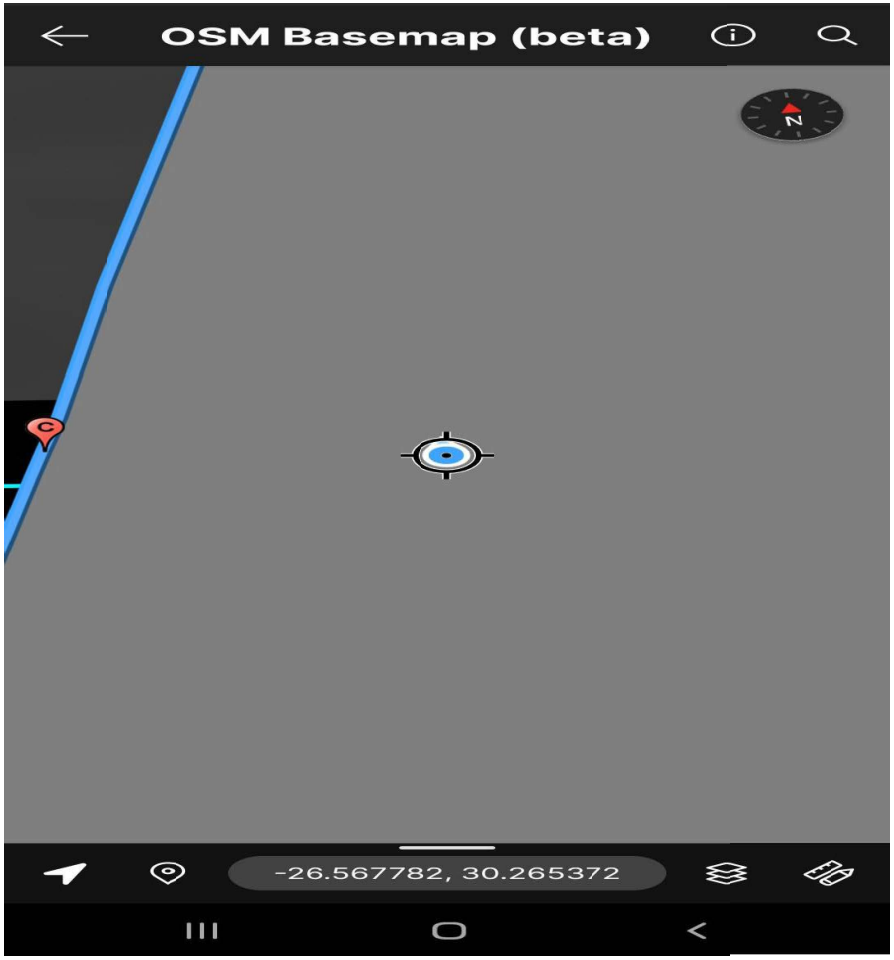
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National Government	National Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)		Nelisa	Ndobeni	Environmental Control Officer										
National Government	National Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)		Phila	Mayisela	Acting Head of Department										
National Government	National Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation (DHSWS)		Nelly	Letsholonyane	National Government Cooperate Services										
National Government	National Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)		Pieter	Swart	Provincial Government										
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National Government	National Department of Communications and Digital Technologies		Nozipho N	Mndaweni	National Government										
National Government	National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)		Katshaba	Goafhiwe	National Government										
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National Government	National Department of Public Works		Basson	Geldenhuys	National Government										
National Government	National Department of Social Development		Robert	Macdonald	Provincial Government, Head of department										
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National Government	National Department of Government Communication and Information System		Chrispin	Phiri	National Government										
National Government	National Department of Energy IPP		Pervelan	Govender	National Government										
National Government	National Commision on Restitution of Land Rights		Ryan	Oliver	National Government										
National Government	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy		Keneilwe	Ratshomo	Energy Economics and Statistics										
National Government	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy		Ramaano	Nembahe	Energy Economics and Statistics										
Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Province Agriculture, rural development, land and environmental affairs		Ms Z.J.	Shabangu	Director: Communication Services										
Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Province Agriculture, rural development, land and environmental affairs		Mr G.O	Xaba	Director : Gert Sibande District										
Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Province Agriculture, rural development, land and environmental affairs		Bheki	Nyathikazi	Director: Communication Services										
Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Province community safety, security and liaison		Mr SJM	Nkuna	General Manger: Traffic Management										
Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Province community safety, security and liaison		Mr NS	Nkambule	Senior Manager: Gert Sibande										
Provincial Government	Mpmalanga Province Public Works, Roads and Transport		Mr MC	Morolo	Head: public works, roads and transport										
Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Province Human Settlements				Gert Sibande Regional Office										
Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Premier Office		Refilwe	Mtsweni-Tsipane	Mpumalanga Premier										
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Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency		Dorothy	Makaringe	Permitting Applications										
Provincial Government	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency		Bheki	Malaza	Permitting Applications										
Provincial Government	Gert Sibande District Municipality		Clr MG	Chirwa	Executive Mayor										
Provincial Government	Gert Sibande District Municipality		Mr CA	Habile	Municipal Manager										
Provincial Government	Gert Sibande District Municipality		Ms Bongi	Dube	Head of Communications										
Provincial Government	Economic Development and Tourism		Mr V	Dlamini	Head of Department										
Provincial Government	Economic Development and Tourism		Mr P	Khumalo	District Director: Gert Sibande										
Provincial Government	Economic Development and Tourism		Mr S	Hlatshwayo	Environmental Impact Management Acting director										
Provincial Government	Economic Development and Tourism		Mr M	Mahlalela	Pollution & Waste Management Service Acting Director										
Provincial Government	Economic Development and Tourism		Mr S	Msibi	Gert Sibande District Manager										
Provincial Government	Economic Development and Tourism		Ms T	Henning	Emerlo EC										
Provincial Government	Economic Development and Tourism		Mr S	Makhabane	Amsterdam EC										
Local Government	Msukaligwa Local Municipality		Ben	Nkosi	Ward 18 councillor										
Local Government	Msukaligwa Local Municipality		Sibusiso	Khalishwayo	Ward 11 councillor										
Local Government	Msukaligwa Local Municipality		Mapulane	Nkosi	Executive Mayor										
Local Government	Msukaligwa Local Municipality														

4. Key Stakeholders, Organs of State and Non-Govermental Organisations (NGOs)															
Key Stakeholder	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)		Andile	Gxasheka	National Government										
Key Stakeholder	National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA)		Office	Office	National Government										
Key Stakeholder	WESSA		Morgan	Griffiths											
Key Stakeholder	South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)		Lizelle	Stroh	Obstacle Specialist										
Key Stakeholder	South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)		Evelyn	Shogole	Environmental Specialist										
Key Stakeholder	South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)		Gawie	Bestbier											
Key Stakeholder	South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)		Chinga	Mashetese											
Key Stakeholder	Air Traffic and Navigation Services SOC Limited (ATNS)		Mabitsi	Legodi	Senior Projects Manager										
Key Stakeholder	Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)		Anastasia												
Key Stakeholder	Eskom SOC Ltd (ESKOM)		John	Geeringh	Senior Environmental Advisor Eskom GC - Land Development										
Key Stakeholder	Eskom SOC Ltd (ESKOM)		Krishna	Naidoo	Eskom Transmission										
Key Stakeholder	ESKOM: Renewable Energy		Mpilo	Masondo											
Key Stakeholder	ESKOM: Renewable Energy		Pumza	Jizana											
Key Stakeholder	ESKOM: Renewable Energy		Martina	Phiri											
Key Stakeholder	ESKOM: Renewable Energy		Khululwa	Gaongalelwe	National Government										
Key Stakeholder	Transnet SOC ltd		Thandeka	Nohoyeka	Chief Property Technician, Transet Property										
Key Stakeholder	Transnet SOC ltd		Ezekiel	Monyamane	Transnet Freight Rail, the Senior Manager : Environmental Sustainability,										
Key Stakeholder	Transnet SOC ltd		Herman	Coetzee	Transnet: Radio Communication Department										
Key Stakeholder	South African Bat Assessment Advisory Panel (SABAAP)		Kate	Richardson	Chairperson										
Key Stakeholder	BirdLife SA		Samantha	Ralston	Birds and Renewable Energy Manager										
Key Stakeholder	Endangered Wildlife Trust		Yolan	Friedman	CEO										
Key Stakeholder	Endangered Wildlife Trust		Lourens	Leeuwner	Wildlife and Energy Prgramme										
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Key Stakeholder	South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)				NPAES										
Key Stakeholder	Southern African Alternative Energy Association (SAAEA)		Alwyn	Smith	Administrator										
Key Stakeholder	Sustainable Energy Society of Southern Africa (SESSA)		Adriana	Chickesh	Knowledge Management Information Officer										
Key Stakeholder	World Wildlife Fund (WWF) South Africa		Morne	Du Plessis											
Key Stakeholder	Agri SA		Thea	Liebenberg	Media Liaison Officer										
Key Stakeholder	Agri SA		Janse	Rabie	Head of AgriSA Natrual Resources										
Key Stakeholder	Agricultural Research Council		Shadrack	Moephuli	CEO										
Key Stakeholder	Cell C Tele Communications		Vivien	Kiewitz											
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Key Stakeholder	MTN Tele Communications		Charles	van Reenen	Innovation Centre Engineering										
Key Stakeholder	MTN Tele Communications		Renier	Nel											
Key Stakeholder	Telkom SA Limited		Leonard	Shaw	Wireless Planning Development & Support, Telkom HQ										
Key Stakeholder	Vodacom South Africa Tele Communications		Craig	Barnes											
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Key Stakeholder	Ermelo Public Library		Chrisna	Calitz											
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I&AP	Landowner		Mr	Meyer											
I&AP	Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM)		Robyn	Luyt											
I&AP	Deputy Director: EIM Gert Sibande District		Sindisiwe	Mbuyane											
I&AP	Deputy Director: Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination		Gavin	Cowden											
I&AP	Manager: Biodiversity Planning		Mervyn	Lotter											
I&AP	Land Use Advisor		Frans	Krige											
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I&AP			Kirsten Jones		Redcap										
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I&AP			Rone	Odendaal	Individual Affected party										
I&AP			Mr. Thivhulawi Nethononda		Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness Directorate										
I&AP	Abo Energy		Du Toit	Malherbe	Abo Energy										

I&AP	Enertrag		Megan Govender		Senior Project Developer										
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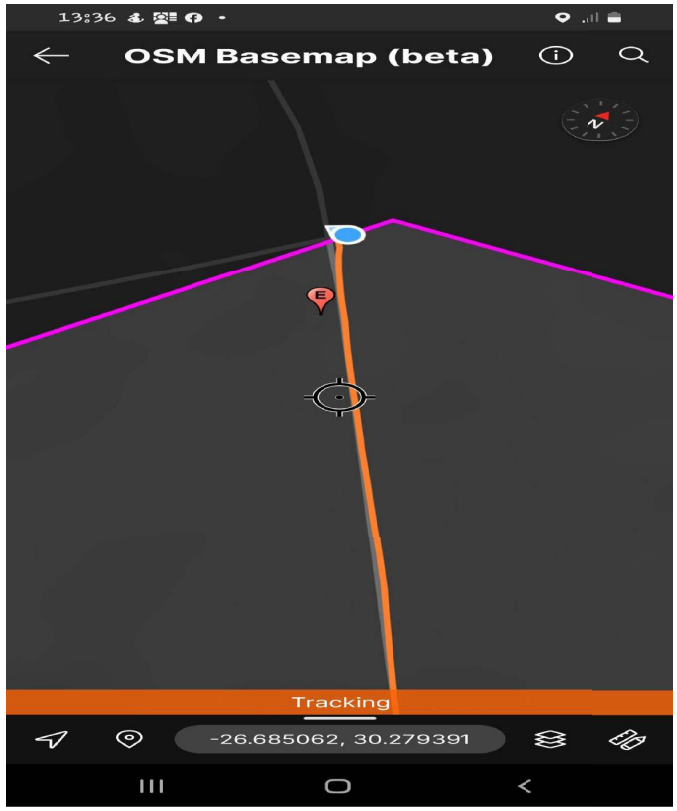
APPENDIX 2 SITE NOTICES AND POSTER PLACEMENT PROOF

Amsterdam Sheepmoor WEF (Point C) Site Notices



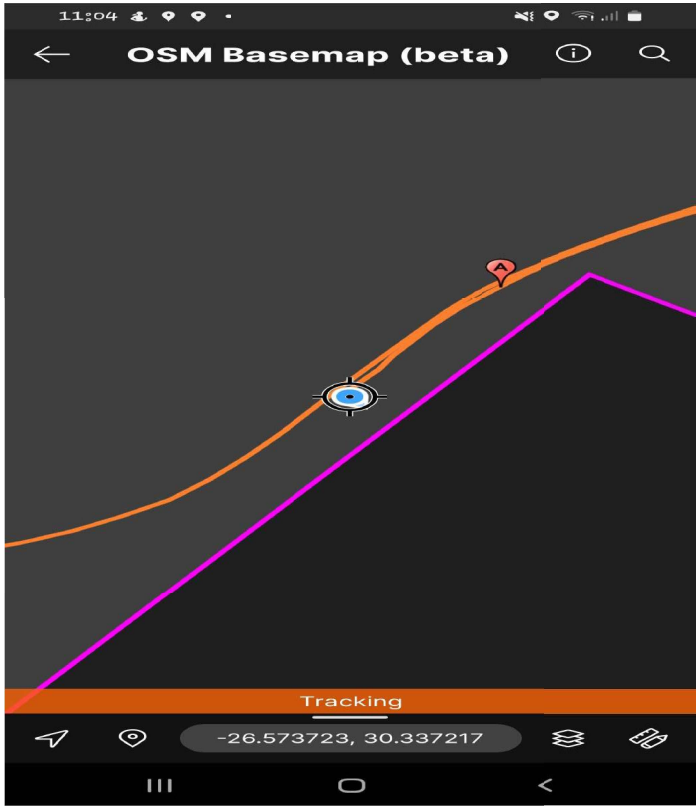


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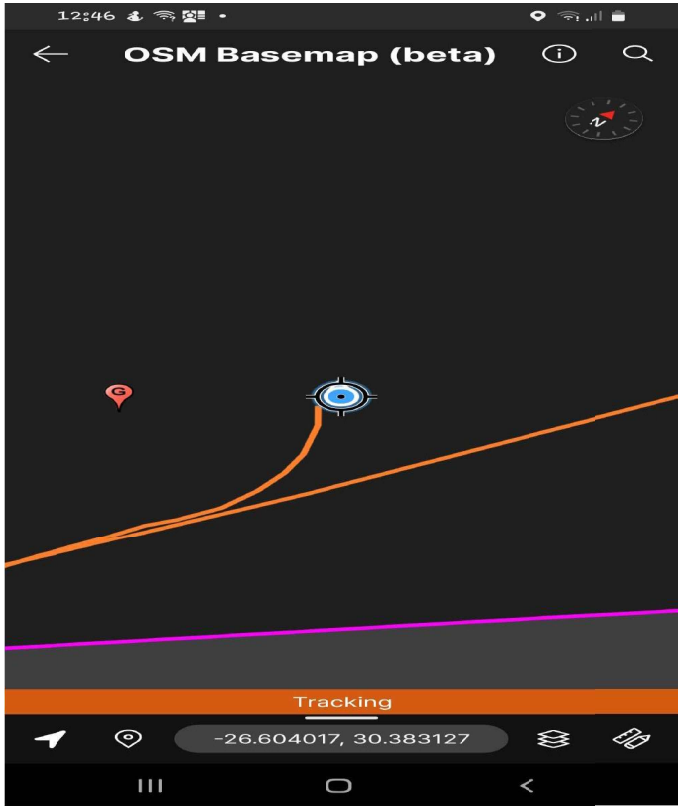


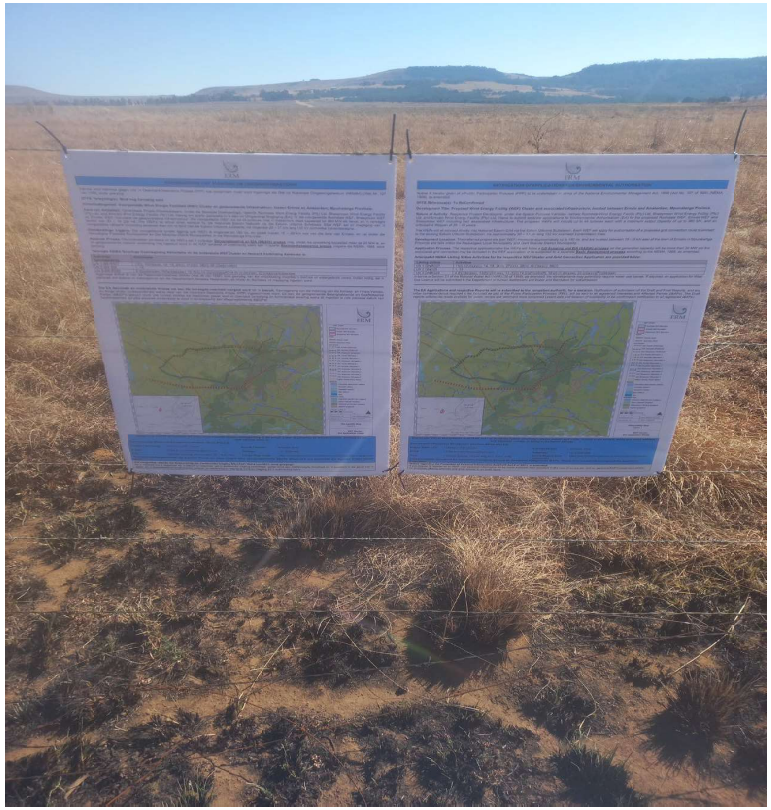
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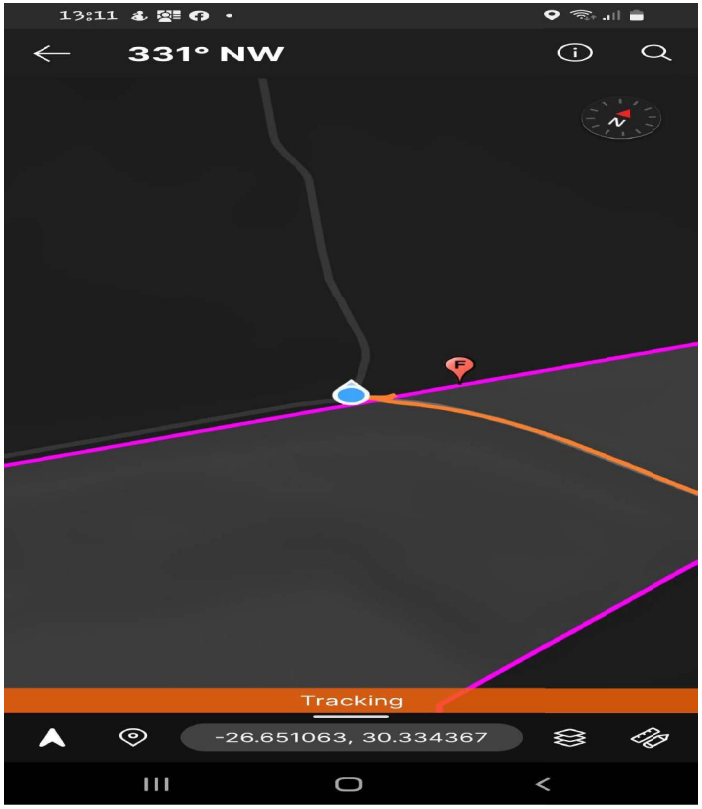


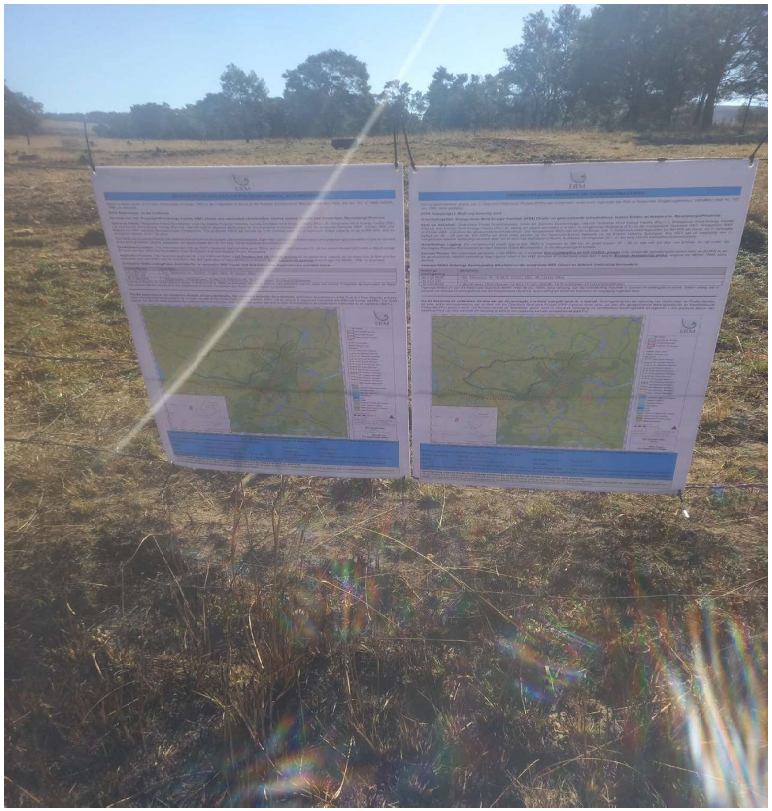
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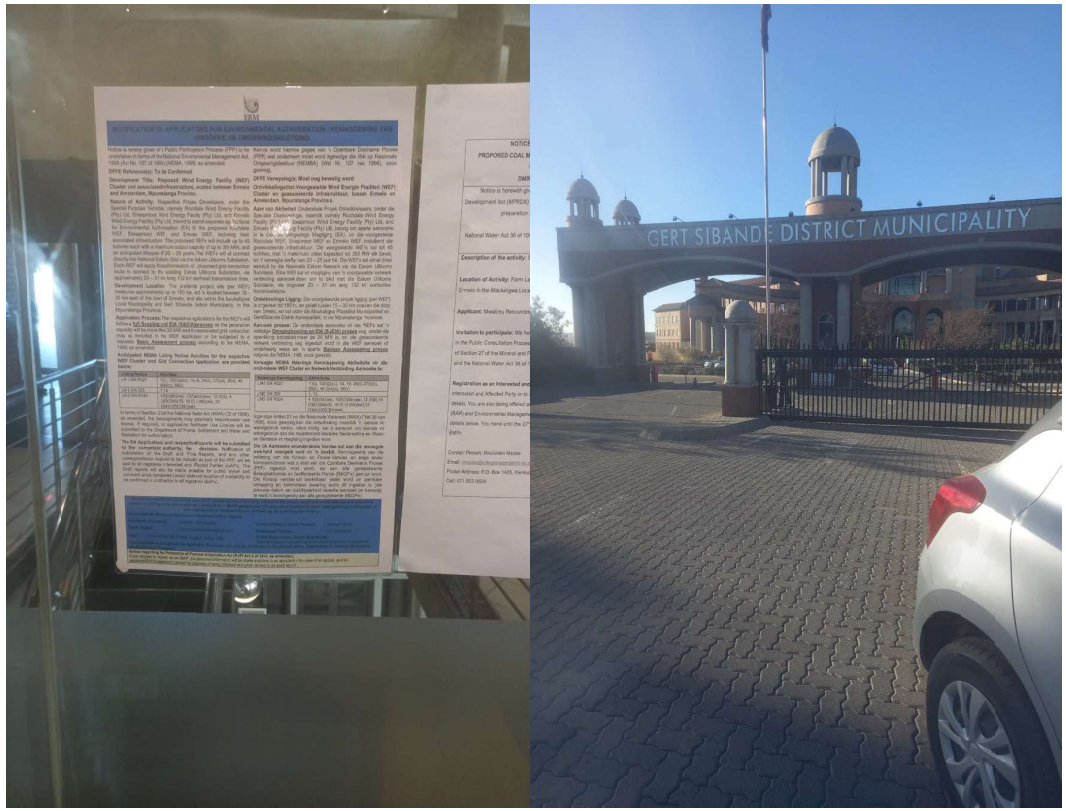
Ermelo, Amsterdam and Sheepmoor

Locations in Town(s)
Gert Sibande District Municipality Complex
Ermelo Game
SAPS Ermelo Police Station
Msukaligwa Local Municipality
Ermelo Public Library
Trident Medical Centre
Devland Cash and Carry – Ermelo
Pick n Pay Family - Ermelo
Superspar Ermelo
SAPS Amsterdam Police Station
Amsterdam Clinic
Global Amsterdam – Gas Station
Sheepmoor Clinic

Amsterdam WEF (1-3) Posters

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Gert Sibande District Municipality



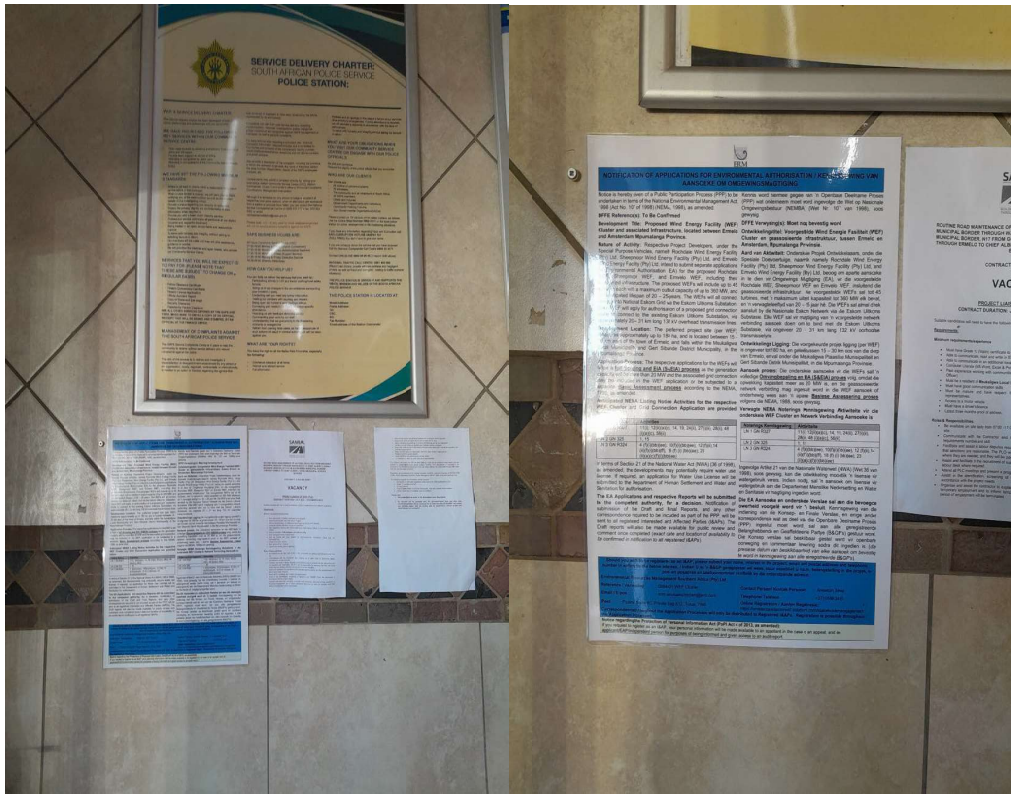
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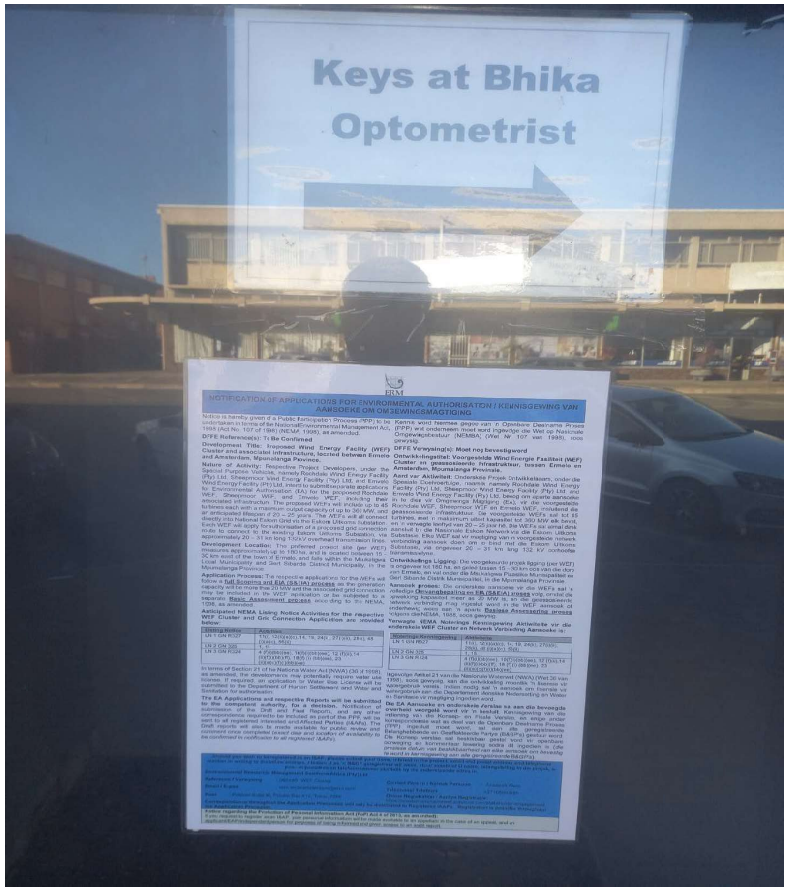
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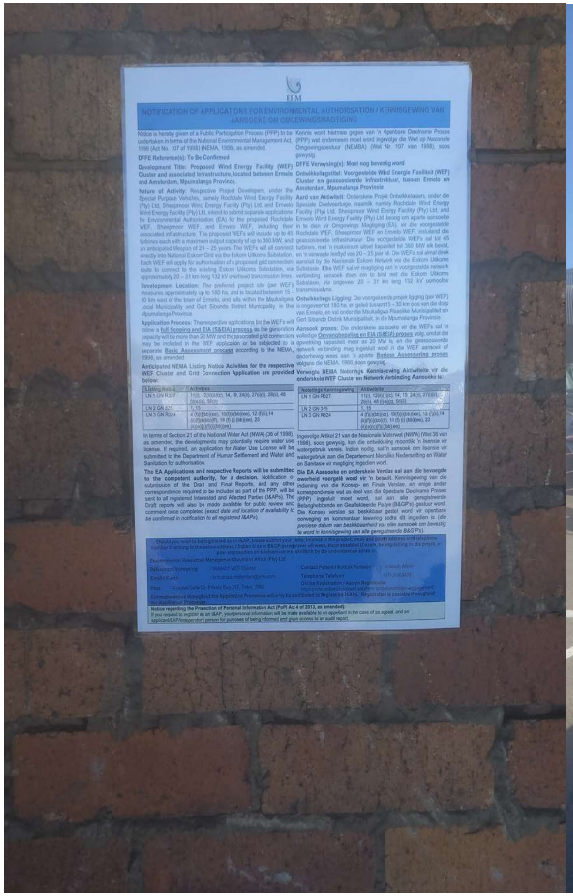
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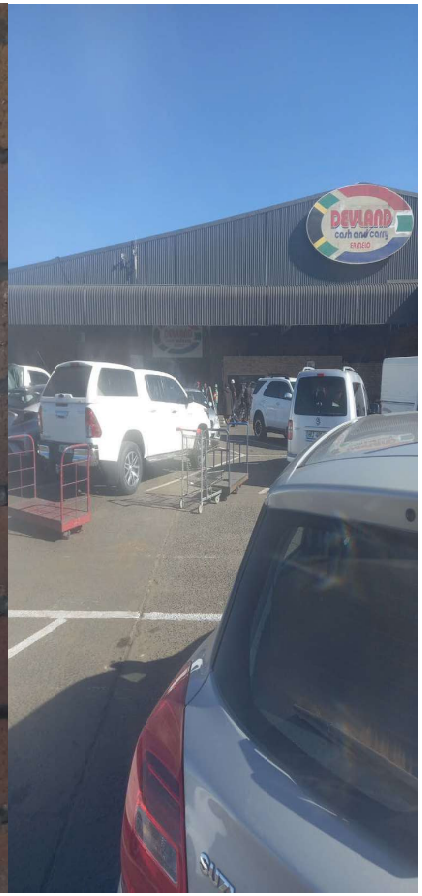


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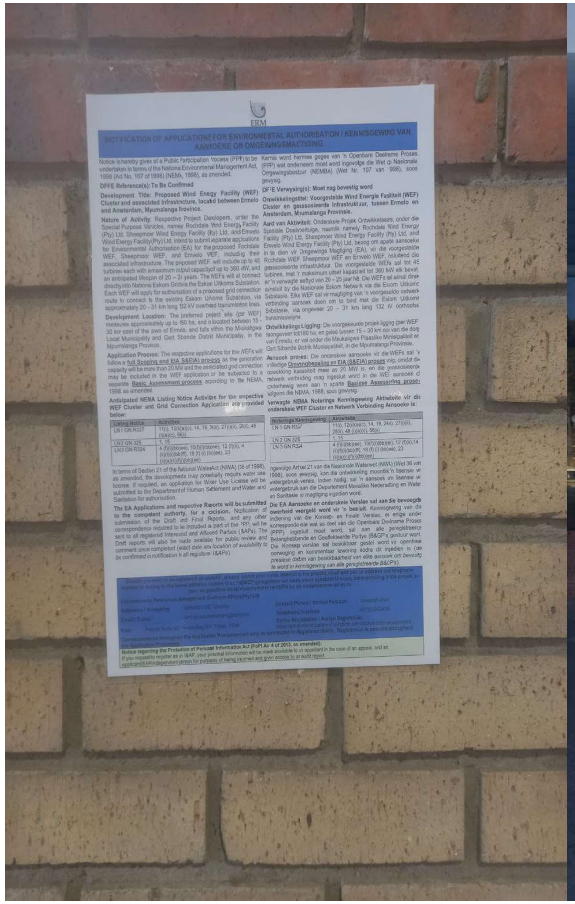
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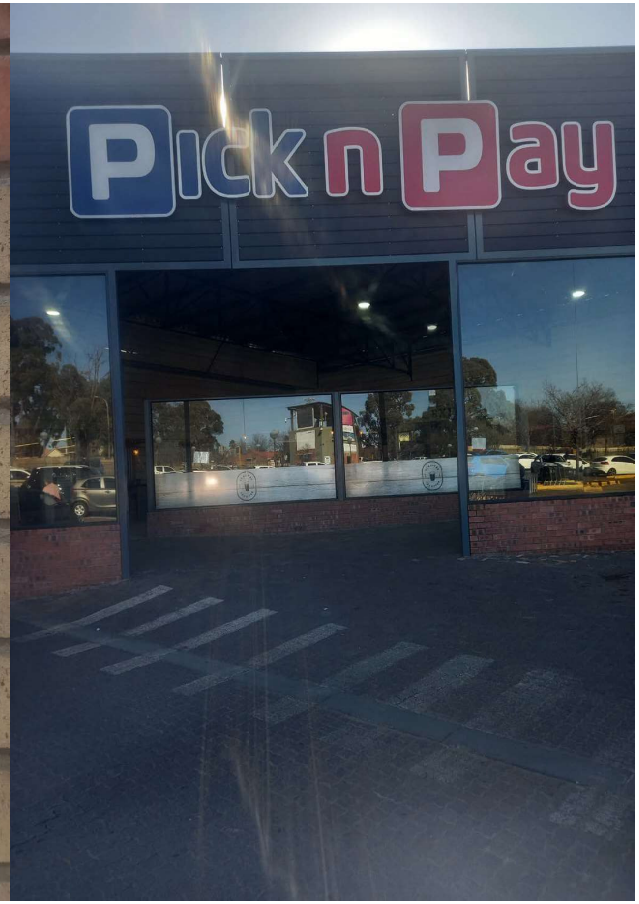
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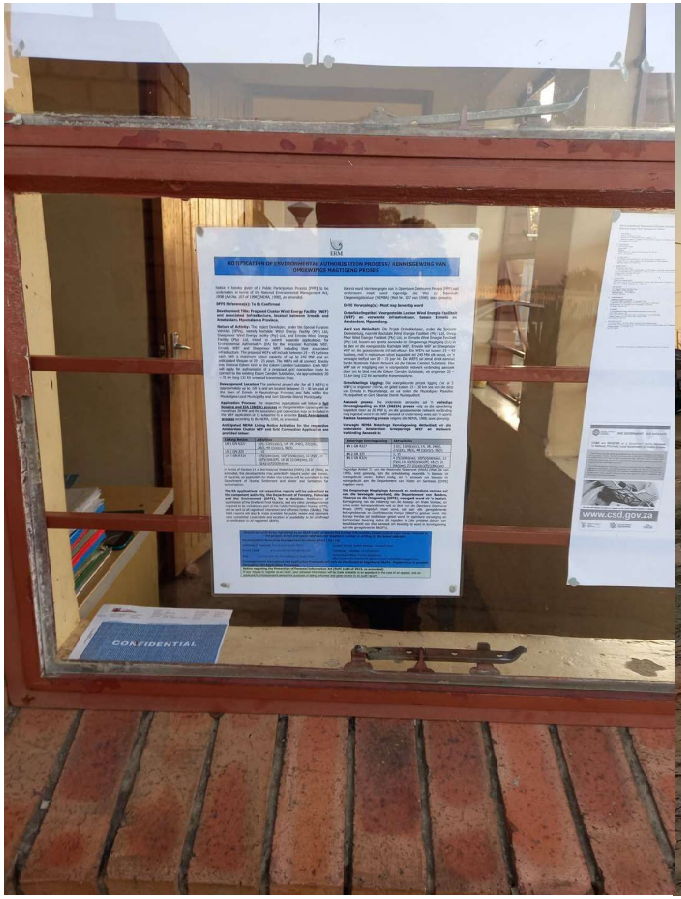
SAPS Police Station Amsterdam

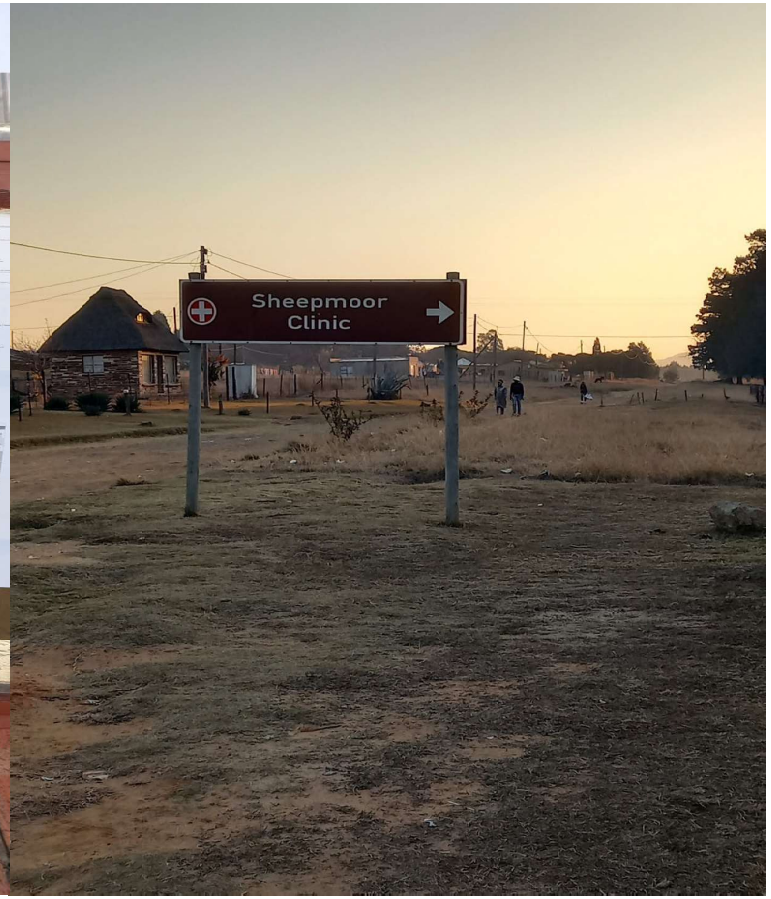


Amsterdam WEF (1-3) Posters

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Sheepmoor Clinic





Amsterdam WEF (1-3) Posters

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Amsterdam Clinic



Global Amsterdam



APPENDIX 3 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISMENT PROOF

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NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process (PPP) to be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA, 1998), as amended.

DFFE Reference(s): To Be Confirmed

Development Title: Proposed Cluster Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and associated infrastructure, between Ermelo and Amsterdam, Mpumalanga Province.

Nature of Activity: The Project Developer, under the Special Purpose Vehicles, namely Rochdale Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd, Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd, and Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd, intend to submit separate applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Rochdale WEF, Emvelo WEF and Sheepmoor WEF including their associated infrastructure. The proposed WEFs will include between 25 – 45 turbines each with a maximum output capacity of up to 240 MW and an anticipated lifespan of 20 – 25 years. The WEFs will all connect directly into National Eskom Grid via the Eskom Camden Substation. Each WEF will apply for authorisation of a proposed grid connection route to connect to the existing Eskom Camden Substation, via approximately 20 – 31 km long 132 kV overhead transmission lines.

Development Location: The preferred project site (for all 3 WEFs) is approximately up to 150 ha, and is located between 15 - 30 km east of the town of Ermelo in Mpumalanga Province and falls within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality.

Application Process: The respective applications will follow a full Scoping and EIA (S&EIA) process as the generation capacity will be more than 20 MW and the associated grid connection may be included in the WEF application or be subjected to a separate Basic Assessment process according to the NEMA, 1998, as amended.

Anticipated NEMA Listing Notice Activities for the respective Amsterdam Cluster WEF and Grid Connection Application are:

Listing Notice	Activities
LN 1 GN R327	11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24(ii), 27(i)(ii), 28(ii), 48 (i)(a)(c), 56(ii)
LN 2 GN 325	1, 15
LN 3 GN R324	4 (f)(i)(bb)(ee), 10(f)(i)(bb)(ee), 12 (f)(ii),14 (ii)(f)(i)(bb) (ff), 18 (f) (i) (bb)(ee), 23 (ii)(a)(c)(f)(i)(bb)(ee)

In terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (NWA) (36 of 1998), as amended, the developments may potentially require water use license. If required, an application for Water Use License will be submitted to the Department of Human Settlement and Water and Sanitation for authorisation.

The EA Applications and respective Reports will be submitted to the competent authority, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), for a decision. Notification of submission of the Draft and Final Reports, and any other correspondence required to be included as part of the PPP, will be sent to all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). The Draft reports will also be made available for public review and comment once completed (exact date and location of availability to be confirmed in notification to all registered I&APs). Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP, please submit your name, interest in the project, email and postal address and telephone number in writing to the below address.

Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd
Reference/Verwysing: Amsterdam Cluster WEFs
E-mail/E-pos: erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com
Post/Pos: Postnet Suite 90, Private Bag X12, Tokai, 7966

Contact Person / Kontak Persoon: Aneesah Alwie
Telephone / Telefoon: (+27)10 596 3495

Online Registration / Aanlyn Registrasie: https://amsterdamclusterwef.aidaform.com/stakeholder-engagement

Correspondence throughout the Application Processes will only be distributed to Registered I&APs. Registration is possible throughout the Application Processes.

Notice regarding the Protection of Personal Information Act (PoPI Act 4 of 2013, as amended)

If you request to register as an I&AP, your personal information will be made available to the Competent Authority and an appellant in the case of an appeal, and an applicant/EAP/independent person for purposes of being informed and given access to an audit report.

KENNISGEWING VAN OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING-PROSES EN WATERGEBRUIK-LISENSIE AANSOEKPROSESSE

Kennis word hiermee gegee van 'n Openbare Deelname Proses (PPP) wat onderneem moet word ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur (NEMBA) (Wet Nr. 107 van 1998), soos gewysig.

DFFE Verwysing(s): Moet nog bevestig word

Ontwikkelingstitel: Voorgestelde Loxton Wind Energie Fasiliteit (WEF) en verwante infrastruktuur, tussen Ermelo en Amsterdam, Mpumalanga.

Aard van Aktiwiteit: Die Projek Ontwikkelaaar, onder die Spesiale Doelvoertuig, naamlik Rochdale Wind Energie Fasiliteit (Pty) Ltd, Sheep Moor Wind Energie Fasiliteit (Pty) Ltd, en Emvelo Wind Energie Fasiliteit (Pty) Ltd, beaam om aparte aansoeke ter Omgewingsmagtigirg (EA) in te dien vir die voorgestelde Rochdale WEF, Emvelo WEF en Sheepmoor WEF en die geassosieerde infrastruktuur. Die WEFs sal tussen 25 – 45 turbines, met 'n maksimum uitset kapasiteit tot 240 MW elk, en 'n verwagte leeftyd van 20 – 25 jaar hê. Die WEFS sal almal direk aansluit by die Nasionale Eskom Netwerk via die Eskom Camden Substasie. Elke WEF sal vir magtiging van 'n voorgestelce netwerkverbinding aansoek doen om to bind met die Eskom Camden Substasie, via ongeveer 20 – 31 km lang 132 kV oorhoofse transmissielyne.

Ontwikkelingsligging: Die voorgekeurde projeklgging (vir al 3 WEFs) is ongeveer 150 ha, en geleë tussen 15 – 30 km oos van die dorp Ermelo in Mpumalanga, en val onder die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en Gert Sibande Distrik Munisipaliteit.

Aansoekproses: Die onderskeie aansoeke sal 'n volledige Omvangbepaling en EIA (S&EIA) proses volg as die opwekkingkapasiteit meer as 20 MW is, en die geassosieerde netwerkverbinding mag ingesluit word in die WEF aansoek of onderhewig wees aan 'n aparte Basiese Assesseringsproses volgens die NEMA, 1988, soos gewysig.

Verwagte NEMA Noteringskennisgewing Aktiwitieit vir die onderskeie Amsterdam Groeperings WEF en Netwerkverbinding Aansoek is:

Noterings-kennisgewing	Aktiwiteite
LN 1 GN R327	11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24(ii), 27(i)(ii), 28(ii), 48 (i)(a) (c), 56(ii)
LN 2 GN 325	1, 15
LN 3 GN R324	4 (f)(i)(bb)(ee), 10(f)(i)(bb)(ee), 12 (f)(ii),14 (ii)(f)(i)(bb) (ff), 18 (f) (i) (bb)(ee), 23 (ii)(a)(c)(f)(i)(bb)(ee)

Ingevolge Artikel 21 van die Nasionale Waterwet (NWA) (Wet 36 van 1998), soos gewysig, kan die ontwikkeling moontlik 'n lisensie vir watergebruik vereis. Indien nodig, sal 'n aansoek om lisensie vir watergebruik aan die Departement van Water en Sanitasie (DWS) ingedien word.

Die Omgewingsmagtigings Aansoek en onderskeie verslae sal aan die bevoegde owerheid, die Departement van Bosbou, Visserye en die Omgewing (DFFE), voorgelê word vir 'n besluit. Kennisgewing van die indiening van die konsep- en finale Verslae, en enige ander korrespondense wat as deel van die Openbare Deelname Proses (PPP) ingesluit moet word, sal aan alle geregistreerde Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Partye (B&GP's) gestuur word. Die Konsep Verslae sal beskikbaar gestel word vir openbare oorweging en kommentaarlewering sodra dit ingedien is (die presiese datum van beskikbaarheid van elke aansoek om bevestig te word in kennisgewing aan alle geregistreerde B&GP's).

Online Registrasie / Aanlyn Registrasie: https://amsterdamclusterwef.aidaform.com/stakeholder-engagement

Korrespondensie deurgaans die Aansoekprosesse sal slegs verspreid word aan Geregistreerde I&APs. Registrasie is moontlik deurgaans die Aansoekprosesse.

Kennisgewing rakende die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting Wet (PoPI Wet 4 van 2013, soos gewysig)

Indien u versoek om as 'n I&AP te registreer, sal u persoonlike inligting beskikbaar gestel word aan die Bevoegde Gesag en enige appellant in die geval van 'n appèl, en aan 'n applikant/OIB/onafhanklike persoon vir doeleindes om ingelig en toegang te verleen tot 'n ouditverslag.

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NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION / KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEKE OM OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process (PPP) undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA, 1998), as amended.

DFFE Reference(s): Emvelo WEF - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611
: Sheepmoor WEF - 14/12'16/3/3/2/2613

Development Title: Proposed Wind Energy Facility (WEF) Cluster and associated infrastructure, located between Ermelo and Amsterdam, Mpumalanga Province.

Nature of Activity: Respective Project Developers, under the Special Purpose Vehicles, namely Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd, anc Emvelo Wind Energy facility (Pty) Ltd, intend to submit separate amended applications for Environmental Authorisation (EA) for the proposed Sheepmoor WEF and Emvelo WEF, including their associated infrastructure. The proposed WEFs will include up to 40 turbines each with a maximum output capacity of up to 260 MW, and an anticipated lifespan of 25 - 30 years. The WEFs will all connect directly into National Eskom Grid via the Eskom Uitkoms Substation. The proposed grid connection route application, to connect to the existing Eskom Uitkoms Substation, via approximately 20 – 32 km long 132 kV overhead transmission lines, is included in the WEF application.

Development Location: The preferred project site for Emvelo WEF and Sheepmoor WEF measures approximately up to 180 ha and is located approximately 25 - 30 km of the town of Ermelo, and falls within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province.

Anticipated NEMA Listing Notice Activities for the respective WEF Cluster and Grid Connection Application are provided below:

Listing Notice	Activities
LN 1 GN R327	11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24(ii), 27(i)(ii), 28(ii), 48 (i)(a)(c), 56(ii)
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Application Process: The respective applications for the WEFs are currently in the draft EIA phase. The Public Participation Process for the EIA phase will run from 10 March 2025 – 10 April 2025. The relevant documents are available from the Ermelo Public Library or alternatively accessed via our website during the public participation period.

The EA Applications and respective Reports will be submitted to the competent authority, for a decision. Notification of submission of the Final Reports, and any other correspondence required to be included as part of the PPP, will be sent to all registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs).

Kennis geskied hiermee van 'n Openbare Deelnameproses (ODP) wat ingevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA, '998), soos gewysig, onderneem is.

DFFE-verwysing(s): Emvelo WEF - 14 / 12 / 16 / 3 / 3 / 2 / 2611
: Sheepmoor WEF - 14 / 12 / 16 / 3 / 3 / 2 / 2613

Ontwikkelingstitel: Voorgestelde windenergiefasiliteit (WEF) -groep en gepaardgaande infrastruktuur, geleë tussen Ermelo en Amsterdam, Mpumalanga Provinsie.

Aard van Aktiwiteit: Onderskeie projekontwikkelaars, onder die Spesiale Doelvertuie, naamlik Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (Edms) Bpk, en Emvelo Windenergiefasiliteit (Edms) Bpk, beoog om afsonderlike gewysigde aansoeke vir Omgewingsmagtging (EA) in te dien vir die voorgestelde Sheepmoor WEF en Emvelo WEF, insluitend hul gepaardgaande infrastruktuur. Die voorgestelde WEFs sal tot 40 turbines elk insluit met 'n maksimum uitsetkapasiteit van tot 260 MW, en 'n verwagte lewensduur van 25 - 30 jaar. Die WEFs sal almal direk by die Nasionale Eskom-netwerk aansluit via die Eskom Uitkoms-substasie. Die voorgestelde netwerkverbindingsroete-aansoek, om via ongever 20 – 32 km lange 132 kV-oorhoofse transmissielyne aan die bestaande Eskom Uitkoms-substasie te koppel, is by die WEF-aansoek ingesluit.

Ontwikkelingsligging: Die voorkeurprojekterrein vir Emvelo WEF en Sheepmoor WEF meet ongeveer tot '80 ha en is ongeveer 25 - 30 km van die dorp Ermelo geleë, en val binne die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit, in die Mpumalanga Provinsie.

Verwagte NEMA-noteringskennisgewingaktiwiteite vir die onderskeie WEF-groep- en netwerkverbindingsaansoek word hieronder verskaf:

Noteringskennisgewing	Aktiwiteite
LN 1 GN R327	11(i), 12(ii)(a)(c), 14, 19, 24(ii), 27(i)(ii), 28(ii), 48 (i)(a)(c), 56(ii)
LN 2 GN 325	1, 15
LN 3 GN R324	4 (f)(i)(bb)(ee), 10(f)(i)(bb)(ee), 12 (f)(ii),14 (ii)(f)(i)(bb)(ff), 18 (f) (i) (bb)(ee), 23 (ii)(a)(c)(f)(i)(bb)(ee)

Aansoekproses: Die onderskeie aansoeke vir die WEF's is tans in die konsep-OIS-fase. Die Openbare Deelnameproses vir die OIS-fase sal van 10 Maart 2025 tot 10 April 2025 duur. Die betrokke dokumente is beskikbaar by die Ermelo Openbare Biblioteek of alternatiewelik verkry via ons webwerf gedurende die openbare deelnametydperk.

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Should you wish to obtain information about the project or wish to register as an I&AP on the WEF Cluster, please contact us at the details below. / Indien U as 'n B&GP geregistreer wil wees, stuur asseblief u naam, belangstelling in die projek, e-pos- en posadres en telefoonnommer skriftelik na die onderstaande adres.

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APPENDIX 4 DSR NOTIFICATION

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024 17:33:28
Attachments: image001.png
I&AP Notification Letter Afrikaans.pdf
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RESUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the resubmission of the Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga.

The previous applications for these proposed projects have been withdrawn to allow for an additional comment period for all I&AP's. Please note that all comments received during the previous comment period will still be incorporated in the comments and responses for these new applications. Should you wish to confirm that your comment is being incorporated, please feel free to email us.

Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The reports will be available for a 30 day comment period from 22 August to 21 September 2024.

Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final Scoping Report.

More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.
Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Should you be a Land Owner directly affected by the proposed project (within the project boundary or adjacent thereto) please could you notify all occupants on your properties with regards to the proposed project.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

APPENDIX 5 FSR NOTIFICATION

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:23
Attachments: image001.png

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party,

NOTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT(S) FOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE FOR THE PROPOSED SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611, 14/12/16/3/3/2/2612 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Final Scoping Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs , in the Mpumalanga Province.

The Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed Development(s) was subjected to the required 30-day comment and review period, from the 22 August 2024 to the 21 September 2024 (both days inclusive), taking into consideration Chapter 2 Regulation 3 (1); (2) and (3) of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). Comments received from the public were incorporated, addressed and responded to in the Final Scoping Report.

Following the 30-day public comment and review period, the Final Scoping Reports has been submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (competent authority) for decision and is available for the public to view and download via the ERM website.

With reference to the above, please send any queries to the below address. Please also indicate the contact details of any other potential I&APs that should be contacted and registered.

Email: mailto:ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com

Website: **https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/**

Thank you for the interest in the project.

Kind Regards

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APPENDIX 6 CORRESPONDENCE – ORGININAL COMMENTS & RESPONSES

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Monday, 17 February 2025 14:59:08
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Scoping - EIA

Dear Lloyd

The trailing emails below refers. Please note the opinion of the Chief- Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations after internal consultation:

1. The scenario below is different from the process followed for the 14/12/16/3/3/2/2563 application. We did a thorough investigation, and it is not comparable to what you intend to do now.
2. In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) we do not see any prohibition of the proposed process, incorporating the 20% of the Rochdale site into the Emvelo application. The project scope and the relevant assessments will have to comply with all legislative requirements.
3. **However, it is important to indicate that we foresee several challenges, should you opt to follow this process:**
    a. This is the 2nd application for the same development and as you are aware a few concerns have been raised by stakeholders.
    b. The screening reports and approved plan of study does not include this portion of the property (20% of Rochdale) and will very likely be challenged by stakeholders. The current approved plan of study and terms of reference for Emvelo does not include the 20% of Rochdale and this can be challenges based on procedure.

Based on the potential risks, we suggest that you consider withdrawing the 2 applications in question, i.e. Rochdale and Emvelo and submit one application as Emvelo (incl. 20% Rochdale portion). The screening report and the plan of study will include the whole area; all stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment and provide input at scoping phase during the public review period.

Kind regards

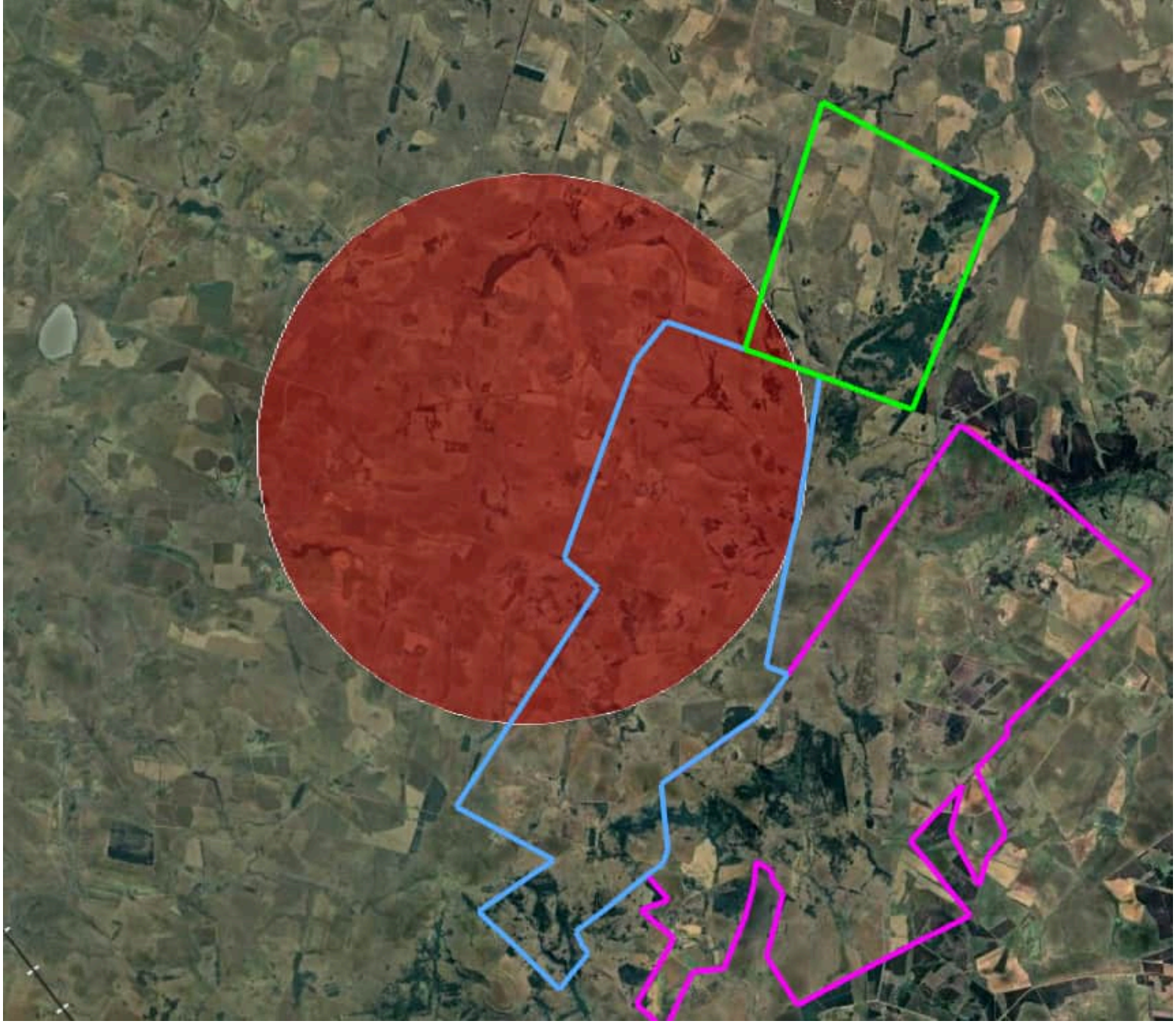
Milicent

From: Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 14 February 2025 15:32
To: Milicent Solomons [redacted]
Cc: Rebecca Thomas [redacted]; Andrew Pearson [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Scoping - EIA

Good day Milicent,

Please see the attached presentation.

I have also compiled map showing what the three layouts would now resemble. Noting that one of the layouts will be limited to 4 Wind Turbines.
I have also shown why this WEF only has 4 turbines (CAA buffer, as shown below).



It should be mentioned that developing a WEF with 4 wind turbines is not practical. This is why we want to join the WEF's and prevent having to do an amendment at a later stage.

Kind Regards,

Lloyd Barnes
Project Manager: Environmental
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From: Milicent Solomons [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 14 February 2025 12:47
To: Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
Cc: Rebecca Thomas [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Scoping - EIA

Dear Lloyd

Please can you share the presentation you shared with the team during the meeting.

Many thanks

Milicent

From: Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 13 February 2025 13:59
To: Milicent Solomons [redacted]
Cc: Rebecca Thomas [redacted]; Andrew Pearson [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Scoping - EIA

Thank you Milicent, much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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From: Milicent Solomons [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 13 February 2025 13:29
To: Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
Cc: Rebecca Thomas [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Scoping - EIA

Dear Lloyd

Email below refers. As indicated during our discussion, I will discuss this with the team as soon as I am back in the office and will revert soonest.

Kind regards

Milicent

From: Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 13 February 2025 12:39
To: Milicent Solomons [redacted]; Milicent Solomons [redacted]
Cc: Rebecca Thomas [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted]
Subject: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Scoping - EIA

Good day Milicent,

Thank you for taking my call, it is much appreciated.

As discussed, our EAP (ERM) were previously informed by the DFFE (Ephram) that we could merge our projects from 3 into 2, should we need to, from Scoping to EIA. This means that we would utilise properties assessed as a part of the cluster, that were previously proposed for the Rochdale project that now has to be dropped (as a result of sensitivities), and utilise properties that are still available for development in the EIA phase, that were a part of Rochdale.

In Summary, the 3 projects proposed are Sheepmoor, Emvelo and Rochdale. We received Scoping approval for all three. Following this, the identification of new sensitivities (as intended by the EIA process),80% of Rochdale no longer became viable. We want to incorporate the reaming 20% into Emvelo. Realistically, only two Wind farms can be built here. If we are advised by our case officer to do 3, we will have an impractical cluster and have to amend after receiving EA. Is there any legislative backing for our case officers to advise this?

As projects go through Scoping and EIA, they naturally change in scope, as a result of sensitivities being identified.

The Solar energy projects discussed only changed in size between Scoping and EIA. The property stayed the same. Final approval and Scoping approval attached.

Kind Regards,

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Sent on: Monday, 07 April 2025 11:40:36
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Attachments: Mulilo attendance register (Site visit to the proposed Emvelo & Sheepmoor WEFs).pdf (94.56 KB)

Some people who received this message don't often get email from [redacted]

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good morning all,

I trust this email finds you well.

Thank you again for the site visit last week, as well as for providing the attendance register.

Please find the Mulilo attendance register attached.

Kind regards,
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From: Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 03 April 2025 18:39
To: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted] GCowden [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; Andrew Pearson <Andrew@mulilo.com>; Masina Morudu [redacted] Portia Makitla [redacted]; Mashudu Mudau [redacted]; Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted]; SB. Mbuyane <[redacted] R Luyt [redacted] Albert Froneman [redacted]; Rebecca Thomas [redacted]; Jody Thorburn [redacted]
Cc: Stephen Burton [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

Good day Bathandwa,

Thank you for the attendance register, it is received.

Thank you to you and your departmental colleagues for the request and subsequent engagement. We hope that we were able to satisfy all your questions and queries, please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Please note that PP is scheduled to conclude on April 10th.

Kind Regards,

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From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 03 April 2025 11:12
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Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

Goodmorning

Thank you for attending the site visit yesterday. Please find attached, attendance register.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

From: Stephen Burton [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 27 March 2025 13:25
To: GCowden [redacted] Bathandwa Ncube [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
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Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

Dear All,

For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site.

Please could we ask that you try to make the site visit start time or let us know if you are running late for some reason.

@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup?

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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From: Gavin Cowden [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:21 AM
[redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted]; Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Robyn Luyt [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Morning Stephen,

Re the site visit next week - please advise where we are meeting and what time ?

Also - I am not sure of the conditions of the roads in that area after the rains but is it maybe possible to get a lift to site (from Ermelo ?) with someone that has a 4x4 ?

Many thanks
Kind regards
Gavin

Gavin Cowden
Environmental Policy, Planning & Coordination

Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
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Nelspruit, 1200
[redacted]

>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/24/25 6:28 PM >>>
Dear Bathandwa,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025.

With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below:

1. We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk.

1. Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you.

1. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself.

1. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum.

Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

Stephen Burton

Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
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From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:36 PM
To: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted]
Cc: Masina Morudu [redacted] Mashudu Mudau [redacted]; Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted] Portia Makitla [redacted] Thivhulawi Nethononda [redacted] SB. Mbuyane < [redacted] R Luyt < [redacted] GCowden [redacted]
Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear EAP and Applicant

14/12/16/3/3/2/2611: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2612: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2613: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
Proposed time : To be confirmed
Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

Please note the following:

1. It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department.

1. An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from:
    1. DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations; Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas sections.
    2. Mpumalanga DARDLEA
    3. MTPA

1. You are requested to propose a high-level itinerary for the site visit (meeting location; meeting time; brief introduction and signing of the attendance register; proposal of site to be inspected first and last; key environmental features to be observed on each site; estimated end time; access to ablutions etc). Officials who want to observe specific areas on site will communicate this.

1. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.)

For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Monday, 07 April 2025 10:50:41
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs updates and next steps

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Lucien

Thanks

Tony

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 07 April 2025 08:27
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Cc: Stephen Burton [redacted]; Mpho Malema [redacted]
Subject: Mulilo Amsterdam Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs updates and next steps

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Should you need any further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Kind Regards,

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Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

Cape Town [redacted]
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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Monday, 07 April 2025 09:59:55
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

Hi Lucien,

Please see slight edits in red below.

Thanks,
Steve

Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
He/Him/His

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 9:17 AM
To: Stephen Burton [redacted]
Subject: FW: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

Hey Steve – can you please review my response to the IAP below. I need to send it off to Lloyd for him to review as well before I send it to this IAP.

Good day Mr ~~Josua~~ Meyer,

Thank you for your comment. We would like to address the concerns you raised. In terms of the layout, there will indeed be changes~~,~~ and WTG39 will likely be removed. However, the Sheepmoor WEF will continue without WTG39, and Sheepmoor WEF 2 is not being dropped. It will remain part of the overall project. The changes will not have a significant impact on Sheepless WEF 1, as the project will still move forward with the revised layout.

Regarding the linear infrastructure, including the MW cable and internal roads, Mulilo does not require landowner consent for these elements under the current regulations. That being said, Mulilo has to explore alternative routes where needed and will consider all options when finalizing the layout.

We also want to clarify that Mulilo has not refused meeting requests. In fact, Mulilo representatives met with other IAP Land Owners on-site about a month ago to discuss the project. If you or any other concerned parties would like a meeting, please let us know, and we will be happy to arrange one. (Lloyd mentioned to me on site that they will likely not meet with Mr Meyer, but would prefer that all correspondence go through us and the Mulilo lawyers, so we may need to remove this).

Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 4:12 PM
To: Josua Meyer [redacted]
Cc: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Subject: RE: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

Dear Joshua,

I hope you are doing well.

Please note that you will receive a response from us soon. The EAP has been notified of your concern and will respond as soon as they return from the site.

Thank you for your patience.
Kind Regards

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Mpho Bridget Malema

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From: Josua Meyer [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:26 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Subject: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

It came to my attention that Mr Jan Robberts and Mr Pikkie Vorster are not part of the Sheepmoor WEF anymore as confirmed in writing by Mlilo.

Does that mean that the layout is going to change again
- WTG39 falls away?
- Sheepmoor WEF 2 also falls away?
- What is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 1?

According to the owner of Windhoek farm, Mr Braam Moodie, Mlilo hasn't got any permission for the MW cable routing between Sheepmoor 1 & 2 that crosses his property and will not be given. Alternative route?

There is also no permission for the internal roads between WTG 39 and WTG 31 and between WTG 40 and WTG 41 which crosses my properties. Alternative route?

Also the preferred transmission line crosses my property Waaihoek 4/286, 12/286 and 3/286 without permission. Permission will never be grand and an alternative route needs to be investigated and resubmitted for comments.

Mlilo refuses meeting requests with the parties.

Did Mlilo base this application on assumptions?

Urgent clarification required for comments.

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Monday, 07 April 2025 09:27:09
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs updates and next steps

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Good day Lucian,

Thanks for the update.

Herewith comments on the expected final layouts.

The changes to the previous layouts (Emvelo DEIAr (30-1-2025) and Sheepmoor DEIAr (30-1-2025)) will require revision of the completed traffic studies and the associated cost for undertaking the revision based on the new final layout and specifications for the Mulilo Amsterdam WEF cluster which will be provided on the 21st of April.

Please also note that with the final layouts expected on 21st of April, it is not possible to reissue updated specialist reports in two days (on 23rd April). Our team will require two weeks to complete the revision, review and submission of specialists reports based on the updated layout especially if accesses from the external road network have been affected in the revised final layout. However, as stated in your email, should the changes not impact the original findings, an addendum letter will be issued on 23rd April.

Trus this meets your approval.

Kind regards,

Reabetswe MOKOMELE
Engineer, Planning and Traffic Engineering, Infrastructure + Energy
[redacted]
267 Kent Avenue, Ferndale, Johannesburg, 2194, South Africa

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 07 April 2025 08:27
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
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Subject: Mulilo Amsterdam Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs updates and next steps

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Kind Regards,

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Friday, 04 April 2025 17:43:13
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities
Attachments: Emvelo DEIAr (30-1-2025).kmz (59.3 KB), Sheepmoor DEIAr (30-1-2025).kmz (71.75 KB)

Hi Mpilo,

I hope you are well. Kindly receive the attached kmz files as per your request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information or clarity.

Kind Regards

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From: Mpilo Masondo [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 5:32 PM
To: Mpho Malema [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Mpho,

Please could you send the kmz shapefile(s) of the proposed projects so that we can see whether they affect any of our current or future projects.

Regards,
Mpilo

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From: Mpho Malema [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 04 April 2025 17:02
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This is a reminder regarding the submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities in the Mpumalanga Province.

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Kind Regards

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Sent on: Friday, 04 April 2025 17:34:04
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities
Attachments: Emvelo DEIAr (30-1-2025).kmz (59.3 KB), Sheepmoor DEIAr (30-1-2025).kmz (71.75 KB)

Dear Khululwa Matshoba, I hope this email finds you well.

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Kind Regards

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From: Khululwa Matshoba [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 5:07 PM
To: Mpho Malema [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities

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Dear Mpho

Please share the kmz files so that we may check if our files are impacted .

Thank you .

Warm regards
Khush

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Friday, 04 April 2025 10:44:41
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province
Attachments: ZA CD ESA Comment on Emvelo WEF_ Final 20250403.docx.pdf (240.04 KB), ZA CD ESA Comment on Sheepmoor WEF_ Final 20250403.docx.pdf (239.87 KB)

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good Day

Please find attached comments for the Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities.

Kind Regards,
Megan Kim Govender
Senior Project Developer
Pr.Sci.Nat (120168)

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 10 March 2025 17:24
To: EIA Applications [redacted]
Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR THE MULILO AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft EIA Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The reports will be available for a 30-day comment period from 10 March 2025 to 10 April 2025.

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Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final EIA Report.

More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation. Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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Senior Consultant

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Friday, 04 April 2025 10:30:03
To: [redacted]
Subject: 0684401 Mulilo WEF-cluster

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Goodday,

NWJ Vorster Trust (NWJ Vorster & AE Vorster) do hereby wish to register as I&AP. Any documentation can be delivered to this email address.

Adelma Vorster – Director at Retsrov Boerdery - Pikkie Vorster

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[redacted] [redacted]



From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 03 April 2025 15:03:26
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

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Received, thank you.

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From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 11:12:08 AM
To: Stephen Burton [redacted] GCowden [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted]; Lloyd Barnes [redacted] Masina Morudu [redacted] Portia Makitla [redacted]; Mashudu Mudau [redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted]; SB. Mbuyane [redacted] R Luyt [redacted] Albert Froneman [redacted] reth@mulilo.com [redacted]; joth@mulilo.com [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

Goodmorning

Thank you for attending the site visit yesterday. Please find attached, attendance register.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

From: Stephen Burton [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 27 March 2025 13:25
To: GCowden [redacted]; Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]; ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted]; Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted]>
Cc: Mashudu Mudau [redacted] Masina Morudu [redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted] Portia Makitla [redacted] Thivhulawi Nethononda [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted] R Luyt [redacted] Albert Froneman [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

Dear All,

For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site.

Please could we ask that you try to make the site visit start time or let us know if you are running late for some reason.

@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup?

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
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From: Gavin Cowden [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:21 AM
To: [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]; Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] Stephen Burton [redacted]; Andrew Pearson [redacted] Lloyd Barnes [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Sindy Mbuyane [redacted] Robyn Luyt [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Morning Stephen,

Re the site visit next week - please advise where we are meeting and what time ?

Also - I am not sure of the conditions of the roads in that area after the rains but is it maybe possible to get a lift to site (from Ermelo ?) with someone that has a 4x4 ?

Many thanks
Kind regards
Gavin

Gavin Cowden
Environmental Policy, Planning & Coordination

Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X11219
Nelspruit, 1200
[redacted]

>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/24/25 6:28 PM >>>
Dear Bathandwa,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025.

With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below:

1. We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk.

1. Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you.

1. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself.

1. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum.

Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
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From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:36 PM
To: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted] Lucien Barbeau [redacted] Andrew Pearson [redacted]
Cc: Masina Morudu [redacted]; Mashudu Mudau [redacted] Nompumelelo Lekalakala [redacted]; Portia Makitla [redacted] Thivhulawi Nethononda [redacted] SB. Mbuyane [redacted] R Luyt [redacted] GCowden [redacted]
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Dear EAP and Applicant

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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
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Sent on: Thursday, 03 April 2025 11:12:08
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Attachments: 00206BF3FA5C241216105712.pdf (121.98 KB)

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Goodmorning

Thank you for attending the site visit yesterday. Please find attached, attendance register.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

From: Stephen Burton [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 27 March 2025 13:25
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

Dear All,

For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site.

Please could we ask that you try to make the site visit start time or let us know if you are running late for some reason.

@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup?

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
He/Him/His

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From: Gavin Cowden [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:21 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Morning Stephen,

Re the site visit next week - please advise where we are meeting and what time ?

Also - I am not sure of the conditions of the roads in that area after the rains but is it maybe possible to get a lift to site (from Ermelo ?) with someone that has a 4x4 ?

Many thanks
Kind regards
Gavin

Gavin Cowden
Environmental Policy, Planning & Coordination

Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X11219
Nelspruit, 1200
[redacted]

>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/24/25 6:28 PM >>>
Dear Bathandwa,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025.

With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below:

1. We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk.

1. Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you.

1. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself.

1. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum.

Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:36 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
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CC: [redacted]
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I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Lydia Kutu
CD: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Sub-Directorate: IEA Administrations & Reporting
[redacted]

Romans 11:36
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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Friday, 14 March 2025 10:56:01
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611

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Kind Regards,
Lydia Kutu
Integrated Environmental Authorisations:
Coordination, Strategic Planning and Support
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Friday, 14 March 2025 10:58:55
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613

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Kind regards

Celia

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Sent: 11 March 2025 15:11
To: Celia de Waal [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Good afternoon Celia,

I hope this email finds you well.

As per our conversation on Friday, I wanted to inform you that the report is on its way to you via USB.

Please let me know if you need anything else or if you have any questions.
Kind Regards

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From: Celia de Waal [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:08 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
<Mervyn.Lotter@mtpa.co.za>
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To: Cecilia de Waal (EIA Data Capturer)
MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg)
End of Morgan street

1120 Lydenburg

[redacted]

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

Mpumalanga

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Cecilia de Waal
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Data Capturer
Land Use Advisory (LUA)
Biodiversity Conservation: Scientific Services
[redacted]

From: Cecilia de Waal de Waal [redacted]
Sent: 10 March 2025 19:04
To: Celia de Waal [redacted]
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Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Monday, 17 March 2025 13:30:18
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
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Sent on: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 10:21:55
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CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611, 2612 & 2613

Hi Lydia

Thank you- the letters are received.

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Stephanie Gopaul
Partner
She/Her/Hers

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Great, thanks for the update.

From: Celia de Waal <celia@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 08:48
To: Frans Krige <frans@mtpa.co.za>
Cc: Khumbelo Malele <Khumbelo.Malele@mtpa.co.za>; Mervyn Lotter <Mervyn.Lotter@mtpa.co.za>; ERM Arcus Amsterdam <erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Frans

Mr. Malema from ERM notified me yesterday that the USB stick is on the way and will probably be delivered today.

Kind regards

From: Frans Krige [redacted]
Sent: 12 March 2025 08:45
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Good Morning Cecilia, we made an agreement during the virtual meeting earlier that ERM can provide us with a USB stick with regards to the amended EMPR for this Umlilo WEF project.
Kind Regards
Frans Krige

From: Celia de Waal [redacted]
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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Wednesday, 19 March 2025 14:35:58
To: [redacted]
Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear EAP and Applicant

14/12/16/3/3/2/2611: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2612: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
Proposed time : To be confirmed
Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

Please note the following:

1. It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department.

2. An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from:
   a. DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations; Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas sections.
   b. Mpumalanga DARDLEA
   c. MTPA

3. You are requested to propose a high-level itinerary for the site visit (meeting location; meeting time; brief introduction and signing of the attendance register; proposal of site to be inspected first and last; key environmental features to be observed on each site; estimated end time; access to ablutions etc). Officials who want to observe specific areas on site will communicate this.

4. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.)

For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Monday, 07 April 2025 15:48:50
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities

Hi Celia,

Thank you for the update and for following up with the commenting scientist , it's much appreciated.

We'll look out for the comments once they're shared. Please feel free to reach out if anything further comes up in the meantime.
Kind Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 8:24 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
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Dear Ms. Malema

I contacted the commenting scientist and remind him. He said he is almost done and will try to send the comments for review, as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Celia

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Sent: 04 April 2025 17:02
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Subject: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities

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Subject: Comments | Draft EIA Reports Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities
Attachments: Emvelo WEF_EIAr 5G30_Apr2025.pdf (2.61 MB), Sheepmoor WEF_EIAr comments 5G28_Apr2025.pdf (2.48 MB)

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear ERM,

Please find DARDLEAs comments attached for:
1. Emvelo WEF Draft EIA Report
2. Sheepmoor WEF Draft EIA Report

Kind Regards
Robyn

Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)
Director: Environmental Impact Management
Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
Mpumalanga Provincial Government
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Nelspruit, 1200
[redacted]

>>> Mpho Malema <mpho.malema@erm.com> 04/09/25 12:14 PM >>>
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Stephanie

The Directorate: Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment reports for the proposed development of Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Transmission line and associated infrastructure, Mpumalanga Province.

Sheepmore WEF will be located on farms:

- Farm Onverwacht 273 IT
- Farm Schiedam 274 IT
- Farm Waaihoek 286 IT
- Farm Klipfontein 283 IT
- Farm Windhoek 291 IT

While Emvelo WEF will be located on farms:

- Schimmelhoek 272 IT
- Schiedam 274 IT
- Steenkoolspruit No: 275 IT

After conducting the review of the submitted documents, we have noted that parts of proposed developments will take place within a protected area in terms of Section 9 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA), Act No. 57 of 2003. However, the northern site of the Emvelo WEF is located with buffer zone(2.3km) of the Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment, while the southern site is located within 2.1km of the Jericho Dam Nature Reserve as identified in terms of NEMPAA.

The directorate has the following comments:

- The Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment was declared due to it being a sensitive habitat for various birds (including birds of conservation concern) found within the area. The sole existence of the PE is to provide safety for such birds. It is the directorates opinion that although the proposed wind energy developments are located 2km away from the PE, the development will affect birds that might consider using other habitats outside the PE.
- Furthermore, the Sheepmoor WEF takes up 12% of Key Biodiversity Areas, 55% of Important Bird Area and 60% of Protected Area Expansion Strategic Areas. It is a concern that areas that have been declared for conservation of birds is being considered for developments that puts them in danger, birds of conservation concern have been recorded in this IBA. Although not formally protected, it is important to note that these are priority areas for conservation by the department. It is recommended that the EAP consult with the province on any conservation plans for the area.
- There are birds' nest (i.e. Grey Crowned Crane, Martial Eagle, Wattled Crane, and the Southern Bald Ibis) confirmed for birds that are sensitive to wind turbines, it is a concern that more than 80% of the turbines are located within the buffer area of these species nest. It is recommended that Birdlife SA and EWT must be consultant for proper determination of the buffer area for each species. The presence of the Martial Eagle was also confirmed during the site visit conducted on the 02nd of April 2025.
- According to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, both facilities are located within the Freshwater Ecological Support Area: Important sub-catchments area. Although (as stated in the reports) all watercourses and drainage line have been avoided, Freshwater ecosystems area are important areas that are supposed to be conserved. Additionally, the facilities are located within the Strategic Water Resource Area, these are the department's important areas for conservation.
- We have further noted that most turbines are located within Critical Biodiversity Areas and intact/natural vegetation, these are important areas for conservation. It is recommended that turbines and/or any other infrastructures are moved from confirmed CBA and intact vegetation.
- The directorate is concern on the assessment of the cumulative impact, Sheepmore and Emvelo are both being proposed by the same applicant and their PPP is running simultaneously. However, the cumulative assessment on each report did not consider the other facility while the information of each facility is readily available to the EAP. The EAP has only considered the Camden WEF within the 30km radius for cumulative impact, while there are other projects within the vicinity such as ABO Ujekamanzi WEF (located within 27.3km).

Conclusively, the directorate has noted the recommended conservation efforts of replacing/offsetting 1ha of impacted area with rehabilitating 3ha of land, while this will have a positive impact on ground, unfortunately the impacts on fatality of birds cannot be overlooked. Recommendations made by Birdlife SA and EWT must strictly be adhered to.

Regards,
Mashudu Mudau
Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Environment House
473 Steve Biko and Soutpansberg Streets
PRETORIA
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 5:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR THE MULILO AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY CLUSTER

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Lucien Barbeau
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Cape Town [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 15:41:01
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Objection against Sheepmoor Windfarm Project

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Good day Lucien

Thanks for your response.

Kind Regards.
Braam Moodie.

> On 10 Apr 2025, at 14:55, ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:
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> Additionally, you have been added as an I&AP to the project database and will be informed of the final submission and appeal processes.
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> Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 6:35 PM
> To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com>
> Cc: Ilona Deveugele <ilona@commettre.co.za>
> Subject: Objection against Sheepmoor Windfarm Project
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> Kind Regards
> Braam Moodie
> 0824683729
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> Sent from my iPad
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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 14:55:42
To: [redacted]
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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 13:24:07
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: Request for proprietary information and data

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Dear Mr Meyer,

RE: Please see below formal communications from Mulilo pertaining the Amsterdam Wind Energy Project.

Thank you for your inquiry and for your evident dedication to the conservation and understanding of Martial Eagles. We appreciate your interest in this species and acknowledge the depth of care you have expressed in your request.
As this is a protected species, the tracking data related to Martial Eagle flights, nesting locations, and movements is sensitive information that must be managed responsibly. Mulilo Renewable Project Developments, in partnership with the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) is the custodian of the Data, and access to it is subject to strict regulatory and ethical considerations. We also note that your request to use this data in assessing the proposed buffer distances would not provide your specialist with the necessary insights. The buffer proposed by the project's avifaunal specialist in the draft environmental Impact Assessment was not solely based on tracking data, but included a combination of the following information/data/insights:

- Proprietary commercial Data from our met mast;
- Findings, data and in-depth site experiences gained by the specialist from the long-term bird monitoring program conducted before tracking began, following South African bird monitoring guidelines; ~~and~~
- An additional focal point survey of the nest itself, over a number of months including substantial observed and documented flight paths; and
- Detailed site specific vegetation and habitat mapping and modelling.

Given this, the specific tracking data you have requested would not contribute meaningfully to further understanding or reassessment of the proposed buffer zones. A second specialist, without the above mentioned information and experience, is unlikely to arrive at a similar or meaningful conclusion of the recommended buffer size and shape. Furthermore, it must be noted that the project specialist, as required by the NEMA EIA regulations, is independent of the applicant, is SACNASP registered, and has complied with all guideline requirements to obtain an informed buffer and set of recommendations for the project.
Additionally, under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA), this tracking program is classified as bioprospecting. Accessing or conducting research on such data requires a permit, which neither you nor your specialist have provided. Without the necessary permit, we are unable to share this information.

Sincerely,

Johans van Wyk
Senior Associate: Landowner Liaison
[redacted]
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To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Lucien,

@Johans Van Wyk provided the response. Johans, could you please forward the EAP the correspondence?

Kind Regards,

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21st Floor, Portside, 5 Buitengracht Street, Cape Town, 8001

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 10 April 2025 09:41
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Hi Andrew, I hope this email finds you well.

kindly send us the response collated by Mulilo legal team?

Kind Regards

Mpho Bridget Malema
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:53 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi

We will discuss internally and revert.

Kind regards,

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Senior Manager: Head of Environmental
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:44 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Good day Andrew,

Please see below a comment from an I&AP regarding Martial eagle data.

Thank you

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:59 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

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On Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 5:24 PM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

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> Stephanie Gopaul
>
> Environmental Assessment Practitioner



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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 10:05:05
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Complete bat specialist reports needed
Attachments: Appendix 1 Figures.pdf (3.03 MB), Appendix 1 Figures_.pdf (2.69 MB), Appendix 2 Specialist CV.pdf (680.77 KB), Appendix 3 eia.specialistdeclaration2023aug (003)_Emvelo.pdf (245.45 KB), Appendix 3 eia.specialistdeclaration2023aug (003)_sheepmoor.pdf (245.3 KB), Appendix 4 Aronson_SACNASP.pdf (330.5 KB), Appendix 2 Specialist CV.pdf (680.77 KB)

Good morning, I hope this email finds you well.

Kindly receive the attached as requested.

Please let me know if you need any further information or clarification.

Kind Regards

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Johannesburg **erm.com**
[redacted]

From: Eleanor Richardson [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 3:22 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Subject: Complete bat specialist reports needed

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good afternoon ERM,

Please could I have the complete bat specialist reports for both proposed Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEFs (Amsterdam cluster)? The reports on the website https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/

are missing all the figures and appendices.

Many thanks,

Kate Richardson

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Eleanor (Kate) Richardson
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 09:40:55
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Hi Andrew, I hope this email finds you well.

kindly send us the response collated by Mulilo legal team?

Kind Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:53 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi

We will discuss internally and revert.

Kind regards,

Andrew Pearson Pr.Sci.Nat (400423/11)
Senior Manager: Head of Environmental
[redacted]
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21st Floor, Portside, 5 Buitengracht Street, Cape Town, 8001

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:44 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Good day Andrew,

Please see below a comment from an I&AP regarding Martial eagle data.

Thank you

Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

Cape Town [redacted] **erm.com**

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Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 09:02:19
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

Good day sir,

Please may you clarify what you mean by “Sheepmoor WEF 2”. The only projects proposed are the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility and the Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility. The previously proposed Rochdale Wind Energy Facility application has been withdrawn. Nor is a Sheepmoor WEF 3 proposed. The refinement and micro siting of wind turbines and associated infrastructure, for each facility, will not impact the process of the associated applications.

As discussed, in order to apply for environmental authorisation for linear infrastructure, the current EIA regulations do not require the applicant to obtain Landowner consent. That being said, the applicant will consider landowner willingness to be a part of the project when compiling the final layout. Overhead line infrastructure is regarded as Linear Infrastructure.

The applicant is not aware of the meeting request you reference. Please be sure to direct requests for engagements, in relation to this application, from the EAP, or keep the EAP in CC. The applications are still within the Public Participation Phase and the applicant has informed the EAP that they are available for a meeting at the I&APs earliest convenience. If you are unfortunately not available during the Public Participation phase, the applicant will endeavour to accommodate your availability and include your comments in the Public Participation record.

Kind Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 10:30 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Sir,
With all due respect Sir, you did not answer my questions.
- does Sheepmoor WEF 2 fall away as confirmed in writing by Mulilo?
- what is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 3 with Sheepmoor WEF 2 also not part of project as confirm in writing by Mulilo (previous email should read WEF 3 and not WEF 1)
Regarding comment on liniere infra structure, by implication you said that private landowners got no right on their own property and that this current layout drawings is not the paper worth that it is written on?
Does your comment on liniere infra structure also refer to the transmission line that crosses my private property that no permission is required to do so?
Facts about meeting on 4/02/25 at Mr Jan Robberts house
- Mulilo did not invite me as IAP. I was present on Mr Jan Robberts request because **he did not trust the integraty of Mulilo's representatives and needed me as witness**.
- Meeting requested with Mr Johans van Wyk of Mulilo and specialist on 19/02/25 was denied the same day. No use in meeting after comments deadline.

On Mon, Apr 7, 2025 at 12:02 PM ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]

> Good day Mr Josua Meyer,

Thank you for your comment. We would like to address the concerns you raised. In terms of the layout, there will indeed be changes, and WTG39 will likely be removed. However, the Sheepmoor WEF will continue without WTG39, and the proposed Sheepmoor WEF will not be dropped. The project will still move forward with the revised layout.

Regarding the linear infrastructure, including the MW cable and internal roads, the current regulations does not require the applicant to obtain landowner consent for these elements. That being said, the applicant will explore alternative routes where needed and will consider all options when finalizing the layout.

We also want to clarify that the applicant has not refused meeting requests. In fact, Applicant representatives met with yourself and other IAP Landowners on-site on the 4th of February 2025 to discuss the project. If you or any other concerned parties would like a meeting, please let us know, and we will be happy to arrange one.

Kind Regards,

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Senior Consultant

Cape Town [redacted] **erm.com**

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:34 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Goodday

To avoid any miscommunication in future please send all correspondence concerning Sheepmoor / Emvelo WEG in future to my attorney at [redacted]

Thanks

On Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 4:12 PM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <[redacted]

> Dear Joshua,
>
> I hope you are doing well.
>
> Please note that you will receive a response from us soon. The EAP has been notified of your concern and will respond as soon as they return from the site.
>
> Thank you for your patience.
> Kind Regards
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> **Mpho Bridget Malema**
>
> Johannesburg [redacted] **erm.com**

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

It came to my attention that Mr Jan Robberts and Mr Pikkie Vorster are not part of the Sheepmoor WEF anymore as confirmed in writing by Mlilo.

Does that mean that the layout is going to change again
- WTG39 falls away?
- Sheepmoor WEF 2 also falls away?
- What is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 1?

According to the owner of Windhoek farm, Mr Braam Moodie, Mlilo hasn't got any permission for the MW cable routing between Sheepmoor 1 & 2 that crosses his property and will not be given. Alternative route?

There is also no permission for the internal roads between WTG 39 and WTG 31 and between WTG 40 and WTG 41 which crosses my properties. Alternative route?

Also the preferred transmission line crosses my property Waaihoek 4/286, 12/286 and 3/286 without permission. Permission will never be grand and an alternative route needs to be investigated and resubmitted for comments.

Mlilo refuses meeting requests with the parties.

Did Mlilo base this application on assumptions?

Urgent clarification required for comments.

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 08:31:30
To: [redacted]
Subject: Automatic reply: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day. I'm currrently in a full day training session. I will respond to your email on Friday, 11 April.

Andrew

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Good day Bathandwa,

Many thanks for attached attendance register.

Best Regards,

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Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

Cape Town [redacted] **erm.com**

From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 11:12 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Goodmorning

Thank you for attending the site visit yesterday. Please find attached, attendance register.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

From: Stephen Burton [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 27 March 2025 13:25
To: [redacted] and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

Dear All,

For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site.

Please could we ask that you try to make the site visit start time or let us know if you are running late for some reason.

@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup?

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
He/Him/His

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:21 AM
[redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Morning Stephen,

Re the site visit next week - please advise where we are meeting and what time ?

Also - I am not sure of the conditions of the roads in that area after the rains but is it maybe possible to get a lift to site (from Ermelo ?) with someone that has a 4x4 ?

Many thanks
Kind regards
Gavin

Gavin Cowden
Environmental Policy, Planning & Coordination

Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X11219
Nelspruit, 1200
[redacted]

>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/24/25 6:28 PM >>>
Dear Bathandwa,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025.

With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below:

1. We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk.

1. Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you.

1. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself.

1. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum.

Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
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To: [redacted]
Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear EAP and Applicant

14/12/16/3/3/2/2611: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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14/12/16/3/3/2/2613: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
Proposed time : To be confirmed
Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

Please note the following:

1. It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department.

1. An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from:

    1. DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations; Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas sections.
    2. Mpumalanga DARDLEA
    3. MTPA

1. You are requested to propose a high-level itinerary for the site visit (meeting location; meeting time; brief introduction and signing of the attendance register; proposal of site to be inspected first and last; key environmental features to be observed on each site; estimated end time; access to ablutions etc). Officials who want to observe specific areas on site will communicate this.

1. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.)

For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
([redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Wednesday, 09 April 2025 18:34:43
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: Objection against Sheepmoor Windfarm Project

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day.

As a landowner on the farms Rietvallei 299 Por 3 ; Windhoek 291 Por 3&5 and leaser of the Windhoek 291 Por 4&10 we were never contacted neither informed as neighbouring land owners of the project.
This project is likely centered around environmental and social concerns.Here are some potential issues:
* Environmental Impact
* Visual Impact
* Noise Pollution
* Agricultural and Land Use Concerns
* Social and Community Impact
* Grid Connection and Infrastructure

We therefore want to register as I & AP (Concerned and affected parties) neighbours next to the proposed project. We strongly object against this project.

Kind Regards
Braam Moodie
[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Wednesday, 09 April 2025 16:19:05
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Mulilo Amsterdam Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs updates and next steps

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi

23rd is tight as we are trying to squeeze in field work in amongst all the public holidays

So for clarification we just looking at Sheepmoor and Emvelo separately

Thanks and regards

Brian

Dr Brian Colloty
Ecologist (Pr Sci Nat 400268/07)

EnviroSci (Pty) Ltd

1 Rossini Rd
Pari Park
Gqeberha
6070
[redacted]

On 07 Apr 2025, at 08:27, ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]

Hi there,

I hope this email finds you well.

I would like to inform you that the final layout and specifications for the Mulilo Amsterdam WEF cluster will be provided on the 21st of April. At that time, we kindly request that you issue your final reports on the 23rd April, ensuring that these are based on the final layout. Should the final layout not impact your original findings, please issue an addendum letter confirming this.

As a reminder, the public participation comment period will close on the 10th of April. Any comments received will be forwarded to you for your review and feedback. Please take these into account in your final reports.

Additionally, as a reminder to please ensure that you refer to the attached impact assessment methodology when preparing your final reports.

Should you need any further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Kind Regards,



Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

Cape Town [redacted] erm.com

<EIA Phase_Methodology.docx>

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Wednesday, 09 April 2025 12:13:28
To: [redacted]
Subject: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities
Attachments: 0684401_Mulilo WEF_DEAIr_IA&PAfr.pdf (145.09 KB), 0684401_Mulilo WEF_DEIAr_IA&Peng.pdf (143.78 KB)

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This is a reminder regarding the submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities in the Mpumalanga Province.

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Following comprehensive input from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in the scoping phase, the applicant has conducted several additional studies to address all identified sensitivities. In response to these sensitivities, the applicant has optimized the arrangement of the wind turbines and related infrastructure. This significant reduction in the number of turbines has prompted the applicant to consolidate the projects from three to two. The applicant has merged the previous Rochdale application site with the Emvelo application and will be withdrawing the separate Rochdale application. We anticipate no issues arising from this change, as all feedback, scoping findings, sensitivities, and specialist contributions related to Rochdale will be integrated into the Emvelo application. The updated layouts also feature extensive conservation zones, as the applicant recognizes a unique opportunity to implement strategies that enhance the biodiversity value of the project area.

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Thank you for your continued participation and interest in this project.

Kind Regards

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Mpho Bridget Malema

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Wednesday, 09 April 2025 10:44:39
To: [redacted]
Subject: Comments - 0684401 Mulilo WEF-cluster -NWJ Vorster Trust - Klipfontein Sheepmoor
Attachments: Comments.docx (25.42 KB)

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Attached please find comments on above project.

Regards

Adelma Vorster – Director at Retsrov Boerdery
[redacted]



From: [redacted]
Sent on: Tuesday, 08 April 2025 09:06:13
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities
Attachments: 0684401_Mulilo WEF_DEAIr_IA&PAfr.pdf (145.09 KB), 0684401_Mulilo WEF_DEIAr_IA&Peng.pdf (143.78 KB)

Geagte Belanghebbende en Geaffekteerde Party,

Ek hoop hierdie e-pos bereik u in goeie gesondheid.

Neem asseblief kennis van die aangehegte dokument(e), wat in u taal vertaal is vir maklike verwysing en beter begrip.

Moet asseblief nie huiwer om ons te kontak indien u enige verdere inligting benodig of opheldering verlang nie.
Kind Regards

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 6, 2025 12:59 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Praat my moeder taal dankie

On 04 Apr 2025 17:02, Mpho Malema [redacted]

> Dear Interested and Affected Party,
>
> This is a reminder regarding the submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities in the Mpumalanga Province.
>
> The Public Participation Process (PPP) is being conducted in accordance with Section 24(5) and Chapter 6 (Regulations 41–44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended), as well as the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The Draft EIA Reports have been made available for a 30-day comment period, which will close on 10 April 2025.
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Kind Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Monday, 07 April 2025 22:30:15
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Sir,
With all due respect Sir, you did not answer my questions.
- does Sheepmoor WEF 2 fall away as confirmed in writing by Mulilo?
- what is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 3 with Sheepmoor WEF 2 also not part of project as confirm in writing by Mulilo (previous email should read WEF 3 and not WEF 1)
Regarding comment on liniere infra structure, by implication you said that private landowners got no right on their own property and that this current layout drawings is not the paper worth that it is written on?
Does your comment on liniere infra structure also refer to the transmission line that crosses my private property that no permission is required to do so?
Facts about meeting on 4/02/25 at Mr Jan Robberts house
- Mulilo did not invite me as IAP. I was present on Mr Jan Robberts request because **he did not trust the integraty of Mulilo's representatives and needed me as witness**.
- Meeting requested with Mr Johans van Wyk of Mulilo and specialist on 19/02/25 was denied the same day.
No use in meeting after comments deadline.

On Mon, Apr 7, 2025 at 12:02 PM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <[redacted]

> Good day Mr Josua Meyer,
>
> Thank you for your comment. We would like to address the concerns you raised. In terms of the layout, there will indeed be changes, and WTG39 will likely be removed. However, the Sheepmoor WEF will continue without WTG39, and the proposed Sheepmoor WEF will not be dropped. The project will still move forward with the revised layout.
>
> Regarding the linear infrastructure, including the MW cable and internal roads, the current regulations does not require the applicant to obtain landowner consent for these elements. That being said, the applicant will explore alternative routes where needed and will consider all options when finalizing the layout.
>
> We also want to clarify that the applicant has not refused meeting requests. In fact, Applicant representatives met with yourself and other IAP Landowners on-site on the 4th of February 2025 to discuss the project. If you or any other concerned parties would like a meeting, please let us know, and we will be happy to arrange one.
>
> Kind Regards,

Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

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[redacted]

From: Josua Meyer [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:34 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam [redacted]
Subject: Re: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Goodday

To avoid any miscommunication in future please send all correspondence concerning Sheepmoor / Emvelo WEG in future to my attorney at

[redacted]

Thanks

On Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 4:12 PM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <[redacted]

> Dear Joshua,
>
> I hope you are doing well.
>
> Please note that you will receive a response from us soon. The EAP has been notified of your concern and will respond as soon as they return from the site.
>
> Thank you for your patience.
>
> Kind Regards

Mpho Bridget Malema

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

It came to my attention that Mr Jan Robberts and Mr Pikkie Vorster are not part of the Sheepmoor WEF anymore as confirmed in writing by Mlilo.

Does that mean that the layout is going to change again

- WTG39 falls away?

- Sheepmoor WEF 2 also falls away?

- What is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 1?

According to the owner of Windhoek farm, Mr Braam Moodie, Mlilo hasn't got any permission for the MW cable routing between Sheepmoor 1 & 2 that crosses his property and will not be given. Alternative route?

There is also no permission for the internal roads between WTG 39 and WTG 31 and between WTG 40 and WTG 41 which crosses my properties. Alternative route?

Also the preferred transmission line crosses my property Waaihoek 4/286, 12/286 and 3/286 without permission. Permission will never be grand and an alternative route needs to be investigated and resubmitted for comments.

Mlilo refuses meeting requests with the parties.

Did Mlilo base this application on assumptions?

Urgent clarification required for comments.

From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 27 March 2025 13:25:29
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Attachments: Amsterdam WEF itinerary.pdf (194.44 KB), CBA IR.kmz (780 Bytes), CBA IR2.kmz (832 Bytes), CBA.kmz (835 Bytes), Holbank River Lodge.kmz (800 Bytes), ME nest view point.kmz (844 Bytes), OHL N2 crossing.kmz (866 Bytes), Turn off to viewpoint.kmz (847 Bytes)

Dear All,

For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site.

Please could we ask that you try to make the site visit start time or let us know if you are running late for some reason.

@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup?

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
He/Him/His

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From: Gavin Cowden [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:21 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Morning Stephen,

Re the site visit next week - please advise where we are meeting and what time ?

Also - I am not sure of the conditions of the roads in that area after the rains but is it maybe possible to get a lift to site (from Ermelo ?) with someone that has a 4x4 ?

Many thanks
Kind regards
Gavin

Gavin Cowden
Environmental Policy, Planning & Coordination

Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
Private Bag X11219
Nelspruit, 1200
[redacted]

>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/24/25 6:28 PM >>>
Dear Bathandwa,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025.

With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below:

1. We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk.

1. Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you.

1. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself.

1. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum.

Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
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From: Bathandwa Ncube [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:36 PM
To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear EAP and Applicant

14/12/16/3/3/2/2611: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2612: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2613: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
Proposed time : To be confirmed
Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

Please note the following:

1. It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department.

1. An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from:
    1. DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations; Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas sections.
    2. Mpumalanga DARDLEA
    3. MTPA

1. You are requested to propose a high-level itinerary for the site visit (meeting location; meeting time; brief introduction and signing of the attendance register; proposal of site to be inspected first and last; key environmental features to be observed on each site; estimated end time; access to ablutions etc). Officials who want to observe specific areas on site will communicate this.

1. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.)

For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 27 March 2025 08:57:58
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Stephanie,

I am writing to urgently follow up on the letter sent to you on 20 March 2025, which remains unanswered.

Your prompt attention to this matter is required without further delay.

Kind regards,

Matodzi A. Silidi
RICHARD SUMMERS INC.
Candidate Attorney

[redacted]
Unit 126, Victoria Junction, 57 Prestwich Street, De Waterkant, Cape Town

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2025 19:01
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Stephanie

See attached letter for your urgent attention.

Kind regards,

Matodzi A. Silidi
RICHARD SUMMERS INC.
Candidate Attorney

[redacted]
Unit 126, Victoria Junction, 57 Prestwich Street, De Waterkant, Cape Town

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 10 March 2025 17:23

To: [redacted]
Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR THE MULILO AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft EIA Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The reports will be available for a 30-day comment period from 10 March 2025 to 10 April 2025.

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Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final EIA Report.
More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.
Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

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From: [redacted]
Sent on: Thursday, 27 March 2025 08:45:55
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Thank you Lucien

Kind regards,

Matodzi A. Silidi
RICHARD SUMMERS INC.
Candidate Attorney

[redacted]
Unit 126, Victoria Junction, 57 Prestwich Street, De Waterkant, Cape Town

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2025 14:49
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Good day Matodzi,

Please see copies of comments as requested.

Kind Regards

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Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 2:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Lucien

Would you kindly send the copies of the comments. I have read those extracts on the report already but needed the whole copy. I might have confused when I responded by saying "on the scoping report" and was of the idea that you will attach the copies

Kind regards,

Matodzi A. Silidi
RICHARD SUMMERS INC.
Candidate Attorney

[redacted]
Unit 126, Victoria Junction, 57 Prestwich Street, De Waterkant, Cape Town

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2025 13:37
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Good day Matodzi,

Please see the following locations within Public Participation Reports Volume III for requested comments:

Emvelo

TABLE 7-4 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM DARDLEA (20 SEPTEMBER 2024)

TABLE 7-3 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM MTPA (20 SEPTEMBER 2024)

TABLE 7-4 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM BIODIVERSITY
CONSERVATION (13 AUGUST 2024)

Sheepmoor

TABLE 7-2 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM MPUMALANGA
TOURISM AND PARKS AGENCY (18 SEPTEMBER 2024)

TABLE 7-3 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM DARDLEA (17
SEPTEMBER 2024)

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CONSERVATION (13 AUGUST 2024)

Thank you,

Lucien Barbeau
Senior Consultant

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From: Matodzi Albert Silidi [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 11:55 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

On the scoping report, yes

Kind regards,

Matodzi A. Silidi
RICHARD SUMMERS INC.
Candidate Attorney

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From: Stephanie Gopaul [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 24 March 2025 11:31
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Good Day Matodzi

Are you looking for the comments from DFFE on the Scoping Reports?

Stephanie Gopaul
She/Her/Hers

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From: Matodzi Albert Silidi <Matodzi@summersinc.co.za>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 11:06 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>; Stephanie Gopaul <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>; Mpho Malema <mpho.malema@erm.com>
Cc: Clarice Arendse <clarice@summersinc.co.za>; Richard Summers <Richard@summersinc.co.za>; Reception – Richard Summers Inc. <Reception@summersinc.co.za>
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Stephanie

Please send us the comments from DFFE Biodiversity section, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) and Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA)

Kind regards,

Matodzi A. Silidi
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From: Matodzi Albert Silidi <Matodzi@summersinc.co.za>
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2025 19:01
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>; Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>
Cc: Clarice Arendse <clarice@summersinc.co.za>; Richard Summers <Richard@summersinc.co.za>; Reception – Richard Summers Inc. <Reception@summersinc.co.za>
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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Subject: Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Morning Stephen,

Re the site visit next week - please advise where we are meeting and what time ?

Also - I am not sure of the conditions of the roads in that area after the rains but is it maybe possible to get a lift to site (from Ermelo ?) with someone that has a 4x4 ?

Many thanks
Kind regards
Gavin

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>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/24/25 6:28 PM >>>
Dear Bathandwa,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025.

With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below:

1. We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk.

1. Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you.

1. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself.

1. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum.

Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

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He/Him/His

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As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
Proposed time : To be confirmed
Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

Please note the following:

1. It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department.

1. An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from:

    1. DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations; Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas sections.
    2. Mpumalanga DARDLEA
    3. MTPA

1. You are requested to propose a high-level itinerary for the site visit (meeting location; meeting time; brief introduction and signing of the attendance register; proposal of site to be inspected first and last; key environmental features to be observed on each site; estimated end time; access to ablutions etc). Officials who want to observe specific areas on site will communicate this.

1. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.)

For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
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Dear Nompumelo,

I hope this email finds you well.

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Proposed Amsterdam wind energy facility and auxiliary infrastructure cluster in Mpumalanga
Kind Regards

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Subject: Re: Request for proprietary information and data

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed WEF

Dear Mr Barbeau

The request for the data recovered from the two tagged martial eagles remains outstanding.That deprives my right as IAP to submit constructive comments on the draft EIA report.

An email was received on 14/04/2025 from Mr Johans van Wyk of the applicant in this regard. Due to your silence I like to take the opportunity to react to that. Although time for comments depart already but this is a friendly request to include this response in the comments due to ERM non-response.

The oldest trick in the book is to get your opposition on board. EWT is a NGO organization surviving on donations which might also play a part in the partnership. The moment EWT entered in a non-disclosure partnership with the applicant it destroyed their impartiality and credibility. Their name should read now ENDANGER for WILDLIFE TRUST.

It is extremely arrogant and offencive from the applicant to assume there is only one accredited avifaunal specialist. The applicant is correct that a second specialist might not come to a similar conclusion but is likely to arrive at a more meaningful conclusion due to his independence.

The combination of information/data/insights the applicant mentioned is already incorporated by the eagle in its tagged flight data. The value of that flight data is that it is undistorted and can not be adapted to fit the applicants application.

A few concerns regarding the applicant's experience project avifaunal specialist

- the martial eagle nest was disclosed by a local farmer and not by the specialist field monitoring team during their seven site visits. This was revealed by Mr Lloyd Barnes of the applicant during a meeting at Mr Jan Robberts house in the presence of witnesses.

- site field monitoring was only executed during 8 months of the year with no monitoring during four crucial summer months (21/10/2022 to 21/02/2023) Therefore the specialist failed to identify important priority bird species breeding sites including both crane species.

- when an active Mahem breeding nest was reported to Mulilo's specialist in January 2025 no attempt was made to visit or even to record the location. The same response was experienced from Mr Lloyd Barnes from the applicant.

- a 60 year plus old breeding site of the Southern Bald Ibis was shamefully not identified

- the specialist signed a non disclosure agreement with the applicant and with that sacrificed his independence.

The applicant had taken a long shot trying to classify the tracking data under NEMBA and is advised rather to pay attention to its permit conditions. The applicant is already in breach of item 1.9 and 1.10 of his permit and runs the danger that it might be cancelled.

On Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 1:24 PM Johans Van Wyk <piwy@mulilo.com> wrote:

> Dear Mr Meyer,
>
> RE: Please see below formal communications from Mulilo pertaining the Amsterdam Wind Energy Project.

Thank you for your inquiry and for your evident dedication to the conservation and understanding of Martial Eagles. We appreciate your interest in this species and acknowledge the depth of care you have expressed in your request.

As this is a protected species, the tracking data related to Martial Eagle flights, nesting locations, and movements is sensitive information that must be managed responsibly. Mulilo Renewable Project Developments, in partnership with the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) is the custodian of the Data, and access to it is subject to strict regulatory and ethical considerations. We also note that your request to use this data in assessing the proposed buffer distances would not provide your specialist with the necessary insights. The buffer proposed by the project's avifaunal specialist in the draft environmental Impact Assessment was not solely based on tracking data, but included a combination of the following information/data/insights:

- Proprietary commercial Data from our met mast;
- Findings, data and in-depth site experiences gained by the specialist from the long-term bird monitoring program conducted before tracking began, following South African bird monitoring guidelines; ~~and~~
- An additional focal point survey of the nest itself, over a number of months including substantial observed and documented flight paths; and
- Detailed site specific vegetation and habitat mapping and modelling.

Given this, the specific tracking data you have requested would not contribute meaningfully to further understanding or reassessment of the proposed buffer zones. A second specialist, without the above mentioned information and experience, is unlikely to arrive at a similar or meaningful conclusion of the recommended buffer size and shape. Furthermore, it must be noted that the project specialist, as required by the NEMA EIA regulations, is independent of the applicant, is SACNASP registered, and has complied with all guideline requirements to obtain an informed buffer and set of recommendations for the project.

Additionally, under the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA), this tracking program is classified as bioprospecting. Accessing or conducting research on such data requires a permit, which neither you nor your specialist have provided. Without the necessary permit, we are unable to share this information.

Sincerely,

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9. Annexure F2;
10. Annexure F3; and
11. Annexure F4.

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From: Mnr Labuschagne
Sent on: Friday, 11 April 2025 15:10:23
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
CC: Josua Meyer
Subject: SHEEPMOOR/EMVELO WEF
Attachments: 20250411135951061.pdf (1.64 MB)

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Good day

Find attached letter for your attention.

Regards

JOSUA MEYER
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Meyerjosua55@gmail.com

From: Matodzi Albert Silidi
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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
CC: Stephanie Gopaul; Stephen Burton; Mpho Malema
Subject: Re: Request for proprietary information and data

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We hereby acknowledge the receipt of your email.

We will revert in due course.

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

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From: Khululwa Matshoba
Sent on: Friday, 11 April 2025 10:53:04
To: Mpho Malema
CC: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: FW: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities
Attachments: CAMDEN B Site E.kmz (1.44 KB), CAMDEN B Site F.kmz (1.32 KB)

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Dear Mpho

Kindly note that the project is affecting our proposed Camden B site's. See attached.

May you please rectify and update us.

Thank you.

Warm regards
Khululwa

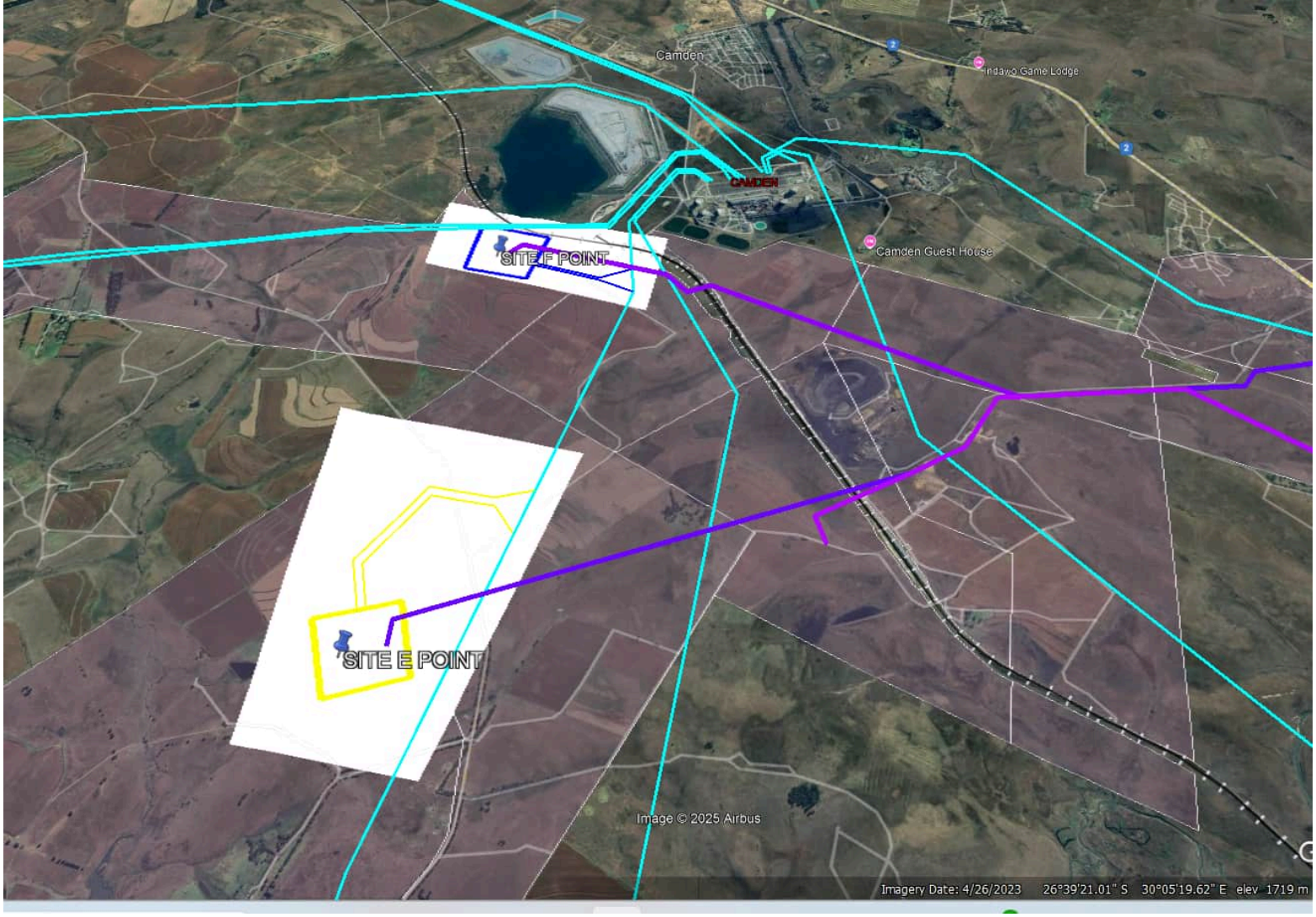
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Sent: Friday, 11 April 2025 08:12
To: Khululwa Matshoba <StuurmKV@ntcsa.co.za>; Christo Badenhorst <BadenhC@ntcsa.co.za>; Precious Mashiteng <MashitePR@ntcsa.co.za>; Samuel Nkoana <NkoanaLS@ntcsa.co.za>; Pumeza Mthembu <MaliwaP@ntcsa.co.za>; Phathutshedzo Kwinda <KwindaP@ntcsa.co.za>
Subject: RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities

Hi Khululwa,

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Regards
Ndivho

From: Khululwa Matshoba <StuurmKV@ntcsa.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 07 April 2025 08:22
To: Christo Badenhorst <BadenhC@ntcsa.co.za>; Precious Mashiteng <MashitePR@ntcsa.co.za>; Samuel Nkoana <NkoanaLS@ntcsa.co.za>; Pumeza Mthembu <MaliwaP@ntcsa.co.za>; Ndivhoniswani Mutwanamba <MutwanN@ntcsa.co.za>; Phathutshedzo Kwinda <KwindaP@ntcsa.co.za>
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Dear Colleagues

Attached please find the kmz files, please check if our projects are impacted.

Thank you.

Warm regards
Khush

From: Mpho Malema <mpho.malema@erm.com>
Sent: Friday, 04 April 2025 17:34
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Cc: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] RE: Reminder: Draft EIA Reports Available for Comment – Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities

Dear Khululwa Matshoba, I hope this email finds you well.

Kindly receive the attached kmz files as per your request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information or clarity.

Kind Regards

Mpho Bridget Malema

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From: Khululwa Matshoba <StuurmKV@ntcsa.co.za>
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Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This is a reminder regarding the submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities in the Mpumalanga Province.

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Thank you for your continued participation and interest in this project.

Kind Regards

Mpho Bridget Malema

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From: Sam Ralston
Sent on: Friday, 11 April 2025 00:39:57
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam; EIA Applications
CC: mervyn@mtpa.co.za; Robyn Luyt; Gavin Cowden
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province
Attachments: BLSA comments Emvelo Sheepmoor EIA 20250410.pdf (296.48 KB)

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Stephanie
I have attached BirdLife South Africa's comments on the Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities. Please do not hesitate to contact me if anything is unclear.
Kind regards
Sam

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Date: Monday, 10 March 2025 at 17:24
To: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>
Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR THE MULILO AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY CLUSTER

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Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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Sent on: Friday, 11 April 2025 09:52:19
To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
CC: Bathandwa Ncube; EIAadmin; Salome Mambane; Andrew Pearson; R Luyt; SB. Mbuyane; mervyn.lotter@gmail.com; Compliance
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611 & 2613
Attachments: 14-12-16-3-3-2-2611.pdf (361.56 KB), 14-12-16-3-3-2-2613.pdf (361.37 KB)

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Good day.

Please find herein the attached letters for the above mentioned.

Please do not respond to this mailbox with any queries related to the decision been issued. All queries on the attached decision must be directed to official whose contact details is listed as enquiries.

I hope you find all in order.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Lydia Kutu
CD: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Sub-Directorate: IEA Administrations & Reporting
Tel: 012 399 9370
Email: lkutu@dffe.gov.za

Romans 11:36
To God be the Glory!!!

From: Bathandwa Ncube
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 23:42:49
To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
CC: Andrew Pearson; R Luyt; SB. Mbuyane; mervyn@mtpa.co.za; Lucien Barbeau; complaints@msukaligwa.gov.za; Lydia Kutu; Ephron Maradwa; Salome Mambane
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613
Attachments: 01 Comments on DEIAR_Emvelo WEF_2611.pdf (361.56 KB), 01 Comments on DEIAR_Sheepmoor WEF_2613.pdf (361.37 KB)

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Goodday

Please find attached, DEIAr comments attached.

Kind regards
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From: Josua Meyer
Sent on: Thursday, 10 April 2025 22:39:58
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Re: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sir

1. Let us try to explain it ....With reference to one of ERM own drawings you sent via email to me, Preferred Site Development Plan, Figure 3 attached for your convenience. It shows tree areas bordered with a different colour namely BLUE, GREEN and YELLOW.. At the top of the title bloc at the right hand side of Figure 3, just bellow Turbine Locations you find three rectangular figures, top rectangular figure bordered BLUE with description **Sheepmoor WEF 1** next to it,middle rectangular figure bordered GREEN with description **Sheepmoor WEF 2** next to it and then underneath that a rectangular figure bordered YELLOW with description **Sheepmoor WEF 3** next to it. Do I really need to go further?

It will be appreciated if you can tell us now what situation with **Sheepmoor WEF 3** will be after the cancellation of **Sheepmoor WEF 2.**

The impact of the changes from the original application is highly debatable.

2. ".... consider landowners willingness ....." That is a U turn, thanks.

3. **Copies of my request and applicant answer attached (unfortunately it is in Afrikaans)**

Another U turn!

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The impact of the changes from the original application is highly debatable.

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Kindly find Annexures A-F in support of our comments in the following WeTransfer link: https://we.tl/t-Z2fOZ4MEbM .

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Should you have any difficulty accessing the documentation, kindly let us know so that we may provide you with same.

Kind regards,

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Attachments: Letter to ERM_20.03.2025.pdf (214.13 KB)

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Sent on: Monday, 31 March 2025 16:12:12
To: Josua Meyer
CC: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: RE: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

Dear Joshua,

I hope you are doing well.

Please note that you will receive a response from us soon. The EAP has been notified of your concern and will respond as soon as they return from the site.

Thank you for your patience.
Kind Regards

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From: Josua Meyer <meyerjosua55@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:26 PM
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It came to my attention that Mr Jan Robberts and Mr Pikkie Vorster are not part of the Sheepmoor WEF anymore as confirmed in writing by Mlilo.

Does that mean that the layout is going to change again
- WTG39 falls away?
- Sheepmoor WEF 2 also falls away?
- What is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 1?

According to the owner of Windhoek farm, Mr Braam Moodie, Mlilo hasn't got any permission for the MW cable routing between Sheepmoor 1 & 2 that crosses his property and will not be given. Alternative route?

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Mlilo refuses meeting requests with the parties.

Did Mlilo base this application on assumptions?

Urgent clarification required for comments.

From: Eleanor Richardson
Sent on: Monday, 31 March 2025 15:22:09
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Complete bat specialist reports needed

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Good afternoon ERM,

Please could I have the complete bat specialist reports for both proposed Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEFs (Amsterdam cluster)? The reports on the website https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/

are missing all the figures and appendices.

Many thanks,

Kate Richardson

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Subject: New Response for "Stakeholder Engagement Form"
Attachments: 2587b343-1ec8-4c25-8659-aef6dff5868d.pdf (26.25 KB)

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Dear AidaForm user,

Your form "Stakeholder Engagement Form" has a new response.

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6. Your Address
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7. What is your interest in the projects?
Impacts of windfarms on bats

8. Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?
Yes

9. What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster?
I can't understand why these projects have not been withdrawn given the massively high sensitivity of the site

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

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Dear Stephanie

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Thank you and regards,

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Attachments: Appendix 1 Figures_.pdf (2.69 MB), Appendix 1 Figures.pdf (3.03 MB)

Dear Matodzi,

I hope this email finds you well.

As per our telephone conversation, please find attached the appendices related to the bat specialist reports that were previously sent.

Please let me know if you need any further information.
Kind Regards

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Good morning Joshua,

I hope this email finds you well.

Kindly find the attached bat specialist figures as requested. Please let me know if you need any further information or clarification.
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day
The following figures refer to in the bat specialist reports for Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF outstanding
FIGURE 1, FIGURE 3 and FIGURE 5
Appreciate if it can be submit ASAP.
Thanks

From: Matodzi Albert Silidi
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Morning Stephanie

I am writing to urgently follow up on the request for the Bat Specialist report we have made on the 28 March 2025.

Your prompt attention to this matter is required without further delay.

Kind regards,

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Hi Lucien/ Stephanie

Thank you for providing the copies of the comments.

Could you kindly send us the complete Bat Specialist Report, including the figures, as the version in your package excluded them

Kind regards,

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Good day Matodzi,

Please see copies of comments as requested.

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Lucien

Would you kindly send the copies of the comments. I have read those extracts on the report already but needed the whole copy. I might have confused when I responded by saying "on the scoping report" and was of the idea that you will attach the copies

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Please see the following locations within Public Participation Reports Volume III for requested comments:

Emvelo

TABLE 7-4 COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TABLE ON NEW APPLICATION FOR DRAFT SCOPING PHASE RECEIVED FROM DARDLEA (20 SEPTEMBER 2024)

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Sheepmoor

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On the scoping report, yes

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Sent on: Saturday, 29 March 2025 12:26:15
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Re : Draft EIA report for EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

It came to my attention that Mr Jan Robberts and Mr Pikkie Vorster are not part of the Sheepmoor WEF anymore as confirmed in writing by Mlilo.

Does that mean that the layout is going to change again
- WTG39 falls away?
- Sheepmoor WEF 2 also falls away?
- What is the influence on Sheepmoor WEF 1?

According to the owner of Windhoek farm, Mr Braam Moodie, Mlilo hasn't got any permission for the MW cable routing between Sheepmoor 1 & 2 that crosses his property and will not be given. Alternative route?

There is also no permission for the internal roads between WTG 39 and WTG 31 and between WTG 40 and WTG 41 which crosses my properties. Alternative route?

Also the preferred transmission line crosses my property Waaihoek 4/286, 12/286 and 3/286 without permission. Permission will never be grand and an alternative route needs to be investigated and resubmitted for comments.

Mlilo refuses meeting requests with the parties.

Did Mlilo base this application on assumptions?

Urgent clarification required for comments.

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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

- URGENT -

Email of 11/3/2025 refers

Still waiting for the data recovered from the two tagged MARTIAL EAGLES

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We appreciate your urgent attention

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Subject: Re: RE: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

I strongly support that - like Half an hour for meet and greet and lunch later (like 13h30) and then maybe even try fit in as much as posisble before lunch

>>> Masina Morudu <memorudu@dffe.gov.za> 03/28/25 1:39 PM >>>
Good day,

I think some of the activities like lunch must be shortened so as to cover some of the things on earlier time.

Regards,

MASINA MORUDU

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"We all have few failures in life, it's what makes us ready for the success".

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Goodday Stephen

Thank you for the itinerary. We will see how the day goes, but as stated by Robyn, we may have to end the site visit earlier, as we also have to travel back to Pretoria.

Kind regards
Bathandwa

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Dear Stephen,

Gavin and I will be traveling together from Nelspruit. The trip to Ermelo for us will be just under 3hrs. Because of poor night vision I'm averse to driving in the dark, but will try to get to Holbank by 08h30. I'm more concerned about our trip back to Nst. I have a Subaru Crosstrek (all wheel drive but not the clearance of an SUV / bakkie); I would not want to leave Ermelo after 14h00, so it may be best for us to leave to get back to Nelspruit from Holbank at the proposed 12h00 slot.

Kind Regards
Robyn

Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)

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>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/27/25 1:26 PM >>>
Dear All,

For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site.

Please could we ask that you try to make the site visit start time or let us know if you are running late for some reason.

@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup?

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Stephen Burton

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Hi Lucien/ Stephanie

Thank you for providing the copies of the comments.

Could you kindly send us the complete Bat Specialist Report, including the figures, as the version in your package excluded them

Kind regards,

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Good day Matodzi,

Please see copies of comments as requested.

Kind Regards

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Good day Matodzi,

Please see the following locations within Public Participation Reports Volume III for requested comments:

Emvelo

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On the scoping report, yes

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SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR THE MULILO AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft EIA Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The reports will be available for a 30-day comment period from 10 March 2025 to 10 April 2025.

Following comprehensive input from Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) in the scoping phase, the applicant has conducted several additional studies to address all identified sensitivities. In response to these sensitivities, the applicant has optimized the arrangement of the wind turbines and related infrastructure. This significant reduction in the number of turbines has prompted the applicant to consolidate the projects from three to two. The applicant has merged the previous Rochdale application site with the Emvelo application and will be withdrawing the separate Rochdale application. We anticipate no issues arising from this change, as all feedback, scoping findings, sensitivities, and specialist contributions related to Rochdale will be integrated into the Emvelo application. The updated layouts also feature extensive conservation zones, as the applicant recognizes a unique opportunity to implement strategies that enhance the biodiversity value of the project area.

Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final EIA Report.
More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.
Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

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Dear All,

For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site.

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@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup?

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As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

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Sent on: Thursday, 27 March 2025 14:56:22
To: BNcube@dffe.gov.za; ERM Arcus Amsterdam; Lucien Barbeau; Stephanie Gopaul; Stephen Burton; Gavin Cowden; Andrew Pearson; Lloyd Barnes
CC: Albert@afriavian.com; MaMudau@dffe.gov.za; memorudu@dffe.gov.za; NLekalakala@dffe.gov.za; PMakitla@dffe.gov.za; TNETHONONDA@dffe.gov.za; mervyn.lotter@gmail.com; Sindy Mbuyane; complaints@msukaligwa.gov.za; celia@mtpa.co.za; celia.dewaal@mtpa.co.za; frans.krige@mtpa.co.za; johan@mtpa.co.za; khumbelo.malele@mtpa.co.za; mervyn@mtpa.co.za
Subject: Re: RE: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Stephen,

Gavin and I will be traveling together from Nelspruit. The trip to Ermelo for us will be just under 3hrs. Because of poor night vision I'm averse to driving in the dark, but will try to get to Holbank by 08h30. I'm more concerned about our trip back to Nst. I have a Subaru Crosstrek (all wheel drive but not the clearance of an SUV / bakkie); I would not want to leave Ermelo after 14h00, so it may be best for us to leave to get back to Nelspruit from Holbank at the proposed 12h00 slot.

Kind Regards
Robyn

Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)
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>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/27/25 1:26 PM >>>
Dear All,

For those that have confirmed their attendance at the site visit next Wednesday (02nd April 2025) please see attached a high level itinerary, as well as a number of kmz's that the client has kindly provided to guide you to the meeting start point and the various features of the site.

Please could we ask that you try to make the site visit start time or let us know if you are running late for some reason.

@Gavin Cowden, would you be able to make it to Holbank River Lodge, or do you still need a pickup?

Please let us know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Stephen Burton

From: Gavin Cowden <GCowden@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 7:21 AM
To: BNcube@dffe.gov.za; ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; Lucien Barbeau <Lucien.Barbeau@erm.com>; Stephanie Gopaul <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>; Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com>; Andrew Pearson <andrew@mulilo.com>; Lloyd Barnes <lloyd@mulilo.com>
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Subject: Re: RE: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Morning Stephen,

Re the site visit next week - please advise where we are meeting and what time ?

Also - I am not sure of the conditions of the roads in that area after the rains but is it maybe possible to get a lift to site (from Ermelo ?) with someone that has a 4x4 ?

Many thanks
Kind regards
Gavin

Gavin Cowden
Environmental Policy, Planning & Coordination

Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
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Nelspruit, 1200
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Cell: 071 541 7783

>>> Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com> 03/24/25 6:28 PM >>>
Dear Bathandwa,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025.

With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below:

1. We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk.

1. Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you.

1. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself.

1. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum.

Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Africa Biodiversity Lead Pr. Sci.Nat.
He/Him/His

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outside of your regular hours.

From: Bathandwa Ncube <BNcube@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:36 PM
To: Stephanie Gopaul <stephanie.gopaul@erm.com>; ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; Lucien Barbeau <Lucien.Barbeau@erm.com>; Andrew Pearson <andrew@mulilo.com>
Cc: Masina Morudu <memorudu@dffe.gov.za>; Mashudu Mudau <MaMudau@dffe.gov.za>; complaints@msukaligwa.gov.za; Nompumelelo Lekalakala <NLekalakala@dffe.gov.za>; Portia Makitla <PMakitla@dffe.gov.za>; Thivhulawi Nethononda <TNETHONONDA@dffe.gov.za>; mervyn.lotter@gmail.com; SB. Mbuyane <MbuyaneSB@mpg.gov.za>; R Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>; celia@mtpa.co.za; GCowden <GCowden@mpg.gov.za>; celia.dewaal@mtpa.co.za; mervyn@mtpa.co.za; frans.krige@mtpa.co.za; khumbelo.malele@mtpa.co.za; johan@mtpa.co.za
Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear EAP and Applicant

14/12/16/3/3/2/2611: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2612: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2613: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
Proposed time : To be confirmed
Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

Please note the following:

1. It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department.

1. An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from:
    1. DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations; Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas sections.
    2. Mpumalanga DARDLEA
    3. MTPA

1. You are requested to propose a high-level itinerary for the site visit (meeting location; meeting time; brief introduction and signing of the attendance register; proposal of site to be inspected first and last; key environmental features to be observed on each site; estimated end time; access to ablutions etc). Officials who want to observe specific areas on site will communicate this.

1. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.)

For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
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Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
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From: Richard Summers
Sent on: Thursday, 27 March 2025 14:22:07
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Automatic reply: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

I am out of the office. Should you require urgent assistance, please contact Celine Oats on 071 868 8101 or Clarice Arendse on 079 485 9851.

Richard Summers

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Sent on: Thursday, 27 March 2025 14:21:57
To: Matodzi Albert Silidi; ERM Arcus Amsterdam; EIA Applications; Stephanie Gopaul
CC: Clarice Arendse; Richard Summers; Reception – Richard Summers Inc.
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Matodzi,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 20 March 2025 regarding your request for an extension of the commenting period for the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities.

We recognize the concerns raised regarding the volume and technical complexity of the documentation. However, we regret to inform you that we are bound by the statutory timeframes prescribed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended). As per Regulation 3(8) of the EIA Regulations, a minimum of 30 days is required for public participation during the review and comment period. While the Regulations allow for an extension in specific circumstances, the overall project timeline and legislated approval process do not permit an extension beyond the prescribed 30-day timeframe in this instance.

Regulatory Framework Governing Public Participation
The public participation process (PPP) for this project has been conducted in full compliance with the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the EIA Regulations, 2014. The notification of the commenting period was issued in accordance with legal requirements to ensure that Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) were duly informed and provided with an opportunity to participate. The timing of the process was determined in alignment with the overall project schedule, which must adhere to strict regulatory deadlines.

Clarification on the 30-Day Commenting Period
When the EIA Regulations specify a minimum of 30 days for public comment, it means:

- Legally Required Baseline: The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) must allow at least 30 days for I&APs to review and submit comments on the Draft EIA Report. This is the shortest legally permissible timeframe. We understand that appointment of legal or other representatives by I&APs are done at the discretion, cost and in the timeframe of the IAP needing representation and this does should ideally be done earlier on in the EIA process- however this is something that is outside of the control of the EAP and in this case, there isn't an opportunity to extend the commenting timeframe on the draft EIA as it cannot be accommodated by the overall process.
- Extension is Possible but Not Guaranteed: While the Regulations provide for longer periods in certain circumstances (e.g., highly technical reports, public holidays, or large-scale projects), an extension is not automatic and depends on project timelines, regulatory constraints, and is granted at the discretion of the competent authority (DFFE).
- Fixed Project Timelines: Any extension must align with the broader regulatory approval process. If an extension would jeopardize key project milestones, including submission deadlines to the competent authority, it cannot be accommodated.

We acknowledge your concerns that public holidays may affect availability; however, given the constraints of the statutory process, we are unable to extend the commenting period beyond the legislatively mandated timeframe.

We encourage I&APs to submit their comments within the stipulated timeframe and remain available to assist with any clarifications or additional information required to facilitate meaningful participation. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Lucien Barbeau
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From: Matodzi Albert Silidi <Matodzi@summersinc.co.za>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 8:58 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>; Stephanie Gopaul <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>
Cc: Clarice Arendse <clarice@summersinc.co.za>; Richard Summers <Richard@summersinc.co.za>; Reception – Richard Summers Inc. <Reception@summersinc.co.za>
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Stephanie,

I am writing to urgently follow up on the letter sent to you on 20 March 2025, which remains unanswered.

Your prompt attention to this matter is required without further delay.

Kind regards,

Matodzi A. Silidi

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From: Matodzi Albert Silidi <Matodzi@summersinc.co.za>
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2025 19:01
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>; Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>
Cc: Clarice Arendse <clarice@summersinc.co.za>; Richard Summers <Richard@summersinc.co.za>; Reception – Richard Summers Inc. <Reception@summersinc.co.za>
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Stephanie

See attached letter for your urgent attention.

Kind regards,

Matodzi A. Silidi

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Monday, 10 March 2025 17:23
To: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>
Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT EIA REPORT FOR THE MULILO AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft EIA Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The reports will be available for a 30-day comment period from 10 March 2025 to 10 April 2025.

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Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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From: Celia de Waal
Sent on: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 11:55:13
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
CC: Frans Krige; Khumbelo Malele; Mervyn Lotter
Subject: FW: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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Good day

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Celia

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: 11 March 2025 15:11
To: Celia de Waal <celia.dewaal@mtpa.co.za>
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Good afternoon Celia,

I hope this email finds you well.

As per our conversation on Friday, I wanted to inform you that the report is on its way to you via USB.

Please let me know if you need anything else or if you have any questions.
Kind Regards

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From: Celia de Waal <celia.dewaal@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:08 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: Frans Krige <frans@mtpa.co.za>; Khumbelo Malele <Khumbelo.Malele@mtpa.co.za>; Mervyn Lotter <Mervyn.Lotter@mtpa.co.za>
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Good day

Kindly send us, the MTPA a hard copy of the Draft EIA Report for Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, for our scientists to comment on, to the following physical address in Lydenburg:

To: Cecilia de Waal (EIA Data Capturer)
MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg)
End of Morgan street

1120 Lydenburg

My cell number is: 082 841 7163

Kind regards

Celia de Waal



An Entity of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Cecilia de Waal
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From: Cecilia de Waal de Waal <celia01@yahoo.com>
Sent: 10 March 2025 19:04
To: Celia de Waal <celia.dewaal@mtpa.co.za>
Subject: Fw: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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> ----- Forwarded message -----
> **From:** "ERM Arcus Amsterdam" <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
> **To:** "EIA Applications" <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>
> **Cc:**
> **Sent:** Mon, 10 Mar 2025 at 17:24

Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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Thank you and regards,

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From: Josua Meyer
Sent on: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 15:42:31
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Sorry Sir, still no property boundaries show except for the power lines figures.
Can you please make sure and resend it.
List of figures where property boundaries are missing : Figures 1 / 3 / 5 / 6 / 7,1 / 7,2 (2 off)
Thanks

On Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 9:03 AM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

> Dear Joshua,
>
> I hope this email finds you well.
>
> Thank you for your email. As requested, please find the attached figures showing the property boundaries and roads.
>
> Should you need any further details or clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.
>
> Kind Regards
>
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From: Josua Meyer <meyerjosua55@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:59 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Re: DRAFT EIA REPORT : EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

CAN YOU PLEASE CLEARLY SHOW ALL THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES AS WELL AS DISTRICT ROADS ON ALL THE FIGURES FOR BOTH PROPOSED WIND FARMS

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COMMENT WITHOUT THAT INFORMATION

GPS COORDINATES NOT PRACTICAL AT THIS STAGE

THIS WAS ALREADY REQUESTED DURING SCOPING FACE BUT BLINDLY IGNORE

On Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 5:24 PM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

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Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

Hi Celia, I hope all is well.

Thank you for the update and acknowledgement.

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To: Cecilia de Waal (EIA Data Capturer)
MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg)
End of Morgan street
1120 Lydenburg

My cell number is: 082 841 7163

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

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Sent: Mon, 10 Mar 2025 at 17:24
Subject: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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From: Lydia Kutu
Sent on: Friday, 14 March 2025 10:56:01
To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
CC: Bathandwa Ncube; EIAadmin; Salome Mambane; Andrew Pearson
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

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The Department confirms having received the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the abovementioned project on 10 March 2025. You have submitted these documents to comply with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kind Regards,
Lydia Kutu
Integrated Environmental Authorisations:
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Tel: (012) 399 9370
Email: LKutu@dffe.gov.za

To God be the Glory!!!

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Attachments: 0684401-GIS-002 Fig 2 Emvelo WEF Site Locality Map.pdf (1.14 MB), 0684401-GIS-003 Fig 3 Emvelo WEF Preferred Site Development Plan Map.pdf (1.11 MB), 0684401-GIS-004 Fig 4 Emvelo WEF Renewable Energy Projects within 35 km radius.pdf (1.22 MB), 0684401-GIS-005 Fig 5 Emvelo WEF Land Use.pdf (1.2 MB), 0684401-GIS-006 Fig 6 Emvelo WEF Critical Biodiversity Area.pdf (1.39 MB), 0684401-GIS-008 Fig 7 Sheepmoor WEF Sensitivity Map All 7.3.pdf (1.4 MB), 0684401-GIS-015 Fig 1 Sheepmoor WEF Premilinary Developmental Geographical Co-ordinates.pdf (1.07 MB), 0684401-GIS-016 Fig 2 Sheepmoor WEF Site Locality Map.pdf (1.11 MB), 0684401-GIS-017 Fig 3 Sheepmoor Preferred Site Development Plan Map.pdf (1.08 MB), 0684401-GIS-018 Fig 4 Sheepmoor WEF Renewable Energy Projects within 35 km radius.pdf (1.17 MB), 0684401-GIS-019 Fig 5 Sheepmoor WEF Land Use.pdf (1.24 MB)

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In the bat report the specialist refers in paragraph 4 - Survey Methodology to **Figure 1** and Table 1.
I found Table 1 in the report but not **Figure 1**?
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Sent on: Wednesday, 19 March 2025 14:35:58
To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam; Lucien Barbeau; Andrew Pearson
CC: Masina Morudu; Mashudu Mudau; complaints@msukaligwa.gov.za; Nompumelelo Lekalakala; Portia Makitla; Thivhulawi Nethononda; mervyn.lotter@gmail.com; SB. Mbuyane; R Luyt; celia@mtpa.co.za; GCowden; celia.dewaal@mtpa.co.za; mervyn@mtpa.co.za; frans.krige@mtpa.co.za; khumbelo.malele@mtpa.co.za; johan@mtpa.co.za
Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

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Dear EAP and Applicant

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As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
Proposed time : To be confirmed
Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

Please note the following:

1. It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department.

2. An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from:
   a. DFFE: Integrated Environmental Authorisations; Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas sections.
   b. Mpumalanga DARDLEA
   c. MTPA

3. You are requested to propose a high-level itinerary for the site visit (meeting location; meeting time; brief introduction and signing of the attendance register; proposal of site to be inspected first and last; key environmental features to be observed on each site; estimated end time; access to ablutions etc). Officials who want to observe specific areas on site will communicate this.

4. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.)

For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Sent on: Thursday, 20 March 2025 07:17:40
To: Richard Summers
CC: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province
Attachments: Emvelo DEIAr (30-1-2025).kmz (59.3 KB), Sheepmoor DEIAr (30-1-2025).kmz (71.75 KB)

Good morning Richard,

I hope this email finds you well.

Kindly find the attached KMZ files as per your request. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Kind Regards

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From: Richard Summers <Richard@summersinc.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 1:09 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>
Cc: Stephanie Gopaul <stephanie.gopaul@erm.com>; Clarice Arendse <clarice@summersinc.co.za>; Reception – Richard Summers Inc. <Reception@summersinc.co.za>
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province
Importance: High

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Stephanie

Please send us the kmz files for all the turbines in respect of both Projects.

Kind regards

Richard Summers

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Monday, 10 March 2025 17:24
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Sent on: Thursday, 20 March 2025 07:57:51
To: Josua Meyer
CC: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province
Attachments: Appendix 1 Figures_.pdf (2.69 MB), Appendix 1 Figures.pdf (3.03 MB)

Good morning Joshua,

I hope this email finds you well.

Kindly find the attached bat specialist figures as requested. Please let me know if you need any further information or clarification.
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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
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Goodday
The following figures refer to in the bat specialist reports for Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF outstanding
FIGURE 1, FIGURE 3 and FIGURE 5
Appreciate if it can be submit ASAP.
Thanks

On Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 4:13 PM Josua Meyer <meyerjosua55@gmail.com> wrote:

> Goodday Sir
> Detail is fine, thank you.
> In the bat report the specialist refers in paragraph 4 - Survey Methodology to **Figure 1** and Table 1.
> I found Table 1 in the report but not **Figure 1**?
> Also cannot find in the report a map of the exclusion areas for bats.
> Is **Figure 7.2** part of the bat report?
> Appreciate if you could clarify it for me. Maybe I overlooked it.
> Thanks.
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> On Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 9:57 AM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:
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> > Good morning, Joshua,
> >
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> > Please find the attached document containing the refined figures you requested. If you need any further information or clarification, feel free to reach out.
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Sorry Sir, still no property boundaries show except for the power lines figures.
Can you please make sure and resend it.
List of figures where property boundaries are missing : Figures 1 / 3 / 5 / 6 / 7,1 / 7,2 (2 off)
Thanks

On Wed, Mar 12, 2025 at 9:03 AM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

> Dear Joshua,
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> I hope this email finds you well.
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> Thank you for your email. As requested, please find the attached figures showing the property boundaries and roads.
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From: Josua Meyer <meyerjosua55@gmail.com>
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Re: DRAFT EIA REPORT : EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

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IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COMMENT WITHOUT THAT INFORMATION

GPS COORDINATES NOT PRACTICAL AT THIS STAGE

THIS WAS ALREADY REQUESTED DURING SCOPING FACE BUT BLINDLY IGNORE

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Sent on: Tuesday, 25 March 2025 15:21:13
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
CC: Portia Makitla; Nompumelelo Lekalakala; Lindiwe Victoria Dlamini
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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Dear Sir/Madam

DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation on the 10 March 2025 to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Nompumelelo Lekalakala (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota

Kind regards,

Lindiwe Victoria Dlamini

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Subject: Site visit request: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612;2613: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Goodday Stephen

Thank you for your response.

1. The withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) was received and EIA admin will confirm with you in due time.
2. Communication from MTPA regarding their unavailability for the site visit is noted.
3. The site visit is confirmed, and we have finalised our bookings. We will arrive in Ermelo on Tuesday, 01 April 2025, for the site visit on the 02 April 2025.

Please note my cellphone number below.

Kind regards
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Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
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Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Stephen

Please note that the MTPA would be unable to participate in the upcoming site visit due to cost curtailment measures. However, we will review the documentation and specialist reports and comment accordingly.

Kind regards
Mervyn

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Dear Bathandwa,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed site visit on the 2nd of April 2025.

With regards to your specific queries, please note the responses below:

1. We have submitted a withdrawal request for Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) and are awaiting the confirmation of the withdrawal status from the EIA Applications desk.

2. Your invitation to the other officials is noted, thank you.

3. Mulilo is in the process of compiling a high-level itinerary for the site visit (with specific emphasis on key environmental features and an estimated start and end time), but we can note that ablutions will be an issue while on site, as the nearest public facilities are in Ermelo itself.

4. We also note that the site requires 4x4 vehicles if possible, but a high-clearance vehicle as a minimum.

Please can you confirm via return email that the 2nd of April is now booked from your end for the site visit, as we wish to organise all logistics accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

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As per my earlier communication with Mr Lucien Barbeau, the Department requests a site visit for the above-mentioned applications, as per the details below:

Date : Wednesday, 02 April 2025
Proposed time : To be confirmed
Meeting place : Near Ermelo (exact location to be confirmed)

Please note the following:

1. It is noted that the DEIAr for the proposed development of the Rochdale WEF (14/12/16/3/3/2/2612) has not been submitted to the Department.

2. An invitation to the site visit has been extended to officials from:
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    b. Mpumalanga DARDLEA
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4. Please indicate the accessibility of the sites- vehicle requirements (any vehicle/ high-clearance/ 4x4 etc.)

For any further queries, please contact me on the details below. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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Please can you share a kmz of the updated project boundaries for Sheepmoor (WEF 1, 2 and 3) and Emvelo (WEF 1 and WEF 2).

Thanks so much!

Kind Regards,
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Good afternoon Celia,

I hope this email finds you well.

As per our conversation on Friday, I wanted to inform you that the report is on its way to you via USB.

Please let me know if you need anything else or if you have any questions.
Kind Regards

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We need it urgently for our comments.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province

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Re: Draft EIA report for ENVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms

The avifaunal report made use of data recovered from two tagged MARTIAL EAGLES apparently tagged by EWT.

ONE believes to be shot already.

Can it be arranged that the data make available to us for independant analising.

We need it urgently for our comments.

Thanks

On Tue, Mar 11, 2025 at 11:59 AM Josua Meyer <meyerjosua55@gmail.com> wrote:

> Re: DRAFT EIA REPORT : EMVELO and SHEEPMOOR proposed wind farms
>
> **CAN YOU PLEASE CLEARLY SHOW ALL THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES AS WELL AS DISTRICT ROADS ON ALL THE FIGURES FOR BOTH PROPOSED WIND FARMS**
>
> IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COMMENT WITHOUT THAT INFORMATION
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> GPS COORDINATES NOT PRACTICAL AT THIS STAGE
>
> **THIS WAS ALREADY REQUESTED DURING SCOPING FACE BUT BLINDLY IGNORE**
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> On Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 5:24 PM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:
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Sent on: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 09:21:46
To: Celia de Waal
CC: Khumbelo Malele; Mervyn Lotter; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
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To: Frans Krige <frans@mtpa.co.za>
Cc: Khumbelo Malele <Khumbelo.Malele@mtpa.co.za>; Mervyn Lotter <Mervyn.Lotter@mtpa.co.za>; ERM Arcus Amsterdam <erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com>
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Dear Frans

Mr. Malema from ERM notified me yesterday that the USB stick is on the way and will probably be delivered today.

Kind regards

From: Frans Krige <frans@mtpa.co.za>
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Good Morning Cecilia, we made an agreement during the virtual meeting earlier that ERM can provide us with a USB stick with regards to the amended EMPR for this Umlilo WEF project.
Kind Regards
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MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg)
End of Morgan street
1120 Lydenburg

My cell number is: 082 841 7163

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

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From: Lydia Kutu
Sent on: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 10:04:11
To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
CC: Bathandwa Ncube; EIAadmin; Salome Mambane; Andrew Pearson
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611, 2612 & 2613
Attachments: 14-12-16-3-3-2-2611.pdf (177.36 KB), 14-12-16-3-3-2-2612.pdf (186.88 KB), 14-12-16-3-3-2-2613.pdf (186.32 KB)

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Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Lydia Kutu
CD: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
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Tel: 012 399 9370
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Romans 11:36
To God be the Glory!!!

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Sent on: Thursday, 20 March 2025 07:17:40
To: Richard Summers
CC: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft EIA Report Sheepmoor and Emvelo Wind Energy Facilities, Mpumalanga Province
Attachments: Emvelo DEIAr (30-1-2025).kmz (59.3 KB), Sheepmoor DEIAr (30-1-2025).kmz (71.75 KB)

Good morning Richard,

I hope this email finds you well.

Kindly find the attached KMZ files as per your request. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.
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Mpho Bridget Malema

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Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 1:09 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>
Cc: Stephanie Gopaul <stephanie.gopaul@erm.com>; Clarice Arendse <clarice@summersinc.co.za>; Reception – Richard Summers Inc. <Reception@summersinc.co.za>
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Importance: High

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Dear Stephanie

Please send us the kmz files for all the turbines in respect of both Projects.

Kind regards

Richard Summers

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DIRECTOR

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Hi Lydia

Thank you- the letters are received.

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Good day, I am currently out of office. I will respond to your email upon my return on the 13 March 2025.

Best regards,
Kyle Swartz

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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
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Mpilo

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I see that you put the address for the Ermelo Public Library as Wedgewood avenue. THIS IS WRONG
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Entrance on c/o Church and Smuts street.

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Chrisna Calitz
SNR Librarian
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Dankie vir die belangstelling in die projek.

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Thank you and regards,

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DFFE-verwysing(s): Om bevestig te word

Aard van aktiwiteit: Emvelo Windenergie fasiliteit Bpk, Rochdale Windenergie fasiliteit Bpk en Sheepmoor Windenergie fasiliteit Bpk ('die Projek aansoekers') stel voor dat drie (3) Wind energie fasiliteite (WEF) opgerig en bedryf word. Die potensiële opwekkingsvermoë van Emvelo WEF is tot 200 MW, Rochdale WEF is tot 220 MW en Sheepmoor tot 360 MW. Elke WEF sal bestaan uit verskeie geboue, toegangspaaie, 'n battery-energieberging stelsel (BESS) en 'n substasie naaf met gepaardgaande elektriese netwerk infrastruktuur soos, maar nie beperk tot 'n 132kV oorhoofse transmissie kraglyn wat die WEF met die nasionale elektriese netwerk verbind.

Ontwikkelings ligging: Die voorgestelde Amsterdam WEF se cluster is 30 km oos van Ermelo binne die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit geleë.

Aansoek proses: Ingevolge Hoofstuk 5 van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998 – NEMA), Omgewings Impak studie (EIA) Regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig), het die Projek aansoekers, Environmental Resources Management (Edms) Bpk (ERM) aangestel om as projek bestuurder op te tree en die Omvang- en Omgewings Impak bepalings prosesse (S&EIA) as die onafhanklike omgewings impak bepalings praktisyn (EAP) te onderneem.

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Korrespondensie gedurende die aansoek proses sal slegs aan geregistreerde I &AP's versprei word. Registrasie is moontlik gedurende die aansoek proses.

Dankie vir die belangstelling in die projek.

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Dear Interested and Affected Party, Stakeholder, Organ of State

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT OF THE PROPOSED AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY (EMVELO, ROCHDALE AND SHEEPMOOR) CLUSTER, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process (PPP) to be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA, 1998), as amended.

DFFE Reference(s): To Be Confirmed

Nature of Activity: Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd, Rochdale Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd ('the Project Applicants') are proposing the construction and operation of three (3) Wind Energy Facilities (WEF). The potential generation capacity of Emvelo WEF is up to 200 MW, Rochdale WEF is up to 220 MW and Sheepmoor up to 360 MW. Each WEF will comprise various buildings, access roads, a battery energy storage system (BESS), and a substation hub with associated electrical grid infrastructure such as but not limited to a 132kV overhead transmission powerline connecting the WEF to the national electrical grid network.

Development Location: The proposed Amsterdam WEF's Cluster are located 30 km east of Ermelo within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, and Gert Sibande District Municipality.

Application Process: In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Project Applicants appointed Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd (ERM), to act as the project manager and to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) processes as the independent environmental impact assessment practitioner (EAP).

ERM has submitted three separate Environmental Applications, including separate Draft Scoping Reports to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

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Correspondence throughout the Application Process will only be distributed to Registered I&APs. Registration is possible throughout the Application Process.

Thank you for the interest in the project.



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Please send me KMZ files of the proposed developments and grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as a setbacks guideline for RE Developments.

Kind regards

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1. Eskom's rights and services must be acknowledged and respected at all times.

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3. Eskom's consent does not relieve the developer from obtaining the necessary statutory, land owner or municipal approvals.

4. Any cost incurred by Eskom as a result of non-compliance to any relevant environmental legislation will be charged to the developer.

5. If Eskom has to incur any expenditure in order to comply with statutory clearances or other regulations as a result of the developer's activities or because of the presence of his equipment or installation within the servitude restriction area, the developer shall pay such costs to Eskom on demand.

6. The use of explosives of any type within 500 metres of Eskom's services shall only occur with Eskom's previous written permission. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least fourteen working days prior notice of the commencement of blasting. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued in terms of the blasting process. It is advisable to make application separately in this regard.

7. Changes in ground level may not infringe statutory ground to conductor clearances or statutory visibility clearances. After any changes in ground level, the surface shall be rehabilitated and stabilised so as to prevent erosion. The measures taken shall be to Eskom's satisfaction.

8. Eskom shall not be liable for the death of or injury to any person or for the loss of or damage to any property whether as a result of the encroachment or of the use of the servitude area by the developer, his/her agent, contractors, employees, successors in title, and assignees. The developer indemnifies Eskom against loss, claims or damages including claims pertaining to consequential damages by third parties and whether as a result of damage to or interruption of or interference with Eskom's services or apparatus or otherwise. Eskom will not be held responsible for damage to the developer's equipment.

9. No mechanical equipment, including mechanical excavators or high lifting machinery, shall be used in the vicinity of Eskom's apparatus and/or services, without prior written permission having been granted by Eskom. If such permission is granted the developer must give at least seven working days' notice prior to the commencement of work. This allows time for arrangements to be made for supervision and/or precautionary instructions to be issued by the relevant Eskom Manager

Note: Where and electrical outage is required, at least fourteen work days are required to arrange it.

10. Eskom's rights and duties in the servitude shall be accepted as having prior right at all times and shall not be obstructed or interfered with.

11. Under no circumstances shall rubble, earth or other material be dumped within the servitude restriction area. The developer shall maintain the area concerned to Eskom's satisfaction. The developer shall be liable to Eskom for the cost of any remedial action which has to be carried out by Eskom.

12. The clearances between Eskom's live electrical equipment and the proposed construction work shall be observed as stipulated by *Regulation 15* of the *Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993).*

13. Equipment shall be regarded electrically live and therefore dangerous at all times.

14. In spite of the restrictions stipulated by Regulation 15 of the Electrical Machinery Regulations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act 85 of 1993), as an additional safety precaution, Eskom will not approve the erection of houses, or structures occupied or frequented by human beings, under the power lines or within the servitude restriction area.

15. Eskom may stipulate any additional requirements to highlight any possible exposure to Customers or Public to coming into contact or be exposed to any dangers of Eskom plant.

16. It is required of the developer to familiarise himself with all safety hazards related to Electrical plant.

17. Any third party servitudes encroaching on Eskom servitudes shall be registered against Eskom's title deed at the developer's own cost. If such a servitude is brought into being, its existence should be endorsed on the Eskom servitude deed concerned, while the third party's servitude deed must also include the rights of the affected Eskom servitude.

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In recent decades, the use of wind turbines, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants have been on the increase as it serves as an abundant source of energy. This document specifies proposed setbacks for wind turbines and the reasons for these setbacks from infrastructure as well as setbacks for concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants. Setbacks for wind turbines employed in other countries were compared and a general setback to be used by Eskom was suggested for use with wind turbines and other renewable energy generation plants.

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1. INTRODUCTION

During the last few decades, a large amount of wind turbines have been installed in wind farms to accommodate for the large demand of energy and depleting fossil fuels. Wind is one of the most abundant sources of renewable energy. Wind turbines harness the energy of this renewable resource for integration in electricity networks. The extraction of wind energy is its primary function and thus the aerodynamics of the wind turbine is important. There are many different types of wind turbines which will all exhibit different wind flow characteristics. The most common wind turbine used commercially is the Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine. Wind flow characteristics of this turbine are important to analyse as it may have an effect on surrounding infrastructure.

Wind turbines also cause large turbulence downwind that may affect existing infrastructure. Debris or parts of the turbine blade, in the case of a failure, may be tossed behind the turbine and may lead to damage of infrastructure in the wake path.

This document outlines the minimum distances that need to be introduced between a wind turbine and Eskom infrastructure to ensure that debris and / or turbulence would not negatively impact on the infrastructure and future expansion of infrastructure (lines and substation) as per the long term planning scenario.

Safety distances of wind turbines from other structures as implemented by other countries were also considered and the reasons for their selection were noted. All renewable energy developments are approved by The Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) in terms of NEMA. The DEFF is aware of the setbacks guideline, however they cannot use it in terms of decision making since the setbacks document has no legal standing in SA and it would be outside of their mandate who have been advised to follow the guidelines herein.

Concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants setbacks away from substations were also to be considered to prevent restricting possible power line access routes to the substation and possible expansion of substations.

2. SUPPORTING CLAUSES

2.1 SCOPE

This document provides guidance on the safe distance that a wind turbine should be located from any Eskom power line or substation. Although it is not based on any legislative requirement, it is deemed important that Eskom’s infrastructure and future network expansion planning is not impeded. The document specifies proposed setback distances for transmission lines (220 kV to 765 kV), distribution lines

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(66 kV to 132 kV) and all Eskom substations. Proposed setbacks for concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants are also specified away from substations.

2.1.1 Purpose

Setbacks for wind turbines and power lines / substations are required for various reasons. These include possible catastrophic failure of the turbine blade that may release fragments and which may be thrown onto nearby power lines that may result in damage with associated unplanned outages. Turbulence behind the turbine may affect helicopter flight during routine Eskom live line maintenance and inspections that may lead to safety risk of the aircraft / personnel. Concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants setback away from substations were required to prevent substations from being boxed in by these renewable generation plants limiting line route access to the substations and possible future substation expansion.

2.1.2 Applicability

This document is applicable to the siting of all new and existing wind turbines, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants near power lines and substations and in line of site between Eskom telecommunication infrastructure, including future Eskom renewable energy development.

2.2 NORMATIVE/INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

2.2.1 Normative

1. http://www.envir.ee/orb.aw/class=file/action=preview/id=1170403/Hiiumaa+turbulence+impact+EMD.pdf.
2. http://www.energy.ca.gov/2005publications/CEC-500-2005-184/CEC-500-2005-184.PDF
3. http://www.adamscountywind.com/Revised%20Site/Windmills/Adams%20County%20Ordinance/Adams%20County%20Wind%20Ord.htm
4. http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives/incentive.cfm?Incentive_Code=PA11R&RE=1&EE=1
5. http://www.wind-watch.org/documents/european-setbacks-minimum-distance-between-wind-turbines-and-habitations/
6. http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/017/11017.1-i.html
7. http://www.caw.ca/assets/pdf/Turbine_Safety_Report.pdf
8. Rogers J, Slegers N, Costello M. (2011) A method for defining wind turbine setback standards. Wind energy 10.1002/we.468

2.2.2 Informative

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2.3 DEFINITIONS

Definition	Description
Setback	The minimum distance between a wind turbine and boundary line/dwelling/road/infrastructure/servitude etc.
Flicker	Effect caused when rotating wind turbine blades periodically cast shadows
Tip Height	The total height of the wind turbine ie. Hub height plus half rotor diameter (see Figure1)

2.3.1 Disclosure Classification

Controlled disclosure: controlled disclosure to external parties (either enforced by law, or discretionary).

2.4 ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Description
None	

2.5 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All parties involved in the positioning wind turbines, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants near power lines/substations should endeavour to follow the setbacks outlined in this guideline.

2.6 PROCESS FOR MONITORING

Agreement by Eskom in writing on any encroachment of the setbacks distance should be requested via the Grid Access Unit. Eskom should ensure that every application for renewable energy (RE) developments are informed about the existence of the setbacks document early in the RE planning process to ensure maximum effect. This includes Eskom RE development.

2.7 RELATED/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

3. DOCUMENT CONTENT

3.1 INTERNATIONAL SETBACK COMPARISON

Wind Turbine setbacks employed by various countries were considered. It was found that setbacks were determined for various reasons that include noise, flicker, turbine blade failure and wind effects as well as

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future network expansion planning. The distances (setbacks) varied based on these factors and were influenced by the type of infrastructure

Wind turbine setbacks varied for roads, power lines, dwellings, buildings and property and it was noted that the largest setbacks were employed for reasons of noise and flicker related issues [1-7]. Very few countries specified setbacks for power lines.

The literature survey [1-7], yielded information about studies and experiments were conducted to determine the distance that a broken fragment from a wind turbine might be thrown. Even though of low probability of hitting a power line [$5.0x10^{-5}$ [8]], the distances recorded were significant [750m [8]]

Wind turbines may also cause changes in wind patterns with turbulent effects behind the hub. These factors influence the wind turbine setbacks specified in this document.

Setbacks were thus introduced to prevent any damage to Eskom infrastructure and impedance to operation and future network expansion planning.

Renewable energy plant can also limit access into substations for power lines of all voltages. A setback distance should therefore be employed to prevent substations from being boxed in by these generation plants and preventing future network expansion. These setback distances are specified in this document.

3.2 ESKOM RECOMMENDED SETBACKS

Any renewable energy applicant should engage with Eskom to determine if their plant layout or positioning of turbines, CSP or PV infrastructure would encroach on the proposed setbacks provided for in this guideline and to ensure that their planning and Eskom's future expansion planning is taken into account. Eskom must inform all renewable energy developers, including Eskom RE, of the existence of the setbacks guideline early in the development process. Should there be an encroachment, a formal request should be sent to and accepted by Eskom in writing if any of the below mentioned setback distances are infringed upon:

- Eskom requests a setback distance of 3 times the tip height of the wind turbine from the edge of the closest Eskom servitude (including vacant servitudes) for transmission lines (220kV to 765kV) and Substations.
- Eskom requests a setback distance of 1 times the tip height of the wind turbine from the edge of the closest Eskom servitude (including vacant servitudes) for distribution lines (66 kV to 132 kV) and Substations.

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- A written request should be sent to Eskom via the Grid Access Unit regarding any proposed wind turbine, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic activity within a 5 km radius of a substation for Eskom to comment on.
- Where concentrated solar plants, photovoltaic structures, battery storage systems (BESS) and other renewable generation plants fall within a 2 km radius of the closest point of a transmission or distribution substation (66kV to 765kV), a written agreement with Eskom is recommended during the planning phase of such plant or structures to ensure Eskom's future planning is not impeded.
- Applicants should not position any wind turbine in the line of site between and two Eskom Radio Telecommunication masts. It should be proven that Eskom radio telecommunication systems (mainly microwave systems) will not be affected in any way by wind turbines due to the criticality of this infrastructure in terms of network operation. Eskom Telecommunications should be engaged on this matter.
- If the position or size of any turbine changes and subsequently infringes on any of the above stated setbacks, a request for relaxation must be sent through to Eskom as per the point mentioned above.

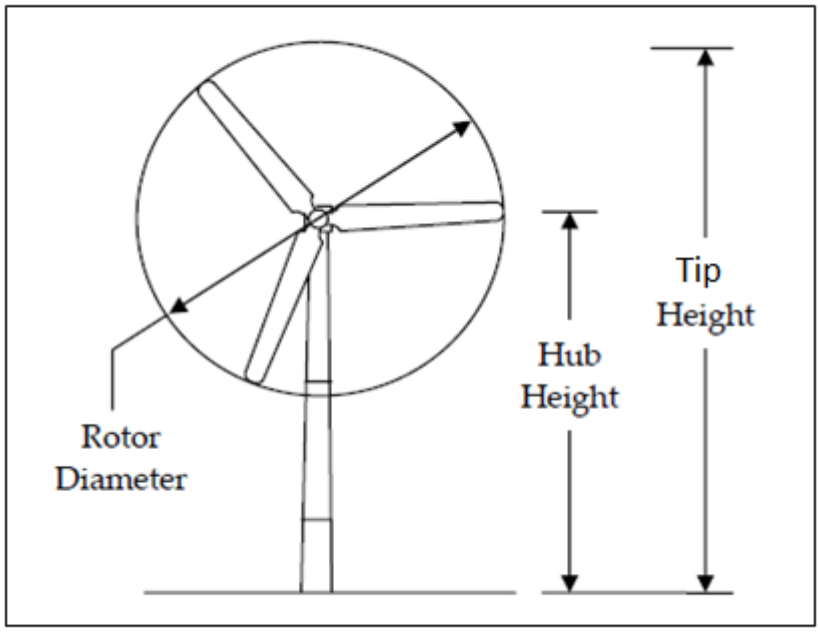


Figure 1: Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine [2]

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5. REVISIONS

Date	Rev.	Compiler	Remarks
November 2013	0	J W Chetty	First Publication - No renewable energy generation plant setback specification in existence.
October 2018	1	JW Chetty	Modification to sub-section 3.2 to provide more clarity for application procedure.
June 2020	2	JW Chetty	Content within the guideline was re-worded to explain the benefits of mutual agreements between the applicants and ESKOM rather than the application being a legal obligation.

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The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 22 July 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

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Note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the time-frames prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted by the Department in terms of Regulation 3(7) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

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DFFE Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation hereby acknowledge receipt of the invitation to review and comment on the project mentioned on the subject line. Kindly note that the project has been allocated to Mrs P Makitla and Ms Tebego Kgaphola (Copied on this email). In addition, kindly share the shapefiles of the development footprints/application site with the Case Officers.

Please note: All Public Participation Process documents related to Biodiversity EIA review and any other Biodiversity EIA queries must be submitted to the Directorate: Biodiversity Conservation at Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za for attention of Mr Seoka Lekota



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SUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

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Thank you and regards,

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Kind regards

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6. Your Address
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7. What is your interest in the projects?
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8. Please visit the EIRM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?
Yes

9. What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Envelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster?
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What is your interest in the projects?

NA

Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?

Yes

What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster?

NA

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Yes (0)

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Cc:	Gail Wheeler; Stephen Burton
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Hi Lloyd,

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Kind regards,

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Good day Lucien,

Thank you for the response.

Yes, the documents are accessible now. And updated, thank you.

Has the DFFE acknowledged submission?

Kind Regards,

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Hi Lloyd,

Are you able to try and access the link once again? We have slightly modified the form now that allows the IAP to view the ERM website for the WEF Cluster. Additionally, the landing page has been updated accordingly. Noted all documents will be reviewed to not mention Mulilo prior to Final scoping submission.

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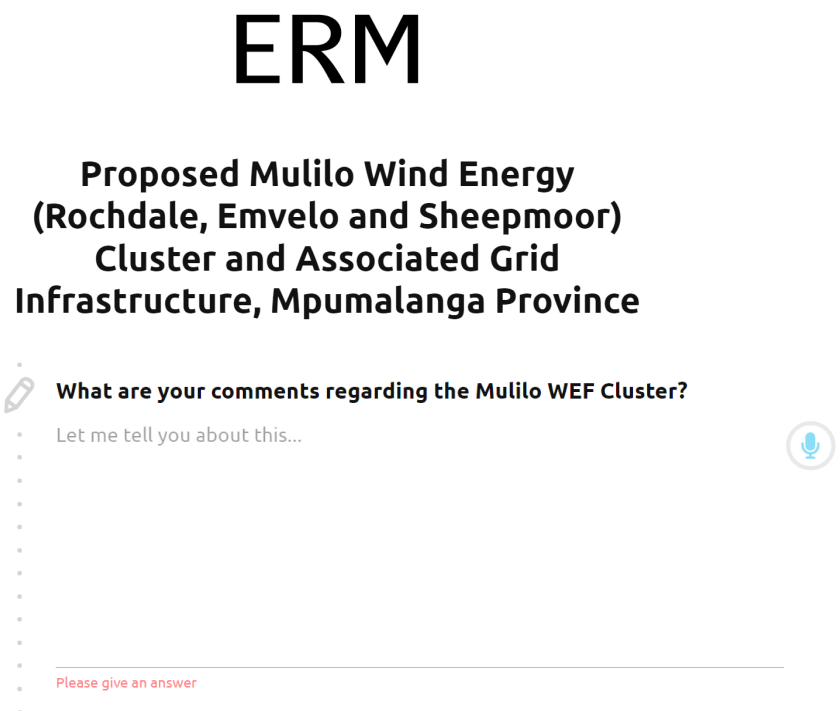
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Good day Lucien,

I followed the link provided below and it took me to a landing page. After completing the required information, I didn't receive a link to the reports, nor did the documents automatically download.
Please may you kindly explain how an I&AP would access docs? Worryingly, we can only find Emvelo and Sheepmoor when doing a simple Google Search.
Once updated, could you please let me know, as we like to furnish the LO's with the links

personally. Ideally today.

Also, I noted that within the Draft Scoping Reports, and now on the I&AP landing page, that **Mulilo** is constantly referred to. i.e below.



Earlier on in the process, it was explicitly mentioned that there should be **NO** reference to Mulilo. We did not name it the Mulilo WEF cluster, nor is Mulilo the applicant. Please could this landing page be updated to remove reference to Mulilo. Post PP, could **all** documents please be reviewed to remove this reference, unless extremely necessary.

Kind Regards,

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Should you be a Land Owner directly affected by the proposed project (within the project boundary or adjacent thereto) please could you notify all occupants on your properties with regards to the proposed project.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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Thank you, Lucien.

As discussed, we intend on submitting the Final Scoping report one day after PP has ended (baring no issues).
Other than the layout and one outstanding LO consent form (Pieter Langenhoven), please may you indicate if there are any other outstanding items required for you to update the Draft Scoping Reports to Final?

Kind Regards,

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Thanks, they will have to relook at their turbine layouts with regards to the setbacks requirements of 3 x tip height from TX lines and 1 x tip height from Dx lines. Lines connecting to power stations are extremely sensitive and chance are we may no grant setbacks relaxation.

Regards

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Grid Planning: Land and Rights
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Please send me KMZ files of the proposed developments and grid connection. Please find attached Eskom requirements for work at or near Eskom infrastructure and servitudes, as well as a setbacks guideline for RE Developments.

Kind regards

John Geeringh (Pr Sci Nat) Reg. EAP (EAPASA)
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From: Robyn Luyt
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
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[redacted] Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga
Date: Saturday, 03 August 2024 15:09:43
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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: Mervyn Lotter; Johan Eksteen; Frans Krige; Khumbelo Malele
Subject: FW: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit
Date: Tuesday, 06 August 2024 09:39:58

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Good morning

Kindly send us, the MTPA, hard copies of the 3 Wind Farm reports, for our Scientists to comment on, to the following physical address:

To: Cecilia de Waal (EIA Data Capturer)
MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg)
End of Morgan street
Lydenburg 1120

[redacted]

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

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From: Mervyn Lotter <mervyn@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:00 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

Hi there

Christophe sent me the attached KML file and the below links. I see these are links to scoping reports dated 19 July 2024. They seem to have started with the application process while not yet consulting us.

Celia, could you please write to ERM to request copies of the three wind farm documents for comment.

Robyn/Sindy, you may want to do the same.

I have updated our webmap with these latest boundaries from the KML file.

Best wishes
Mervyn

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 12:19 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

Hi Mervyn,

Many thanks for reaching out.

Please find attached the kmz of the Mullilo WEF projects in Mpumalanga.

Please also find below the publicly available documents for their respective projects

https://www.sustainability.com/globalassets/documents/proposed-amsterdam/0684401_sheepmoor-wef-dsr.pdf

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I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Christophe

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 8:25 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

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Hi Christophe

Thank you for writing. Would you please send me an image or shapefile for the Mulilo WEF boundaries when you get a chance?

Best wishes
Mervyn

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 4:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

Good afternoon everyone,

Thank you so much for your time and very valuable feedback and recommendations.

Ryan and I are now back in Cape Town and addressing your comments.

We have liaised back with our EAP and will provide you with further information shortly.

Thanks again for taking the time to meet with us and for the transparency, we highly appreciate it.

I will be sending a couple of emails in the next few days in line with our engagement.

Kind regards,

Christophe

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 11:23 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

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Good day All,

Find attached for your attention.

Kind Regards,

Sindisiwe Mbuyane
EAPASA Reg: 2021/3509, IAIAsa 2040304
Environmental Officer Control Grade B
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0684401-GIS-003 Fig 3 Rochdale Preferred Site Development Plan Map.pdf
0684401-GIS-017 Fig 3 Sheepmoor Preferred Site Development Plan Map.pdf
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Good day,

Kindly see attached Layout of Proposed WEF's. Additional information on the project can be found in the link below:

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/

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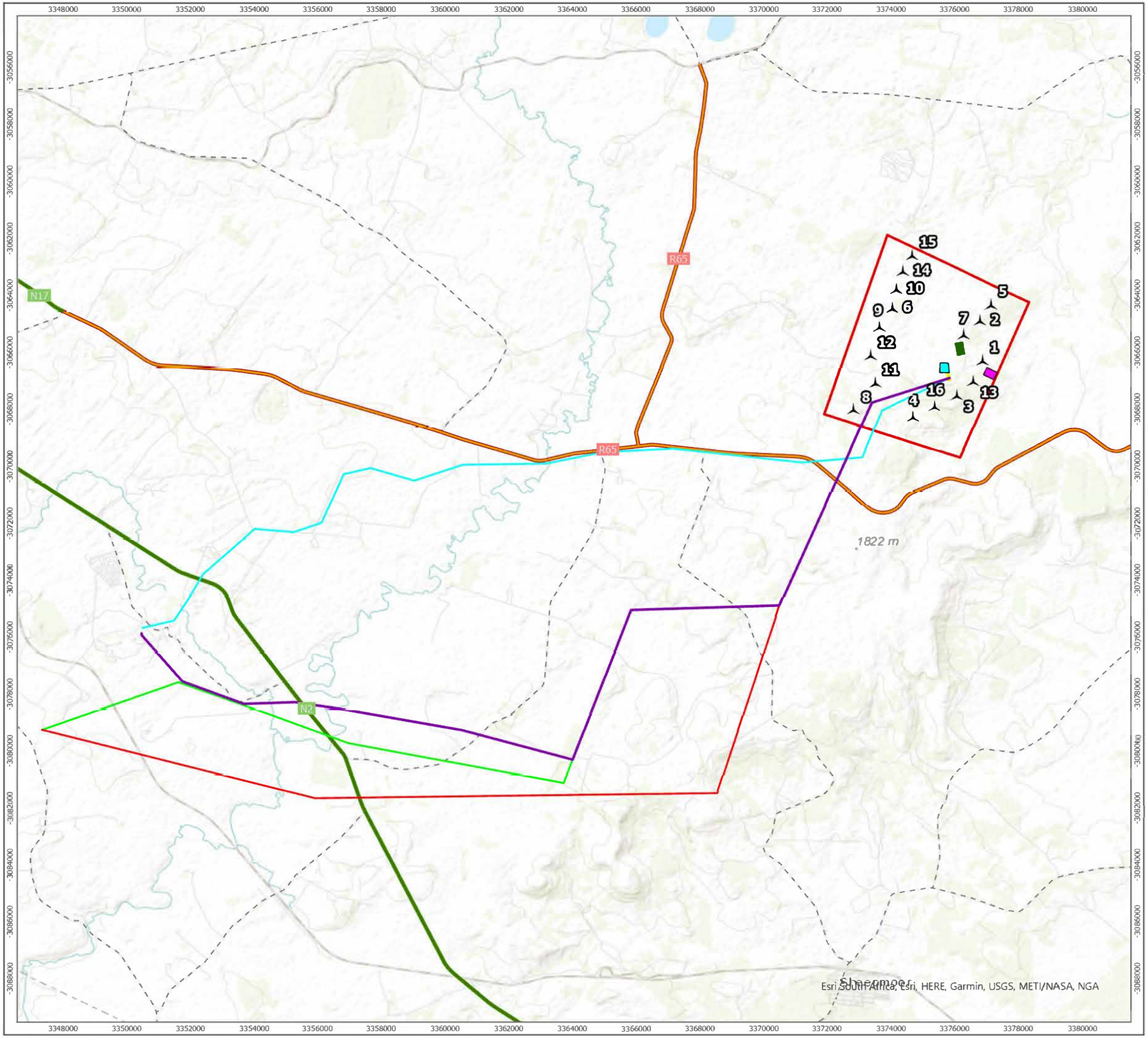
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- Rochdale WEF Boundary

Associated Infrastructure Locations

- Substation
- O&M Buildings
- Laydown Area Alternative
- Laydown Area

Grid Connection Options

- Preferred Grid Connection
- Alternative 1 Grid Connection
- Alternative 2 Grid Connection
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Public Roads

- National Road
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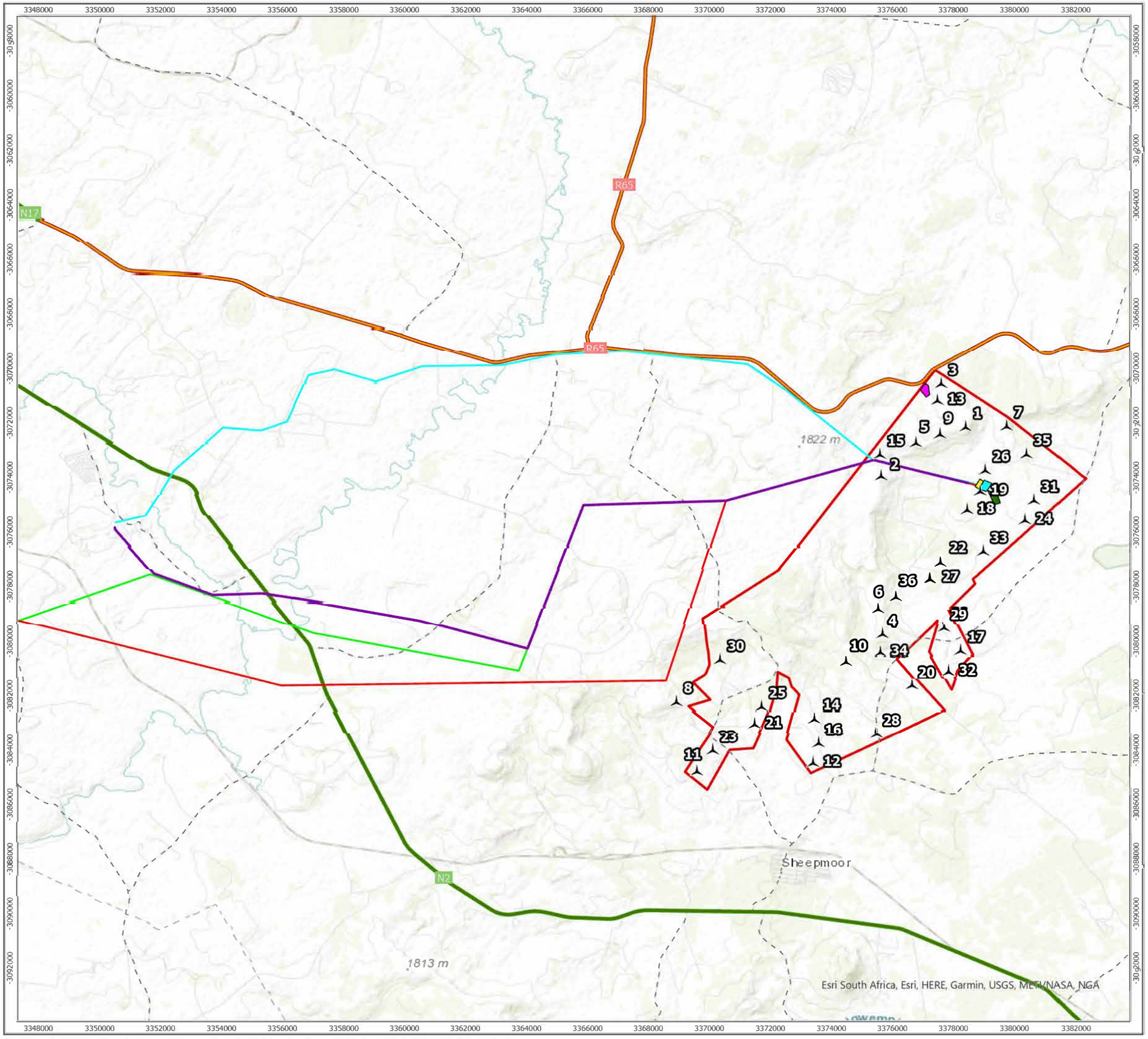
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Rochdale WEF Scoping Report

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Emvelo WEF Infrastucture

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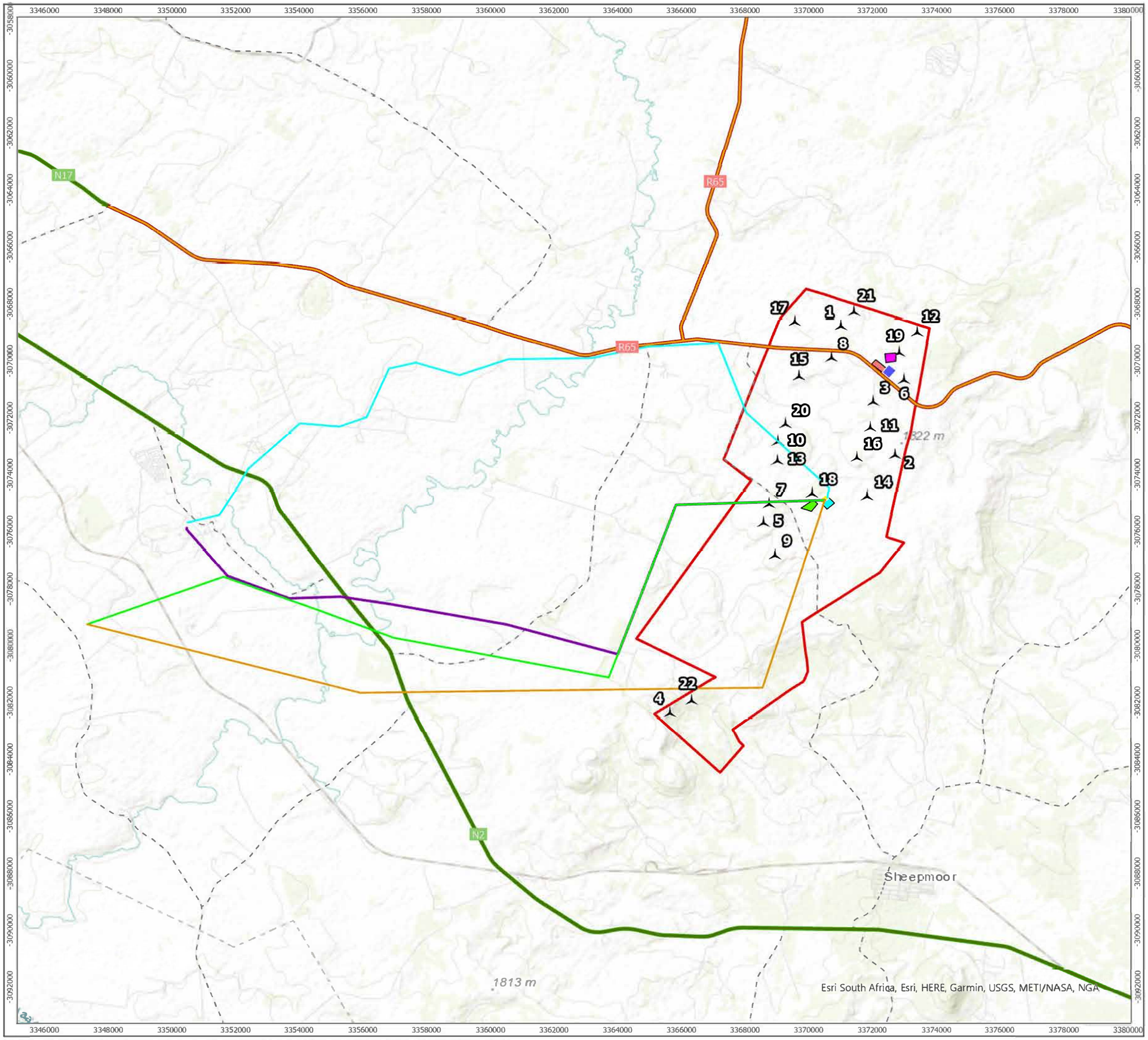
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Sheepmoor WEF Infrastructure

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Date: Tuesday, 06 August 2024 12:09:54
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https://mulilowef.aidaform.com/public-participation-form

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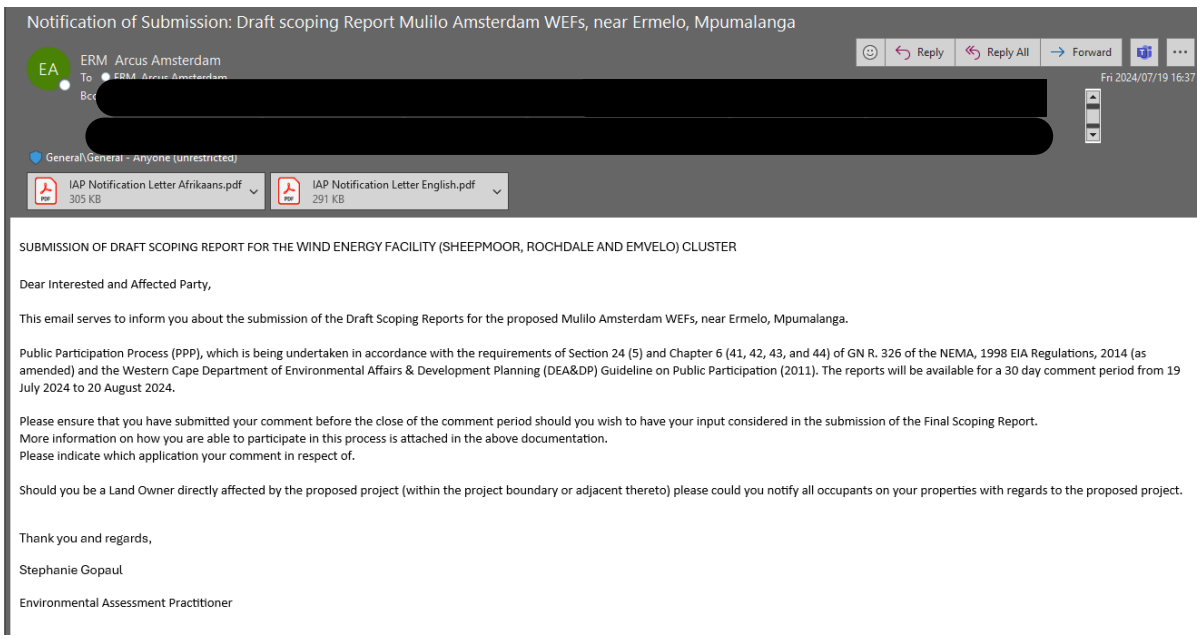
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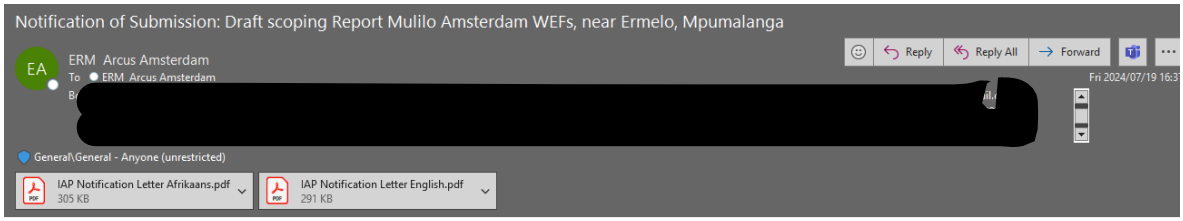
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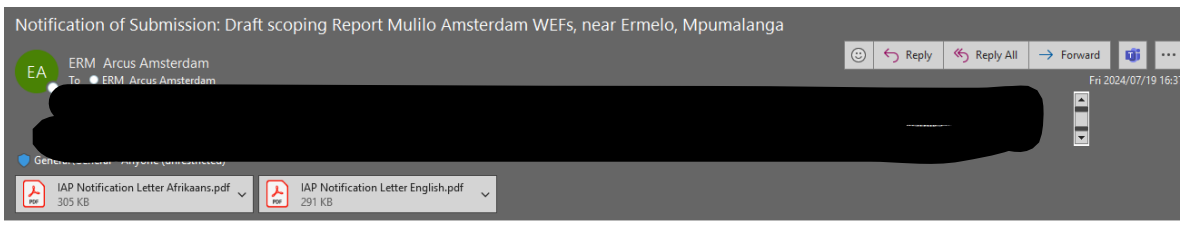
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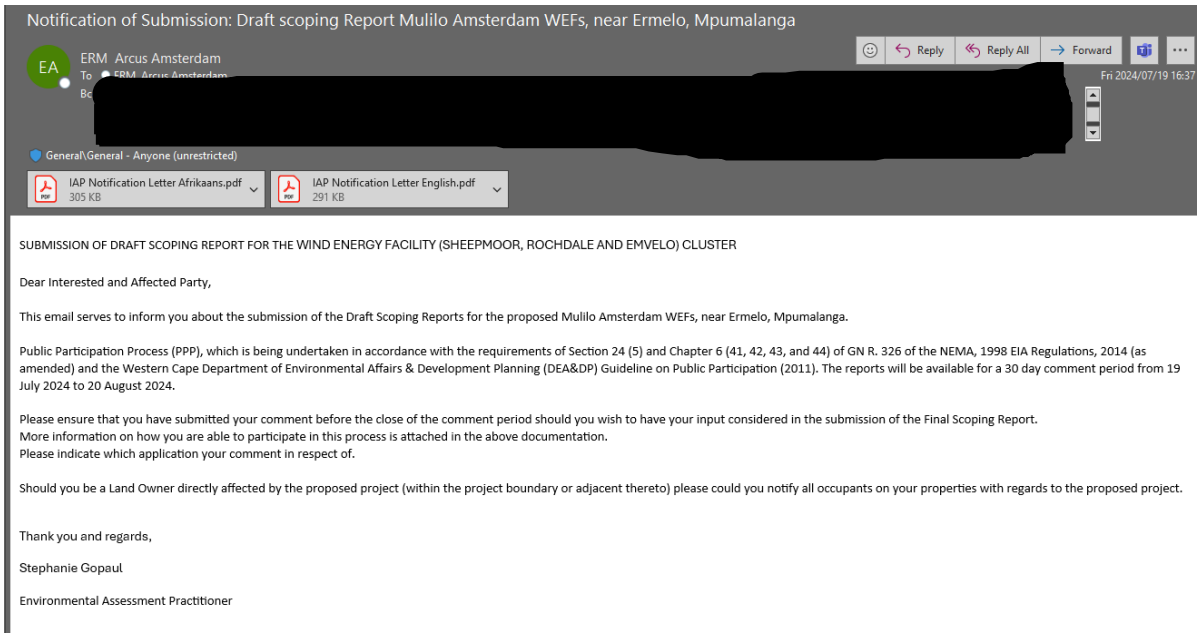
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In recent decades, the use of wind turbines, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants have been on the increase as it serves as an abundant source of energy. This document specifies proposed setbacks for wind turbines and the reasons for these setbacks from infrastructure as well as setbacks for concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants. Setbacks for wind turbines employed in other countries were compared and a general setback to be used by Eskom was suggested for use with wind turbines and other renewable energy generation plants.

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During the last few decades, a large amount of wind turbines have been installed in wind farms to accommodate for the large demand of energy and depleting fossil fuels. Wind is one of the most abundant sources of renewable energy. Wind turbines harness the energy of this renewable resource for integration in electricity networks. The extraction of wind energy is its primary function and thus the aerodynamics of the wind turbine is important. There are many different types of wind turbines which will all exhibit different wind flow characteristics. The most common wind turbine used commercially is the Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine. Wind flow characteristics of this turbine are important to analyse as it may have an effect on surrounding infrastructure.

Wind turbines also cause large turbulence downwind that may affect existing infrastructure. Debris or parts of the turbine blade, in the case of a failure, may be tossed behind the turbine and may lead to damage of infrastructure in the wake path.

This document outlines the minimum distances that need to be introduced between a wind turbine and Eskom infrastructure to ensure that debris and / or turbulence would not negatively impact on the infrastructure and future expansion of infrastructure (lines and substation) as per the long term planning scenario.

Safety distances of wind turbines from other structures as implemented by other countries were also considered and the reasons for their selection were noted. All renewable energy developments are approved by The Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) in terms of NEMA. The DEFF is aware of the setbacks guideline, however they cannot use it in terms of decision making since the setbacks document has no legal standing in SA and it would be outside of their mandate who have been advised to follow the guidelines herein.

Concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants setbacks away from substations were also to be considered to prevent restricting possible power line access routes to the substation and possible expansion of substations.

2. SUPPORTING CLAUSES

2.1 SCOPE

This document provides guidance on the safe distance that a wind turbine should be located from any Eskom power line or substation. Although it is not based on any legislative requirement, it is deemed important that Eskom’s infrastructure and future network expansion planning is not impeded. The document specifies proposed setback distances for transmission lines (220 kV to 765 kV), distribution lines

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(66 kV to 132 kV) and all Eskom substations. Proposed setbacks for concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants are also specified away from substations.

2.1.1 Purpose

Setbacks for wind turbines and power lines / substations are required for various reasons. These include possible catastrophic failure of the turbine blade that may release fragments and which may be thrown onto nearby power lines that may result in damage with associated unplanned outages. Turbulence behind the turbine may affect helicopter flight during routine Eskom live line maintenance and inspections that may lead to safety risk of the aircraft / personnel. Concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants setback away from substations were required to prevent substations from being boxed in by these renewable generation plants limiting line route access to the substations and possible future substation expansion.

2.1.2 Applicability

This document is applicable to the siting of all new and existing wind turbines, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants near power lines and substations and in line of site between Eskom telecommunication infrastructure, including future Eskom renewable energy development.

2.2 NORMATIVE/INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

2.2.1 Normative

1. http://www.envir.ee/orb.aw/class=file/action=preview/id=1170403/Hiiumaa+turbulence+impact+EMD.pdf.
2. http://www.energy.ca.gov/2005publications/CEC-500-2005-184/CEC-500-2005-184.PDF
3. http://www.adamscountywind.com/Revised%20Site/Windmills/Adams%20County%20Ordinance/Adams%20County%20Wind%20Ord.htm
4. http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives/incentive.cfm?Incentive_Code=PA11R&RE=1&EE=1
5. http://www.wind-watch.org/documents/european-setbacks-minimum-distance-between-wind-turbines-and-habitations/
6. http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/017/11017.1-i.html
7. http://www.caw.ca/assets/pdf/Turbine_Safety_Report.pdf
8. Rogers J, Slegers N, Costello M. (2011) A method for defining wind turbine setback standards. Wind energy 10.1002/we.468

2.2.2 Informative

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2.3 DEFINITIONS

Definition	Description
Setback	The minimum distance between a wind turbine and boundary line/dwelling/road/infrastructure/servitude etc.
Flicker	Effect caused when rotating wind turbine blades periodically cast shadows
Tip Height	The total height of the wind turbine ie. Hub height plus half rotor diameter (see Figure1)

2.3.1 Disclosure Classification

Controlled disclosure: controlled disclosure to external parties (either enforced by law, or discretionary).

2.4 ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Description
None	

2.5 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All parties involved in the positioning wind turbines, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic plants near power lines/substations should endeavour to follow the setbacks outlined in this guideline.

2.6 PROCESS FOR MONITORING

Agreement by Eskom in writing on any encroachment of the setbacks distance should be requested via the Grid Access Unit. Eskom should ensure that every application for renewable energy (RE) developments are informed about the existence of the setbacks document early in the RE planning process to ensure maximum effect. This includes Eskom RE development.

2.7 RELATED/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

3. DOCUMENT CONTENT

3.1 INTERNATIONAL SETBACK COMPARISON

Wind Turbine setbacks employed by various countries were considered. It was found that setbacks were determined for various reasons that include noise, flicker, turbine blade failure and wind effects as well as

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future network expansion planning. The distances (setbacks) varied based on these factors and were influenced by the type of infrastructure

Wind turbine setbacks varied for roads, power lines, dwellings, buildings and property and it was noted that the largest setbacks were employed for reasons of noise and flicker related issues [1-7]. Very few countries specified setbacks for power lines.

The literature survey [1-7], yielded information about studies and experiments were conducted to determine the distance that a broken fragment from a wind turbine might be thrown. Even though of low probability of hitting a power line [$5.0x10^{-5}$ [8]], the distances recorded were significant [750m [8]]

Wind turbines may also cause changes in wind patterns with turbulent effects behind the hub. These factors influence the wind turbine setbacks specified in this document.

Setbacks were thus introduced to prevent any damage to Eskom infrastructure and impedance to operation and future network expansion planning.

Renewable energy plant can also limit access into substations for power lines of all voltages. A setback distance should therefore be employed to prevent substations from being boxed in by these generation plants and preventing future network expansion. These setback distances are specified in this document.

3.2 ESKOM RECOMMENDED SETBACKS

Any renewable energy applicant should engage with Eskom to determine if their plant layout or positioning of turbines, CSP or PV infrastructure would encroach on the proposed setbacks provided for in this guideline and to ensure that their planning and Eskom's future expansion planning is taken into account. Eskom must inform all renewable energy developers, including Eskom RE, of the existence of the setbacks guideline early in the development process. Should there be an encroachment, a formal request should be sent to and accepted by Eskom in writing if any of the below mentioned setback distances are infringed upon:

- Eskom requests a setback distance of 3 times the tip height of the wind turbine from the edge of the closest Eskom servitude (including vacant servitudes) for transmission lines (220kV to 765kV) and Substations.
- Eskom requests a setback distance of 1 times the tip height of the wind turbine from the edge of the closest Eskom servitude (including vacant servitudes) for distribution lines (66 kV to 132 kV) and Substations.

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- A written request should be sent to Eskom via the Grid Access Unit regarding any proposed wind turbine, concentrated solar plants and photovoltaic activity within a 5 km radius of a substation for Eskom to comment on.
- Where concentrated solar plants, photovoltaic structures, battery storage systems (BESS) and other renewable generation plants fall within a 2 km radius of the closest point of a transmission or distribution substation (66kV to 765kV), a written agreement with Eskom is recommended during the planning phase of such plant or structures to ensure Eskom's future planning is not impeded.
- Applicants should not position any wind turbine in the line of site between and two Eskom Radio Telecommunication masts. It should be proven that Eskom radio telecommunication systems (mainly microwave systems) will not be affected in any way by wind turbines due to the criticality of this infrastructure in terms of network operation. Eskom Telecommunications should be engaged on this matter.
- If the position or size of any turbine changes and subsequently infringes on any of the above stated setbacks, a request for relaxation must be sent through to Eskom as per the point mentioned above.

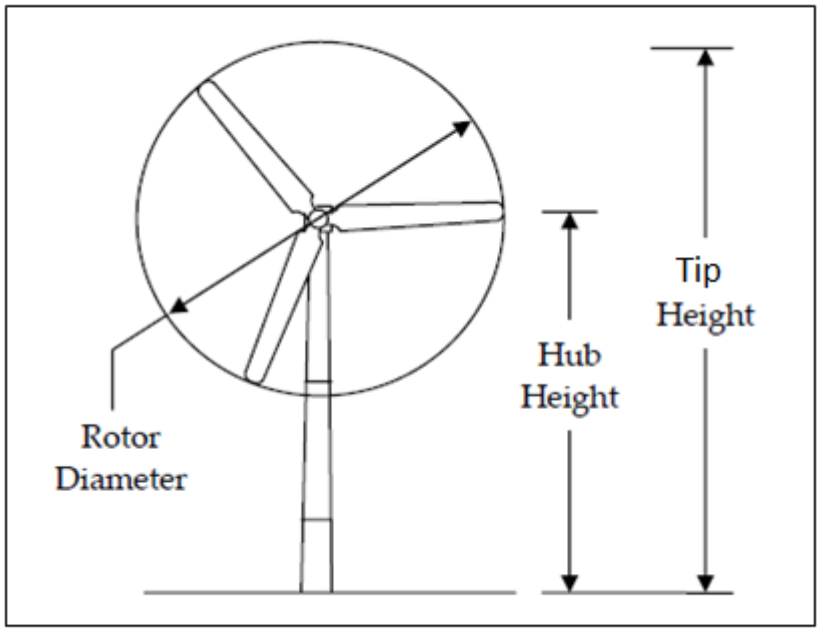


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Hi Lloyd,

I would like to respond with the following:

The layout will be revised, taking into account the WTG's that are within the proximity of the existing transmission lines. We will ensure that these turbines are 3x the Tip height from existing Electrical infrastructure.

Please let me know if you are happy with the above statement. I have attached the guidelines as well.

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Thanks, they will have to relook at their turbine layouts with regards to the setbacks requirements of 3 x tip height from TX lines and 1 x tip height from Dx lines. Lines connecting to power stations are extremely sensitive and chance are we may no grant setbacks relaxation.

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Date: Wednesday, 07 August 2024 09:24:32
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To:	ERM Arcus [redacted]
Cc:	Stephen Burton; Stephanie Gopaul
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Date:	Wednesday, 07 August 2024 10:28:08
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Kind Regards,

Lloyd Barnes
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Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 9:16 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; Gail Wheeler <Gail@mulilo.com>
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That is sufficient, thanks Lucien!

Kind Regards,

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Project Manager: Environmental
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Please let me know if you are happy with the above statement. I have attached the guidelines as well.

Thank you,

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

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What is your proposed response?

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1. Shepmoore WEF
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3. Rochdale WEF

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For the purpose of commenting on draft reports during the regulatory periods, we request that hard copies of all reports are submitted to Ms Sindi Mbuyane in our Ermelo office (where projects are located in the Gert Sibande District), and sent electronically to me via WeTransfer. Please also ensure that MTPA receives the reports in the manner requested by them. For your records I include the contact details of all relevant officials to be consulted in DARDLEA (when an application is in the Gert Sibande District) and MTPA:

DARDLEA	DESIGNATION	EMAIL	PHONE
Robyn Luyt	Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM)	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sindisiwe Mbuyane	Deputy Director: EIM Gert Sibande District	[redacted]	[redacted]
Gavin Cowden	Deputy Director: Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination	[redacted]	
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Mervyn Lotter	Manager: Biodiversity Planning	[redacted]	[redacted]
Frans Krige	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]a	
Khumbelo Malele	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	[redacted]
Celia de Waal	EIA Data Capturer LUA	[redacted]	[redacted]

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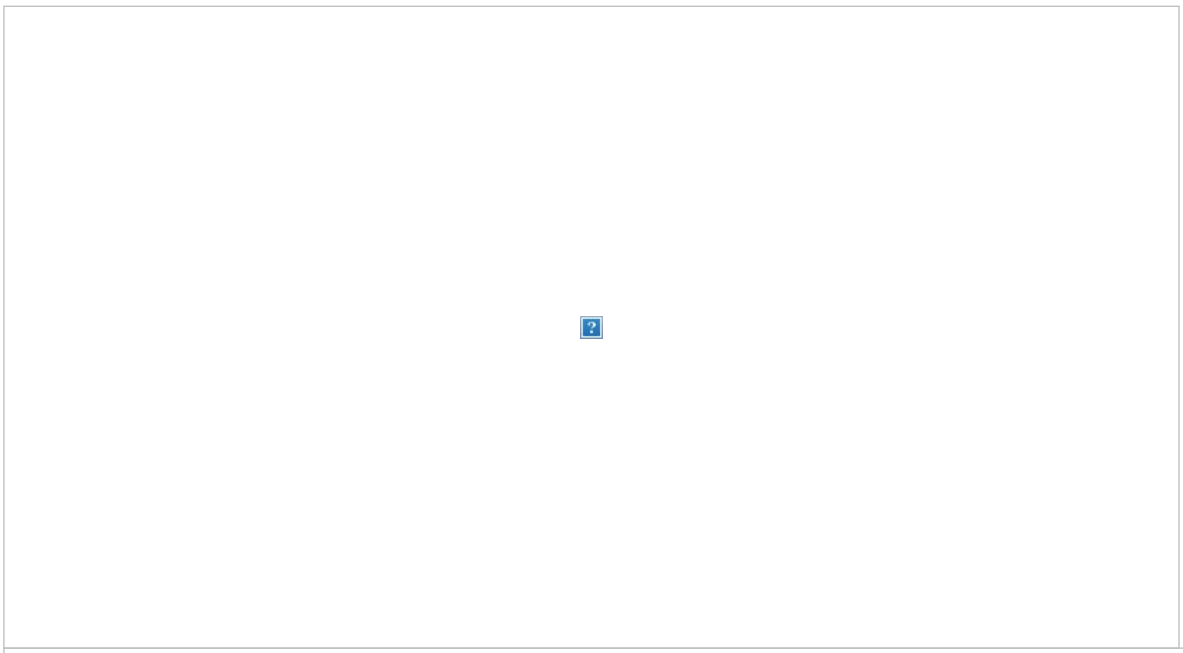
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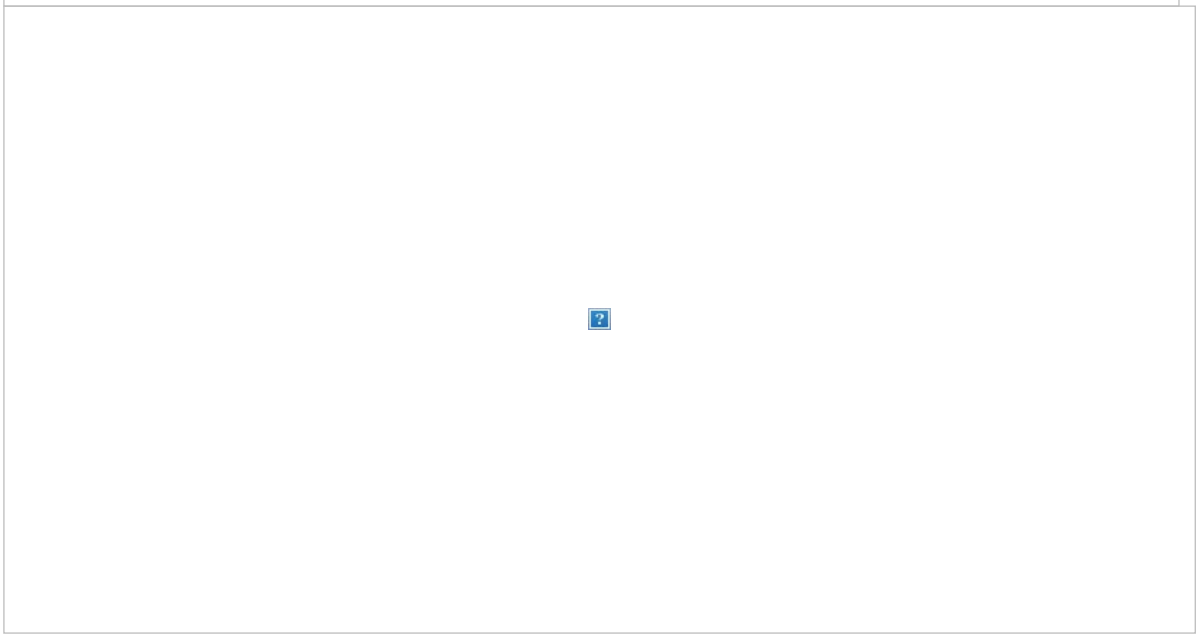
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Subject: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga
Date: Tuesday, 06 August 2024 13:43:00
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Date: Sunday, 11 August 2024 16:56:10
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Date: Monday, 12 August 2024 14:06:52
Attachments: image003.png
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Good day Tebego,

Please see below link to the proposed project:

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/

Kindly navigate to the bottom of the page to download all reports and additional documentation related to the project.

Kind Regards

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Attachments:	DARDLEA - NEMA Application Form for EA [1 August 2023].doc
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Dear Lucien,

Our telephone discussion this morning refers.

I just wanted to confirm what we discussed in writing, ie. that MTPA and DARDLEA are different entities, and that MTPA and DARDLEA must each get reports for commenting. You confirmed that you dispatched documents to Ms Celia de Waal in Lydenburg last week (to arrive this week). Note that as per the table below, Ms de Waal will receive the documents for MTPA. DARDLEA must therefore still be provided with the documents. Hard copies to Ms Mbuyane at our Ermelo office, and a link to be sent to me. Please also send me the shapefiles. I have understood that you will be discussing this with your client and with Ms Gopaul, and that ERM would revert to me.

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no officials in the list of officials in your screenshots that are in the Environmental Affairs Chief Directorate in MDARDLEA - as far as I am aware they are in the section that deals with Agriculture, which is an entirely different mandate.

It would **not**be acceptable to not provide the commenting authority the mandatory 30 days to review and comment on draft reports, especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification. The Directorate Environmental Impact Management within DARDLEA represents the MEC as Competent Authority in Mpumalanga, and the commenting authority in respect projects administered by DFFE. MTPA has the mandate for biodiversity matters on behalf of DARDLEA. As per my email to you below (3 August), hard copies of all reports must be submitted to Ms Mbuyane (Environmental Impact Management) at our Ermelo office, and the documents must be made available to me (and in this instance to Mr Cowden and Mr Lotter) electronically at the same time. You will need to contact Ms De Waal and Mr Krige at MTPA to confirm how documents must be submitted to MTPA. Please provide shape files of the 3 proposed WEFs as well.

Regards
Robyn

Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)

Director: Environmental Impact Management

Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs

Mpumalanga Provincial Government

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>>> "ERM Arcus Amsterdam" <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> 08/06/24 1:43 PM >>>

If required, we will send through hard copies and also resend to the below contacts and will update our I&AP database accordingly. Additionally, kindly note that PPP for the Mulilo Wind Energy Farm in Mpumalanga closes the 20th of August 2024.

Thank you,

Lucien Barbeau

ERM

From: Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 3:09 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <Erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga
Importance: High

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Ms Gopaul,

It has come to our attention, and not via any official notification from ERM, that draft Scoping Reports for the following wind farms proposed in the Gert Sibande District in Mpumalanga Province are out for public comment from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024 (as per ERM website), where ERM is the EAP:
1. Shepmoore WEF
2. Emvelo WEF
3. Rochdale WEF

Neither DARDLEA nor MTPA have been consulted to date, nor have we received copies of any of the draft Scoping Reports. Aside from the requirements of the EIA Regulations, DARDLEA and MTPA have through internal arrangements with DFFE requested to be included in all pre-application consultations for Renewable Energy projects in Mpumalanga, particularly wind energy facilities. DARDLEA and MTPA must be included during all pre-application meetings and in all in-process consultations.

For the purpose of commenting on draft reports during the regulatory periods, we request that hard copies of all reports are submitted to Ms Sindi Mbuyane in our Ermelo office (where projects are located in the Gert Sibande District), and sent electronically to me via WeTransfer. Please also ensure that MTPA receives the reports in the manner requested by them. For your records I include the contact details of all relevant officials to be consulted in DARDLEA (when an application is in the Gert Sibande District) and MTPA:

DARDLEA	DESIGNATION	EMAIL	PHONE
Robyn Luyt	Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM)	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sindisiwe Mbuyane	Deputy Director: EIM Gert Sibande District	[redacted]	[redacted]
Gavin Cowden	Deputy Director: Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination	[redacted]	
MTPA	**DESIGNATION**	**EMAIL**	**PHONE**
Mervyn Lotter	Manager: Biodiversity Planning	[redacted]	[redacted]
Frans Krige	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	
Khumbelo Malele	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	[redacted]
Celia de Waal	EIA Data Capturer LUA	[redacted]	[redacted]

Please note that time frames for commenting on draft reports can only commence on the date that hard copies of the reports are received, and we request that our 30 day time frame aligns with DFFE's.

Kind Regards
Robyn

Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)

Director: Environmental Impact Management

Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs

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Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended)

	(For official use only)
File Reference Number:	
NEAS Reference Number:	
Date Received:	
Responsible Official:	

PROJECT TITLE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. This application form is current as of 1 August 2023. It is the responsibility of the proponent to ascertain whether subsequent versions of the form have been published or produced by the competent authority.
2. Only a person registered as an environmental assessment practitioner may perform tasks in connection with an application for an environmental authorisation contemplated in Chapter 5 of NEMA, read with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.
3. It is the responsibility of the proponent to confirm that DARDLEA is the competent authority to which this application must be submitted (refer to NEMA section 24C).
4. The required information must be typed within the spaces provided in the form. The sizes of the spaces provided are not necessarily indicative of the amount of information to be provided. Where applicable **black out** the boxes that are not applicable in the form.
5. The use of the phrase "not applicable" in the form must be done with circumspection.
6. This application form **must** be accompanied by a screening report generated through the national web-based environmental screening tool at https://screening.environment.gov.za/screeningtool.
7. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.
8. **Proof of payment of the applicable fee for consideration and processing of applications must accompany the submission of this form, unless an exclusion applies.** If an exclusion applies, a **written motivation** must be attached to this application form.
9. If the proponent is not the owner or person in control of the land on which the activity is to be undertaken, written consent from the landowner or person in control of the land must be obtained and must be attached to this application form, unless Regulation 39(2) applies.
10. The original signed declarations by the applicant and by the EAP and any specialist, which EAP and specialist meet all the requirements contemplated in Regulation 13, must accompany this application form. Where specialists and review EAPs/specialists are appointed after the submission of this form, the relevant declaration forms in Section 10 must be completed, and the original signed forms must accompany the draft basic assessment or the draft environmental impact assessment reports, as well as final reports to be submitted to this Department.
11. Unless protected by law, all information contained in this application will become public information on receipt by the Department. Upon request, the applicant/EAP must provide any interested and affected party with the information contained in or submitted with this application form.
12. Where exemption is intended to be applied for, such application must be made in terms of the National Exemption Regulations, 2014, and must be finalised before lodging an application for environmental authorisation.
13. If, in addition to this application, you must also apply for a Waste Management Licence in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) and/or an Atmospheric Emission Licence in terms of the National

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Environmental: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004, then separate application forms in terms of the applicable legislation must be completed and submitted to the relevant licensing authorities.

14. An application for environmental authorisation lapses if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended).

15. **DARDLEA has not prescribed a format for Basic Assessment, Scoping or Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, or Environmental Management Programmes.** Said reports must however contain all the information set out in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the EIA Regulations respectively.

16. This form, and all subsequent reports, **MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AT THE RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICE** given below. Should the application form not be submitted at the relevant district office, it will not be considered:

EHLANZENI DISTRICT	NKANGALA DISTRICT	GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT
Environmental Impact Management Riverside Office Park Aqua Street (opposite Audi) Building 4, East Tower Nelspruit 1200 Tel: 013 759 4000	Environmental Impact Management Piet Koornhof Building 1 Justice Street Witbank 1035 Tel: 087 260 6468 / 6481	Environmental Impact Management 13 De Jager Street Ermelo 2351 Tel: 017 811 4830
Please note that the addresses provide above are subject to change. It is the responsibility of the applicant / EAP to verify the abovementioned details with the relevant District Offices prior to submission of all application forms and reports.		

PROOF OF PAYMENT

Tick the appropriate box below to indicate that either proof of payment is attached or that, in the applicant's view, an exclusion applies. Proof and motivations for exclusions must be attached to this application form.

Proof of payment attached: ☐

Exclusion applies: ☐

An applicant is excluded from paying fees if:

- The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant; or
- The applicant is an organ of state

TYPE OF EXCLUSION	Tick which is applicable and attach proof / motivation
The activity is a community based project funded by a government grant	
The applicant is an organ of state	

FEE AMOUNT		
APPLICATION TYPE	**FEE**	**Tick which is applicable**
Application for an environmental authorisation for which basic assessment is required	**R2000**	
Application for an environmental authorisation for which S&EIR is required	**R10 000**	

Details for the payment of application fees

Banking Details:
Account name: Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs
Bank: ABSA Bank
Account Type: Current Account
Account number: 4103095253
Branch Name: Business Bank
Branch Code: 632005

Beneficiary reference number: **EIM + ABBREVIATED PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Proof of payment must be attached to this application form.

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"Proof of payment" includes a receipt, a stamped deposit slip, electronic fund transfer copy or a payment advice.

NB: PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN THE SAME MONTH THAT AN APPLICATION FORM IS TO BE SUBMITTED.

1. PROJECT TITLE

Provide a clear, accurate and detailed description of the development project and its associated infrastructure.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant:			
Contact person:			
Physical address:			
Postal address:			
Postal code:		**Cell:**	
Telephone:		**Fax:**	
E-mail:			

In instances where there is more than one applicant, this section must be duplicated

Company name of EAP:			
EAP name and surname:			
Postal address:			
Postal code:		**Cell:**	
Telephone:		**Fax:**	
E-mail:			
Are you a Registered EAP in terms of 24H(3)(a) of NEMA (provide EAP Registration number):			

Landowner:			
Contact person:			
Postal address:			
Postal code:		**Cell:**	
Telephone:		**Fax:**	
E-mail:			

In instances where there is more than one landowner, this section must be duplicated.

District Municipality in whose jurisdiction the proposed activity will fall (Delete which is not applicable):	**Ehlanzeni**	**Nkangala**	**Gert Sibande**
Local authority in whose jurisdiction the proposed activity will fall:			
Nearest town:			

In instances where there is more than one local authority involved, this section must be duplicated.

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION

Property description:	

(Farm name, portion, number and registration division or Erf number etc.) Where a large number of properties are involved (e.g. linear activities), please attach a full list to this application.

Current land-use zoning:	

In instances where there is more than one current land-use zoning, please attach a list of current land use zonings that also indicate which portions each use pertains to, to this application.

Property size (m^2) of all proposed sites:	
Development footprint size (m^2):	

Project map:	A project map must be attached to this document. The map must accurately provide an indication of the project site position as well as the positions of the alternative sites, if any, and • road names or numbers of all major roads as well as the roads that provide access to the site(s); • a north arrow; • any sensitive geographic features (eg. watercourses)

Site co-ordinates:

Indicate the position of the activity using the latitude and longitude of the centre point of the preferred site alternative. The co-ordinates must be in degrees, minutes and seconds using the Hartebeesthoek94 WGS84 co-ordinate system.

Latitude (S):			Longitude (E):		
0	‘	“	0	‘	“

In the case of linear activities:

- Starting point of the activity
- Middle point of the activity
- End point of the activity

Latitude (S):			Longitude (E):		
o	’	“	o	‘	“
o	‘	“	o	‘	“
o	‘	“	o	‘	“

SG 21 Digit Code(s):

Indicate all the Surveyor-General 21 digit codes for all sites (including portions of sites) that are part of the application. If there are more than 4, attach a list with the rest of the codes.

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4. TYPE OF APPLICATION

4.1 Application for Basic Assessment

Is this an application for conducting a basic assessment (as defined in the Regulations)?	YES	NO

Please indicate when the final basic assessment report will be submitted:

4.2 Application for Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIR)

Is this an application for Scoping and EIR (as defined in the Regulations)?	YES	NO

Please indicate when the final Scoping Report (including the Plan of Study for EIA) will be submitted:

5. ACTIVITIES APPLIED FOR TO BE AUTHORISED

For an application for authorisation that involves more than one listed or specified activity that, together, make up one development proposal, all the listed activities pertaining to this application must be indicated.

Government Notice R983 (as amended) Activity No.	**Describe the relevant Basic Assessment Activity in writing as per Listing Notice 1 (GN No. R983, as amended)**	**Describe the extent to which the activity applied for requires authorisation (specify the threshold where applicable)**
Government Notice R985 (as amended) Activity No:	**Describe the relevant Basic Assessment Activity in writing as per Listing Notice 3 (GN No. R985, as amended)**	**Describe the extent to which the activity applied for requires authorisation (specify the threshold where applicable)**
Government Notice R984 Activity No:	**Describe the relevant Scoping and EIA Activity in writing as per Listing Notice 2 (GN No. R984)**	**Describe the extent to which the activity applied for requires authorisation (specify the threshold where applicable)**

Please note:
Only those activities listed above shall be considered for authorisation. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all applicable listed activities are included in the application. Environmental Authorisation must be obtained prior to commencement with each applicable listed activity. If a specific listed activity is not included in an Environmental Authorisation, a new/separate application for Environmental Authorisation for such activity will have to be submitted.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6.1 Public Participation undertaken to date

Where public participation in terms of Regulations 40, 41 and 42 was undertaken prior to submission of this application, please provide a summary of the steps followed to date. Please remember that in terms of Regulation 40(3), all potential or registered I&AP's **must** be provided with an opportunity to comment on draft reports once an application has been submitted to the CA.

6.2 State Departments identified in terms of S240

Provide a list of all State Departments / Organs of State that will be / have been consulted, and to whom draft reports will be submitted for comment. **Proof of submission / delivery of the draft report to all State Departments / Organs of State must be attached to the final BAR / S&EIR.**

Name of Department	Contact person	Address	Email Address	Phone number
Please note: In terms of Regulation (7)2, the EAP is responsible for consulting with all relevant State Departments / Organs of State in respect of the application (unless agreement to the contrary has been reached with the Department), and such State Departments must be provided with a 30 day comment period.				

7. OTHER AUTHORISATIONS

7.1 Do you need any authorisations in terms of the following legislation ?

National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEMWA)	**YES**	**NO**
National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (NEMAQA)	**YES**	**NO**
Have such applications been lodged already ?	**YES**	**NO**

If Yes, please attach proof of submission and provide a status update below. If no, then indicate when such applications will be submitted.

8. NATIONAL SECTOR CLASSIFICATION

Please indicate, by marking the appropriate box below, **the ONE sector** most applicable to the main development which forms the subject of this application

Infrastructure /Transport Services/Roads - Public		Services/Waste Management Services/Disposal facilities - Hazardous	
Infrastructure /Transport Services/Roads - Private		Services/Waste Management Services/Disposal facilities - Nuclear	
Infrastructure /Transport Services/Rail - Public		Services/Waste Management Services/Disposal facilities - General	
Infrastructure /Transport Services/Rail - Private		Services/Waste Management Services/Treatment facilities - Hazardous	
Infrastructure /Transport Services/Airport/Runways/Landing Strip/Helipad - Commercial		Services/Waste Management Services/Treatment facilities - General	
Infrastructure /Transport Services/Airport/Runways/Landing Strip/Helipad - Private		Services/Waste Management Services/Storage Facilities - General	
Infrastructure /Transport Services/Airport/Runways/Landing Strip/Helipad - Public Services		Services/Waste Management Services/Storage Facilities - Hazardous	
Infrastructure /Transport Services - Ports		Services/Waste Management Services/Storage Facilities - Nuclear	
Infrastructure /Transport Services - Inland Waterways		Services/Burial and cemeteries - Cemeteries	
Infrastructure /Transport Services - Marina		Services/Burial and cemeteries - Cremators	
Infrastructure /Transport Services - Canal		Services/Water services/Storage - Dams	
Infrastructure /Localised infrastructure - Infrastructure in the Sea/Estuary/Littoral Active Zone/Development Setback/100M Inland/or coastal public property.		Services/Water services/Storage - Reservoirs	
Infrastructure /Localised infrastructure - Zip Lines & Foefie Slides		Services/Water services - Desalination	
Infrastructure /Localised infrastructure - Cableway or Funiculars		Services/Water services - Treatment & Waste Water	
Infrastructure /Localised infrastructure - Billboards		Services - Hospitality	

Infrastructure /Localised infrastructure - Depot for dangerous goods		Mining - Prospecting rights	
Infrastructure /Localised infrastructure - Filling station or Tanks for dangerous goods		Mining - Mining Permit	
Utilities Infrastructure/Pipelines - Fresh/Storm Water Urban		Mining - Mining Right	
Utilities Infrastructure/Pipelines - Fresh/ Storm Water Rural		Mining/Exploration Right - Gas or Oil Marine	
Utilities Infrastructure/Pipelines - Waste Water		Mining/Exploration Right - Gas or Oil Terrestrial	
Utilities Infrastructure/Pipelines - Dangerous Goods Urban		Mining/Production Right - Gas or Oil Marine	
Utilities Infrastructure/Pipelines - Dangerous Goods Rural		Mining/Production Right - Gas or Oil Terrestrial	
Utilities Infrastructure/Telecommunications/ Radio Broadcasting - Tower		Mining/Underground gasification of coal - Oil	
Utilities Infrastructure/Telecommunications/ Radio Broadcasting - Mast		Mining/Beneficiation - Hydrocarbon	
Utilities Infrastructure/Telecommunications/ Radio Broadcasting - Receivers		Mining/Beneficiation - Mineral	
Utilities Infrastructure - Marine Cables		Agriculture/Forestry/ Fisheries - Crop Production	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Non Renewable/Hydrocarbon - Petroleum		Agriculture/Forestry/ Fisheries - Animal Production	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Non Renewable/Hydrocarbon - Coal		Agriculture/Forestry/ Fisheries - Afforestation	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Non Renewable - Nuclear		Agriculture/Forestry/ Fisheries - Aquaculture	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Renewable - Hydro		Agriculture/Forestry/ Fisheries - Agro-Processing	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Renewable/Solar - PV		Transformation of land - Indigenous vegetation	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Renewable/Solar - CSP		Transformation of land - From open space or Conservation	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Renewable - Wind		Transformation of land - From agriculture or afforestation	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Renewable - Biomass/ biofuels		Transformation of land - From mining or heavy industrial areas	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Generation/Renewable - Wave		Any activities within or close to a watercourse	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Distribution and Transmission - Power line		Any activity in an estuary, on the seashore, in the littoral active zone, or in the sea.	
Utilities Infrastructure/Electricity /Distribution and Transmission/Substation -		Activity requiring permit or licence in terms of National or Provincial legislation governing the release or generation of emissions - Emissions	
Release of Genetically Modified Organisms		Activity requiring permit or licence - Marine Effluent	
		Activity requiring permit or licence - Fresh Water Effluent	

8. CAPITAL VALUE AND JOB CREATION ESTIMATES (if applicable)

Capital value	**Job estimates**

9. LIST OF APPENDICES

		Submitted	
Appendix 1	Proof of payment, or	YES	N/A
	Written motivation where exclusion of payment applies	YES	N/A
Appendix 2	Land owner consent	YES	N/A
Appendix 3	Project map / plan	YES	N/A
Appendix 4	Screening Report	YES	NO

10. DECLARATIONS

10.1 The Applicant

Note: Duplicate this section where there is more than one applicant.

I……., in my personal capacity or duly authorised thereto hereby declare/affirm all the information submitted or to be submitted as part of the application is true and correct, and that I:

- am fully aware of my responsibilities in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) ("NEMA"), the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations ("EIA Regulations") in terms of NEMA (Government Notice No. R. 982 refers) and any relevant specific environmental management act and that failure to comply with these requirements may constitute an offence in terms of relevant environmental legislation;
- appointed the environmental assessment practitioner and/or specialists, where applicable, which EAP and/or specialists meet all the requirements in terms of regulation 13 of GN No. R 982 to act as independent environmental assessment practitioner for this application;
- will provide the EAP, specialists and the competent authority with access to all information at my disposal that is relevant to the application;
- will be responsible for the costs incurred in complying with the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 and other environmental legislation including but not limited to –
  - costs incurred in connection with the appointment of the environmental assessment practitioner or any person contracted by the environmental assessment practitioner;
  - costs incurred in respect of independent reviews in terms of regulation 13(2) of GN No. R982;
  - costs incurred in respect of the undertaking of any process required in terms of the regulations;
  - costs in respect of any fee prescribed by the Minister or MEC in respect of the regulations;
  - costs in respect of specialist reviews, if the competent authority decides to recover costs; and
  - the provision of security to ensure compliance with applicable management and mitigation measures;
- am responsible for complying with conditions that may be attached to any decision(s) issued by the competent authority;
- will ensure that the environmental assessment practitioner is competent to comply with the requirements of the EIA Regulations, 2014;
- hereby indemnify the government of the Republic, the competent authority and all its officers, agents and employees, from any liability arising out of the content of any report, any procedure or any action for which the applicant or environmental assessment practitioner is responsible in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 and any specific environmental management act; and
- will not hold the competent authority responsible for any costs that may be incurred by the applicant in proceeding with an activity prior to an appeal being decided in terms of the NEMA Regulations, 2014.

Note: If acting in a representative capacity, a certified copy of the resolution or power of attorney must be attached.

Signature of the applicant

Name of company

Date

10.2 The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)

I ....., as the appointed environmental assessment practitioner ("EAP") hereby declare/affirm the correctness of the information provided or to be provided as part of the application, and that I:

- in terms of the general requirement to be independent (tick which is applicable):

	other than fair remuneration for work performed/to be performed in terms of this application, have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the activity or application and that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity; or

	am not independent, but another EAP that is independent and meets the general requirements set out in Regulation 13 has been appointed to review my work (Note: a declaration by the review EAP must be submitted);

- have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- will ensure compliance with the EIA Regulations 2014;
- will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the application;
- will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation **18** of the regulations when preparing the application and any report, plan or document relating to the application;
- will disclose to the proponent or applicant, registered interested and affected parties and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority or the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority (unless access to that information is protected by law, in which case I will indicate that such protected information exists and is only provided to the competent authority);
- will ensure that information containing all relevant facts in respect of the application is distributed or made available to interested and affected parties and the public and that participation by interested and affected parties is facilitated in such a manner that all interested and affected parties will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to participate and to provide comments on documents that are produced to support the application;
- declare that all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- am aware that it is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 to provide incorrect or misleading information and that a person convicted of such an offence is liable to the penalties as contemplated in section 49B(2) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998).

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Signature of the environmental assessment practitioner

_____

Name of company

_____

Date

10.3 The Review Environmental Assessment Practitioner (REAP)

I ……, as the appointed review environmental assessment practitioner ("REAP") hereby declare/affirm the correctness of the information provided as part of the application, and that I:

- am independent, and other than fair remuneration for work performed in terms of this application, have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the activity or application and that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity;
- am fully aware of and meet all of the requirements of Regulation 13, and that failure to comply with any the requirements may result in disqualification;
- have reviewed/will review all the work undertaken by the EAP;
- have disclosed/will disclose, to the applicant, the EAP, the specialist (if any), the Department and interested and affected parties, all material information that have or may have the potential to influence the decision of the Department or the objectivity of any report, plan or document prepared or to be prepared as part of the application; and
- am aware that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations.

_____

Signature of the review environmental assessment practitioner

_____

Name of company

_____

Date

10.4 The Specialist

Note: Duplicate this section where there is more than one specialist.

I ....., as the appointed specialist hereby declare/affirm the correctness of the information provided as part of the application, and that I:

- in terms of the general requirement to be independent (tick which is applicable):

	other than fair remuneration for work performed/to be performed in terms of this application, have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the activity or application and that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity; or

	am not independent, but another EAP that is independent and meets the general requirements set out in Regulation 13 has been appointed to review my work (Note: a declaration by the review specialist must be submitted);

- have expertise in conducting specialist work as required, including knowledge of the Act, regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- will ensure compliance with the EIA Regulations 2014;
- will perform the work relating to the application in an objective manner, even if this results in views and findings that are not favourable to the application;
- will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in regulation **18** of the regulations when preparing the application and any report, plan or document relating to the application;
- will disclose to the proponent or applicant, registered interested and affected parties and the competent authority all material information in my possession that reasonably has or may have the potential of influencing any decision to be taken with respect to the application by the competent authority or the objectivity of any report, plan or document to be prepared by myself for submission to the competent authority (unless access to that information is protected by law, in which case I will indicate that such protected information exists and is only provided to the competent authority);
- declare that all the particulars furnished by me in this form are true and correct;
- am aware that it is an offence in terms of Regulation 48 to provide incorrect or misleading information and that a person convicted of such an offence is liable to the penalties as contemplated in section 49B(2) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998).

Signature of the specialist

Name of company

Date

10.5 The Review Specialist

I ……, as the appointed review specialist hereby declare/affirm the correctness of the information provided or to be provided as part of the application, and that I:

- am independent, and other than fair remuneration for work performed in terms of this application, have no business, financial, personal or other interest in the activity or application and that there are no circumstances that may compromise my objectivity;
- am fully aware of and meet all of the requirements of Regulation 13, and that failure to comply with any the requirements may result in disqualification;
- have reviewed/will review all the work undertaken by the specialist;
- have disclosed/will disclose, to the applicant, the EAP, other specialist (if any), the Department and interested and affected parties, all material information that have or may have the potential to influence the decision of the Department or the objectivity of any report, plan or document prepared or to be prepared as part of the application; and
- am aware that a false declaration is an offence in terms of regulation 48 of the 2014 NEMA EIA Regulations.

Signature of the review specialist

Name of company

Date

From:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To:	Robyn Luyt; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc:	bncube@dffe.gov.za; OLetlalo@dffe.gov.za; Gavin Cowden; Sindy Mbuyane
Subject:	RE: RE: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga
Date:	Monday, 12 August 2024 16:09:24
Attachments:	image001.png Amsterdam (2023-07-12).kmz IAP Notification Letter Afrikaans.pdf IAP Notification Letter English.pdf

Hi Robyn,

Thank you for your call earlier. I wanted to inform you that we sent out the notification to all IAPs on July 19th, 2024. We are currently in the process of couriering the Draft Scoping Reports to Sindiswe Mbuyane in Ermelo.
We would greatly appreciate it if you could review the reports within the current PPP period. Additionally, we have added you to the IAP database for the Full Scoping and EIA Phase to afford you an opportunity to comment. We are keen to have you onboard and to ensure that you are up to speed with the proposed project, we would be happy to set up a call at your convenience.

We understand that you may not have received the reports yet, but if you could review them at your earliest convenience, it would be greatly appreciated. Below is a link to the electronic copies of the reports and attached the shapefiles of the development for your review.

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/

Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further or if you have any questions.

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From: Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 2:09 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re: RE: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga
Importance: High

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Lucien,

Our telephone discussion this morning refers.

I just wanted to confirm what we discussed in writing, ie. that MTPA and DARDLEA are different entities, and that MTPA and DARDLEA must each get reports for commenting. You confirmed that you dispatched documents to Ms Celia de Waal in Lydenburg last week (to arrive this week). Note that as per the table below, Ms de Waal will receive the documents for MTPA. DARDLEA must therefore still be provided with the documents. Hard copies to Ms Mbuyane at our Ermelo office, and a link to be sent to me. Please also send me the shapefiles. I have understood that you will be discussing this with your client and with Ms Gopaul, and that ERM would revert to me.

Please see page 2 of our application form attached where you will find the physical address of our Ermelo office (Gert Sibande District).

Kind Regards
Robyn

Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)
Director: Environmental Impact Management
Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
Mpumalanga Provincial Government
[redacted]

>>> Robyn Luyt 08/11/24 4:55 PM >>>
Good day,

Please see my email response to you on 7 August as per below email thread. I have not had a response and we still await the draft reports for commenting. Please urgently advise how this is being addressed. I have just had an email from MTPA stating that you are busy sending them the draft reports. Please confirm when I will receive a link to the reports, and when our Ms Mbuyane will receive the hard copies. Please also confirm that we (both DARDLEA and MTPA) will be provided with the mandatory 30 days to comment.

Should you wish to discuss this further please call me on 0826727868.

Regards
Robyn

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[redacted]

>>> "ERM Arcus Amsterdam" <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> 08/11/24 4:23 PM >>>
Good day Robyn,

Emails have been received and responded to. Please see attached response.

Kind Regards

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2024 4:19 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: Gavin Cowden <GCowden@mpg.gov.za>; Sindy Mbuyane <MbuyaneSB@mpg.gov.za>
Subject: Re: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good afternoon,
Please confirm whether you received the below email - I have deleted all graphics from the email thread to ensure this reaches you.
Regards
Robyn

>>> Robyn Luyt 08/11/24 9:51 AM >>>
Good day Stephanie,

As of 8 August 2024, neither DARDLEA nor MTPA have received draft Scoping Reports to review and comment on, nor have we received a response to the email below.

Kind Regards
Robyn

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Director: Environmental Impact Management
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[redacted]

>>> Robyn Luyt 08/07/24 9:41 AM >>>
Good day Stephanie,

Be advised that the names of the officials at MTPA that you have highlighted in your below notification are**not the relevant officials** that are required to be notified or the relevant officials that must review and comment on draft Scoping or EIA reports, or any reports related to an EIA process. There are also no officials in the list of officials in your screenshots that are in the Environmental Affairs Chief Directorate in MDARDLEA - as far as I am aware they are in the section that deals with Agriculture, which is an entirely different mandate.

It would **not**be acceptable to not provide the commenting authority the mandatory 30 days to review and comment on draft reports, especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification. The Directorate Environmental Impact Management within DARDLEA represents the MEC as Competent Authority in Mpumalanga, and the commenting authority in respect projects administered

by DFFE. MTPA has the mandate for biodiversity matters on behalf of DARDLEA. As per my email to you below (3 August), hard copies of all reports must be submitted to Ms Mbuyane (Environmental Impact Management) at our Ermelo office, and the documents must be made available to me (and in this instance to Mr Cowden and Mr Lotter) electronically at the same time. You will need to contact Ms De Waal and Mr Krige at MTPA to confirm how documents must be submitted to MTPA. Please provide shape files of the 3 proposed WEFs as well.

Regards
Robyn

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>>> "ERM Arcus Amsterdam" <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> 08/06/24 1:43 PM >>>

If required, we will send through hard copies and also resend to the below contacts and will update our I&AP database accordingly. Additionally, kindly note that PPP for the Mulilo Wind Energy Farm in Mpumalanga closes the 20th of August 2024.

Thank you,

Lucien Barbeau

ERM

From: Robyn Luyt <rluyt@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 3:09 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <Erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted] Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga
Importance: High

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Ms Gopaul,

It has come to our attention, and not via any official notification from ERM, that draft Scoping Reports for the following wind farms proposed in the Gert Sibande District in Mpumalanga Province are out for public comment from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024 (as per ERM website), where ERM is the EAP:
1. Shepmoore WEF
2. Emvelo WEF
3. Rochdale WEF

Neither DARDLEA nor MTPA have been consulted to date, nor have we received copies of any of the

draft Scoping Reports. Aside from the requirements of the EIA Regulations, DARDLEA and MTPA have through internal arrangements with DFFE requested to be included in all pre-application consultations for Renewable Energy projects in Mpumalanga, particularly wind energy facilities. DARDLEA and MTPA must be included during all pre-application meetings and in all in-process consultations.

For the purpose of commenting on draft reports during the regulatory periods, we request that hard copies of all reports are submitted to Ms Sindi Mbuyane in our Ermelo office (where projects are located in the Gert Sibande District), and sent electronically to me via WeTransfer. Please also ensure that MTPA receives the reports in the manner requested by them. For your records I include the contact details of all relevant officials to be consulted in DARDLEA (when an application is in the Gert Sibande District) and MTPA:

DARDLEA	**DESIGNATION**	**EMAIL**	**PHONE**
Robyn Luyt	Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM)	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sindisiwe Mbuyane	Deputy Director: EIM Gert Sibande District	[redacted]	[redacted]
Gavin Cowden	Deputy Director: Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination	[redacted]	
MTPA	**DESIGNATION**	**EMAIL**	**PHONE**
Mervyn Lotter	Manager: Biodiversity Planning	[redacted]	[redacted]
Frans Krige	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	
Khumbelo Malele	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	[redacted]
Celia de Waal	EIA Data Capturer LUA	[redacted]	[redacted]

Please note that time frames for commenting on draft reports can only commence on the date that hard copies of the reports are received, and we request that our 30 day time frame aligns with DFFE's.

Kind Regards
Robyn

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KENNISGEWING VAN BESKIKBAARHEID VAN DIE KONSEP-OMVANGS VERSLAE VIR OPENBARE HERSIENING EN KOMMENTAAR VAN DIE VOORGESTELDE AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGIE FASILITEIT (EMVELO, ROCHDALE EN SHEEPMOOR) CLUSTER, NABY ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Kennis word hiermee gegee van 'n openbare deelname proses (ODP) wat in gevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA, 1998), soos gewysig, onderneem moet word.

DFFE-verwysing(s): Om bevestig te word

Aard van aktiwiteit: Emvelo Windenergie fasiliteit Bpk, Rochdale Windenergie fasiliteit Bpk en Sheepmoor Windenergie fasiliteit Bpk ('die Projek aansoekers') stel voor dat drie (3) Wind energie fasiliteite (WEF) opgerig en bedryf word. Die potensiële opwekkingsvermoë van Emvelo WEF is tot 200 MW, Rochdale WEF is tot 220 MW en Sheepmoor tot 360 MW. Elke WEF sal bestaan uit verskeie geboue, toegangspaaie, 'n battery-energieberging stelsel (BESS) en 'n substasie naaf met gepaardgaande elektriese netwerk infrastruktuur soos, maar nie beperk tot 'n 132kV oorhoofse transmissie kraglyn wat die WEF met die nasionale elektriese netwerk verbind.

Ontwikkelings ligging: Die voorgestelde Amsterdam WEF se cluster is 30 km oos van Ermelo binne die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit geleë.

Aansoek proses: Ingevolge Hoofstuk 5 van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998 – NEMA), Omgewings Impak studie (EIA) Regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig), het die Projek aansoekers, Environmental Resources Management (Edms) Bpk (ERM) aangestel om as projek bestuurder op te tree en die Omvang- en Omgewings Impak bepalings prosesse (S&EIA) as die onafhanklike omgewings impak bepalings praktisyn (EAP) te onderneem.

ERM het drie afsonderlike omgewings aansoeke ingedien, waaronder afsonderlike konsep-omvang verslae aan die departement van bosbou, visserye en die omgewing (DFFE).

Uitnodiging om kommentaar te lewer: Lede van die publiek, plaaslike gemeenskappe en belanghebbendes word uitgenooi om kommentaar te lewer op die konsep-omvang verslae, wat beskikbaar is vir openbare hersiening en kommentaar, vanaf **Vrydag, 19 Julie 2024 tot die 20 Augustus 2024 (albei dae ingesluit),** soos per Tabel 1 hieronder.

Tabel 1: Liggings vir openbare oorsig en kommentaar

Ligging	Fisiese adres
Elektroniese kopie lokasies (beskikbaar vir aflaai hieronder)	
Via One Drive	I &AP's kan versoek dat kopieë via een gedeelde gids van One Drive gestuur word.

Geregistreerde kantoor
Omgewingshulpbronbestuur
Suider-Afrika (Edms) Bpk
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Die Woodlands-kantoorpark
Woodlandsrylaan, Woodmead
2148, Johannesburg, Suid-Afrika

Geregistreerde nommer: 2003/001404/07
BTW-registrasie: 4780205482

Kantore wêreldwyd

Direkteure
Claudio Bertora
Urmila Bob (nie-uitvoerende)
Tania Swanepoel
Marinda Rasmussen

Harde kopie ligging	
Ermelo Openbare Biblioteek	Ermelo, 2350
CD-kopieë sal op versoek aan die EAP gemaak word.	

Indien u as 'n I&AP geregistreer wil wees en / of kommentaar wil lewer, dien asseblief u naam, belangstelling in die projek of kommentaar, e-pos adres en pos adres en telefoon nommer skriftelik by die onderstaande adres in:	
Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Edms) Bpk	
Projek verwysing: 0684401 Mulilo WEF-cluster	**Kontak persoon:** Lucien Barbeau
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Pos: Postnet Suite 90, Privaatsak X12, Tokai, 7966	**Aanlyn:**https://mulilowef.aidaform.com/public-participation-form

Na afloop van die openbare deelname van 30 dae, sal die kommentaar aangespreek en opgeneem word in die Finale Omvang verslae, wat aan die DFFE voorgelê sal word vir goedkeuring om na die EIA-fase te vorder.

Let wel, met betrekking tot die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting (PoPI Wet 4 van 2013, soos gewysig): Indien u versoek om as 'n I&AP te registreer, sal u persoonlike inligting aan 'n appel kandidaat beskikbaar gestel word in die geval van 'n appèl, en 'n aansoeker/EAP/onafhanklike persoon vir doeleindes daarvan om ingelig te word en toegang tot 'n ouditverslag te kry.

Korrespondensie gedurende die aansoek proses sal slegs aan geregistreerde I &AP's versprei word. Registrasie is moontlik gedurende die aansoek proses.

Dankie vir die belangstelling in die projek.

Sadiya Salie
Omgewings konsultant

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19 July 2024

ERM Reference: 0684401

Dear Interested and Affected Party, Stakeholder, Organ of State

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT OF THE PROPOSED AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY (EMVELO, ROCHDALE AND SHEEPMOOR) CLUSTER, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process (PPP) to be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA, 1998), as amended.

DFFE Reference(s): To Be Confirmed

Nature of Activity: Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd, Rochdale Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd ('the Project Applicants') are proposing the construction and operation of three (3) Wind Energy Facilities (WEF). The potential generation capacity of Emvelo WEF is up to 200 MW, Rochdale WEF is up to 220 MW and Sheepmoor up to 360 MW. Each WEF will comprise various buildings, access roads, a battery energy storage system (BESS), and a substation hub with associated electrical grid infrastructure such as but not limited to a 132kV overhead transmission powerline connecting the WEF to the national electrical grid network.

Development Location: The proposed Amsterdam WEF's Cluster are located 30 km east of Ermelo within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, and Gert Sibande District Municipality.

Application Process: In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Project Applicants appointed Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd (ERM), to act as the project manager and to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) processes as the independent environmental impact assessment practitioner (EAP).

ERM has submitted three separate Environmental Applications, including separate Draft Scoping Reports to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

Invitation to Comment: Members of the public, local communities, and stakeholders are invited to comment on the Draft Scoping Reports, which is available for public review and comment, from **Friday, 19 July 2024 to the 20 August 2024 (both days inclusive),** as per Table 1 below.

Table 1: Public Review and Comment Locations

Location	Physical Address
Electronic Copy Locations (Available for download below)	
Via One Drive	I&APs can request for copies to be sent via one drive shared folder.
Hard Copy Location	

Registered office
Environmental Resources Management
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1st Floor, Building 32
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Registered number: 2003/001404/07
VAT registration: 4780205482

Offices worldwide

Directors
Claudio Bertora
Urmilla Bob (Non-Executive)
Tania Swanepoel
Marinda Rasmussen

Ermelo Public Library	Ermelo, 2350
CD Copies will be made upon request to the EAP.	

Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP and / or would like comment please submit your name, interest in the project or comment, email and postal address and telephone number in writing to the below address:	
Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd	
Project Reference: 0684401 Mulilo WEF Cluster	**Contact Person:** Lucien Barbeau
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Post: Postnet Suite 90, Private Bag X12, Tokai, 7966	**Online:** https://mulilowef.aidaform.com/public-participation-form

Following the 30-day public participation, the comments will be addressed and incorporated into the Final Scoping Reports, which will be submitted to the DFFE for approval to progress to the EIA Phase.

Please note, regarding the Protection of Personal Information Act (PoPI Act 4 of 2013, as amended): If you request to register as an I&AP, your personal information will be made available to an appellant in the case of an appeal, and an applicant/EAP/independent person for purposes of being informed and given access to an audit report.

Correspondence throughout the Application Process will only be distributed to Registered I&APs. Registration is possible throughout the Application Process.

Thank you for the interest in the project.



Sadiya Salie
Environmental Consultant
Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd

From: Bathandwa Ncube
To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
[redacted]
Date: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Monday, 12 August 2024 16:14:10

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Goodday Lucien

14/12/16/3/3/2/2591: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2592: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

14/12/16/3/3/2/2593: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The application and draft Scoping Report (SR) for Environmental Authorisation received by the Department on 22 July 2024 refers.

Following our telephone conversation earlier today regarding the public participation process, please be informed that comments on the draft Scoping Report (SR) are due to you on 22 August 2024. It is noted that there are organs of state who have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity, which requires that they be added to the I&AP Database and given an opportunity to comment on the draft SR.

The applicant is requested to submit the final SR to the Department on or before the due date (05 September 2024) and may submit comments from MTPA and DARDLEA as addendums, subsequent to the submission of the final SR to the Department.

MTPA and Mpumalanga DARDLEA are requested to cc this Department when submitting comments to the EAP.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
[redacted]
Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Monday, 12 August 2024 16:59:46
Attachments: image001.png
IAP Notification Letter English.pdf
IAP Notification Letter Afrikaans.pdf

Hi Bheki,

Our telephonic discussion earlier refers. Understandably, you mentioned IT related issues in terms of receiving e-mails and forwarding them, hence I have copied your gmail address as requested.

Please see below notification that was sent on the 19th of July 2024.

SUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga.

Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The reports will be available for a 30 day comment period from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024.

Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final Scoping Report.
More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.
Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Should you be a Land Owner directly affected by the proposed project (within the project boundary or adjacent thereto) please could you notify all occupants on your properties with regards to the proposed project.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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Dankie vir die belangstelling in die projek.

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NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT OF THE PROPOSED AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY (EMVELO, ROCHDALE AND SHEEPMOOR) CLUSTER, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

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Development Location: The proposed Amsterdam WEF's Cluster are located 30 km east of Ermelo within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, and Gert Sibande District Municipality.

Application Process: In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Project Applicants appointed Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd (ERM), to act as the project manager and to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) processes as the independent environmental impact assessment practitioner (EAP).

ERM has submitted three separate Environmental Applications, including separate Draft Scoping Reports to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

Invitation to Comment: Members of the public, local communities, and stakeholders are invited to comment on the Draft Scoping Reports, which is available for public review and comment, from **Friday, 19 July 2024 to the 20 August 2024 (both days inclusive),** as per Table 1 below.

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VAT registration: 4780205482

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Directors
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Urmilla Bob (Non-Executive)
Tania Swanepoel
Marinda Rasmussen

Ermelo Public Library	Ermelo, 2350
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Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP and / or would like comment please submit your name, interest in the project or comment, email and postal address and telephone number in writing to the below address:	
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Following the 30-day public participation, the comments will be addressed and incorporated into the Final Scoping Reports, which will be submitted to the DFFE for approval to progress to the EIA Phase.

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Correspondence throughout the Application Process will only be distributed to Registered I&APs. Registration is possible throughout the Application Process.

Thank you for the interest in the project.



Sadiya Salie
Environmental Consultant
Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd

From: Celia de Waal
To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: MTPA Acknowledgement of receipt RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 08:16:19

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Stephanie

The MTPA acknowledge the receipt of the following 3 documents. It was delivered yesterday 12 August 2024.

- 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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The commenting scientist is Mr. Frans Krige who is copied in this e-mail.

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

Mpumalanga
TOURISM AND PARKS AGENCY
An Entity of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Cecilia de Waal
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Data Capturer

Land Use Advisory (LUA)
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From: Bathandwa Ncube <BNcube@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 4:14 PM
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

Goodday Lucien

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Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Subject: Re: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 08:49:57
Importance: High

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good Morning all,

I am extremely concerned with the agreement reached between ERM and DFFE. DARDLEA, as the Provincial Department responsible for environmental affairs in Mpumalanga Province, **has to date not yet received any of the draft documents for review and comment.** In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(1)(b), the scoping report is required to be subjected to all I&APs for a period of at least 30 days for comment. Further to this, Regulation 40(2)(b) states that the public participation process must provide access to all information ...and must include consultation with every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation.

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As stated above, DARDLEA still awaits the documents for comment.

Kind Regards
Robyn

Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)
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Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 10:30:00
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Hi Masina,

Thank you for your call earlier.

As discussed, ERM sent out the notification to the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency, as well as the Mpumalanga Province Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land, and Environmental Affairs on July 19th.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bheki Nyathikazi has been experiencing IT-related issues with his mailbox, which have impacted his ability to receive and forward emails. To address this, I have resent the notification to his Gmail account to ensure it can be forwarded for relevant circulation.

Please let me know if there are any additional actions needed or if you require further information.

Best regards,

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Please see below notification that was sent on the 19th of July 2024.

SUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga.

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More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.
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Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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Dankie vir die belangstelling in die projek.

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DFFE Reference(s): To Be Confirmed

Nature of Activity: Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd, Rochdale Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd ('the Project Applicants') are proposing the construction and operation of three (3) Wind Energy Facilities (WEF). The potential generation capacity of Emvelo WEF is up to 200 MW, Rochdale WEF is up to 220 MW and Sheepmoor up to 360 MW. Each WEF will comprise various buildings, access roads, a battery energy storage system (BESS), and a substation hub with associated electrical grid infrastructure such as but not limited to a 132kV overhead transmission powerline connecting the WEF to the national electrical grid network.

Development Location: The proposed Amsterdam WEF's Cluster are located 30 km east of Ermelo within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, and Gert Sibande District Municipality.

Application Process: In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Project Applicants appointed Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd (ERM), to act as the project manager and to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) processes as the independent environmental impact assessment practitioner (EAP).

ERM has submitted three separate Environmental Applications, including separate Draft Scoping Reports to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

Invitation to Comment: Members of the public, local communities, and stakeholders are invited to comment on the Draft Scoping Reports, which is available for public review and comment, from **Friday, 19 July 2024 to the 20 August 2024 (both days inclusive),** as per Table 1 below.

Table 1: Public Review and Comment Locations

Location	Physical Address
Electronic Copy Locations (Available for download below)	
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Tania Swanepoel
Marinda Rasmussen

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Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP and / or would like comment please submit your name, interest in the project or comment, email and postal address and telephone number in writing to the below address:	
Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd	
Project Reference: 0684401 Mulilo WEF Cluster	**Contact Person:** Lucien Barbeau
Email: ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com	**Telephone:** +27117985400
Post: Postnet Suite 90, Private Bag X12, Tokai, 7966	**Online:** https://mulilowef.aidaform.com/public-participation-form

Following the 30-day public participation, the comments will be addressed and incorporated into the Final Scoping Reports, which will be submitted to the DFFE for approval to progress to the EIA Phase.

Please note, regarding the Protection of Personal Information Act (PoPI Act 4 of 2013, as amended): If you request to register as an I&AP, your personal information will be made available to an appellant in the case of an appeal, and an applicant/EAP/independent person for purposes of being informed and given access to an audit report.

Correspondence throughout the Application Process will only be distributed to Registered I&APs. Registration is possible throughout the Application Process.

Thank you for the interest in the project.



Sadiya Salie
Environmental Consultant
Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd

From:	Tebego Kgaphola
To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc:	[redacted]
Subject:	COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MULILO AMSTERDAM WEFS CLUSTER, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
Date:	Tuesday, 13 August 2024 12:48:31
Attachments:	image008.png image009.png Mulilo Amsterdam WEFS DSR Comments.pdf

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day

Kindly find the attached comments for the aforementioned project.



Tebego Kgaphola

Directorate: Biodiversity Mainstreaming and EIA
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From: Lloyd Barnes <Lloyd@mulilo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 2:22 PM
To: Lucien Barbeau <Lucien.Barbeau@erm.com>; Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com>; Stephanie Gopaul <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Amsterdam WEF Final Scoping prep

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Stephen and Lucien,

I trust you had a good long weekend.

Following up on my mail below. By when should we expect to receive the Final Scoping reports for review?
Could I please request that the Final Scoping Reports be provided for review by COB on Wednesday?
Please note the tight timelines related to this project.

Kind Regards,

Lloyd Barnes
Project Manager: Environmental
[redacted]
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From: Lloyd Barnes
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 5:00 PM
To: Lucien Barbeau <Lucien.Barbeau@erm.com>; Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com>; Stephanie Gopaul <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Amsterdam WEF Final Scoping prep

Good day ERM team,

Please see the attached updated layout to be considered for Final Scoping.
Please may you review the layout and raise any questions or queries if necessary.

Please note that as a result of the Enviro sensitivities, we have to drop Rochdale, and merge the properties with the Emvelo application.

Please may you confirm by when you will be able to provide first drafts of the Final Scoping reports for our review.

From: Bathandwa Ncube
To: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Date: Monday, 12 August 2024 16:14:10

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Goodday Lucien

14/12/16/3/3/2/2591: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
14/12/16/3/3/2/2592: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE
14/12/16/3/3/2/2593: THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The application and draft Scoping Report (SR) for Environmental Authorisation received by the Department on 22 July 2024 refers.

Following our telephone conversation earlier today regarding the public participation process, please be informed that comments on the draft Scoping Report (SR) are due to you on 22 August 2024. It is noted that there are organs of state who have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity, which requires that they be added to the I&AP Database and given an opportunity to comment on the draft SR.

The applicant is requested to submit the final SR to the Department on or before the due date (05 September 2024) and may submit comments from MTPA and DARDLEA as addendums, subsequent to the submission of the final SR to the Department.

MTPA and Mpumalanga DARDLEA are requested to cc this Department when submitting comments to the EAP.

Kind regards

Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

From:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To:	Stephanie Gopaul
Subject:	FW: Pre-Application Meeting Minutes for MPG Approval: Associated Grid Connection for the WEF Cluster and Auxiliary Infrastructure, near Ermelo, MP Province
Date:	Tuesday, 13 August 2024 15:36:00
Attachments:	IMAGE.png IMAGE.png Pre-app.pdf

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From: Sindy Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2023 12:24 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Pre-Application Meeting Minutes for MPG Approval: Associated Grid Connection for the WEF Cluster and Auxiliary Infrastructure, near Ermelo, MP Province

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Alwie,

Attached is signed minutes.

Kind Regards,

Sindisiwe Mbuyane, EAPASA Reg: 2021/3509
Environmental Officer Control Grade B
[redacted]

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>>> "ERM Arcus Amsterdam" <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> 2023/08/03 14:20 >>>
Dear Sindy,

PROVINCIAL PRE-APPLICATION MEETING REFERENCE: TBC

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED GRID CONNECTION FOR THE PROPOSED MULILO WEF CLUSTER, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Following the meeting with the MPG held on 31 May 2023, please find attached the draft of the meeting minutes, including a copy of the presentation, for MPG to review and approve. As discussed during the meeting, and included in the attached meeting minutes, when providing approval of the minutes, please could MPG confirm that the applications will be accepted.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions or require any further documentation to assist with the review and approval of the pre-application meeting minutes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank You
Kind Regards
Aneesah Samodien (*nee Alwie*)
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From: Sindy Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Aneesah Alwie <Aneesah.Alwie@erm.com>
Cc: Gavin Cowden <GCowden@mpg.gov.za>; Pamella Ntuli <PNNtuli@mpg.gov.za>; SHlatswayo@mpg.gov.za
Subject: RE: Response on request sent to Surgeon

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good morning Alwie,

Thank you for the email.
Yes, my Directorate is responsible for the application and as communicated with you on 19 May 2023. 31 May 2023 at 11H00 via ms teams.

Kind Regards
Sindisiwe Mbuyane

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>>> Aneesah Alwie <Aneesah.Alwie@erm.com> 2023/05/26 15:29 >>>
Dear Sindy,

I hope this e-mail finds you well. While we await confirmation of process to follow for the meeting. Our proposed dates are the 30th May 2023, 31 May 2023 and / or 01 June 2023. Alternatively, we will accommodate a date and time that will suit the Department.

Your response is appreciated.

Thank You

Kind Regards

Aneesah Alwie
Environmental Consultant, South Africa

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Arcus Consultancy Services South Africa (Pty) Ltd

From: Aneesah Alwie
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 12:43 PM
To: Sindy Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>
Cc: pnntuli@mpg.gov.za; gcowden@mpg.gov.za; SHlatswayo@mpg.gov.za
Subject: RE: Response on request sent to Surgeon

Dear Sindy,

Thank you getting in contact. Arcus (an ERM group company) have been appointed by a

Developer to undertake the EIA process for 3 proposed WEFs near Ermelo in the Mpumalanga Province. During the pre-application meeting with the National Department (DFFE), we have been advised that the Provincial Authority, in this case, Mpumalanga Department: Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, will be the Competent Authority for the 3 proposed Applications for EA of the Associated Grid Infrastructure for the 3 Proposed WEFs.

In terms of regional locality, the proposed WEFs are located between the town of Ermelo and Amsterdam, and falls within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality and the Gert Sibande District Municipality, in the Mpumalanga Province

Please could you confirm that your directorate is responsible for this proposed application, and if the meeting can take place via MS Teams or Zoom. Once confirmed we will provide 3 proposed dates and times for the meeting.

Looking forward to your response and assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Thank You

Kind Regards

Aneesah Alwie
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From: Sindy Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 12:14 PM
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Subject: Response on request sent to Surgeon

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Aneesah,

Thank you for contacting Mr. Surgeon Marebane for a meeting proposal on wind farm facilities near Ermelo.
May you please provide us with 3 possible dates that you wish to have the meeting on, and we will let you know of the date that will be suitable for the Department.

Thank you,

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Subject	Pre-Application Meeting
Project Title	Associated Infrastructure for the proposed Mulilo WEF Cluster, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province
Project Developer	Mulilo Renewable Project Developments (Pty) Ltd
Provincial Authority Pre-Application Meeting Reference	TBC
Date	31 May 2023

Minutes and Actions

Virtual Meeting: MS Teams 14h00 – 14h45

Meeting Attendees

Organisation		Name of Attendee		Designation
Mpumalanga Provincial Government	(MPG)	Sindisiwe Mbuyane	(SM)	Case Officer
Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd[1]	(ERM)	Ashlin Bodasing	(AB)	Project Director and EAP
Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd	(ERM)	Aneesah Alwie	(AAL)	Project Consultant
Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd[2]	(ERM)	Tebogo Mapinga	(TM)	Project Consultant
Mulilo Renewable Project Developments (Pty) Ltd	(Mulilo)	Lloyd Barnes	(LB)	Project Manager
Mulilo Renewable Project Developments (Pty) Ltd	(Mulilo)	Gail Wheeler	(GW)	Development Engineer

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Provincial Department sign off by : GB Mbuyane

Signature :

Date : 08/08/2023

[1] Ashlin Bodasing has subsequently left the company. The project will be led by a new EAP when submitted.
[2] Tebogo Mapinga has subsequently left the company.

ORGANISATION	COMMENT RAISED	NOTES / RESPONSES / ACTIONS	PERSON	DUE DATE
WELCOME AND MEETING PURPOSE				
ERM	AAL welcomed attendees, and all present introduced themselves and their roles in the proposed development application process.	Please refer to Appendix A for a copy of the attendance register as downloaded from MS Teams after the meeting.	-	-
ERM	For minute purposes, the meeting was recorded using the MS Teams record option.	Please refer to Appendix B for a copy of the presentation.	-	-
ERM	AAL listed the meeting agenda.	No objections were raised to the meeting agenda.	-	-
ERM	AAL explained the meeting must be considered a formal consultation. AAL confirmed the purpose of the meeting.	The meeting was considered a formal consultation in terms of the requirements as stipulated in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), as promulgated in terms of the Nation Environmental Management ACT, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Application(s) for Environmental Authorisation of the Associated Infrastructures for the proposed WEF Cluster in the Mpumalanga Province in terms of Regulation 31 and 32 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	-	-
PROJECT LOCALITY, SPECIFICATIONS AND MOTIVATION FOR THE MULILO WEF APPLICATIONS				
ERM	The project locality was explained and presented in a map to all attendees.	The project locality was explained (The proposed WEFs is located between 15-30 km east of the town of Ermelo in the Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. It falls within the Msukaligwa local municipality and Gert Sibande district municipality) and a map was presented to the attendees. The proposed grid infrastructure was presented. Each WEF has 1 preferred and 3 alternative OHPL routes (4 in total to be assessed in a 300 m corridor). Four slides of maps were shown to the attendees. Slide 1 presented the Mutilo WEF cluster location. Slide 2 to 4 presented each WEF and associated infrastructure individually.	-	-
ERM	The technical specifications of the proposed developments were presented.	Technical specifications were presented in table format. Three WEFs (proposed facilities) were outlined according to project name, applicant, total MW, number of turbines, proximity to Eskom Camden Substation (SS). Each Mulilo WEF will be	-	-

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		applied for in separate Application forms, including accompanying assessment reports – 3 Applications for Scoping and EIA Process equals 3 EAs. The grid connection for each WEF will be applied for in a separate application – 3 applications following a Basic Assessment (BA) process equals 3 EAs.		
ERM	The motivation for the proposed development was explained to the DFFE.	Developer intends to bid the facilities in the seventh bidding window of the REIPPPP (Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme) with the aim of evacuating the generated power from the WEFs into the National Eskom Grid. Aid in the diversification and stabilisation of the country's electrical supply in line with the objective of the IRP.	-	-
LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS				
ERM	Legislative Framework and Public Participation Process was outlined to DFFE, including consideration of the Directions of 5 June 2020 regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, i.e., to submit the Applications electronically to the DFFE.	Application for the BA will be in accordance with the EIA Regulations of December 2014 as amended, published in terms of regulation 31 and 32 NEMA, 1998. The project process will be: initiation and review, public participation, reporting and decision-making phase.	-	-
ERM	Public participation process.	Initial phase public consultation includes site notices, poster notices at local stores in the town of Ermelo and Amsterdam and email notification to the pre-identified I&APs. The EAP will conduct a PP process during the draft phase in accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA regulations, 2017 as amended, and the PP guidelines.	-	-
SPECIALIST REPORTING AND TEAM				
ERM	Site visits will be / has been conducted by specialists, as required, following the requirement of GN 43110 of NEMA: Environmental Themes Reporting Criteria and the Relevant Protocols Gazetted.	DFFE screening reports were sent to all specialists. Specialists' will produce separate BA reports which will consider the results of the screening reports. The 12-month bird monitoring is currently in process and will conclude following the winter season 2023. All specialist visits will be conducted following the requirements of the protocols and any other relevant guidelines applicable.	-	-

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DISCUSSIONS / QUESTIONS/ GENERAL TOPICS				
MPG	SM queried with the project team if the national department was consulted to establish if they are not the competent authority ('CA'). If not, the provincial authority would process the applications	LB responded that the development will be handed over to Eskom once approved. The initial strategy was for the national department to act as the CA as they are the CA for the WEF applications and it would have made sense for one CA to authorise for one project. The national department did acknowledge the preference however stated that a pre application meeting would still be required with the provincial department as the provincial department would decide if they want to be the CA or allow for the national department to be the CA.		-
MPG	SM informed the project team that the Mpumalanga Department is in the process of writing a request to the Minister to deal with these applications. Therefore, all the applications might go to the national department. If the national department says the provincial department must decide, the provincial department cannot decline the challenge of exposure to other environmental aspect that come with the project. The application can be submitted to the provincial department but note that the applications might be delegated to the national department especially those transferred to Eskom.	LB confirmed that the applications will be transferred to Eskom. He queried that now knowing about the delegation letter, in the interest of time would it not be better submit the applications to the national authority to ensure that the project developers can meet the different deadlines to get all project components authorised at the same time. On a case-by-case basis, the provincial department can request the national department to be the component authority. He expressed concern that the decision making of who the CA is, might cause delays on the Applications.		-
MPG	SM commented that she does not think there will be any delays if the application is submitted to the provincial authority. They will be advised to process the application and not undertake more applications. Alternatively, if the national department is the CA, then the provincial department can be a commenting authority.	LB responded that his concern was if there were changes after submitting the application however he is happy to submit the applications and have them continue with one CA. SM stated that they hope there will not be a need to send the applications to the national department if they are done by the provincial government.		-
Mulilo	LB queried that in terms of the application, the developers would like to have the proposed route, the layout and EMPr approved with the environmental authorisation to avoid doing future processes. Having the layout approved at the planning stage is sometimes tricky so is there anything that can be done to out the project developers in a good position to have the layout approved?	SM responded that what would assist is contacting Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks agency since they are the main custodians of biodiversity in Mpumalanga and their guidelines will provide guidance on avoiding biodiversity sensitive areas. As well as BirdLife SA for any birds that might be present in the area.		-

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Mulilo	LB stated that one year monitoring is already being conducted for birds and bats. All the specialists have been to site recently to identify any sensitivities and those two I&APs will be identified and notified. By obtaining comments from them, it puts the project in a good position to obtain approval for final layout	SM confirmed that they will be able to assist with avoiding biodiversity sensitive areas. SM also advised including national department of rural development and land reform for agricultural fields, and the Gert Sibande District Municipality.		-
ERM	AAL asked that if SM has more people who can be included on the I&AP database to please let the project team know and they will add them. AAL asked SM to confirm if she is happy to review and approve the minutes and when the application is ready if it should be sent to the provincial authority.	SM confirmed she will review the minutes. SM asked that before the application is sent, she would like to check with her supervisor if they can accept the application and would inform the project team of the response. AAL proposed that when SM responds to the minutes she can then confirm if the department has the capacity to take on the applications. SM confirmed that she will do so.		-
GENERAL				
ERM	Confirmation of the Pre-Application Meeting reference. Minutes of the meeting will be distributed to all attendees and included in the Application Form(s) to the CA.	SM to confirm pre-application meeting reference	-	-

The meeting was concluded at 14h45 by AAL with no further discussion or questions.

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From: Stephanie Gopaul
To: [redacted]
ERM Arcus Amsterdam; Lucien Barbeau
Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 15:56:40
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MTPA Acknowledgement of receipt RE 14121633225 91; 2592; 2593 Proposed Emvelo Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs MP.msg
Pre-app.pdf

Dear Robyn

Thank you for your email in response to that of Bathandwa's in the email trail.
Apologies that the draft documents did not reach your desk, however these were submitted and made accessible to DARDLEA on 19th July (see email attached). Following your email on 3rd August 2024, we responded to you on 6th August (as per the email attached) and advised you that DARDLEA were in fact notified of the availability.

Your email on 8th August refers:
Good day Stephanie,
"*Be advised that the names of the officials at MTPA that you have highlighted in your below notification arenot the relevant officials that are required to be notified or the relevant officials that must review and comment on draft Scoping or EIA reports, or any reports related to an EIA process. There are also no officials in the list of officials in your screenshots that are in the Environmental Affairs Chief Directorate in MDARDLEA - as far as I am aware they are in the section that deals with Agriculture, which is an entirely different mandate.*
It would notbe acceptable to not provide the commenting authority the mandatory 30 days to review and comment on draft reports, especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification. The Directorate Environmental Impact Management within DARDLEA represents the MEC as Competent Authority in Mpumalanga, and the commenting authority in respect projects administered by DFFE. MTPA has the mandate for biodiversity matters on behalf of DARDLEA. As per my email to you below (3 August), hard copies of all reports must be submitted to Ms Mbuyane (Environmental Impact Management) at our Ermelo office, and the documents must be made available to me (and in this instance to Mr Cowden and Mr Lotter) electronically at the same time. You will need to contact Ms De Waal and Mr Krige at MTPA to confirm how documents must be submitted to MTPA. Please provide shape files of the 3 proposed WEFs as well."

We then responded to you with the links to access the documents electronically and couriered hard copies to Ms Sindi Mbuyane as per your request on 3rd August - we will follow up with the courier if these haven't been received by her as yet. MTPA received their hard copies yesterday (refer to email attached from Celia de Waa for proof of receipt).

Importantly, in your email of 3rd August, you state that "*DARDLEA and MTPA have through internal arrangements with DFFE requested to be included in all pre-application consultations for Renewable Energy projects in Mpumalanga, particularly wind energy facilities.*" You also state in your email of 8th August (referenced in the para above) that "*especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification*".
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completing your review of the DSR to meet the public participation deadline of 22 August 2024.

Should you be unable to provide your comments by this date, we would agree to the way forward stipulated in the email by Ms Bathandwa Ncube on 12 august 2024- ie. this would mean that the FSR would progress and get submitted without DARDLEA and MTPA comments if these are not available at the time, and for comments from these departments to be submitted as an addendum to the FSR.

We thank you for your engagement to date and look forward to your response.

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good Morning all,

I am extremely concerned with the agreement reached between ERM and DFFE. DARDLEA, as the Provincial Department responsible for environmental affairs in Mpumalanga Province, **has to date not yet received any of the draft documents for review and comment.** In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 40(1)(b), the scoping report is required to be subjected to all I&APs for a period of at least 30 days for comment. Further to this, Regulation 40(2)(b) states that the public participation process must provide access to all information ...and must include consultation with every State department that administers a law relating to a matter affecting the environment relevant to an application for an environmental authorisation.

Regulation 21(1) is very clear in the requirement that a final Scoping Report must, within 44 days of submitting an application to the CA, be submitted to the CA (ie. DFFE), which report has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received. The arrangement below is not in line with this requirement, which amounts to an administrative flaw, and I fail to see how DFFE would be in a position to consider a final Scoping report that does not include the input from DARDLEA. The arrangement would also preclude the requirement for the applicant to incorporate the comments received from DARDLEA into the final Scoping report.

As stated above, DARDLEA still awaits the documents for comment.

Kind Regards
Robyn

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>>> Bathandwa Ncube <BNcube@dffe.gov.za> 08/12/24 4:14 PM >>>
Goodday Lucien

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MTPA and Mpumalanga DARDLEA are requested to cc this Department when submitting comments to the EAP.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
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Subject: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga

Good day Robyn,

Please note that DARDLEA and MTPA were notified regarding the PP for the Draft scoping Phase on the 19th July 2024. Kindly see proof of notification below:

If required, we will send through hard copies and also resend to the below contacts and will update our I&AP database accordingly. Additionally, kindly note that PPP for the Mulilo Wind Energy Farm in Mpumalanga closes the 20th of August 2024.

Thank you,

ERM

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Good day Ms Gopaul,

It has come to our attention, and not via any official notification from ERM, that draft Scoping Reports for the following wind farms proposed in the Gert Sibande District in Mpumalanga Province are out for public comment from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024 (as per ERM website), where ERM is the EAP:
1. Shepmoore WEF
2. Emvelo WEF
3. Rochdale WEF

Neither DARDLEA nor MTPA have been consulted to date, nor have we received copies of any of the draft Scoping Reports. Aside from the requirements of the EIA Regulations, DARDLEA and MTPA have through internal arrangements with DFFE requested to be included in all pre-application consultations for Renewable Energy projects in Mpumalanga, particularly wind energy facilities. DARDLEA and MTPA must be included during all pre-application meetings and in all in-process consultations.

For the purpose of commenting on draft reports during the regulatory periods, we request that hard copies of all reports are submitted to Ms Sindi Mbuyane in our Ermelo office (where projects are located in the Gert Sibande District), and sent electronically to me via WeTransfer. Please also ensure that MTPA receives the reports in the manner requested by them. For your records I include the contact details of all relevant officials to be consulted in DARDLEA (when an application is in the Gert Sibande District) and MTPA:

DARDLEA	DESIGNATION	EMAIL	PHONE
Robyn Luyt	Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM)	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sindisiwe	Deputy Director:	[redacted]	[redacted]

Mbuyane	EIM Gert Sibande District		[redacted]
Gavin Cowden	Deputy Director: Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination	[redacted]	
MTPA	**DESIGNATION**	**EMAIL**	**PHONE**
Mervyn Lotter	Manager: Biodiversity Planning	[redacted]	[redacted]
Frans Krige	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	
Khumbelo Malele	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	[redacted]
Celia de Waal	EIA Data Capturer LUA	[redacted]	[redacted]

Please note that time frames for commenting on draft reports can only commence on the date that hard copies of the reports are received, and we request that our 30 day time frame aligns with DFFE's.

Kind Regards
Robyn

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To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
[redacted] of receipt RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Stephanie

The MTPA acknowledge the receipt of the following 3 documents. It was delivered yesterday 12 August 2024.

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The commenting scientist is Mr. Frans Krige who is copied in this e-mail.

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

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From: Bathandwa Ncube <BNcube@dffe.gov.za>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 4:14 PM
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Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591; 2592; 2593: Proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

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Subject	Pre-Application Meeting
Project Title	Associated Infrastructure for the proposed Mulilo WEF Cluster, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga Province
Project Developer	Mulilo Renewable Project Developments (Pty) Ltd
Provincial Authority Pre-Application Meeting Reference	TBC
Date	31 May 2023

Minutes and Actions

Virtual Meeting: MS Teams 14h00 – 14h45

Meeting Attendees

Organisation		Name of Attendee		Designation
Mpumalanga Provincial Government	(MPG)	Sindisiwe Mbuyane	(SM)	Case Officer
Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd[1]	(ERM)	Ashlin Bodasing	(AB)	Project Director and EAP
Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd	(ERM)	Aneesah Alwie	(AAL)	Project Consultant
Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd[2]	(ERM)	Tebogo Mapinga	(TM)	Project Consultant
Mulilo Renewable Project Developments (Pty) Ltd	(Mulilo)	Lloyd Barnes	(LB)	Project Manager
Mulilo Renewable Project Developments (Pty) Ltd	(Mulilo)	Gail Wheeler	(GW)	Development Engineer

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Provincial Department sign off by : GB Mbuyane

Signature :

Date : 08/08/2023

[1] Ashlin Bodasing has subsequently left the company. The project will be led by a new EAP when submitted.
[2] Tebogo Mapinga has subsequently left the company.

ORGANISATION	COMMENT RAISED	NOTES / RESPONSES / ACTIONS	PERSON	DUE DATE
WELCOME AND MEETING PURPOSE				
ERM	AAL welcomed attendees, and all present introduced themselves and their roles in the proposed development application process.	Please refer to Appendix A for a copy of the attendance register as downloaded from MS Teams after the meeting.	-	-
ERM	For minute purposes, the meeting was recorded using the MS Teams record option.	Please refer to Appendix B for a copy of the presentation.	-	-
ERM	AAL listed the meeting agenda.	No objections were raised to the meeting agenda.	-	-
ERM	AAL explained the meeting must be considered a formal consultation. AAL confirmed the purpose of the meeting.	The meeting was considered a formal consultation in terms of the requirements as stipulated in the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014 (as amended), as promulgated in terms of the Nation Environmental Management ACT, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Application(s) for Environmental Authorisation of the Associated Infrastructures for the proposed WEF Cluster in the Mpumalanga Province in terms of Regulation 31 and 32 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).	-	-
PROJECT LOCALITY, SPECIFICATIONS AND MOTIVATION FOR THE MULILO WEF APPLICATIONS				
ERM	The project locality was explained and presented in a map to all attendees.	The project locality was explained (The proposed WEFs is located between 15-30 km east of the town of Ermelo in the Mpumalanga Province, South Africa. It falls within the Msukaligwa local municipality and Gert Sibande district municipality) and a map was presented to the attendees. The proposed grid infrastructure was presented. Each WEF has 1 preferred and 3 alternative OHPL routes (4 in total to be assessed in a 300 m corridor). Four slides of maps were shown to the attendees. Slide 1 presented the Mutilo WEF cluster location. Slide 2 to 4 presented each WEF and associated infrastructure individually.	-	-
ERM	The technical specifications of the proposed developments were presented.	Technical specifications were presented in table format. Three WEFs (proposed facilities) were outlined according to project name, applicant, total MW, number of turbines, proximity to Eskom Camden Substation (SS). Each Mulilo WEF will be	-	-

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		applied for in separate Application forms, including accompanying assessment reports – 3 Applications for Scoping and EIA Process equals 3 EAs. The grid connection for each WEF will be applied for in a separate application – 3 applications following a Basic Assessment (BA) process equals 3 EAs.		
ERM	The motivation for the proposed development was explained to the DFFE.	Developer intends to bid the facilities in the seventh bidding window of the REIPPPP (Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme) with the aim of evacuating the generated power from the WEFs into the National Eskom Grid. Aid in the diversification and stabilisation of the country's electrical supply in line with the objective of the IRP.	-	-
LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS				
ERM	Legislative Framework and Public Participation Process was outlined to DFFE, including consideration of the Directions of 5 June 2020 regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, i.e., to submit the Applications electronically to the DFFE.	Application for the BA will be in accordance with the EIA Regulations of December 2014 as amended, published in terms of regulation 31 and 32 NEMA, 1998. The project process will be: initiation and review, public participation, reporting and decision-making phase.	-	-
ERM	Public participation process.	Initial phase public consultation includes site notices, poster notices at local stores in the town of Ermelo and Amsterdam and email notification to the pre-identified I&APs. The EAP will conduct a PP process during the draft phase in accordance with Chapter 6 of the EIA regulations, 2017 as amended, and the PP guidelines.	-	-
SPECIALIST REPORTING AND TEAM				
ERM	Site visits will be / has been conducted by specialists, as required, following the requirement of GN 43110 of NEMA: Environmental Themes Reporting Criteria and the Relevant Protocols Gazetted.	DFFE screening reports were sent to all specialists. Specialists' will produce separate BA reports which will consider the results of the screening reports. The 12-month bird monitoring is currently in process and will conclude following the winter season 2023. All specialist visits will be conducted following the requirements of the protocols and any other relevant guidelines applicable.	-	-

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DISCUSSIONS / QUESTIONS/ GENERAL TOPICS				
MPG	SM queried with the project team if the national department was consulted to establish if they are not the competent authority ('CA'). If not, the provincial authority would process the applications	LB responded that the development will be handed over to Eskom once approved. The initial strategy was for the national department to act as the CA as they are the CA for the WEF applications and it would have made sense for one CA to authorise for one project. The national department did acknowledge the preference however stated that a pre application meeting would still be required with the provincial department as the provincial department would decide if they want to be the CA or allow for the national department to be the CA.		-
MPG	SM informed the project team that the Mpumalanga Department is in the process of writing a request to the Minister to deal with these applications. Therefore, all the applications might go to the national department. If the national department says the provincial department must decide, the provincial department cannot decline the challenge of exposure to other environmental aspect that come with the project. The application can be submitted to the provincial department but note that the applications might be delegated to the national department especially those transferred to Eskom.	LB confirmed that the applications will be transferred to Eskom. He queried that now knowing about the delegation letter, in the interest of time would it not be better submit the applications to the national authority to ensure that the project developers can meet the different deadlines to get all project components authorised at the same time. On a case-by-case basis, the provincial department can request the national department to be the component authority. He expressed concern that the decision making of who the CA is, might cause delays on the Applications.		-
MPG	SM commented that she does not think there will be any delays if the application is submitted to the provincial authority. They will be advised to process the application and not undertake more applications. Alternatively, if the national department is the CA, then the provincial department can be a commenting authority.	LB responded that his concern was if there were changes after submitting the application however he is happy to submit the applications and have them continue with one CA. SM stated that they hope there will not be a need to send the applications to the national department if they are done by the provincial government.		-
Mulilo	LB queried that in terms of the application, the developers would like to have the proposed route, the layout and EMPr approved with the environmental authorisation to avoid doing future processes. Having the layout approved at the planning stage is sometimes tricky so is there anything that can be done to out the project developers in a good position to have the layout approved?	SM responded that what would assist is contacting Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks agency since they are the main custodians of biodiversity in Mpumalanga and their guidelines will provide guidance on avoiding biodiversity sensitive areas. As well as BirdLife SA for any birds that might be present in the area.		-

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Mulilo	LB stated that one year monitoring is already being conducted for birds and bats. All the specialists have been to site recently to identify any sensitivities and those two I&APs will be identified and notified. By obtaining comments from them, it puts the project in a good position to obtain approval for final layout	SM confirmed that they will be able to assist with avoiding biodiversity sensitive areas. SM also advised including national department of rural development and land reform for agricultural fields, and the Gert Sibande District Municipality.		-
ERM	AAL asked that if SM has more people who can be included on the I&AP database to please let the project team know and they will add them. AAL asked SM to confirm if she is happy to review and approve the minutes and when the application is ready if it should be sent to the provincial authority.	SM confirmed she will review the minutes. SM asked that before the application is sent, she would like to check with her supervisor if they can accept the application and would inform the project team of the response. AAL proposed that when SM responds to the minutes she can then confirm if the department has the capacity to take on the applications. SM confirmed that she will do so.		-
GENERAL				
ERM	Confirmation of the Pre-Application Meeting reference. Minutes of the meeting will be distributed to all attendees and included in the Application Form(s) to the CA.	SM to confirm pre-application meeting reference	-	-

The meeting was concluded at 14h45 by AAL with no further discussion or questions.

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From: Mervyn Lotter
To: Stephanie Gopaul
Cc: [redacted] Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 20:34:41
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

DDear Stephanie,

I am writing to clarify several points regarding the recent applications:

The appropriate MTPA staff members responsible for reviewing these three applications only received the links on August 6th and hard copies on August 12th.

The two MTPA staff members you contacted in July are involved in permitting processes (such as issuing permits for collecting protected species) and are not responsible for reviewing development applications. As they were blind copied, they would have been unaware if the correct staff had been included in the correspondence.

According to the minutes you provided, Ms. Mbuyane informed you on May 31, 2024, that "*the MTPA is the main custodian of biodiversity in Mpumalanga and their guidelines would provide guidance on avoiding biodiversity sensitive areas*." However, it appears this guidance was not sought.

Upon reviewing my email records, I found communications from Andrew Pearson, Annitta Attieh, and Verushka Snyders (all from Mulilo) regarding CBAs for other projects, indicating that Mulilo is aware that I am the appropriate contact for biodiversity planning related matters. I also have several emails to both Frans Krige and myself from ERM staff, such as Kate Hamilton from around 2016 and more recently. ERM should know who the correct staff would be to send the EIA documents to for comment.

We are currently managing several other development applications with similar deadlines. Given the short notice, it would be challenging to thoroughly review and apply our minds to the three applications before August 22nd.

It is regrettable that we were not consulted earlier, despite the prior recommendation to do so. This has now placed undue pressure on our team to meet your deadline.

Comments from authorities need to be considered and incorporated into the final EIA document. Including them as an appendix defeats the purpose of the legislated timeframes and the need to consider these inputs in the first place. This is a risk to your project.

We can only try and do our best.

Regards,
Mervyn

On Tue, 13 Aug 2024 at 15:56, Stephanie Gopaul <stephanie.gopaul@erm.com> wrote:

> Dear Robyn

Thank you for your email in response to that of Bathandwa's in the email trail.

Apologies that the draft documents did not reach your desk, however these were submitted and made accessible to DARDLEA on 19th July (see email attached). Following your email on 3rd August 2024, we responded to you on 6th August (as per the email attached) and advised you that DARDLEA were in fact notified of the availability.

Your email on 8th August refers:

Good day Stephanie,

"*Be advised that the names of the officials at MTPA that you have highlighted in your below notification arenot the relevant officials that are required to be notified or the relevant officials that must review and comment on draft Scoping or EIA reports, or any reports related to an EIA process. There are also no officials in the list of officials in your screenshots that are in the Environmental Affairs Chief Directorate in MDARDLEA - as far as I am aware they are in the section that deals with Agriculture, which is an entirely different mandate.*

It would notbe acceptable to not provide the commenting authority the mandatory 30 days to review and comment on draft reports, especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification. The Directorate Environmental Impact Management within DARDLEA represents the MEC as Competent Authority in Mpumalanga, and the commenting authority in respect projects administered by DFFE. MTPA has the mandate for biodiversity matters on behalf of DARDLEA. As per my email to you below (3 August), hard copies of all reports must be submitted to Ms Mbuyane (Environmental Impact Management) at our Ermelo office, and the documents must be made available to me (and in this instance to Mr Cowden and Mr Lotter) electronically at the same time. You will need to contact Ms De Waal and Mr Krige at MTPA to confirm how documents must be submitted to MTPA. Please provide shape files of the 3 proposed WEFs as well."

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We thank you for your engagement to date and look forward to your response.

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From: R Luyt
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: RE: Consultation | Mlulio Wind Farms Mpumalanga
Date: Sunday, 11 August 2024 09:51:38
Importance: High

Good day Stephanie,

As of 8 August 2024, neither DARDLEA nor MTPA have received draft Scoping Reports to review and comment on, nor have we received a response to the email below.

Kind Regards
Robyn

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>>> Robyn Luyt 08/07/24 9:41 AM >>>
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Be advised that the names of the officials at MTPA that you have highlighted in your below notification are **not the relevant officials** that are required to be notified or the relevant officials that must review and comment on draft Scoping or EIA reports, or any reports related to an EIA process. There are also no officials in the list of officials in your screenshots that are in the Environmental Affairs Chief Directorate in MDARDLEA - as far as I am aware they are in the section that deals with Agriculture, which is an entirely different mandate.

It would **not** be acceptable to not provide the commenting authority the mandatory 30 days to review and comment on draft reports, especially in light of the fact that there has been no prior notification. The Directorate Environmental Impact Management within DARDLEA represents the MEC as Competent Authority in Mpumalanga, and the commenting authority in respect projects administered by DFFE. MTPA has the mandate for biodiversity matters on behalf of DARDLEA. As per my email to you below (3 August), hard copies of all reports must be submitted to Ms Mbuyane (Environmental Impact Management) at our Ermelo office, and the documents must be made available to me (and in this instance to Mr Cowden and Mr Lotter) electronically at the same time. You will need to contact Ms De Waal and Mr Krige at MTPA to confirm how documents must be submitted to MTPA. Please provide shape files of the 3 proposed WEFs as well.

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>>> "ERM Arcus Amsterdam" <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> 08/06/24 1:43 PM >>>
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Please note that DARDLEA and MTPA were notified regarding the PP for the Draft scoping Phase on the 19th July 2024. Kindly see proof of notification below:

If required, we will send through hard copies and also resend to the below contacts and will update our I&AP database accordingly. Additionally, kindly note that PPP for the Mulilo Wind Energy Farm in Mpumalanga closes the 20th of August 2024.

Thank you,

Lucien Barbeau

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1. Shepmoore WEF
2. Emvelo WEF
3. Rochdale WEF

Neither DARDLEA nor MTPA have been consulted to date, nor have we received copies of any of the draft Scoping Reports. Aside from the requirements of the EIA Regulations, DARDLEA and MTPA have through internal arrangements with DFFE requested to be included in all pre-application consultations for Renewable Energy projects in Mpumalanga, particularly wind energy facilities. DARDLEA and MTPA must be included during all pre-application meetings and in all in-process consultations.

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Robyn Luyt	Director: Environmental Impact Management (EIM)	[redacted]	[redacted]
Sindisiwe Mbuyane	Deputy Director: EIM Gert Sibande District	[redacted]	[redacted]
Gavin Cowden	Deputy Director: Environmental Policy, Planning and Coordination	[redacted]	

MTPA	DESIGNATION	EMAIL	PHONE
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Frans Krige	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	
Khumbelo Malele	Land Use Advisor	[redacted]	[redacted]
Celia de Waal	EIA Data Capturer LUA	[redacted]	[redacted]

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Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 20:06:30
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Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 12:47 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED MULILO AMSTERDAM WEFS CLUSTER, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day

Kindly find the attached comments for the aforementioned project.



Tebego Kgaphola

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Department:
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Stephanie Gopaul; Stephen Burton
Subject: FW: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit
Date: Thursday, 15 August 2024 10:28:00
Attachments: image002.png

Hi Lloyd and Andrew,

I have come across information (please see email trail below) indicating that Mervyn from MTPA had accessed our reports from EDF renewables on August 2, 2024.

Could you please advise on how you would like to proceed with this information? Specifically, should we inform Masina about this development? Additionally, it would be helpful to receive feedback from DARDLEA and MTPA by tomorrow so we can plan our next steps accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards

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From: Celia de Waal <celia@mtpa.co.za>
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Subject: FW: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

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From: Mervyn Lotter <mervyn@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:00 AM
To: [redacted]
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From: Sindy Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 11:23 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Register for the Zephyr WEF Meeting and site visit

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Good day All,

Find attached for your attention.

Kind Regards,

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To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc:	Stephen Burton; Stephanie Gopaul; [redacted]
Subject:	RE: Withdrawal of Draft Scoping applications - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2592; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591
Date:	Thursday, 22 August 2024 09:24:49
Attachments:	image001.png

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Lucien.

We acknowledge receipt of the withdrawal email for the above-mentioned applications received on 21 August 2024.

The applications for EAs with the reference numbers 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2592; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591 are now deemed withdrawn and the applications are closed on the Departments side.

EIA Applications
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

Please note that this email is for the receipt and processing of online applications only, and is not monitored for responses. All queries must be directed to EIAadmin@dffe.gov.za.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 2:24 PM
To: EIA Applications <EIAApplications@dffe.gov.za>
Cc: Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com>; Stephanie Gopaul <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>; [redacted]
Subject: Withdrawal of Draft Scoping applications - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2592; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591

Dear EIA Applications,

DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2592; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591

Please can we ask that the Draft Scoping Applications for Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo Wind energy facilities (DFFE Reference - 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2592; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2591) submitted to yourselves on the 19th July 2024 be withdrawn.

We will be restarting the process.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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From: Aviation Environmental Compliance
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024 14:15:48
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Good day,

I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note that the SACAA has transferred all obstacle assessments and applications responsibilities to Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) as published on the SACAA website: www.caa.co.za/industryinformation/obstacles/ . A formal application must be lodged with Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) for a formal obstacles assessment to be conducted. The list and contact details of the approved obstacles assessment services providers can be obtained from the CAA website: www.caa.co.za.

Kind regards
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SUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed Mulilo Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga.

Public Participation Process (PPP), which is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 24 (5) and Chapter 6 (41, 42, 43, and 44) of GN R. 326 of the NEMA, 1998 EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning (DEA&DP) Guideline on Public Participation (2011). The reports will be available for a 30 day comment period from 19 July 2024 to 20 August 2024.

Please ensure that you have submitted your comment before the close of the comment period should you wish to have your input considered in the submission of the Final Scoping Report.
More information on how you are able to participate in this process is attached in the above documentation.
Please indicate which application your comment in respect of.

Should you be a Land Owner directly affected by the proposed project (within the project boundary or adjacent thereto) please could you notify all occupants on your properties with regards to the proposed project.

Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Automatic reply: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024 17:31:54

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi there

I am away on long leave until until Monday **2nd September**. I will only attend to your email on my return.
* For critical EIA, pollution, advocacy or environmental governance issues, please redirect to: **shenen.rikhotso@wessa.co.za**
* Media enquiries can be directed to: **communications@wessa.co.za**
*WESSA Membership enquiries can be directed to: **membership@wessalife.org.za**
* Blue Flag enquiries can be directed to: **blueflag@wessa.co.za**

"For urgent queries and assistance, please contact Lindo Mkhize on 082 459 6454 or Lindokuhle.mkhize@wessa.co.za"

Kind regards
Morgan Griffiths

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From:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject:	Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date:	Thursday, 22 August 2024 17:33:28
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RESUBMISSION OF DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO) CLUSTER

Dear Interested and Affected Party,

This email serves to inform you about the resubmission of the Draft Scoping Reports for the proposed Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga.

The previous applications for these proposed projects have been withdrawn to allow for an additional comment period for all I&AP's. Please note that all comments received during the previous comment period will still be incorporated in the comments and responses for these new applications. Should you wish to confirm that your comment is being incorporated, please feel free to email us.

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Kennis word hiermee gegee van 'n openbare deelname proses (ODP) wat in gevolge die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet No. 107 van 1998) (NEMA, 1998), soos gewysig, onderneem moet word.

DFFE-verwysing(s): Om bevestig te word

Aard van aktiwiteit: Emvelo (Edms) Bpk, Rochdale (Edms) Bpk en Sheepmoor (Edms) Bpk ('die Projek aansoekers') stel voor dat drie (3) Wind energie fasiliteite (WEF) opgerig en bedryf word. Die potensiële opwekkingsvermoë van Emvelo WEF is tot 200 MW, Rochdale WEF is tot 220 MW en Sheepmoor tot 360 MW. Elke WEF sal bestaan uit verskeie geboue, toegangspaaie, 'n battery-energieberging stelsel (BESS) en 'n substasie naaf met gepaardgaande elektriese netwerk infrastruktuur soos, maar nie beperk tot 'n 132kV oorhoofse transmissie kraglyn wat die WEF met die nasionale elektriese netwerk verbind.

Ontwikkelings ligging: Die voorgestelde Amsterdam WEF se cluster is 30 km oos van Ermelo binne die Msukaligwa Plaaslike Munisipaliteit en Gert Sibande Distriksmunisipaliteit geleë.

Aansoek proses: Ingevolge Hoofstuk 5 van die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur, 1998 (Wet 107 van 1998 – NEMA), Omgewings Impak studie (EIA) Regulasies, 2014 (soos gewysig), het die Projek aansoekers, Environmental Resources Management (Edms) Bpk (ERM) aangestel om as projek bestuurder op te tree en die Omvang- en Omgewings Impak bepalings prosesse (S&EIA) as die onafhanklike omgewings impak bepalings praktisyn (EAP) te onderneem.

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ERM webtuiste *(beskikbaar vir aflaai)*	Proposed Amsterdam wind energy facility and auxiliary infrastructure cluster in Mpumalanga (erm.com)

Na afloop van die openbare deelname van 30 dae, sal die kommentaar aangespreek en opgeneem word in die Finale Omvang verslae, wat aan die DFFE voorgelê sal word vir goedkeuring om na die EIA-fase te vorder.

Let wel, met betrekking tot die Wet op die Beskerming van Persoonlike Inligting (PoPI Wet 4 van 2013, soos gewysig): Indien u versoek om as 'n I&AP te registreer, sal u persoonlike inligting aan 'n appel kandidaat beskikbaar gestel word in die geval van 'n appèl, en 'n aansoeker/EAP/onafhanklike persoon vir doeleindes daarvan om ingelig te word en toegang tot 'n ouditverslag te kry.

Korrespondensie gedurende die aansoek proses sal slegs aan geregistreerde I &AP's versprei word. Registrasie is moontlik gedurende die aansoek proses.

Dankie vir die belangstelling in die projek.

Lucien Barbeau
Omgewings consultant
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22 August 2024

ERM Reference: 0684401

Dear Interested and Affected Party, Stakeholder, Organ of State

NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT OF THE PROPOSED AMSTERDAM WIND ENERGY FACILITY (EMVELO, ROCHDALE AND SHEEPMOOR) CLUSTER, NEAR ERMELO, MPUMALANGA

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process (PPP) to be undertaken in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA, 1998), as amended.

DFFE Reference(s): To Be Confirmed

Nature of Activity: Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd, Rochdale Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd and Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd ('the Project Applicants') are proposing the construction and operation of three (3) Wind Energy Facilities (WEF). The potential generation capacity of Emvelo WEF is up to 200 MW, Rochdale WEF is up to 220 MW and Sheepmoor up to 360 MW. Each WEF will comprise various buildings, access roads, a battery energy storage system (BESS), and a substation hub with associated electrical grid infrastructure such as but not limited to a 132kV overhead transmission powerline connecting the WEF to the national electrical grid network.

Development Location: The proposed Mulilo WEF's Cluster are located 30 km east of Ermelo within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, and Gert Sibande District Municipality.

Application Process: In terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998 – NEMA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the Project Applicants appointed Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd (ERM), to act as the project manager and to undertake the Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment (S&EIA) processes as the independent environmental impact assessment practitioner (EAP).

ERM has submitted three separate Environmental Applications, including separate Draft Scoping Reports to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

Invitation to Comment: Members of the public, local communities, and stakeholders are invited to comment on the Draft Scoping Reports, which is available for public review and comment, from **Thursday, 22 August 2024 until the Saturday, 21 September 2024 (both days inclusive)**, as per Table 1 below.

Table 1: Public Review and Comment Locations

Location	Physical Address
Electronic Copy Locations (Available for download below)	
Via One Drive	I&APs can request for copies to be sent via one drive shared folder.
Hard Copy Location	

Registered office
Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd
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The Woodlands Office Park
Woodlands Drive, Woodmead
2148, Johannesburg, South Africa

Registered number: 2003/001404/07
VAT registration: 4780205482

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Directors
Claudio Bertora
Urmilla Bob (Non-Executive)
Tania Swanepoel
Marinda Rasmussen

Ermelo Public Library	Ermelo, 2350
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Should you wish to be registered as an I&AP and / or would like comment please submit your name, interest in the project or comment, email and postal address and telephone number in writing to the below address:	
Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd	
Project Reference: 0684401 Mulilo WEF Cluster	**Contact Person:** Lucien Barbeau
Email: ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com	**Telephone:** +27117985400
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Following the 30-day public participation, the comments will be addressed and incorporated into the Final Scoping Reports, which will be submitted to the DFFE for approval to progress to the EIA Phase.

Please note, regarding the Protection of Personal Information Act (PoPI Act 4 of 2013, as amended): If you request to register as an I&AP, your personal information will be made available to an appellant in the case of an appeal, and an applicant/EAP/independent person for purposes of being informed and given access to an audit report.

Correspondence throughout the Application Process will only be distributed to Registered I&APs. Registration is possible throughout the Application Process.

Thank you for the interest in the project.

Sadiya Salie
Environmental Consultant
Environmental Resources Management (Pty) Ltd

From:	Lucien Barbeau
To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject:	Automatic reply: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date:	Thursday, 22 August 2024 17:33:36

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Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024 17:33:52

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From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: Gavin Cowden; Robyn Luyt; "Mervyn Lotter"
Subject: Re: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Friday, 23 August 2024 12:58:08
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Kind Regards,
SIndi

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Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Friday, 23 August 2024 13:22:02
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Good day Sindy,

Thank you for your query.

The report content of the versions you have has not changed with the resubmission, other than the amendment of the dates of public participation (PP), and thus the versions you have can be used to confirm receipt if you are happy to do so. Additional copies of the reports (including the amended dates for PP) have been couriered to you and should be with you soon.

Please let me know if you have any queries regarding the above.

Kind regards,

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Stephen Burton
Principal Consultant: Ecology and Biodiversity Pr. Sci.Nat.
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[redacted] of regular working hours, it is because it suits my schedule, but I don't expect you to read, respond or action it outside of your regular hours.

From: Sindy Mbuyane <mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 12:58 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: Gavin Cowden <GCowden@mpg.gov.za>; Robyn Luyt <RLuyt@mpg.gov.za>; 'Mervyn Lotter' <Mervyn.Lotter@mtpa.co.za>
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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
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Good day,

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Kind regards,

Pamela Madondo
Environment Compliance Specialist
Aviation Environmental Protection
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Good morning

Kindly note that our comments still stands.



Tebego Kgaphola

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Branch: Biodiversity and Conservation
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Sent: Thursday, 22 August 2024 17:32
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To: [redacted]
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received the Application Form and Draft Scoping Report for Environmental Authorisation for the abovementioned project on 22 August 2024. You have submitted these documents to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended.

Kindly note that your application for Environmental Authorisation falls within the ambit of an application applied for in terms of Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. You are therefore referred to Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended.

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You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Kind Regards,
Salome Mambane
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From: [redacted]
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Cc: [redacted]
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Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW APPLICATION FORM AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING A GRID CONNECTION, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY ,MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

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From: Mpilo Masondo
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Monday, 02 September 2024 21:58:17

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Good day,

Please could you send the kmz files of the proposed projects to see whether any of our current or future projects will be affected.

Regards,
Mpilo

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Sent: Thursday, 22 August 2024 17:33
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RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Tuesday, 03 September 2024 09:56:47
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Amsterdam (2023-08-16).kmz

Good day,

Please see attached KMZ files as requested.

Kind Regards

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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga

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Thank you and regards,

Stephanie Gopaul

Environmental Assessment Practitioner

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: [CAUTION:EXTERNAL EMAIL] Notification of Submission: Draft scoping Report Amsterdam WEFs, near Ermelo, Mpumalanga
Date: Tuesday, 03 September 2024 09:55:00
Attachments: image001.png
Amsterdam (2023-08-16).kmz

Good day,

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Kind Regards

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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Re: VOORGESTELDE ERMELO WINDPLASE
Date: Tuesday, 10 September 2024 20:22:03
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Dankie vir uit maar EIENDOM GRENSE word nie getoon nie.
Uitleg dus nutteloos aangesien grense noodsaaklik is om enige kommentaar te lewer voor periode daarvoor verstryk (20/9/24)
VERSOEK DUS DRINGEND UITLEG WAT EIENDOM GRENSE EN PAAIE DUIDELIK TOON
Vertrou op u spoedige reaksie
By voorbaat dank

On Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 9:45 AM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

> Good day,
>
> Kindly see attached Layout of Proposed WEF's. Additional information on the project can be found in the link below:
>
> https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/
>
> Kind Regards,

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From: [redacted]
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From: Josua Meyer
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Re: SHEEPMOOR, EMVELO WIND ENERGIE PROJEKTE
Date: Tuesday, 10 September 2024 20:29:05
Attachments: image001.png

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On Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 12:09 PM ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

> Good day,
>
> Thank you for your comment, you will now be added to the I&AP database.
>
> Below is a link to the Aida form, there will be no need to register in order to fill out the form:
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> https://mulilowef.aidaform.com/public-participation-form
>
> Thank you,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 11:00 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Fwd: SHEEPMOOR, EMVELO WIND ENERGIE PROJEKTE

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From: [redacted]
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Subject: SHEEPMOOR, EMVELO WIND ENERGIE PROJEKTE
To: <lucien.barbeau@erm.com>

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Waardeer

Josua Meyer

081 019 22130684401 Mulilo WEF-cluster

From: [redacted]

Subject: Attendance Register | Mulilo Renewable Energies engagement
Date: Wednesday, 11 September 2024 14:52:58
Attachments: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF_Attendance Register_11Sep2024.pdf

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good afternoon everyone,

Herewith the attendance register of physical attendees at today's meeting for your records.

Kind Regards
Robyn

Robyn Luyt B.A., B.Sc., B.Sc (Hons) M.Sc., Pr.Sci.Nat. (400327/11), EAPASA (2019/1293)
Director: Environmental Impact Management
Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environmental Affairs
Mpumalanga Provincial Government
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>>> Lloyd Barnes 09/09/24 11:48 AM >>>

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER:
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEV, LAND AND ENVIROMENTAL AFFAIRS

A.MEETING DETAILS:

Name of Meeting	MULILO WEF MEETING
District	
Venue	2ND FLOOR, CYCAD BOARDROOM
Date/Time	11 SEPTEMBER 2024
Meeting No	

B.SUMMARY OF PARTICIPATION

	GENDER		AGE				POPULATION					PWDs		PARTICIPANTS	FACILITATOR
	MALE	FEMALE	0-18	19-35	36-59	60+	African	Coloured	Asian	White		Yes	No		
TOTAL															

R. Luyt
INITIAL &SURNAME OF PROGRAMME MANAGER/FACILITATOR

SIGNATURE

11/09/2024
DATE

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2. GAVIN COWDEN	DARDLEA(EPPC)	[redacted]		✓			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
3. Florah Lekaka	MTPA	[redacted]	Florah.Lekaka@		✓	✓			✓					✓	
4. Mixo Hlatshwayo	MTPA	[redacted]	mixo.hlatshwayo.		✓	✓			✓					✓	
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6. Mervyn Lotter	MTPA	[redacted]		✓			✓					✓			
7. [illegible]	MTPA	[redacted]		✓				✓	✓					✓	
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9. Lloyd Barnes	Mulilo	[redacted]		✓		✓						✓		✓	
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11. Oluwafemi Fatunde	DARDLEA	[redacted]			✓		✓		✓					✓	

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From: Khanyisile Mabunda
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Automatic reply: Mulilo Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo EIA Phase Methodology
Date: Wednesday, 11 September 2024 15:28:30

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day,
Thank you for your email.

Kindly note that I am out of office and unavailable until 16 September 2024.
I will respond to correspondence upon my return.

Best Regards,
Khanyisile.
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Date: Wednesday, 11 September 2024 15:28:50
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Good day,

Kindly see attached Impact Assessment Phase Methodology as requested.

Thank you,

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1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the assessment of impacts in an EIA is to evaluate the likely extent and overall significance that a potential impact may have on an identified receptor or resource. Another important aspect of the assessment of impacts is to quantify those impacts that are not scientific-based or evidence-based and include the opinions of others (i.e., the involvement and comment from I&APs).

A successful assessment of the potential significance of impacts will include the description and development of measures that will be taken to avoid, minimise or compensate for any adverse environmental impacts, to enhance positive impacts, and to report the significance of residual impacts that occur following mitigation.

A 7-step approach for the determination of significance of potential impacts was developed by ERM to align with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended). The approach is both objective and scientific based to allow appointed specialists and EAPs to retain independence throughout the assessment process.

ERM has adapted this 7-step approach from standard ranking metrics such as the Hacking Method, Crawford Method etc. The ERM 7-step approach complies with the method provided in the EIA guideline document (GN 654 of 2010) and considers international EIA Regulatory reporting standards such as the newly amended European Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (2014/52/EU).

The 7-Step approach for determining the significance of impacts pre, and post mitigation, is described below:

- **Step 1:** Predict potential impacts by means of an appraisal of:
    - Site Surveys,
    - Project-related components and infrastructure,
    - Activities related with the project life-cycle,
    - The nature and profile of the receiving environment and potential sensitive environmental features and attributes,
    - Input received during public participation from all stakeholders, and
    - The relevant legal framework applicable to the proposed development
- **Step 2**: Determination of whether the potential impacts identified in **Step 1** will be *direct* (caused by construction, operation, decommissioning or maintenance activities on the proposed development site or immediate surroundings of the site), *indirect* (not immediately observable or do not occur on the proposed development site or immediate surroundings of the site), *residual* (those impacts which remain after post mitigation) and *cumulative* (the combined impact of the project when considered in conjunction with similar projects in proximity).
- **Step 3:** Description and determination of the significance of the predicted impacts in terms of the criteria below to ensure a consistent and systematic basis for the decision-making process. Significance is numerically quantified on the basis score of the following impact parameters:
    1. *Extent* **(E)** of the impact: The geographical extent of the impact on a given environmental receptor.
    2. *Duration* **(D)** of the impact: The length of permanence of the impact on the environmental receptor.
    3. *Reversibility* **(R) of the impact**: The ability of the environmental receptor to rehabilitate or restore after the activity has caused environmental change

4. *Magnitude* **(M)** of the impact: The degree of alteration of the affected environmental receptor.
5. *Probability* **(P)** of the impact: The likelihood of the impact actually occurring.

A widely accepted numerical quantification of significance is the formula:

S=(E+D+R+M)*P

Where: *Significance=(Extent+Duration+Reversibility+Magnitude) * Probability*

The following has also been considered when determining the significance of a potential impact.

6. **Nature (N)** of the impact: A description of what causes the effect, what will be affected, and how it will be affected.
7. **Status (S)** of the impact: described as either positive, negative or neutral
8. **Cumulative impacts**.
9. Inclusion of **Public comment.**

The significance of environmental impacts is determined and ranked by considering the criteria presented in **Table 1** below. All criteria are rank according to 'Very Low', 'Low', 'Moderate', 'High' and 'Very High' and are assigned scores of 1 to 5 respectively.

Table 1: Defining the significant in terms of the impact criteria.

Impact Criteria	Definition	Score	Criteria Description
Extent (E)	Site	1	Impact is on the site only
	Local	2	Impact is localized inside the activity area
	Regional	3	Impact is localized outside the activity area
	National	4	Widespread impact beyond site boundary. May be defined in various ways, e.g. cadastral, catchment, topographic
	International	5	Impact widespread far beyond site boundary. Nationally or beyond
Duration (D)	Immediate	1	On impact only
	Short term	2	Quickly reversible, less than project life. Usually up to 5 years.
	Medium term	3	Reversible over time. Usually between 5 and 15 years.
	Long term	4	Longer than 10 years. Usually for the project life.
	Permanent	5	Indefinite
Magnitude (M)	Very Low	1	No impact on processes
	Low	2	Qualitative: Minor deterioration, nuisance or irritation, minor change in species/habitat/diversity or resource, no or very little quality deterioration. Quantitative: No measurable change; Recommended level will never be exceeded.
	Moderate	3	Qualitative: Moderate deterioration, discomfort, Partial loss of habitat /biodiversity /resource or slight or alteration. Quantitative: Measurable deterioration; Recommended level will occasionally be exceeded.

Impact Criteria	Definition	Score	Criteria Description
	High	4	Qualitative: Substantial deterioration death, illness or injury, loss of habitat /diversity or resource, severe alteration or disturbance of important processes. Quantitative: Measurable deterioration; Recommended level will often be exceeded(e.g. pollution)
	Very High	5	Permanent cessation of processes
Reversibility (R)	Reversible	1	Recovery which does not require rehabilitation and/or mitigation.
	Recoverable	3	Recovery which does require rehabilitation and/or mitigation.
	Irreversible	5	Not possible, despite action. The impact will still persist, and no mitigation will remedy or reverse the impact.
Probability (P)	Improbable	1	Not likely at all. No known risk or vulnerability to natural or induced hazards
	Low Probability	2	Unlikely; low likelihood; Seldom; low risk or vulnerability to natural or induced hazards
	Probable	3	Possible, distinct possibility, frequent; medium risk or vulnerability to natural or induced hazards.
	Highly Probable	4	Highly likely that there will be a continuous impact. High risk or vulnerability to natural or induced hazards
	Definite	5	Definite, regardless of prevention measures.

The *significance* (s) of potential impacts identified according to the criteria above has been colour coded for the purpose of comparison. This colour coding will be used in impact tables.

Significance is deemed Negative (-)			Significance is deemed Positive (+)		
0 - 30	**31 - 60**	**61 - 100**	**0 - 30**	**31 - 60**	**61 - 100**
Low	**Moderate**	**High**	**Low**	**Moderate**	**High**

- **Step 4:** Determination of practical and reasonable mitigation measures based on specialists' inputs and field observations following the mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimise, manage, mitigate, or rehabilitate).

- **Step 5:** Evaluation of predicted residual impacts after implementation of mitigation measures.

- **Step 6:** Determination of the significance of the impact taking into consideration the predicted residual impacts after implementation of mitigation measures.

- **Step 7:** Based on an acceptable significance of the impact, determination of the need and desirability of the proposed development and an opinion as to whether the development should proceed or not.

The Assessment of the significance of potential impacts is then populated in an Impact Summary Table.

2 IMPACT SUMMARY TABLE

Please copy the below table into your reports for any impact assessments required.

Impact Phase: Detail if the impact will take place during Construction/ Operation/Decommissioning					
Nature of the impact: Name of impact					
Description of Impact: Detailed description of impact xxxx …					
Impact Status: Detail of the impact is Positive, Neutral or Negative					
	E	**D**	**R**	**M**	**P**
Without Mitigation	Local	Medium Term	x	x	x
Score	2	3	x	x	x
With Mitigation	Site	Short Term	x	x	x
Score	1	2	x	x	x
Significance Calculation	**Without Mitigation**		**With Mitigation**		
S=(E+D+R+M)*P	Moderate Negative Impact (42)		Low Negative Impact (25)		
Was public comment received?	YES/NO. If yes, provide a bullet summary of main concerns.				
Has public comment been included in mitigation measures?	YES/NO, if NO then WHY? If YES then HOW/WHERE				
Mitigation measures to reduce residual risk or enhance opportunities: *List and describe* *Aaa* *Aaa* *Aaa* *Aaa* *Aaaa* …					
Residual impact	*Describe the impact.*				

3 ASSESSMENT OF CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

In relation to an activity, cumulative impact means *"the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may be significant when added to the existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities"* (NEMA EIA Reg GN R982 of 2014).

Specialists are required to assess cumulative impacts associated with similar developments within a 35 km radius of the proposed developments. The purpose of the cumulative assessment is to test if such impacts are relevant to the proposed developments in the proposed locations (i.e. whether the addition of the proposed project in the area will increase the impact). In this regard, specialist studies considered whether the construction of the proposed development will result in:

- Unacceptable risk
- Unacceptable loss
- Complete or whole-scale changes to the environment or sense of place
- Unacceptable increase in impact

Cumulative Impacts will be assessed and populate in a cumulative impact summary table.

Please copy the below table into your reports for any impact assessments required.

Cumulative Impact: Name of impact					
Description of Cumulative Impact: Detailed description of cumulative impact xxxx …					
Impact Status: Detail of the impact is Positive, Neutral or Negative					
	E	**D**	**R**	**M**	**P**
Without Enhancement	Local	Medium Term	x	x	x
Score	2	3	x	x	x
With Enhancement	Site	Short Term	x	x	x
Score	1	2	x	x	x
Significance Calculation	**Without Enhancement**		**With Enhancement**		
S=(E+D+R+M)*P	Moderate Negative Impact (42)		Low Negative Impact (25)		
Can Impacts be Enhanced?	YES/NO and HOW/WHY				
Enhancement: *List and describe* *Aaa* *Aaa* *Aaa* *Aaa* *Aaaa* …					
Residual impact	*Describe the impact.*				

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Last Name

Who do you represent?

Organisation

Designation

Your Email

Your Phone Number

Alternative Phone Number

Your Address

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Street Address Line 2

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Country

What is your interest in the projects?

Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?

Please copy and paste the link onto a browser (https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/)

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster?

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- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

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From: Ryan David-Andersen
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Registration as I&AP for Mpumalanga Projects
Date: Friday, 13 September 2024 08:24:04
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Dear ERM

Please may you register my details in signature below for any Mpumalanga projects - including Amsterdam - we are developing a wind farm near Ermelo named Zephyr.

Thanks very much

Ryan David-Andersen
Senior Development Manager
AMDA Developments (Pty) Ltd

[redacted]

AMDA developments

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Date: Friday, 13 September 2024 10:12:58
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From: [redacted]

Subject: SR Comments | Emvelo WEF Amsterdam Cluster
Date: Tuesday, 17 September 2024 14:43:31
Attachments: Comments SR_Emvelo WEF_5G-30.pdf
Importance: High

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Dear Madam,

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION ON PORTIONS 1, 2 & 5 OF THE FARM SCHIMMELHOEK 272 IT, PORTIONS 3, 6, 7, 8 & 13 OF THE FARM ONVERWACHT 273 IT, PORTION 3 OF THE FARM ONVERWACHT 287 IT, PORTIONS 1, 2, 9 & 10 OF THE FARM ZWARTWATER 288 IT, PORTIONS 6, 10, 11 & RE/3 OF THE FARM WELTEVREDEN 289 IT, AND PORTION RE/7 OF THE FARM WITPUNT 267 IT, ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The draft scoping report which was submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 27 August 2024 has reference. The Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:

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2. The proposed development is within a 30km radius of four (4) nature reserves i.e. Ahlers, Langcarel, Josua Moolman, and Laughing Waters Private Nature Reserves. The Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment **is within 5km** of the proposed site.
3. The proposed Rochdale WEF and associated grid connection is located in an area comprising a high diversity of threatened bird species, including the following confirmed on site: African Marsh Harrier (Regionally Endangered), Denham's Bustard (Globally Near Threatened, Regionally Vulnerable), Secretarybird (Globally Endangered, Regionally Vulnerable), White-bellied Bustard (Regionally Vulnerable), Blue Crane (Globally Vulnerable, Regionally Near Threatened), Grey Crowned Crane (Globally and Regionally Endangered), Martial Eagle (Globally and Regionally Endangered), Lanner Falcon (Regionally Vulnerable), Greater Flamingo (Regionally Near Threatened), Southern Bald Ibis (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable), Cape Vulture (Globally Vulnerable and Regionally Endangered), and Yellow-breasted Pipit (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable).
4. DARDLEA is therefore concerned that the location of the Rochdale Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is not compatible with the desired land use. The WEF and all associated infrastructure is not a land use, in accordance with the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), that will support the inherent biodiversity values of CBAs.
5. Furthermore, **intact grassland patches** are located within the site footprint. DARDLEA does not support the development of WEFs (or any non-compatible land use) within intact grassland

patches. The MBSP specifically incorporated climate change into spatial priorities through the prioritisation of the connectivity of remaining intact grassland patches in the province, as they provide habitat for species to thrive, and allow for their dispersal. Intact grasslands are crucial for supporting threatened avifauna.

6. It is acknowledged that the layout plan in the draft Scoping Report is preliminary, and that you have confirmed that it will be revised further during the EIA phase to be informed by buffers and constraints provided by specialists. Such constraints identified in the specialist reports to date include: the laydown areas in bat sensitive areas; the location of the substation and O&M buildings in sensitive aquatic areas; and the location of all but 3 turbines in avifaunal exclusion zones. It must be noted though, that these 3 turbines are all still located in **Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)**, and one of them (WTG5) is in a CBA Irreplaceable area. Furthermore, all associated infrastructure (laydown areas, transmission lines, substation) is located in KBAs, and the laydown areas are in CBA Irreplaceable areas. The location of turbines and associated infrastructure in KBAs and CBA Irreplaceable areas is not supported.
7. We are concerned that cumulative impacts will not be dealt with adequately. While the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment has set a limit of 30km for the assessment of cumulative impacts, this should be viewed as a minimum requirement. Due to the extremely sensitive habitat within which all wind farms in the region have either been authorised or are currently in process, it is our view that all authorised and in-process wind farms in the Gert Sibande District should be included in the assessment of cumulative impacts. Currently these include Ujekamanzi WEF 1, Ujekamanzi WEF 2, Ummbila Emoyeni WEF (authorised, and within 55km); Phefumula Emoyeni WEF (within 40km); Zephyr WEF (within 30km), Mukondeleli WEF (authorised) as well as Camden I and II, Sheepmoor WEF and Emvelo WEF. The cumulative assessment must, *inter alia*, identify the species and habitats most at risk of cumulative impacts, and identify key uncertainties. The definition of cumulative impacts as per the EIA Regulations is "the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may be significant when added to the existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities". A comparative assessment of the impacts of this proposed facility, in relation to and in conjunction with, adjacent and surrounding renewable energy facilities should therefore be provided in the EIA Report.
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      - Where infrastructure is to be developed in CBAs and Intact Grassland Patches, the impact of the loss of CBAs and intact grassland habitat in terms of metapopulation dynamics (ie. how the loss of source areas will impact areas of low quality habitat that cannot support a population of species on its own) must be assessed.
      - The Site Ecological Importance methodology, as per the requirements of the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines, must be demonstrated to have been applied.
      - The impact of the potential loss of ecological drivers on ecological processes must be analysed ie. fire, which is an important driver for the maintenance of grassland biodiversity.

   9.2 Avifauna: DARDLEA supports the avifaunal specialists' recommendations to remove turbines from the "exclusion zones" identified during pre-construction monitoring. However, in the proposed re-assessment of the layout, the Avifaunal Assessment must consider and include the following:
      - The Birds and Wind-Energy Best-Practice Guidelines state that the duration of pre-construction monitoring should be extended (beyond 12 months) where there is a high risk of significant impacts on priority species. Sufficient evidence of high risk of significant impact on avifauna on site and within the Project Area of Influence exists to extend minimum pre-construction monitoring requirements to adequately assess impacts and determine appropriate mitigation measures. Where the layout of the proposed wind farm does not avoid all sensitive features, corridors and buffers (e.g. CBAs, intact grasslands patches, KBAs, pans and all waterbodies, and provide

shaped buffers for such features), additional monitoring must be undertaken to confirm the full spectrum of prevailing environmental conditions to ensure avoidance of significant impacts.

- Intact grassland patches are important habitat for foraging, and facilitate avifauna breeding and movement. Intact grassland patches must be considered and incorporated in the analysis of impact zones applicable to avifauna.
- Buffers for waterbodies / aquatic features – confirm the rationale in their determination and how their sizes (210m around drainage lines, and 110m around wetland no-go zones) were determined to be sufficient to account for movement of birds through the site, and protection of roosting areas and flight behaviours (approaching and leaving roost sites, foraging sites etc).
- DARDLEA is especially concerned that the site comprises habitat suitable for species with low detection probability, including the Globally Vulnerable Yellow-breasted Pipit, and Endangered Rudd's Lark, and the Critically Endangered Species 23. The precautionary principle must be applied in the undertaking of comprehensive habitat-based assessments in order to robustly delineate flyways and movement corridors for these species.
- Confirmation of compliance with vantage point requirements. Based on our viewshed analysis it appears that only 45-50% of the site is covered vs the required 75%, and that some turbines have been located outside of vantage point visibility.
- DARDLEAs position is that blade painting will be a non-negotiable, compulsory requirement for all authorised wind farms in the province, and Shut Down on Demand (SDoD) would be a compulsory adaptive management requirement. However, since neither of these measures are effective for night flying birds, which have been confirmed on and adjacent to the site, a separate operational impact analysis must be undertaken for "Mortality of priority night flying species due to collisions with the wind turbines".
- The night-flying greater flamingo was confirmed on site, and there is currently no known technology to mitigate for the collision of night flying birds.
- Due to the sensitivity of avifauna using the area, and the presence of pans and wetlands on and adjacent to the site, as well as the presence of night-flying birds, tracking data should be acquired to augment the 2D models used.
- Surveys and tracking should be undertaken to determine the collision risks for nocturnal species.
- A site-specific list of priority avifaunal species for wind farms for this particular region must be developed, which must include all wetland species (noting that the priority species list published by BirdLife South Africa in 2012 does not include most wetland species, and did not include Mpumalanga).
- Appropriate fatality thresholds (turbine collision, as well as power line collision and electrocution) need to be defined and agreed on **within and as part of the EIA process**, which must then be incorporated into the impact analysis.
- It is acknowledged that the Martial Eagle nest turbine no-go buffer is currently being investigated further with detailed modelling and additional survey work, to inform the final no-go area during the EIA phase. Latest available information from literature, specialists and BirdLife must be consulted during this exercise. This must include BirdLife's and EWT's recommendations of 5-6km buffer for Martial Eagle nests, noting however that Martial Eagles are known to have large breeding territories, and any buffer must be supported by the birds' actual use of an area.

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- Appropriate fatality thresholds need to be defined and agreed on within the EIA process and incorporated in the impact analysis.
- Separate mitigation measures need to be considered in more detail for high-flying bat species (i.e. Egyptian Free-Tailed bat) and lower-level bat species (e.g. Cape Serotine) in the EIA, i.e. different turbine design, blade / rotor sweep size and height, should be investigated for the specific wind turbines located adjacent to areas where these different bat species occur.

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- Research has demonstrated that turbines can affect the conditions required for mist formation, and that wind farms warm the land surface, especially at night. Altered microclimates will affect the conditions that support the highveld grasslands. Biodiversity and agricultural potential will potentially be affected. A Microclimate Impact Assessment must be undertaken, which must inform the terrestrial biodiversity study as well as the Agricultural Assessment. The impact of this WEF on the micro-climate, in particular the potential impact on precipitation, soil moisture, soil temperature, etc. therefore also needs to be assessed as part of the EIA.

10. All relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, BirdLife SA, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Gert Sibande District Municipality (GSDM), Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWRT), and Msukaligwa Local Municipality must be must be consulted and provided with an opportunity of at least 30 days to submit comments.
11. The public participation process must be demonstrated to have been conducted in accordance with Regulations 39 – 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
12. Please provide this Department with an opportunity to review and engage with your response to these comments prior to the submission the final scoping report.
13. We are concerned that the proposed development site is not suitable for the development of wind energy infrastructure, and do not support the layout in its current form.

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The draft scoping report which was submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 27 August 2024 has reference. The Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:

1. The proposed Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is located in areas identified as CBA Irreplaceable and Optimal **(over 28%)**, Intact Grassland Patches **(36%),** Key Biodiversity Areas **(9.3%)**, ESAs, Priority Focus Areas, Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas and Threatened Ecosystems (Endangered). Furthermore, 84% of the site falls within Grasslands SA020, Important Bird Area (IBA), and close to two other Important Bird Areas.
2. The proposed Sheepmoor WEF and associated grid connection is located in an area comprising a high diversity of threatened bird species, including the following confirmed on site: African Marsh Harrier (Regionally Endangered); Denham's Bustard (Globally Near Threatened, Regionally Vulnerable); Secretarybird (Globally Endangered, Regionally Vulnerable); White-bellied Bustard (Regionally Vulnerable), Blue Crane (Globally Vulnerable, Regionally Near Threatened); Grey Crowned Crane (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Martial Eagle (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Lanner Falcon (Regionally Vulnerable); Greater Flamingo (Regionally Near Threatened); Southern Bald Ibis (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable); Cape Vulture (Globally Vulnerable and Regionally Endangered); and Yellow-breasted Pipit (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable).
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5. The proposed Sheepmoor WEF development is within a 10km-30km radius of three protected private nature reserves (Ahlers, Langcarel and Josua Moolman), and the Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment is within 10km of the proposed site.
6. DARDLEA is therefore concerned that the proposed location of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is not compatible with the desired land use. The WEF and all associated infrastructure is not a land use, in accordance with the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), that will support the inherent biodiversity values of CBAs.
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day,

Thank you for your email.

Please note that I am currently on site and will not be responding to emails. I will be back in office on Thursday and once I'm back in office, I will reply to your email as soon as possible.

If you have any urgent queries, please contact me on 063 082 9515.

Kind regards
Gail Wheeler

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Hi Lloyd,

We have gone through the comments and are happy to meet sometime during the course of today to discuss the way forward. Please would you let us know a suitable time today to meet.

Thank you,

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day team,

Please advise if we require a meeting to discuss these comments.

Noting that specialist responses will be required.

Please can we mobilise on this asap.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Stephanie,

Please find herewith DARDLEAs comments on the draft Scoping Report for the Emvelo WEF and Grid Connection.

Comments for Sheepmoor and Rochdale to follow.

Kind Regards
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Lucien,

Could we please meet between 2 and 4.

Please will you include the necessary specialists.

Kind Regards,

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Hi Lloyd,

We have gone through the comments and are happy to meet sometime during the course of today to discuss the way forward. Please would you let us know a suitable time today to meet.

Thank you,

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Good day team,

Please advise if we require a meeting to discuss these comments.

Noting that specialist responses will be required.

Please can we mobilise on this asap.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Stephanie,

Please find herewith DARDLEAs comments on the draft Scoping Report for the Emvelo WEF and Grid Connection.

Comments for Sheepmoor and Rochdale to follow.

Kind Regards
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Dear Madam,

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The draft scoping report which was submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 27 August 2024 has reference. The Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:

1. The proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is located in areas identified as CBA Irreplaceable and Optimal **(over 21%)**, Intact Grassland Patches **(33%)**, Key Biodiversity Areas **(21.4%)**, ESAs, Priority Focus Areas, Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas and Threatened Ecosystems (Endangered). Furthermore, 43% of the site falls within Grasslands SA020 Important Bird Area (IBA), and close to two other Important Bird Areas.
2. The proposed Emvelo WEF and associated grid connection is located in an area comprising a high diversity of threatened bird species, including the following confirmed on site: African Marsh Harrier (Regionally Endangered); Denham's Bustard (Globally Near Threatened, Regionally Vulnerable); Secretary bird (Globally Endangered, Regionally Vulnerable); White-bellied Bustard (Regionally Vulnerable), Blue Crane (Globally Vulnerable, Regionally Near Threatened); Grey Crowned Crane (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Martial Eagle (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Lanner Falcon (Regionally Vulnerable); Greater Flamingo (Regionally Near Threatened); Southern Bald Ibis (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable); Cape Vulture (Globally Vulnerable and Regionally Endangered); and Yellow-breasted Pipit (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable).
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4. DARDLEA is therefore concerned that the proposed location of the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is not compatible with the desired land use. The WEF and all associated infrastructure is not a land use, in accordance with the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), that will support the inherent biodiversity values of CBAs.

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6. We are concerned that cumulative impacts will not be dealt with adequately. While the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment has set a limit of 30km for the assessment of cumulative impacts, this should be viewed as a minimum requirement. Due to the extremely sensitive habitat within which all wind farms in the region have either been authorised or are currently in process, it is our view that all authorised and in-process wind farms in the Gert Sibande District should be included in the assessment of cumulative impacts. Currently, these include Ujekamanzi WEF 1, Ujekamanzi WEF 2, Ummbila Emoyeni WEF (authorised, and within 55km); Phefumula Emoyeni WEF (within 40km); Mukondeleli WEF (authorised), Zephyr WEF (within 30km), as well as Camden I and II, Sheepmoor WEF and Rochdale WEF. The cumulative assessment must, *inter alia*, identify the species and habitats most at risk of cumulative impacts, and identify key uncertainties. The definition of cumulative impacts as per the EIA Regulations is "the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may be significant when added to the existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities". A comparative assessment of the impacts of this proposed facility, in relation to and in conjunction with, adjacent and surrounding renewable energy facilities should therefore be provided in the EIA Report.
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8. The plan of study for EIA must include and address the following:
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   - Where infrastructure is to be developed in CBAs and Intact Grassland Patches, the impact of the loss of CBAs and intact grassland habitat in terms of metapopulation dynamics (i.e. how the loss of source areas will impact areas of low quality habitat that cannot support a population of species on its own) must be assessed.
   - The Site Ecological Importance methodology, as per the requirements of the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines, must be demonstrated to have been applied.
   - The impact of the potential loss of ecological drivers on ecological processes must be analysed i.e. fire, which is an important driver for the maintenance of grassland biodiversity.

   8.2 Avifauna: DARDLEA supports the avifaunal specialists' recommendations to remove turbines from the "exclusion zones" identified during pre-construction monitoring. However, in the proposed re-assessment of the layout, the Avifaunal Assessment must consider and include the following:
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confirm the full spectrum of prevailing environmental conditions to ensure avoidance of significant impacts.

- Intact grassland patches are important habitat for foraging, and facilitate avifauna breeding and movement. Intact grassland patches must be considered and incorporated in the analysis of impact zones applicable to avifauna.
- Buffers for waterbodies / aquatic features – confirm the rationale in their determination and how their sizes (210m around drainage lines, and 110m around wetland no-go zones) were determined to be sufficient to account for movement of birds through the site, and protection of roosting areas and flight behaviours (approaching and leaving roost sites, foraging sites etc).
- DARDLEA is especially concerned that the site comprises habitat suitable for species with low detection probability, including the Globally Vulnerable Yellow-breasted Pipit, and Endangered Rudd's Lark, and the Critically Endangered Species 23. The precautionary principle must be applied in the undertaking of comprehensive habitat-based assessments in order to robustly delineate flyways and movement corridors for these species.
- Confirmation of compliance with vantage point requirements. Based on our viewshed analysis it appears that only 45-50% of the site is covered vs the required 75%, and that some turbines have been located outside of vantage point visibility.
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- The night-flying greater flamingo was confirmed on site, and there is currently no known technology to mitigate for the collision of night flying birds.
- Due to the sensitivity of avifauna using the area, and the presence of pans and wetlands on and adjacent to the site, as well as the presence of night-flying birds, tracking data should be acquired to augment the 2D models used.
- Surveys and tracking should be undertaken to determine the collision risks for nocturnal species.
- A site-specific list of priority avifaunal species for wind farms for this particular region must be developed, which must include all wetland species (noting that the priority species list published by BirdLife South Africa in 2012 does not include most wetland species, and did not include Mpumalanga).
- Appropriate fatality thresholds (turbine collision, as well as power line collision and electrocution) need to be defined and agreed on **within and as part of the EIA process**, which must then be incorporated into the impact analysis.
- It is acknowledged that the Martial Eagle nest turbine no-go buffer is currently being investigated further with detailed modelling and additional survey work, to inform the final no-go area during the EIA phase. Latest available information from literature, specialists and BirdLife must be consulted during this exercise. This must include BirdLife's and EWT's recommendations of 5-6km buffer for Martial Eagle nests, noting however that Martial Eagles are known to have large breeding territories, and any buffer must be supported by the birds' actual use of an area.

8.3 Bat Assessment

- Appropriate fatality thresholds need to be defined and agreed on within the EIA process and incorporated in the impact analysis.
- Separate mitigation measures need to be considered in more detail for high-flying bat species (i.e. Egyptian Free-Tailed bat) and lower-level bat species (e.g. Cape Serotine) in the EIA, i.e. different turbine design, blade / rotor sweep size and height, should be investigated for the specific wind turbines located adjacent to areas where these different bat species occur.

8.4 Microclimate Impact Assessment

- Research has demonstrated that turbines can affect the conditions required for mist formation, and that wind farms warm the land surface, especially at night. Altered microclimates will affect the conditions that support the highveld grasslands. Biodiversity and agricultural potential will potentially be affected. A Microclimate Impact Assessment must be undertaken, which must inform the terrestrial biodiversity study as well as the Agricultural Assessment. The impact of this WEF on the micro-climate, in particular the potential impact on precipitation, soil moisture, soil temperature, etc. therefore also needs to be assessed as part of the EIA.

9. All relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, BirdLife SA, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Gert Sibande District Municipality (GSDM), Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWRT), and Msukaligwa Local Municipality must be must be consulted and provided with an opportunity of at least 30 days to submit comments.
10. The public participation process must be demonstrated to have been conducted in accordance with Regulations 39 – 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
11. Please provide this Department with an opportunity to review and engage with your response to these comments prior to the submission the final scoping report.
12. We are concerned that the proposed development site is not suitable for the development of wind energy infrastructure, and do not support the layout in its current form.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.

Sincerely,

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Dear Madam,

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION ON PORTIONS 1, 2 & 5 OF THE FARM SCHIMMELHOEK 272 IT, PORTIONS 3, 6, 7, 8 & 13 OF THE FARM ONVERWACHT 273 IT, PORTION 3 OF THE FARM ONVERWACHT 287 IT, PORTIONS 1, 2, 9 & 10 OF THE FARM ZWARTWATER 288 IT, PORTIONS 6, 10, 11 & RE/3 OF THE FARM WELTEVREDEN 289 IT, AND PORTION RE/7 OF THE FARM WITPUNT 267 IT, ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The draft scoping report which was submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 27 August 2024 has reference. The Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:

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2. The proposed development is within a 30km radius of four (4) nature reserves i.e. Ahlers, Langcarel, Josua Moolman, and Laughing Waters Private Nature Reserves. The Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment **is within 5km** of the proposed site.
3. The proposed Rochdale WEF and associated grid connection is located in an area comprising a high diversity of threatened bird species, including the following confirmed on site: African Marsh Harrier (Regionally Endangered), Denham's Bustard (Globally Near Threatened, Regionally Vulnerable), Secretarybird (Globally Endangered, Regionally Vulnerable), White-bellied Bustard (Regionally Vulnerable), Blue Crane (Globally Vulnerable, Regionally Near Threatened), Grey Crowned Crane (Globally and Regionally Endangered), Martial Eagle (Globally and Regionally Endangered), Lanner Falcon (Regionally Vulnerable), Greater Flamingo (Regionally Near Threatened), Southern Bald Ibis (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable), Cape Vulture (Globally Vulnerable and Regionally Endangered), and Yellow-breasted Pipit (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable).
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Dear Madam,

DRAFT SCOPING REPORT: ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED GRID CONNECTION ON VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE FARMS ONVERWACHT 273 IT, ONVERWACHT 287 IT, WAAIHOEK 286 IT, WINDHOEK291 IT, ZWARTWATER 288 IT, WELTERVREDEN 289 IT, WELTERVREDEN 290 IT, MOOIPLAATS 290 IT, WITPUNT 267 IT AND CAMDEN POWER STATION 329 IT, ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The draft scoping report which was submitted by you in respect of the abovementioned application and received by the Department on 27 August 2024 has reference. The Department has considered the content of the report, and has the following comments:

1. The proposed Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is located in areas identified as CBA Irreplaceable and Optimal **(over 28%)**, Intact Grassland Patches **(36%),** Key Biodiversity Areas **(9.3%)**, ESAs, Priority Focus Areas, Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas and Threatened Ecosystems (Endangered). Furthermore, 84% of the site falls within Grasslands SA020, Important Bird Area (IBA), and close to two other Important Bird Areas.
2. The proposed Sheepmoor WEF and associated grid connection is located in an area comprising a high diversity of threatened bird species, including the following confirmed on site: African Marsh Harrier (Regionally Endangered); Denham's Bustard (Globally Near Threatened, Regionally Vulnerable); Secretarybird (Globally Endangered, Regionally Vulnerable); White-bellied Bustard (Regionally Vulnerable), Blue Crane (Globally Vulnerable, Regionally Near Threatened); Grey Crowned Crane (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Martial Eagle (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Lanner Falcon (Regionally Vulnerable); Greater Flamingo (Regionally Near Threatened); Southern Bald Ibis (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable); Cape Vulture (Globally Vulnerable and Regionally Endangered); and Yellow-breasted Pipit (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable).
4. Furthermore, **intact grassland patches** make up **36%** of the site footprint. DARDLEA does not support the development of WEFs (or any non-compatible land use) within intact grassland patches. The MBSP specifically incorporated climate change into spatial priorities through the prioritisation of the connectivity of remaining intact grassland patches in the province, as they provide habitat for species to thrive, and allow for their dispersal. Intact grasslands are crucial for supporting threatened avifauna.

5. The proposed Sheepmoor WEF development is within a 10km-30km radius of three protected private nature reserves (Ahlers, Langcarel and Josua Moolman), and the Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment is within 10km of the proposed site.
6. DARDLEA is therefore concerned that the proposed location of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility and associated grid infrastructure is not compatible with the desired land use. The WEF and all associated infrastructure is not a land use, in accordance with the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), that will support the inherent biodiversity values of CBAs.
7. It is acknowledged that the layout plan in the draft Scoping Report is preliminary, and that you have confirmed that it will be revised further during the EIA phase to be informed by buffers and constraints provided by specialists. Such constraints identified in the specialist reports to date include: the location of laydown areas, O&M Buildings and a substation in avian exclusion zones; the location of the substation and O&M Buildings in a sensitive aquatic area; the location of infrastructure within areas of High faunal sensitivity; the location of the Laydown Area, O&M buildings and the Alternative substation within in no-go bat areas; and the location of all but 3 turbines in avifaunal exclusion zones. It must be noted also that the substation, laydown area, and at least 13 turbines are located in intact grassland patches, and all but 6 turbines are located in an IBA, which is very concerning.
8. We are concerned that cumulative impacts will not be dealt with adequately. While the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment has set a limit of 30km for the assessment of cumulative impacts, this should be viewed as a minimum requirement. Due to the extremely sensitive habitat within which all wind farms in the region have either been authorised or are currently in process, it is our view that all authorised and in-process wind farms in the Gert Sibande District should be included in the assessment of cumulative impacts. These include Ujekamanzi WEF 1, Ujekamanzi WEF 2, Ummbila Emoyeni WEF (authorised, and within 55km); Phefumula Emoyeni WEF (within 40km); Zephyr WEF (within 30km), as well as Camden I and II, Emvelo WEF and Rochdale WEF. The cumulative assessment must, *inter alia*, identify the species and habitats most at risk of cumulative impacts, and identify key uncertainties. The definition of cumulative impacts as per the EIA Regulations is "the past, current and reasonably foreseeable future impact of an activity, considered together with the impact of activities associated with that activity, that in itself may not be significant, but may be significant when added to the existing and reasonably foreseeable impacts eventuating from similar or diverse activities". A comparative assessment of the impacts of this proposed facility, in relation to and in conjunction with, adjacent and surrounding renewable energy facilities should therefore be provided in the EIA Report.
9. Roads to be developed must be included in the draft layout plan, and must be incorporated in the impact analysis.
10. The plan of study for EIA must include and address the following:
    10.1 Terrestrial Biodiversity:
        - Intact Grassland Patches and Key Biodiversity Areas must be identified and considered in the analysis of impacts on terrestrial biodiversity.
        - Where infrastructure is to be developed in CBAs and Intact Grassland Patches, the impact of the loss of CBAs and intact grassland habitat in terms of metapopulation dynamics (ie. how the loss of source areas will impact areas of low quality habitat that cannot support a population of species on its own) must be assessed.
        - The Site Ecological Importance methodology, as per the requirements of the Species Environmental Assessment Guidelines, must be demonstrated to have been applied.
        - The impact of the potential loss of ecological drivers on ecological processes must be analysed ie. fire, which is an important driver for the maintenance of grassland biodiversity.
    10.2 Avifauna: DARDLEA supports the supports the avifaunal specialists' recommendations to remove turbines from the "exclusion zones" identified during pre-construction monitoring. However, in the proposed re-assessment of the layout, the Avifaunal Assessment must consider and include the following:

- The Birds and Wind-Energy Best-Practice Guidelines state that the duration of pre-construction monitoring should be extended (beyond 12 months) where there is a high risk of significant impacts on priority species. Sufficient evidence of high risk of significant impact on avifauna on site and within the Project Area of Influence exists to extend minimum pre-construction monitoring requirements to adequately assess impacts and determine appropriate mitigation measures. Where the layout of the proposed wind farm does not avoid all sensitive features, corridors and buffers (e.g. CBAs, intact grasslands patches, KBAs, pans and all waterbodies, and provide shaped buffers for such features), additional monitoring must be undertaken to confirm the full spectrum of prevailing environmental conditions to ensure avoidance of significant impacts.
- Intact grassland patches are important habitat for foraging, and facilitate avifauna breeding and movement. Intact grassland patches must be considered and incorporated in the analysis of impact zones applicable to avifauna.
- Buffers for waterbodies / aquatic features – confirm the rationale in their determination and how their sizes (210m around drainage lines, and 110m around wetland no-go zones) were determined to be sufficient to account for movement of birds through the site, and protection of roosting areas and flight behaviours (approaching and leaving roost sites, foraging sites etc).
- DARDLEA is especially concerned that the site comprises habitat suitable for species with low detection probability, including the Globally Vulnerable Yellow-breasted Pipit, and Endangered Rudd's Lark, and the Critically Endangered Species 23. The precautionary principle must be applied in the undertaking of comprehensive habitat-based assessments in order to robustly delineate flyways and movement corridors for these species.
- Confirmation of compliance with vantage point requirements. Based on our viewshed analysis it appears that only 45-50% of the site is covered vs the required 75%, and that some turbines have been located outside of vantage point visibility.
- DARDLEAs position is that blade painting will be a non-negotiable, compulsory requirement for all authorised wind farms in the province, and Shut Down on Demand (SDoD) would be a compulsory adaptive management requirement. However, since neither of these measures are effective for night flying birds, which have been confirmed on and adjacent to the site, a separate operational impact analysis must be undertaken for "Mortality of priority night flying species due to collisions with the wind turbines".
- The night-flying greater flamingo was confirmed on site, and there is currently no known technology to mitigate for the collision of night flying birds.
- Due to the sensitivity of avifauna using the area, and the presence of pans and wetlands on and adjacent to the site, as well as the presence of night-flying birds, tracking data should be acquired to augment the 2D models used.
- Surveys and tracking should be undertaken to determine the collision risks for nocturnal species.
- A site-specific list of priority avifaunal species for wind farms for this particular region must be developed, which must include all wetland species (noting that the priority species list published by BirdLife South Africa in 2012 does not include most wetland species, and did not include Mpumalanga).
- Appropriate fatality thresholds (turbine collision, as well as power line collision and electrocution) need to be defined and agreed on **within and as part of the EIA process**, which must then be incorporated into the impact analysis.
- It is acknowledged that the Martial Eagle nest turbine no-go buffer is currently being investigated further with detailed modelling and additional survey work, to inform the final no-go area during the EIA phase. Latest available information from literature, specialists and BirdLife must be consulted during this exercise. This must include BirdLife's and EWT's recommendations of 5-6km buffer for Martial Eagle nests, noting

however that Martial Eagles are known to have large breeding territories, and any buffer must be supported by the birds' actual use of an area.

10.3 Bat Assessment

- Appropriate fatality thresholds need to be defined and agreed on within the EIA process and incorporated in the impact analysis.
- Separate mitigation measures need to be considered in more detail for high-flying bat species (i.e. Egyptian Free-Tailed bat) and lower-level bat species (e.g. Cape Serotine) in the EIA, i.e. different turbine design, blade / rotor sweep size and height, should be investigated for the specific wind turbines located adjacent to areas where these different bat species occur.

10.4 Microclimate Impact Assessment

- Research has demonstrated that turbines can affect the conditions required for mist formation, and that wind farms warm the land surface, especially at night. Altered microclimates will affect the conditions that support the highveld grasslands. Biodiversity and agricultural potential will potentially be affected. A Microclimate Impact Assessment must be undertaken, which must inform the terrestrial biodiversity study as well as the Agricultural Assessment. The impact of this WEF on the micro-climate, in particular the potential impact on precipitation, soil moisture, soil temperature, etc. therefore also needs to be assessed as part of the EIA.

11. All relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, BirdLife SA, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Gert Sibande District Municipality (GSDM), Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (DPWRT), and Msukaligwa Local Municipality must be must be consulted and provided with an opportunity of at least 30 days to submit comments.
12. The public participation process must be demonstrated to have been conducted in accordance with Regulations 39 – 44 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended).
13. Please provide this Department with an opportunity to review and engage with your response to these comments prior to the submission the final scoping report.
14. We are concerned that the proposed development site is not suitable for the development of wind energy infrastructure, and do not support the layout in its current form.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.

Sincerely,

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Hi Lucien

Unfortunately I'm on the road today mostly off network and on a critical timeline so will not be available for 2pm. It was lucky I even received this email, I must have snuck past some network signal.

I'm also on a field trip in remote areas for almost the rest of the month, so looking at and addressing comments is likely to be a challenge before the 23rd.

I had actually archived this project as I queried a few times over the last few months without response, so had assumed it had been parked indefinately.

It seems characteristic of Mulilo to park things for months or years and then suddenly it pops up for immediate response and I cannot in good conscience now tell other clients that have well in advance planned timelines, that they must now wait because Mulilo wants a response immediately.

My apologies for being blunt about this but it happens every time and while I try and accommodate everyone including when urgent matters arise if one is going to follow this sort of approach sooner or later there is going to be a scheduling conflict.

In addition because it is parked so long I have to review all the reports to refresh myself of the specifics, which was not included in my budget or timeline.

Thank you and kind regards
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Dear Ms. Gopaul

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft EIA Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoore Wind Energy facility (WEF) with 23 wind turbines and Auxiliary infrastructure.

Your reference number: **Project 0684401** (DFFE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593)

Our EIA registration/reference number is **LUA 24/3967** (kindly use this number in any further correspondence to us regarding this project)

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

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Dear Ms., Gopaul

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) (23 WIND TURBINES) AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE (1 ON-SITE SUBSTATION WITH A CAPACITY OF 132Kv, AND 1 OVER-HEAD POWERLINE OF APPROXIMATELY 22.3 KM) ON SEVERAL PORTIONS OF FARMS COVERING AN AREA OF 5 918 HA EAST OF ERMELO FOR SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY (PTY) LTD, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER TO BE PROVIDED.

With reference to your correspondence reference **Project no: 0684401** of August 2024, herewith the MTPA comments.

The application has been assessed by using the following tools: Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (2014 as updated 2022) land use guidelines, the DFFE web-based sensitivity screening tool, Environmental legislation NEMA and EIA regulations 2014 as amended, Department of Water and Sanitation and Water Research Commission Guidelines on wetlands, the South African Heritage Resources Act and knowledge to assess Development Applications.

The sensitivity of the area, in which the prospecting activity is proposed and is likely to occur was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014). The sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, sensitivity areas are identified in terms of *Critical Biodiversity Areas* (CBAs) and *Ecological Support Areas* (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are deemed to be

necessary to ensure the protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability and sustainable living and are to remain unaltered.

Comments with regards to the terms of reference for studies needed:

With reference to the assessment of your Draft Scoping Report the MTPA is concerned about the following issues raised with regards to the terms of reference for specialist studies to be done.

1. The alternative sites, although less sensitive to the preferred site, are still located in sensitive areas.
2. Ground truthing and on-site studying of areas regarded as degraded or sensitive and suitable for potential wind turbines must be done considering that cultivated/vegetated lands might be feeding areas for many Species of Conservation Concern. The Site sensitivity verification report must include the feeding areas for SCC.
3. The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas and the preliminary project layout overlain area is a large concern especially in the southeastern part of the study area.
4. The threat of this WEF to the Important Bird Area and the status of globally threatened bird species such as the Southern Bald Ibis and Secretary bird is of concern. The onsite avifaunal study must include local knowledge of the distribution of large birds especially the Blue crane that is a local migrant during the wintertime.
5. Included in the MTPA's comments are the following discussion that illustrates the **need and desirability** of this proposal:

Renewable energy applications

- Given the energy needs of the country, significant emphasis is being placed on the need to transition away from coal towards renewable energy. However, the urgency and desire to approve nearly all renewable energy applications needs to be put into perspective considering the incredible investment and proliferation of new renewable energy projects within Mpumalanga.
- The MTPA and DARDLEA are maintaining a database of renewable energy projects, which include those in the pre-application phase. We can confirm that 61 renewable energy projects have now been submitted within Mpumalanga. Just over 50% of these have been approved to date. 18 of these are for Wind Energy Farms, which together make up for over 233 000 ha, and this amount is growing as the province is being inundated with renewable energy applications.
- The explosion of renewable energy applications does require careful consideration as to the likely impacts. There is no shortage of renewable energy projects within the Province and the Province has room to apply its mind and navigate this space carefully. The province has now over 300 000 ha of renewable energy applications, and the many more than are still to be submitted.

Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), Intact Grassland Patches and Important Bird Areas (IBAs)

- The project **footprint overlaps with a significant amount of Critical Biodiversity Areas** (CBA). 1 488.9 ha (over 28%) of the footprint area is identified as a CBA. Wind farms are not appropriate land uses within CBA areas. Two proposed wind turbines are placed in CBA Irreplaceable areas.
- The MBSP Terrestrial assessment indicates that the project footprint is within CBA: Irreplaceable, CBA: Optimal, ESA: Local Corridor, ESA: Landscape Corridor, ESA: Species Specific, Other Natural Areas, Moderately Modified, and Heavily Modified Areas.
- The MBSP Freshwater Assessment indicates that the project footprint is within ESA: Strategic Water Source Areas, and has CBA: Aquatic River, ESA: Wetland Clusters, ESA: Wetlands, ESA: Important Sub-catchments, Other Natural and Heavily Modified Areas.
- ESA: Strategic Water Source Area (SWSAs) maintain ecological integrity across the entire sub-catchment, paying particular attention to maintaining water quality, water quantity, and habitat integrity. They represent 10% of the surface area producing approximately 50% of Mpumalanga's water. The proposed WEF activity in the area might compromise the quality and quantity of the surface water resources through siltation.
- The whole of the proposed Sheepmoor wind farm falls within an Important Bird Area (IBA), which underscores the need to consider its implications on metapopulation dynamics and the need to avoid wind farms in "source" areas.
- The project area mainly falls within the Mesic Eastern Highveld Grassland (Endangered). A high proportion of this vegetation type is threatened and is generally poorly protected. Hence, it should be carefully managed for the persistence of biodiversity; large areas of natural habitat are needed for many bird species, plants, and numerous wetlands that the Mesic Highveld Grassland supports.
- The proposed project area has a portion of Wakkerstroom Montane Grassland (Least Concern). A variety of land-uses are supported by this area and the conservation and good management of this area depends on the continued land-uses practices that have been able to support this biodiversity. The importance of sustainable development is crucial to the long-term maintenance of the biodiversity and ecosystem services in this area.
- 2 143.6 ha (36 %) of the proposed wind farm is comprised of intact grassland patches. With only 51% of the grasslands remaining in a natural state, very little intact natural grasslands still occur in Mpumalanga. Three proposed wind turbines are placed in intact grassland patches.
- Intact grassland patches are areas larger than 100ha, with little or no gaps or edge effects. They were then prioritised according to their connectivity importance. These intact grasslands are "source" areas for avifaunal species where birth rates are expected to exceed death rates, and no wind farms should be placed anywhere near these intact grassland patches.
- The identification of actual avifaunal source areas may be difficult, but as these intact grassland patches occur within an Important Bird Area (IBA) where there are several nesting and roosting avifaunal species of conservation concern, it highlights their significance and our confidence in confirming these as "source" areas. The presence of these intact grassland patches, CBAs, and the IBAs, is probably the biggest concern that the MTPA may have about the proposed wind farm.

- 84 % of the proposed study area is Important Bird Area and 9.3% of the proposed study area is a Key Biodiversity Area.
- Wind farms are not to be placed in IBAs or intact grassland areas as these are important areas where avifauna should be allowed to thrive and then disperse to other areas.
- Approval of the project in such a location could have far-reaching consequences for threatened bird species, potentially disrupting vital source areas critical for population sustainability.
- The south of the project area falls within the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy (NPAES) Focus Area (Moist Escarpment Grasslands). The Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment overlaps the north of the project area and Jericho Dam Nature Reserve overlaps the eastern part of the project area.
- It is imperative to adopt a precautionary approach and prioritize the conservation of these essential habitats.

Avifaunal concerns

- **Thirteen out of the 23 proposed wind turbines are placed within the 5 km buffer of a Martial Eagles' recommended buffer these should be removed.**
- 26% of the proposed wind turbines are not covered by vantage points.
- The presence of priority bird species for wind energy developments were recorded within the footprint area.
- Two Southern Bald Ibis colonies (Vulnerable) occur within footprint area.
- A Secretary bird nest (Endangered) was found within this area.
- Birds are very mobile and with the proposed turbine height and blade lengths, the current proposed buffers seem inadequate.
- This raises particular concern as these birds may continuously collide with the blades of the wind turbines and the continuous loss of several of these long-lived birds every year may have a significant impact on population status.
- The artificial water bodies within the footprint area may be important for flamingos and other water-dependent birds.

Site Sensitivity Verification

- The results of the Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that:
    - The sensitivity for the Terrestrial biodiversity impact assessment as Very High in grassland and wetland habitat.
    - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as Very High Sensitivity
    - Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity
    - Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Bat Assessment Very High/High Sensitivity
    - Avifaunal Assessment as Very High/High Sensitivity.

Additional concerns

- Not all the infrastructure has been included on the map or addressed in terms of likely impact, in this case, roads.

Recommendations:

- There should be a thorough Oribi census plan in place, and it should be included in the final EIA report as the project area is home to many Oribi antelope. (Red data species dependant on healthy highveld grasslands).
- Species 23 must be accounted for, and a management plan drawn up for it since the project area is a potential site for its occurrence.
- The EWT's recommended 5 km buffer for the Martial Eagle's nest is non-negotiable and should be adhered to throughout the project lifecycle.
- The current identified Avifaunal Sensitivities map of all 'no-go' areas (Figure (I)) indicates little area for available for the wind farm. With more appropriate buffers, more field work, and all the associated infrastructure (such as roads), we cannot see how it would be possible to establish a wind farm within the footprint area.
- Increase buffer zones for endangered bird nesting sites to reflect their wider flight ranges relative to the height of the turbines.
- Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga.

Conclusion:

The proposed Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility poses a significant threat to a Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird areas, and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. Relying on the information presented to date, and the desktop assessments, **it is in the MTPA's opinion that this project is fatally flawed.** The anticipated impacts on biodiversity, particularly the avifauna, is too great to support this project. More ecological assessments and exploration of alternative locations are crucial before proceeding with this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any inquiries.

Kind Regards

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Hi Lucien
Highly unlikely that I can get comments by then. It is too short notice. If they require more than a sentence and if there are many it will take longer. I have been in the field for 3 weeks and have 3 weeks to go. Will see what I can do.
We still have not been paid that VO. Can you please look into it.
Regards
Gavin

On Wed, 18 Sept 2024 at 11:07, ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

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> I hope this email finds you well. Please see attached comments from the CA (DARDLEA/MTPA) pertaining to the Mulilo Amsterdam WEF cluster. Please read through all comments and respond to the comments directed at your speciality.
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> If responses could please be provided by Monday the 23rd September that would be appreciated.
>
> Thank you,
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In Sake: SHEEPMOOR, EMVELO AND ROCHDALE WIND ENERGIE PROJEKTE

Ingesluit vind u Publieke deelname vorm (2 bladsye) en Kommentaar (Bylaag A) (3 bladsye)

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KOMMENTAAR TOV ROCKDALE, EMVELO EN SHEEPMOOR WINDPLASE

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Wind turbines produseer klankgolwe (drukgolwe) deur die roterende lemme en word gehoor as gedruis en / of waarneembaar as infraklanke asook elektromagnetiese golwe wat gegenereer word by omskakeling van wind energie na elektrisiteit. Die omskakeling produseer swak kwaliteit krag (dirty electricity and ground current) wat nadelig op gesondheid van mens en dier is. Die skadu flikkering van turbines is ook bydraende faktor tot gesondheids probleme.

Daar is 'n besliste verband tussen die 'ground current' deur turbines geproduseer en kanker. Dit is al gedokumenteer dat leukemia by kinders met 300% toegeneem het a.g.v. daarvan.

Bogemelde kan egter nog verskeie ander kliniese gesondheids toestande by die mens aktiveer.

By diere en insekte wat lae frekwensie geluide en vibrasies beter as mens waarneem bestaan groot gevaar dat as gevolg daarvan om uit gebied te beweeg en sodoende heeltemal te verdwyn.

IN DIE LIG VAN DIE FEITE MOET 'N TURBINE EN KABEL VRYE BUFFERSONE VAN MINSTENS 1,5KM VANAF MY EIENDOM SE GRENSDRADE GEHANHAAF WORD.

Die aantal hoe turbines dra by tot virtuele besoedeling van die natuur.

5. INFRASTRUKTUUR

Die verbeterde infrastruktuur sal lei tot toename in beweging en invloei van ongewenste elemente wat misdaad drasties sal verhoog. Veediefstal by my boerdery het gestop sedert ek opgehou het om distrikpad na Sheepmoor te skraap omdat dit moeilik begaanbaar geword het.

Gedurende die konstruksie fase kan arbeids onrus verwag word a.g.v. verwagtinge wat by lokale bevolking geskep word.

Die feit dat geen turbines op my eiendom toegelaat word nie gaan my eiendom nie vrywaar van die negatiewe newe effekte van die 3 windplase nie.

DEEGLIKE VERDERE ONDERSOEKE WORD DUS VERSOEK ALVORENS GOEDKEURING DEUR DIE OWERHEID AAN PROJEK VERLEEN WORD

- **LANGTERMYN INVLOED VAN BEPLANDE WINDPLASE OP LANDBOU, KLIMAAT EN REENVAL.**

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- **IDENTIFISERING VAN DIE SKAARS SOOGDIERE ASOOK HUL BEWEGINGS IN DIE GERBIED.**

Voorsien nadelige langtermyn vooruitsigte vir die landbou en omgewing en kan dus ontwikkeling van windplase nie ONVOORWAARLIK steun nie.

Die uwe

Namens JOSUA MEYER TRUST

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Daar is 'n besliste verband tussen die 'ground current' deur turbines geproduseer en kanker. Dit is al gedokumenteer dat leukemia by kinders met 300% toegeneem het a.g.v. daarvan.

Bogemelde kan egter nog verskeie ander kliniese gesondheids toestande by die mens aktiveer.

By diere en insekte wat lae frekwensie geluide en vibrasies beter as mens waarneem bestaan groot gevaar dat as gevolg daarvan om uit gebied te beweeg en sodoende heeltemal te verdwyn.

IN DIE LIG VAN DIE FEITE MOET 'N TURBINE EN KABEL VRYE BUFFERSONE VAN MINSTENS 1,5KM VANAF MY EIENDOM SE GRENSDRADE GEHANHAAF WORD.

Die aantal hoe turbines dra by tot virtuele besoedeling van die natuur.

5. INFRASTRUKTUUR

Die verbeterde infrastruktuur sal lei tot toename in beweging en invloei van ongewenste elemente wat misdaad drasties sal verhoog. Veediefstal by my boerdery het gestop sedert ek opgehou het om distrikpad na Sheepmoor te skraap omdat dit moeilik begaanbaar geword het.

Gedurende die konstruksie fase kan arbeids onrus verwag word a.g.v. verwagtinge wat by lokale bevolking geskep word.

Die feit dat geen turbines op my eiendom toegelaat word nie gaan my eiendom nie vrywaar van die negatiewe newe effekte van die 3 windplase nie.

DEEGLIKE VERDERE ONDERSOEKE WORD DUS VERSOEK ALVORENS GOEDKEURING DEUR DIE OWERHEID AAN PROJEK VERLEEN WORD

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Voorsien nadelige langtermyn vooruitsigte vir die landbou en omgewing en kan dus ontwikkeling van windplase nie ONVOORWAARLIK steun nie.

Die uwe

Namens JOSUA MEYER TRUST

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First Name
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Who do you represent?

Organisation
Heya Lidri Pty Ltd

Designation
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2. The screening tool report attached as Appendix 14 of the application form must be signed by the compiler.
3. Please ensure that all relevant listed activities are applied for, are specific and that it can be linked to the development activity or infrastructure as described in the project description. The onus is on the applicant and the environmental assessment practitioner (EAP) to ensure that all the applicable

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listed activities are included in the application form. Failure to do so may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of the application.

4. If the activities applied for in the application form differ from those mentioned in the final SR, an amended application form must be submitted with the final SR.
5. Please take note of GNR 4143, which was gazetted on the 04 December 2023, which requires a letter of consent from Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd if the proposed development is within a specific radius of a main electricity transmission or distribution substation. Should this gazette apply to the proposed development, please ensure the necessary documents are included.

Specialist Assessments

6. Page 4 of the meeting minutes of the pre-application meeting held on 26 April 2023 refers to the applicant undertaking a Geotechnical Assessment; however, this study is not included in the Specialist Plan of Study (PoS). All required specialist studies must be conducted as part of the EIA process. If there are development design constraints, a desktop Geotechnical Assessment must be included as part of the Specialist PoS.
7. The Civil Aviation Theme has a "Medium sensitivity" rating, as per the outcome of the screening tool provided. According to the protocols, a Civil Aviation Compliance Statement must be included in the PoS. Should a compliance statement not be included as part of the PoS, a motivation/explanation for its exclusion, must be provided [including proof of request for comments from the Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)].
8. You are requested to submit copies of signed Specialist Declaration of Interest forms (witnessed and signed by a Commissioner of Oaths) for all specialist studies conducted. The forms are available on Department's website (please use the Department template).
9. Please note that in terms of Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species), it is a requirement for specialists to be registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) in their respective fields.
10. The Heritage Survey, which has been included as part of this SR, must be submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) for comments, via the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS).

Public Participation Process

11. The Public Participation Process must be conducted in terms of Regulation 39, 40 41, 42, 43 & 44 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.
12. The proposed development site is within a Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA) and National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy (NPAES). Comments must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Section. The contact details are as follows:
    i. Biodiversity Conservation Directorate
    Attention: Mr. Seoka Lekota
    Email: BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za
    ii. Protected Areas Planning and Management Effectiveness Directorate
    Attention: Mr. Thivhulawi Nethononda
    Email: TNethononda@dffe.gov.za
13. Please ensure that all issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed and included in the final SR.

14. Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are submitted to the Department with the final SR.
15. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the final SR. This must indicate that this draft SR has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof must be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments.
16. All issues raised and comments received during the circulation of the draft SR from I&APs and organs of state which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity are adequately addressed in the final SR, including comments from this Department, and must be incorporated into the Comments and Response Report (CRR).
17. The CRR report must be a separate document from the main report and the format must be in the table format as indicated in *Annexure 1* of this comments letter.
18. Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.
19. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied *verbatim* and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to an I&AP's comments.
20. The attendance register and minutes of any meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the final SR.
21. Provide photo evidence of on-site notices, including the names of landmarks and/or GPS coordinates (in degrees, minutes, and seconds) of their placements.
22. Please submit a full page of the newspaper(s) containing the advertisement, ensuring that the information in the advert is legible and that the name of the newspaper and date are visible.

General

You are further reminded to comply with Regulation 21(1) of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, which states that:

"If S&EIR must be applied to an application, the applicant must, within 44 days of receipt of the application by the competent authority, submit to the competent authority a scoping report which has been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and which reflects the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority"

You are are further reminded that the final SR to be submitted to this Department must comply with all the requirements in terms of the scope of assessment and content of Scoping reports in accordance with Appendix 2 and Regulation 21(1) of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended.

Further note that in terms of Regulation 45 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended, this application will lapse if the applicant fails to meet any of the timeframes prescribed in terms of these Regulations, unless an extension has been granted in terms of Regulation 3(7).

You are hereby reminded of Section 24F of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended, that no activity may commence prior to an Environmental Authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours sincerely



Dr Sabelo Malaza
Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Signed by: Ms Bathandwa Ncube
Designation: Control Environmental Officer: National Integrated Authorisation
Date: 24/09/2024

cc:	Mr Andrew Pearson	Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd	Email: Andrew@mulilo.com
	Mr G.O Xaba	Mpumalanga DARDLEA	Email: goxaba@mpg.gov.za / rluyt@mpg.gov.za / mbuyanesb@mpg.gov.za
	Mr Mervyn Lotter	MTPA	Email: mervyn.lotter@gmail.com
	Ms Mapulane Nkosi	Msukaligwa Local Municipality	Email: complaints@msukaligwa.gov.za

Annexure 1

1. Format for Comments and Response Report:

Date of comment, format of comment name of organisation/I&AP,	**Comment**	**Response from EAP/Applicant/Specialist**
27/03/2021 Email Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment: National Infrastructure Projects (Joe Soap)	Please record C&R trail report in this format Please update the contact details of the provincial environmental authority	EAP: (~~Noted~~)The C&R trail report has been updated into the desired format, see Appendix K EAP: Details of provincial authority have been updated, see page 16 of the Application form

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility.

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good morning

Regarding your enquiry below, the following:

- The comments for the Emvelo project (our ref: LUA 24/3966) is currently at the Acting Manager: Scientific Service for review). The signed copy might be released today, which will be send to you as soon as I receive it.

- The commenting scientist is currently still busy commenting on the Rochdale project (LUA 24/3965).

Kind regards

Celia

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2024 09:54
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility.

Hi Celia,

Thank you for providing comment on the Sheepmoor WEF facility. Are you able to please indicate when we can expect comment on the remaining 2 facilities, namely Rochdale and Emvelo.

Kind regards
Lucien

ERM

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From: Celia de Waal <celia@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 2:36 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility.

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Dear Ms. Gopaul

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft EIA Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoore Wind Energy facility (WEF) with 23 wind turbines and Auxiliary infrastructure.

Your reference number: **Project 0684401** (DFFE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593)

Our EIA registration/reference number is **LUA 24/3967** (kindly use this number in any further correspondence to us regarding this project)

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

Mpumalanga
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs - Registration as I&AP
Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 12:43:53
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Hi Kristen,

That is correct.

Kind Regards

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From: kirsten@red-cap.co.za <kirsten@red-cap.co.za>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 9:56 AM
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs - Registration as I&AP

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Thanks Lucien,

Will you be uploading the FSR onto the website (and notifying I&APs) once it has been submitted to DFFE?

Kind regards
Kirsten

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2024 20:13
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs - Registration as I&AP

Good day,

Thank you for your email, you will now be added as an I&AP to the proposed Sheepmoor,

Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs.

Kind Regards

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Hi there,

Please could you register myself and colleague Francois le Roex (copied) as I&APs on these projects,

Kind regards

redcap

KIRSTEN JONES | SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER
[redacted]

From: Lucien Barbeau
To: [redacted]
Cc: Stephanie Gopaul; Andrew Pearson; Stephen Burton
Subject: RE: Terrestrial Biodiversity + Faunal Specialist - Mulilo Amsterdam CA Commenting Responses required
Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 13:00:00
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Good day Lloyd,

At the moment we are still awaiting comment on Rochdale and Emvelo from MTPA, we have followed up and will update with any new development.

I am also following up with remaining specialists that have not provided feedback on departmental comments. I will aim to have the CRR and FSR's to you on Wednesday.

Thank you,

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From: Lloyd Barnes <Lloyd@mulilo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 11:11 AM
To: Lucien Barbeau <Lucien.Barbeau@erm.com>
Cc: Stephanie Gopaul <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>; [redacted]
Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com>
Subject: RE: Terrestrial Biodiversity + Faunal Specialist - Mulilo Amsterdam CA Commenting Responses required
Importance: High

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day Lucien,

Do you perhaps have an update on the responses to the Provincial department's comments?

May we please have the CRR's and Final Scoping reports for review before COB on Wednesday?

Kind Regards,

Lloyd Barnes
Project Manager: Environmental
[redacted]
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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
[redacted]/3966 - Draft Scoping for 45 wind turbines (Emvelo Wind Energy)
Date: Tuesday, 01 October 2024 10:35:09
Attachments: LUA24-3966 obj. Emvelo WEF infrastructure Draft SR ERM.pdf
LUA 24-3967 MTPA objection DSR SHEEPMOOR WEF ERM.pdf

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day

Kindly receive two of the letters as requested

I will follow up with Frans Krige on LUA 24/3965, Rochdale, as soon as he is done with his meeting.

Regards

Celia

From: Celia de Waal
Sent: 20 September 2024 09:56
To: stephanie.gopaul@erm.com
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3966 - Draft Scoping for 45 wind turbines (Emvelo Wind Energy)

Dear Ms. Gopaul

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft Scoping report for 45 wind turbines for Emvelo Wind Energy Facility & auxiliary infrastructure.

Your project no: **0684401**

Our EIA reference number is **LUA 24/3966**

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

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Dear Ms., Gopaul

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) (23 WIND TURBINES) AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE (1 ON-SITE SUBSTATION WITH A CAPACITY OF 132Kv, AND 1 OVER-HEAD POWERLINE OF APPROXIMATELY 22.3 KM) ON SEVERAL PORTIONS OF FARMS COVERING AN AREA OF 5 918 HA EAST OF ERMELO FOR SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY (PTY) LTD, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER TO BE PROVIDED.

With reference to your correspondence reference **Project no: 0684401** of August 2024, herewith the MTPA comments.

The application has been assessed by using the following tools: Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (2014 as updated 2022) land use guidelines, the DFFE web-based sensitivity screening tool, Environmental legislation NEMA and EIA regulations 2014 as amended, Department of Water and Sanitation and Water Research Commission Guidelines on wetlands, the South African Heritage Resources Act and knowledge to assess Development Applications.

The sensitivity of the area, in which the prospecting activity is proposed and is likely to occur was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014). The sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, sensitivity areas are identified in terms of *Critical Biodiversity Areas* (CBAs) and *Ecological Support Areas* (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are deemed to be

necessary to ensure the protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability and sustainable living and are to remain unaltered.

Comments with regards to the terms of reference for studies needed:

With reference to the assessment of your Draft Scoping Report the MTPA is concerned about the following issues raised with regards to the terms of reference for specialist studies to be done.

1. The alternative sites, although less sensitive to the preferred site, are still located in sensitive areas.
2. Ground truthing and on-site studying of areas regarded as degraded or sensitive and suitable for potential wind turbines must be done considering that cultivated/vegetated lands might be feeding areas for many Species of Conservation Concern. The Site sensitivity verification report must include the feeding areas for SCC.
3. The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas and the preliminary project layout overlain area is a large concern especially in the southeastern part of the study area.
4. The threat of this WEF to the Important Bird Area and the status of globally threatened bird species such as the Southern Bald Ibis and Secretary bird is of concern. The onsite avifaunal study must include local knowledge of the distribution of large birds especially the Blue crane that is a local migrant during the wintertime.
5. Included in the MTPA's comments are the following discussion that illustrates the **need and desirability** of this proposal:

Renewable energy applications

- Given the energy needs of the country, significant emphasis is being placed on the need to transition away from coal towards renewable energy. However, the urgency and desire to approve nearly all renewable energy applications needs to be put into perspective considering the incredible investment and proliferation of new renewable energy projects within Mpumalanga.
- The MTPA and DARDLEA are maintaining a database of renewable energy projects, which include those in the pre-application phase. We can confirm that 61 renewable energy projects have now been submitted within Mpumalanga. Just over 50% of these have been approved to date. 18 of these are for Wind Energy Farms, which together make up for over 233 000 ha, and this amount is growing as the province is being inundated with renewable energy applications.
- The explosion of renewable energy applications does require careful consideration as to the likely impacts. There is no shortage of renewable energy projects within the Province and the Province has room to apply its mind and navigate this space carefully. The province has now over 300 000 ha of renewable energy applications, and the many more than are still to be submitted.

Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), Intact Grassland Patches and Important Bird Areas (IBAs)

- The project **footprint overlaps with a significant amount of Critical Biodiversity Areas** (CBA). 1 488.9 ha (over 28%) of the footprint area is identified as a CBA. Wind farms are not appropriate land uses within CBA areas. Two proposed wind turbines are placed in CBA Irreplaceable areas.
- The MBSP Terrestrial assessment indicates that the project footprint is within CBA: Irreplaceable, CBA: Optimal, ESA: Local Corridor, ESA: Landscape Corridor, ESA: Species Specific, Other Natural Areas, Moderately Modified, and Heavily Modified Areas.
- The MBSP Freshwater Assessment indicates that the project footprint is within ESA: Strategic Water Source Areas, and has CBA: Aquatic River, ESA: Wetland Clusters, ESA: Wetlands, ESA: Important Sub-catchments, Other Natural and Heavily Modified Areas.
- ESA: Strategic Water Source Area (SWSAs) maintain ecological integrity across the entire sub-catchment, paying particular attention to maintaining water quality, water quantity, and habitat integrity. They represent 10% of the surface area producing approximately 50% of Mpumalanga's water. The proposed WEF activity in the area might compromise the quality and quantity of the surface water resources through siltation.
- The whole of the proposed Sheepmoor wind farm falls within an Important Bird Area (IBA), which underscores the need to consider its implications on metapopulation dynamics and the need to avoid wind farms in "source" areas.
- The project area mainly falls within the Mesic Eastern Highveld Grassland (Endangered). A high proportion of this vegetation type is threatened and is generally poorly protected. Hence, it should be carefully managed for the persistence of biodiversity; large areas of natural habitat are needed for many bird species, plants, and numerous wetlands that the Mesic Highveld Grassland supports.
- The proposed project area has a portion of Wakkerstroom Montane Grassland (Least Concern). A variety of land-uses are supported by this area and the conservation and good management of this area depends on the continued land-uses practices that have been able to support this biodiversity. The importance of sustainable development is crucial to the long-term maintenance of the biodiversity and ecosystem services in this area.
- 2 143.6 ha (36 %) of the proposed wind farm is comprised of intact grassland patches. With only 51% of the grasslands remaining in a natural state, very little intact natural grasslands still occur in Mpumalanga. Three proposed wind turbines are placed in intact grassland patches.
- Intact grassland patches are areas larger than 100ha, with little or no gaps or edge effects. They were then prioritised according to their connectivity importance. These intact grasslands are "source" areas for avifaunal species where birth rates are expected to exceed death rates, and no wind farms should be placed anywhere near these intact grassland patches.
- The identification of actual avifaunal source areas may be difficult, but as these intact grassland patches occur within an Important Bird Area (IBA) where there are several nesting and roosting avifaunal species of conservation concern, it highlights their significance and our confidence in confirming these as "source" areas. The presence of these intact grassland patches, CBAs, and the IBAs, is probably the biggest concern that the MTPA may have about the proposed wind farm.

- 84 % of the proposed study area is Important Bird Area and 9.3% of the proposed study area is a Key Biodiversity Area.
- Wind farms are not to be placed in IBAs or intact grassland areas as these are important areas where avifauna should be allowed to thrive and then disperse to other areas.
- Approval of the project in such a location could have far-reaching consequences for threatened bird species, potentially disrupting vital source areas critical for population sustainability.
- The south of the project area falls within the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy (NPAES) Focus Area (Moist Escarpment Grasslands). The Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment overlaps the north of the project area and Jericho Dam Nature Reserve overlaps the eastern part of the project area.
- It is imperative to adopt a precautionary approach and prioritize the conservation of these essential habitats.

Avifaunal concerns

- **Thirteen out of the 23 proposed wind turbines are placed within the 5 km buffer of a Martial Eagles' recommended buffer these should be removed.**
- 26% of the proposed wind turbines are not covered by vantage points.
- The presence of priority bird species for wind energy developments were recorded within the footprint area.
- Two Southern Bald Ibis colonies (Vulnerable) occur within footprint area.
- A Secretary bird nest (Endangered) was found within this area.
- Birds are very mobile and with the proposed turbine height and blade lengths, the current proposed buffers seem inadequate.
- This raises particular concern as these birds may continuously collide with the blades of the wind turbines and the continuous loss of several of these long-lived birds every year may have a significant impact on population status.
- The artificial water bodies within the footprint area may be important for flamingos and other water-dependent birds.

Site Sensitivity Verification

- The results of the Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that:
    - The sensitivity for the Terrestrial biodiversity impact assessment as Very High in grassland and wetland habitat.
    - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as Very High Sensitivity
    - Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity
    - Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Bat Assessment Very High/High Sensitivity
    - Avifaunal Assessment as Very High/High Sensitivity.

Additional concerns

- Not all the infrastructure has been included on the map or addressed in terms of likely impact, in this case, roads.

Recommendations:

- There should be a thorough Oribi census plan in place, and it should be included in the final EIA report as the project area is home to many Oribi antelope. (Red data species dependant on healthy highveld grasslands).
- Species 23 must be accounted for, and a management plan drawn up for it since the project area is a potential site for its occurrence.
- The EWT's recommended 5 km buffer for the Martial Eagle's nest is non-negotiable and should be adhered to throughout the project lifecycle.
- The current identified Avifaunal Sensitivities map of all 'no-go' areas (Figure (I)) indicates little area for available for the wind farm. With more appropriate buffers, more field work, and all the associated infrastructure (such as roads), we cannot see how it would be possible to establish a wind farm within the footprint area.
- Increase buffer zones for endangered bird nesting sites to reflect their wider flight ranges relative to the height of the turbines.
- Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga.

Conclusion:

The proposed Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility poses a significant threat to a Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird areas, and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. Relying on the information presented to date, and the desktop assessments, **it is in the MTPA's opinion that this project is fatally flawed.** The anticipated impacts on biodiversity, particularly the avifauna, is too great to support this project. More ecological assessments and exploration of alternative locations are crucial before proceeding with this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any inquiries.

Kind Regards

MS. NOMCEBO KUNENE
EXECUTIVE MANAGER BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
DATE: 18 / 09 / 2024

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Your correspondence with the project ref no. 0684401 of date 28/08/2024.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

The sensitivity of the above farm on which the proposed activity is likely to occur was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014). This sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, priority sensitive areas are identified in terms of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are deemed to be necessary to ensure protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability, and human well-being, and are to remain unaltered.

According to the MBSP terrestrial assessment map (figure 1) the proposed development will occur within CBA Irreplaceable, CBA Optimal, ESA Landscape corridor, ESA Ecological Corridor, Important Bird Areas (IBA), other natural areas, moderately modified- old lands and heavily modified area (Degraded). According to the freshwater assessments map (figure 2), the proposed development will occur within a CBA Aquatic River, CBA wetlands, ESA wetlands, ESA Strategic water source, ESA Important sub-catchments other natural areas and heavily modified area (Degraded).

The MTPA have the following concerns:

The MTPA is concerned with the proposed project area for the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated Auxiliary infrastructure which is within Important Bird Areas (IBA), CBA Irreplaceable, CBA optimal, CBA aquatic rivers, ESA wetland clusters, ESA wetlands and intact grasslands. These areas are of biodiversity importance and the proposed Emvelo WEF and associated infrastructure will compromise the primary biodiversity objectives of these areas.

The MTPA is concerned with a number of turbines that are in no-go areas or highly sensitive areas. There are ten (10) turbines that are located within the intact grasslands which are turbines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13 and 15 (refer to Figure 3), intact grasslands are crucial for supporting threatened avifauna and these turbines will compromise that biodiversity objective. The MBSP specifically incorporated climate change into spatial priorities through the prioritisation of the connectivity of remaining intact grassland patches in the province, as they provide habitat for species to thrive, and allow for their dispersal.

Turbines 12, 14, 16, 17, 29, 32 and 33 are within CBA irreplaceable, which is to be maintained in a natural state with no loss of ecosystems, functionality or species with no flexibility in land-use options. Turbines 8, 18 and 19 are within CBA optimal which is to be maintained in a natural state with no loss of ecosystems, functionality or species with some flexibility in land-use options.

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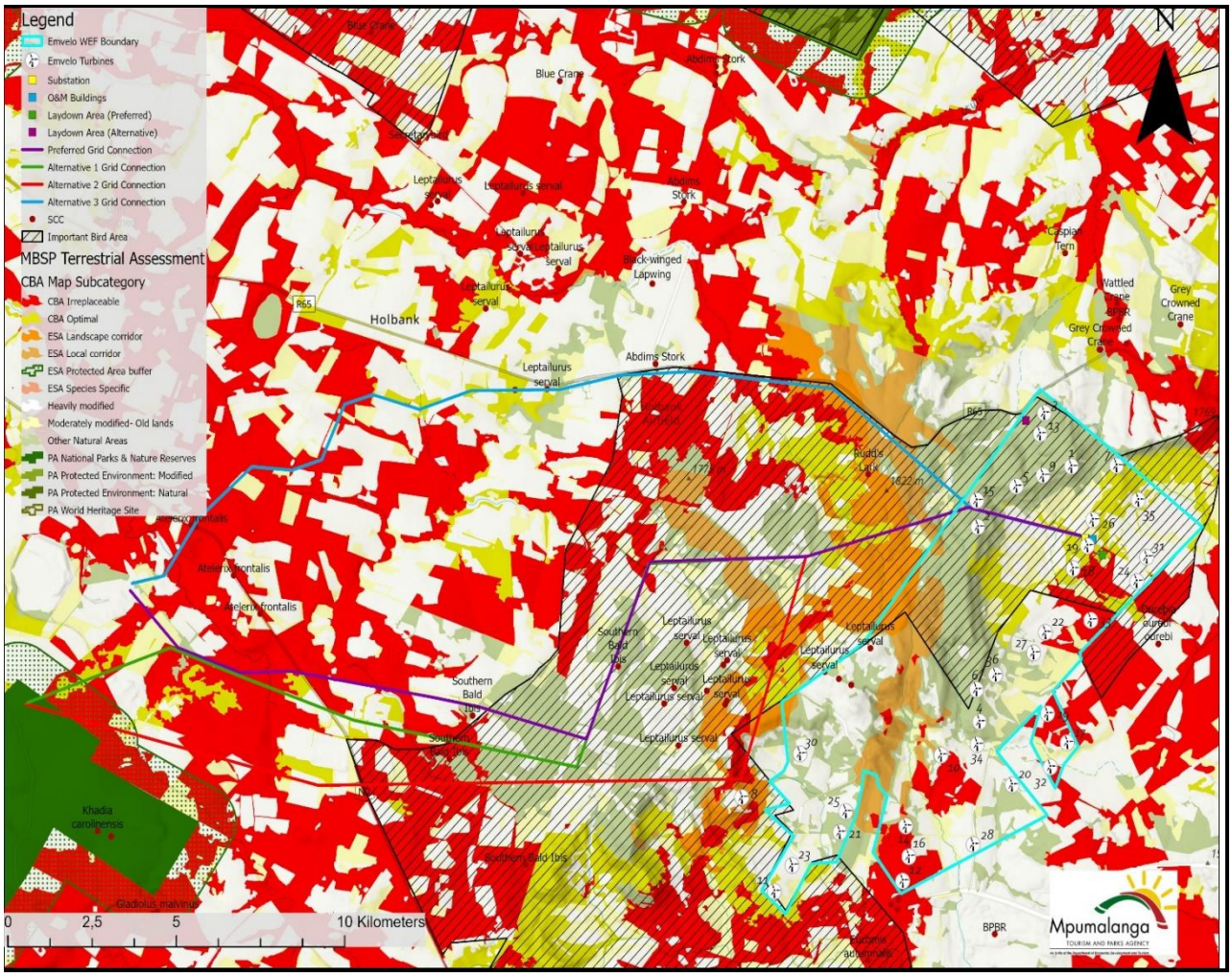


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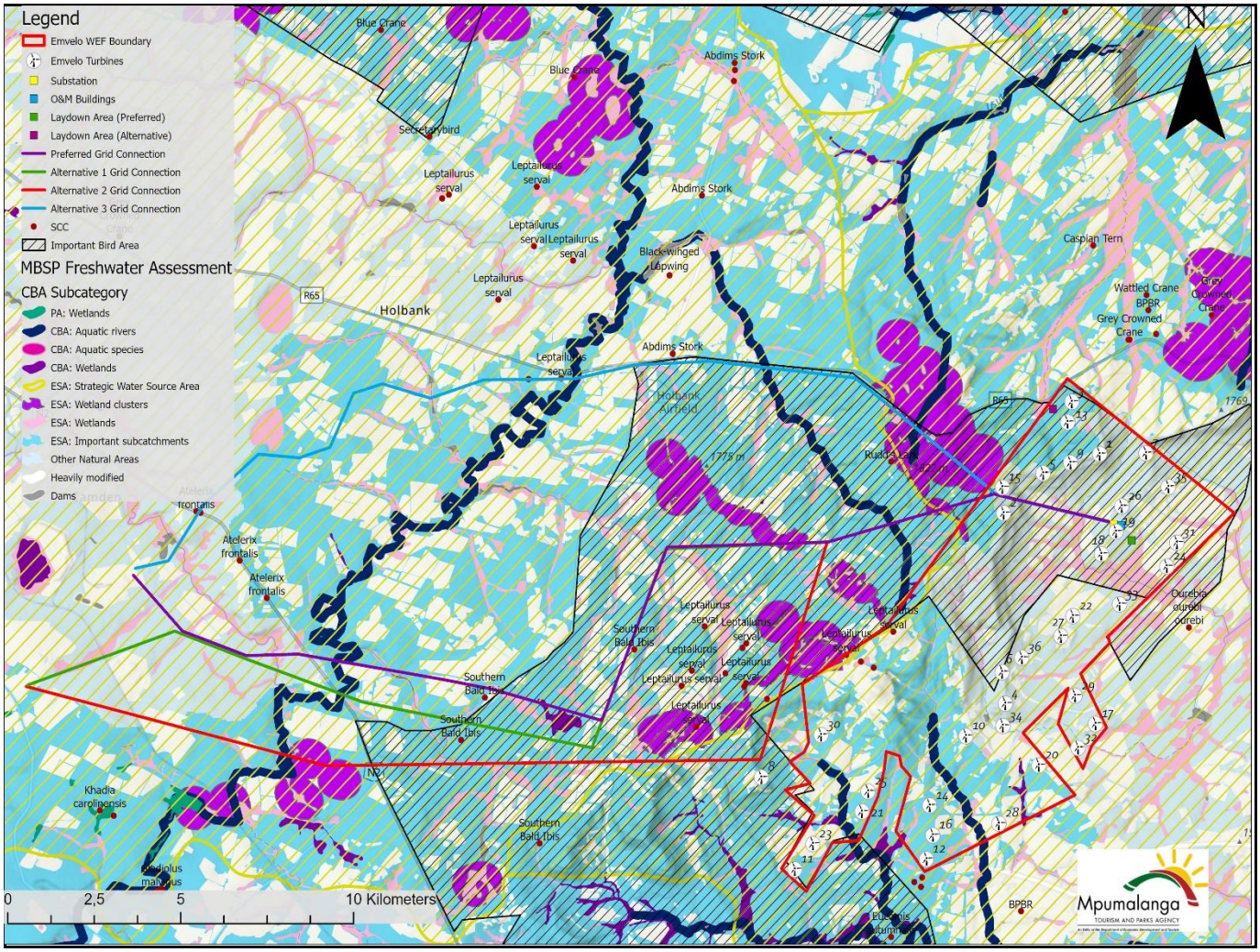


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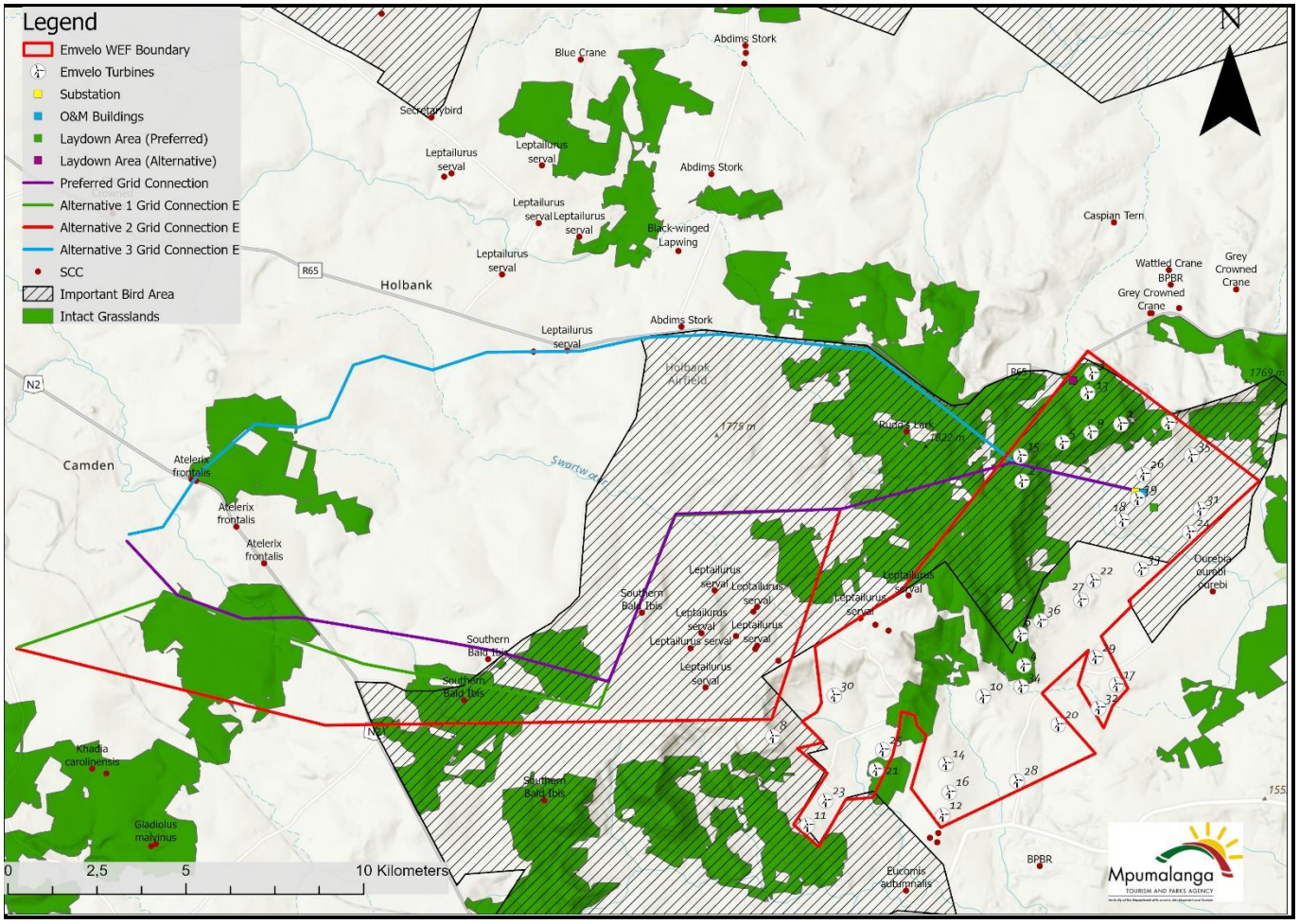


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Site Sensitivity Verification

- The results of the Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that:
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    - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity
    - Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Bat Assessment as Very High Sensitivity/High Sensitivity
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Additional concerns

- Not all the infrastructure has been included on the map or addressed in terms of likely impact. The length of internal roads must be included, and the impact be declared.

Recommendations

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- Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga.

Conclusion:

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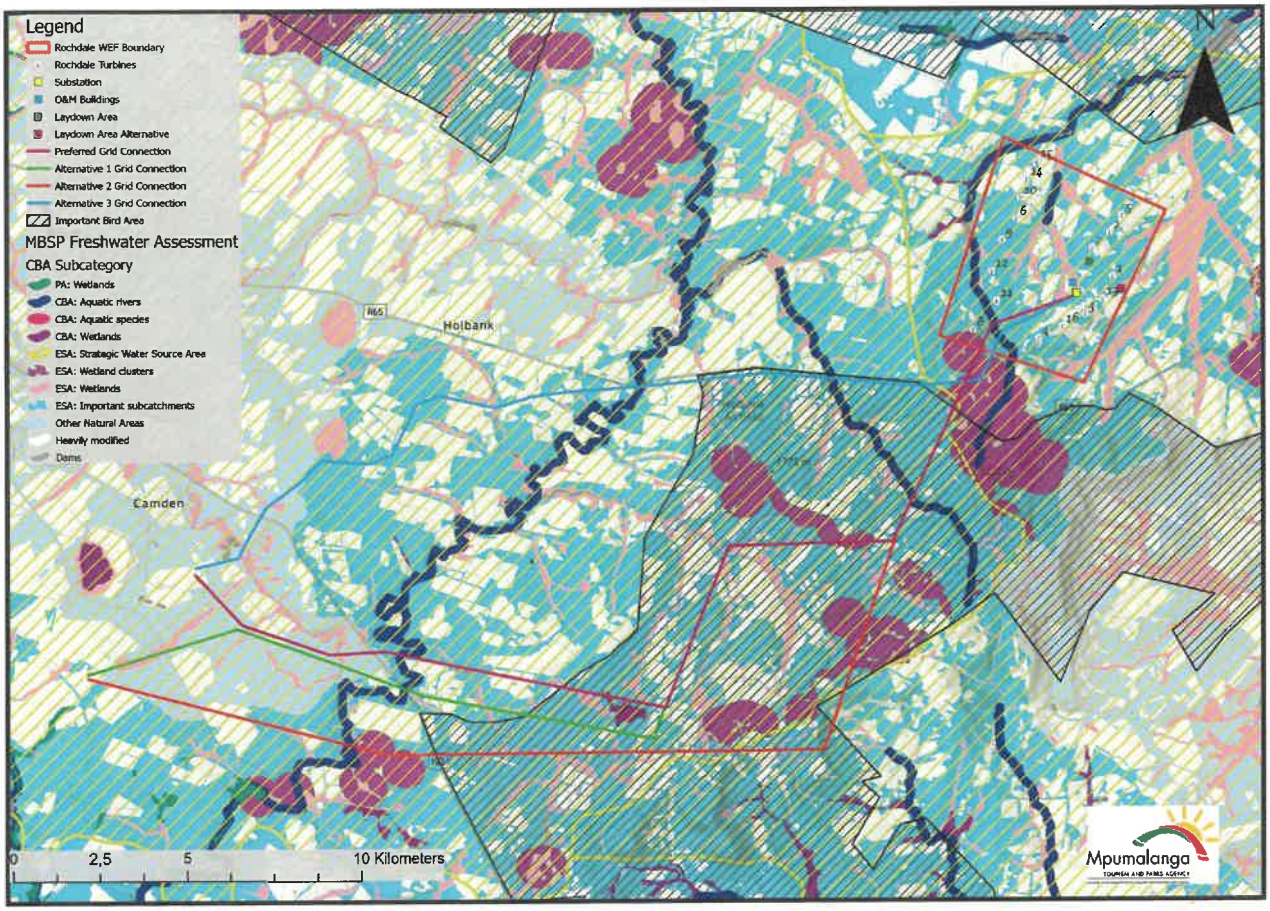


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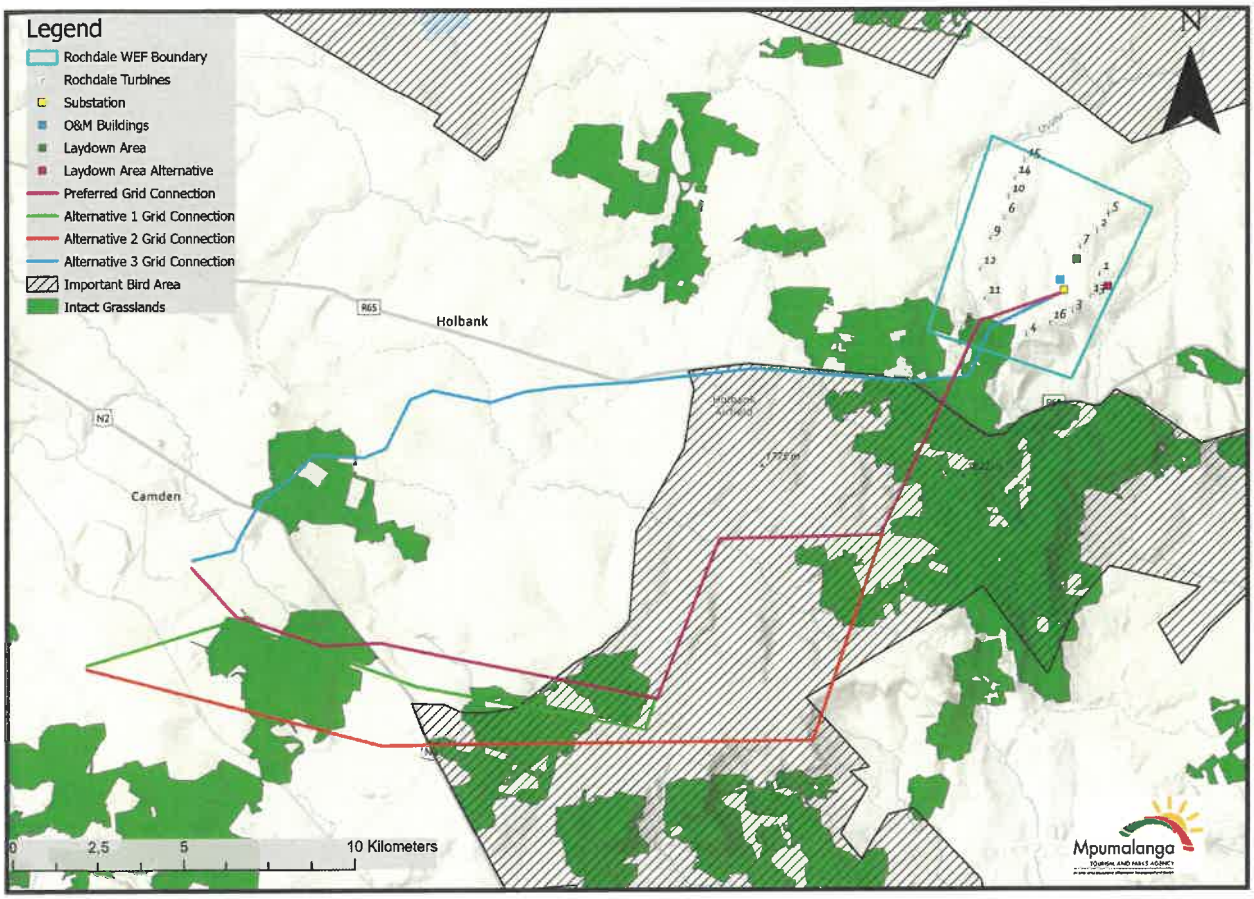


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- Approval of the project in such a location could have far-reaching consequences for threatened bird species, potentially disrupting vital source areas critical for population sustainability.
- It is imperative to adopt a precautionary approach and prioritize the conservation of these essential habitats.

Avifaunal concerns

- The presence of 32 priority bird species for wind energy developments and of the 32,12 priority bird species for wind energy developments were recorded within the footprint area and 19 priority species were also recorded, of which the Southern Bald Ibis were nesting with chicks.
- A Martial Eagle nest (Endangered) occurs within the footprint area. These are South Africa's largest eagles and travel over vast areas. They are also suspectable to collision with turbines and wind farms are of serious concern, therefore according to the Endangered Wildlife Trust a 5km buffer must be applied and adhered to throughout the wind facility life cycle. Four of the proposed turbines (3, 4,13 and 14) are within the buffer of the Martial Eagle therefore these turbines need to be excluded.

- Southern Bald Ibis colonies, Yellow-breasted Pipit, Secretary bird nest occur within footprint area. Therefore, the applicant needs to consider that birds are very mobile and with the proposed turbine height and blade lengths adequate buffers must be assigned.
- This raises particular concern as these birds may continuously collide with the blades of the wind turbines and the continuous loss of several of these long-lived birds every year may have a significant impact on population status.
- The water bodies in the area are important for migrating birds such as flamingos for bathing and drinking, therefore they need to be buffered on either site for the entire during of the project life cycle.

Site Sensitivity Verification

- The results of the Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that:
    - The sensitivity for the Terrestrial biodiversity impact assessment as Very High/High in grassland and wetland habitat
    - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity
    - Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Bat Assessment as Very High Sensitivity/High Sensitivity
    - Avifaunal Assessment as Vey High Sensitivity/High Sensitivity

Additional concerns

- Not all the infrastructure has been included on the map or addressed in terms of likely impact. The length of internal roads must be included, and the impact be declared.

Recommendations

- Additional Vantage points must be conducted to establish if 23 species (Critically endangered) are present or not to provide more details regarding the potential impacts on the critical species.
- An Oribi management plan should be in place. The plan should include how this area can be utilized as a sanctuary for the Oribi.
- The Endangered Wildlife Trust's (EWT) recommended 5 km buffer for the Martial Eagle's nest is non-negotiable and should be adhered to throughout the project lifecycle.
- The location of all but 3 turbines is in avifaunal exclusion zones. However, according to the MBSP proposed turbine 5 is in an CBA Irreplaceable area. Therefore only two proposed turbines ,turbine 15 and 14 are in Heavily Modified or Moderately Modified Areas, however with some of the SCC roosting and nesting in trees of alien invasive species ,and cultivated/vegetated lands which might be utilized for feeding areas for many Species of Conservation Concern such as white bellied bustard(Vulnerable)recorded on the broader area, therefore even the Heavily Modified or moderately Modified Areas might not be suitable for the placement of the proposed turbines as they might also be utilized by the birds.
- The current identified Avifaunal Sensitivities map of all 'no-go' areas (Figure (i)) indicates little area for available for the wind farm. With additional monitoring done appropriate buffers must be applied, and all the associated infrastructure such as roads and lay down structures removed from the

sensitive areas, the MTPA cannot see how it would be possible to establish a wind farm within the proposed footprint area.

- Increase buffer zones for endangered bird nesting sites to reflect their wider flight ranges relative to the height of the turbines.
- Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga.



Figure 1. MBSP terrestrial biodiversity map of the proposed wind turbines on portions 1,2 and 5 of the farm Schimmelhoek 272 IT and grid connection on various affected farm portions

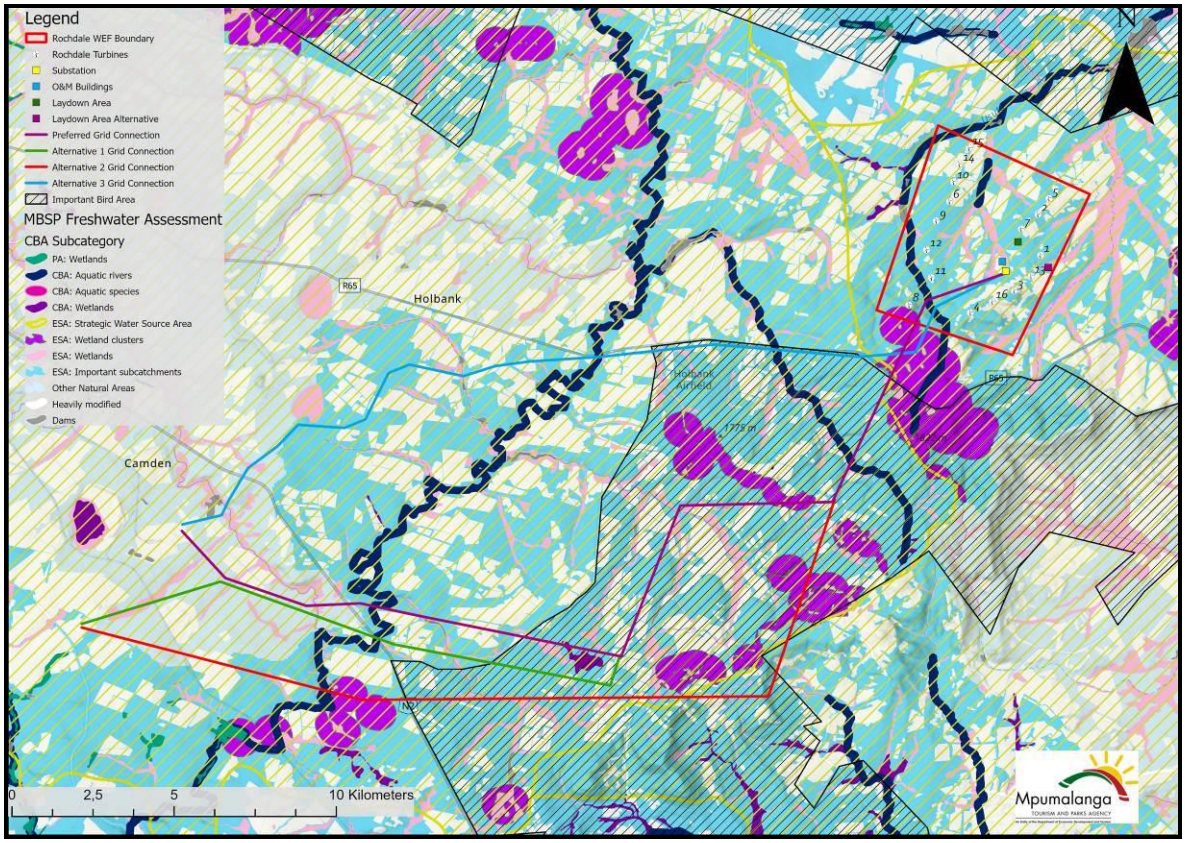


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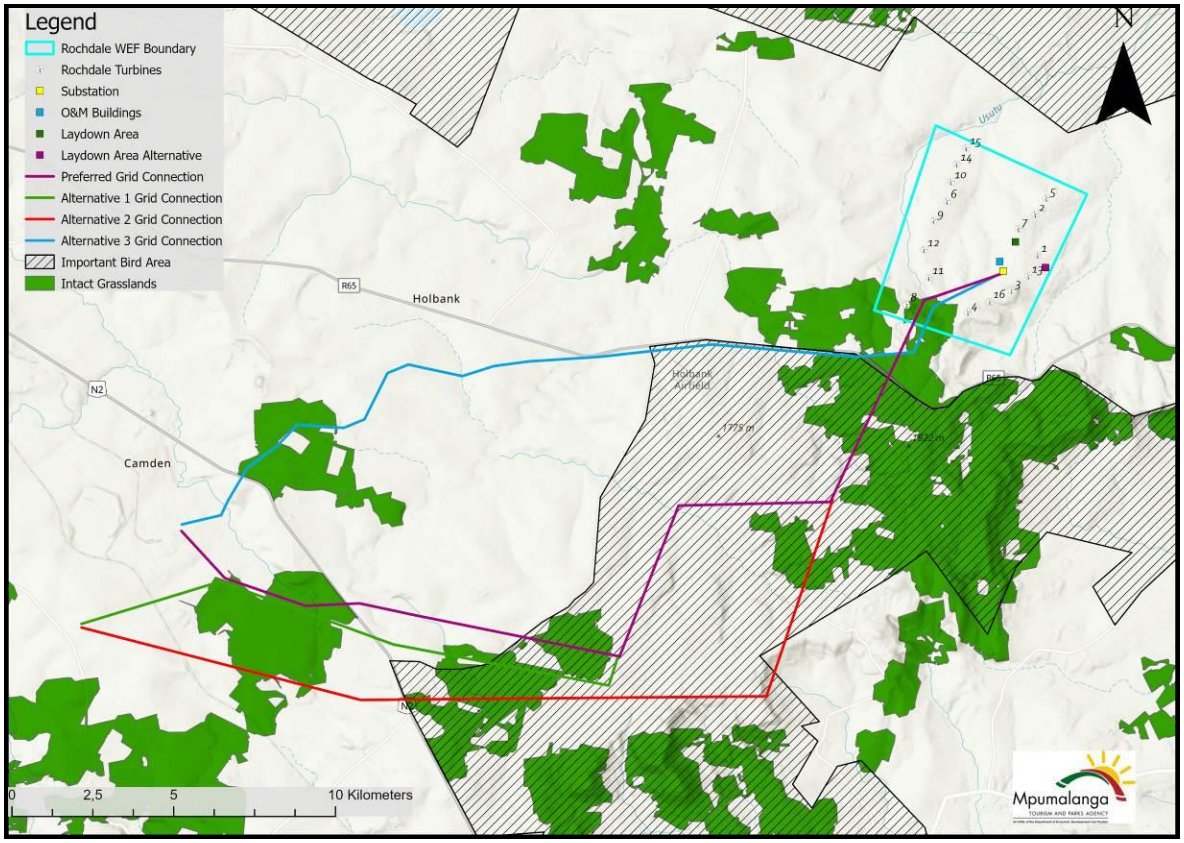


Figure 3: MBSP intact grassland map of the proposed wind turbine portions 1,2 and 5 of Schimmelhoek 272 IT and grid connection on various affected farm portions

Conclusion:

The proposed Rochdale Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure pose a significant threat to the Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird areas, Key Biodiversity Areas and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. If we rely on the information presented to date, and desktop assessments, then,in our opinion that this project is fatally flawed. When considering the cumulative impact of the entire Rochdale Wind Energy Facility the anticipated environmental impacts on biodiversity, this project becomes a significant concern, particularly on the avifauna. The MTPA suggests that the applicant explores alternative locations, that are less environmental sensitive as it crucial before proceeding with this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any enquiries.

Kind Regards

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Hi Josua,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the proposed WEF cluster. We appreciate your input. Your comments will be considered during the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase.

As part of the process, we will assess potential changes to the wind turbine layout and work to avoid sensitive areas to minimize any negative impacts. Your feedback appreciated and we will keep you updated as the EIA progresses.

Kind regards,

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Thank you for your comment. Your comments will be taken into consideration during the EIA phase of the proposed WEF Cluster.

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Good day

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft Scoping Report for the 240 MW Rochdale Wind Energy Facility near Ermelo.

Your reference number is**: 0684401**

Our EIA registration/reference number is**: LUA 24/3965**

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

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Dear Ms., Gopaul

SUBJECT: THE MTPA COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY (WEF) (23 WIND TURBINES) AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE (1 ON-SITE SUBSTATION WITH A CAPACITY OF 132Kv, AND 1 OVER-HEAD POWERLINE OF APPROXIMATELY 22.3 KM) ON SEVERAL PORTIONS OF FARMS COVERING AN AREA OF 5 918 HA EAST OF ERMELO FOR SHEEPMOOR WIND ENERGY FACILITY (PTY) LTD, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER TO BE PROVIDED.

With reference to your correspondence reference **Project no: 0684401** of August 2024, herewith the MTPA comments.

The application has been assessed by using the following tools: Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (2014 as updated 2022) land use guidelines, the DFFE web-based sensitivity screening tool, Environmental legislation NEMA and EIA regulations 2014 as amended, Department of Water and Sanitation and Water Research Commission Guidelines on wetlands, the South African Heritage Resources Act and knowledge to assess Development Applications.

The sensitivity of the area, in which the prospecting activity is proposed and is likely to occur was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014). The sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, sensitivity areas are identified in terms of *Critical Biodiversity Areas* (CBAs) and *Ecological Support Areas* (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are deemed to be

necessary to ensure the protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability and sustainable living and are to remain unaltered.

Comments with regards to the terms of reference for studies needed:

With reference to the assessment of your Draft Scoping Report the MTPA is concerned about the following issues raised with regards to the terms of reference for specialist studies to be done.

1. The alternative sites, although less sensitive to the preferred site, are still located in sensitive areas.
2. Ground truthing and on-site studying of areas regarded as degraded or sensitive and suitable for potential wind turbines must be done considering that cultivated/vegetated lands might be feeding areas for many Species of Conservation Concern. The Site sensitivity verification report must include the feeding areas for SCC.
3. The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas and the preliminary project layout overlain area is a large concern especially in the southeastern part of the study area.
4. The threat of this WEF to the Important Bird Area and the status of globally threatened bird species such as the Southern Bald Ibis and Secretary bird is of concern. The onsite avifaunal study must include local knowledge of the distribution of large birds especially the Blue crane that is a local migrant during the wintertime.
5. Included in the MTPA's comments are the following discussion that illustrates the **need and desirability** of this proposal:

Renewable energy applications

- Given the energy needs of the country, significant emphasis is being placed on the need to transition away from coal towards renewable energy. However, the urgency and desire to approve nearly all renewable energy applications needs to be put into perspective considering the incredible investment and proliferation of new renewable energy projects within Mpumalanga.
- The MTPA and DARDLEA are maintaining a database of renewable energy projects, which include those in the pre-application phase. We can confirm that 61 renewable energy projects have now been submitted within Mpumalanga. Just over 50% of these have been approved to date. 18 of these are for Wind Energy Farms, which together make up for over 233 000 ha, and this amount is growing as the province is being inundated with renewable energy applications.
- The explosion of renewable energy applications does require careful consideration as to the likely impacts. There is no shortage of renewable energy projects within the Province and the Province has room to apply its mind and navigate this space carefully. The province has now over 300 000 ha of renewable energy applications, and the many more than are still to be submitted.

Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), Intact Grassland Patches and Important Bird Areas (IBAs)

- The project **footprint overlaps with a significant amount of Critical Biodiversity Areas** (CBA). 1 488.9 ha (over 28%) of the footprint area is identified as a CBA. Wind farms are not appropriate land uses within CBA areas. Two proposed wind turbines are placed in CBA Irreplaceable areas.
- The MBSP Terrestrial assessment indicates that the project footprint is within CBA: Irreplaceable, CBA: Optimal, ESA: Local Corridor, ESA: Landscape Corridor, ESA: Species Specific, Other Natural Areas, Moderately Modified, and Heavily Modified Areas.
- The MBSP Freshwater Assessment indicates that the project footprint is within ESA: Strategic Water Source Areas, and has CBA: Aquatic River, ESA: Wetland Clusters, ESA: Wetlands, ESA: Important Sub-catchments, Other Natural and Heavily Modified Areas.
- ESA: Strategic Water Source Area (SWSAs) maintain ecological integrity across the entire sub-catchment, paying particular attention to maintaining water quality, water quantity, and habitat integrity. They represent 10% of the surface area producing approximately 50% of Mpumalanga's water. The proposed WEF activity in the area might compromise the quality and quantity of the surface water resources through siltation.
- The whole of the proposed Sheepmoor wind farm falls within an Important Bird Area (IBA), which underscores the need to consider its implications on metapopulation dynamics and the need to avoid wind farms in "source" areas.
- The project area mainly falls within the Mesic Eastern Highveld Grassland (Endangered). A high proportion of this vegetation type is threatened and is generally poorly protected. Hence, it should be carefully managed for the persistence of biodiversity; large areas of natural habitat are needed for many bird species, plants, and numerous wetlands that the Mesic Highveld Grassland supports.
- The proposed project area has a portion of Wakkerstroom Montane Grassland (Least Concern). A variety of land-uses are supported by this area and the conservation and good management of this area depends on the continued land-uses practices that have been able to support this biodiversity. The importance of sustainable development is crucial to the long-term maintenance of the biodiversity and ecosystem services in this area.
- 2 143.6 ha (36 %) of the proposed wind farm is comprised of intact grassland patches. With only 51% of the grasslands remaining in a natural state, very little intact natural grasslands still occur in Mpumalanga. Three proposed wind turbines are placed in intact grassland patches.
- Intact grassland patches are areas larger than 100ha, with little or no gaps or edge effects. They were then prioritised according to their connectivity importance. These intact grasslands are "source" areas for avifaunal species where birth rates are expected to exceed death rates, and no wind farms should be placed anywhere near these intact grassland patches.
- The identification of actual avifaunal source areas may be difficult, but as these intact grassland patches occur within an Important Bird Area (IBA) where there are several nesting and roosting avifaunal species of conservation concern, it highlights their significance and our confidence in confirming these as "source" areas. The presence of these intact grassland patches, CBAs, and the IBAs, is probably the biggest concern that the MTPA may have about the proposed wind farm.

- 84 % of the proposed study area is Important Bird Area and 9.3% of the proposed study area is a Key Biodiversity Area.
- Wind farms are not to be placed in IBAs or intact grassland areas as these are important areas where avifauna should be allowed to thrive and then disperse to other areas.
- Approval of the project in such a location could have far-reaching consequences for threatened bird species, potentially disrupting vital source areas critical for population sustainability.
- The south of the project area falls within the National Protected Areas Expansion Strategy (NPAES) Focus Area (Moist Escarpment Grasslands). The Chrissiesmeer Protected Environment overlaps the north of the project area and Jericho Dam Nature Reserve overlaps the eastern part of the project area.
- It is imperative to adopt a precautionary approach and prioritize the conservation of these essential habitats.

Avifaunal concerns

- **Thirteen out of the 23 proposed wind turbines are placed within the 5 km buffer of a Martial Eagles' recommended buffer these should be removed.**
- 26% of the proposed wind turbines are not covered by vantage points.
- The presence of priority bird species for wind energy developments were recorded within the footprint area.
- Two Southern Bald Ibis colonies (Vulnerable) occur within footprint area.
- A Secretary bird nest (Endangered) was found within this area.
- Birds are very mobile and with the proposed turbine height and blade lengths, the current proposed buffers seem inadequate.
- This raises particular concern as these birds may continuously collide with the blades of the wind turbines and the continuous loss of several of these long-lived birds every year may have a significant impact on population status.
- The artificial water bodies within the footprint area may be important for flamingos and other water-dependent birds.

Site Sensitivity Verification

- The results of the Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that:
    - The sensitivity for the Terrestrial biodiversity impact assessment as Very High in grassland and wetland habitat.
    - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as Very High Sensitivity
    - Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity
    - Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Bat Assessment Very High/High Sensitivity
    - Avifaunal Assessment as Very High/High Sensitivity.

Additional concerns

- Not all the infrastructure has been included on the map or addressed in terms of likely impact, in this case, roads.

Recommendations:

- There should be a thorough Oribi census plan in place, and it should be included in the final EIA report as the project area is home to many Oribi antelope. (Red data species dependant on healthy highveld grasslands).
- Species 23 must be accounted for, and a management plan drawn up for it since the project area is a potential site for its occurrence.
- The EWT's recommended 5 km buffer for the Martial Eagle's nest is non-negotiable and should be adhered to throughout the project lifecycle.
- The current identified Avifaunal Sensitivities map of all 'no-go' areas (Figure (I)) indicates little area for available for the wind farm. With more appropriate buffers, more field work, and all the associated infrastructure (such as roads), we cannot see how it would be possible to establish a wind farm within the footprint area.
- Increase buffer zones for endangered bird nesting sites to reflect their wider flight ranges relative to the height of the turbines.
- Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga.

Conclusion:

The proposed Sheepmoor Wind Energy Facility poses a significant threat to a Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird areas, and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. Relying on the information presented to date, and the desktop assessments, **it is in the MTPA's opinion that this project is fatally flawed.** The anticipated impacts on biodiversity, particularly the avifauna, is too great to support this project. More ecological assessments and exploration of alternative locations are crucial before proceeding with this project.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if there are any inquiries.

Kind Regards

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Dear Ms., Gopaul

SUBJECT: THE MTPA REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SCOPING REPORTIT, ONVERWACHTOSED 240 MW ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (30 TURBINES) ON PORTIONS 1,2 AND 5 OF THE FARM SCHIMMELHOEK 272 IT AND ASSOCIATED 132 Kv GRID INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSVERSING OVER SEVERAL PORTIONS OF THE FARMS SCHIMMELHOEK 272 IT, ONVERWACHT 273, ZWARTWATER 288, WELTERVREDEN 289 AND WITPUNT 267 APPROXIMATELY 31.5 KM BY ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY (PTY) LTD NEAR ERMELO, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

With reference to your correspondence reference 0684401 of date 28/08/2024 our comments:

The application has been assessed by using the following tools: Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (2014 as updated 2022) land use guidelines, the DFFE web-based sensitivity screening tool, Environmental legislation NEMA and EIA regulations 2014 as amended, Department of Water and Sanitation and Water Research Commission Guidelines on wetlands, the South African Heritage Resources Act and knowledge to assess Development Applications.

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With reference to the assessment of your Draft Scoping Report the MTPA is concerned about the following issues raised with regards to the terms of reference for specialist studies.

1. The applicant needs to look for an alternative less sensitive development site to develop the wind energy facility.
2. The avoidance of large areas of critical biodiversity terrestrial and freshwater sensitivity areas and the preliminary project layout overlain area is a large concern especially in the southeastern part of the study area.
3. The threat of this WEF to the Important Bird Area (IBA) and the status of globally Endangered bird species such as the Martial Eagle is of a concern.
4. Road network and its impact must be indicated and must be placed away from the sensitive zones.
5. A 1 km buffer from the CBA Rivers must be applied. Wherever wetland and river crossings are needed, the EIA regulations must be followed.
6. The potential risk and threat of infrastructure-induced fires occurring on grasslands and impacting Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) must be incorporated into the risk assessments.

Proliferation of renewable energy applications

- While South Africa's energy needs highlight the urgency of shifting from coal to renewable energy, it is crucial to consider the scale of investments and the rapid growth of renewable energy projects, especially in Mpumalanga. The drive to approve nearly all renewable applications must be carefully balanced with proper planning and sustainability, ensuring that the transition aligns with environmental, economic, and social factors specific to the region.
- The explosion of renewable energy applications does require careful consideration as to the likely impacts. There is no shortage of renewable energy projects within the Province and the Province has room to apply its mind and navigate this space carefully, especially on areas that are not part of the Renewable Energy Development Zones (REDZs) The province has now over 300 000 ha of renewable energy applications, and the many more than are still to be submitted.

Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), Intact Grassland Patches and Important Bird Areas (IBAs)

- Majority of the proposed turbines and associated infrastructure such as the laydown structure and grid connections are in environmental sensitives areas(CBA Irreplaceable 1,399.9, CBA Optimal ,Intact grassland areas, Priority Focus Area and Key Biodervisity Areas).The MTPA is also not satisfied with the alternative proposed development sites as they are still placed within the environmental sensitive areas, with the grid connections traversing over the Important Bird Areas(IBA) and the buffer of the Martial Eagle Nest.

- The proposed Rochdale Wind Energy Facility is less than 1 km from an Important Bird Area (IBA), and it is important to note that Birds of SCC were recorded in the broader area, therefore the proposed project might impact these Birds of SCC.

- With the vantage points provided, some of the proposed wind turbines are not visible from the vantage point and, although additional vantage points and transect count monitoring was conducted near the Martial Eagle nest. However, with the possibility of the presence of species 23, and a high diversity of threatened bird species, including the threatened birds confirmed on site: African Marsh Harrier Denham's Bustard, Secretary bird, White-bellied Bustard, Blue Crane, Grey Crowned Crane, Lanner Falcon Greater Flamingo, Southern Bald Ibis, Cape Vulture, and Yellow-breasted Pipit. The MTPA is concerned that the survey effort is not sufficient to adequately find possible breeding and nest sites of species 23 and to assess cumulative impacts and identify appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures for the threatened and vulnerable species. Therefore, the MTPA requests the applicant, to do additional vantage point monitoring not only for the martial eagle, but to ascertain if species 23 is present or not this must be done to satisfy and honour the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement.
- Intact grassland patches are areas larger than 100ha, with little or no gaps or edge effects. They were then prioritised according to their connectivity importance. These intact grasslands are "source" areas for avifaunal species where birth rates are expected to exceed death rates, and no wind farms should be placed anywhere near these intact grassland patches. Proposed Turbine 8 falls within the intact grassland patches,140 Ha is identified as an area with intact grassland. With only 51% of the grasslands remaining in a natural state, very little intact natural grasslands still occur in Mpumalanga. Therefore, the MTPA sees the need to protect the little intact grassland still occurring, therefore turbine 8 should be excluded.
- Majority of proposed project area mainly falls within the Eastern Highveld Grassland (Endangered). A high proportion of this vegetation type is threatened and is generally poorly protected. Hence, it should be carefully managed for the persistence of biodiversity; large areas of natural habitat are needed for many bird species, plants, and numerous wetlands that the Mesic Highveld Grassland supports.
- The proposed project area has a portion of Wakkerstroom Montane Grassland (Least Concern). A variety of land-uses are supported by this area and the conservation and good management of this area depends on the continued land-uses practices that have been able to support this biodiversity. The importance of sustainable development is crucial to the long-term maintenance of the biodiversity and ecosystem services in this area.
- Wind farms should not be placed in intact grassland areas as these are important areas where avifauna should be allowed to thrive and then disperse to other areas.
- Approval of the project in such a location could have far-reaching consequences for threatened bird species, potentially disrupting vital source areas critical for population sustainability.
- It is imperative to adopt a precautionary approach and prioritize the conservation of these essential habitats.

Avifaunal concerns

- The presence of 32 priority bird species for wind energy developments and of the 32,12 priority bird species for wind energy developments were recorded within the footprint area and 19 priority species were also recorded, of which the Southern Bald Ibis were nesting with chicks.

- A Martial Eagle nest (Endangered) occurs within the footprint area. These are South Africa's largest eagles and travel over vast areas. They are also suspectable to collision with turbines and wind farms are of serious concern, therefore according to the Endangered Wildlife Trust a 5km buffer must be applied and adhered to throughout the wind facility life cycle. Four of the proposed turbines (3, 4,13 and 14) are within the buffer of the Martial Eagle therefore these turbines need to be excluded.
- Southern Bald Ibis colonies, Yellow-breasted Pipit, Secretary bird nest occur within footprint area. Therefore, the applicant needs to consider that birds are very mobile and with the proposed turbine height and blade lengths adequate buffers must be assigned.
- This raises particular concern as these birds may continuously collide with the blades of the wind turbines and the continuous loss of several of these long-lived birds every year may have a significant impact on population status.
- The water bodies in the area are important for migrating birds such as flamingos for bathing and drinking, therefore they need to be buffered on either site for the entire during of the project life cycle.

Site Sensitivity Verification

- The results of the Site Sensitivity Verification confirmed that:
    - The sensitivity for the Terrestrial biodiversity impact assessment as Very High/High in grassland and wetland habitat
    - Aquatic Biodiversity Impact Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Plant Species Assessment as Medium Sensitivity
    - Animal Species Assessment as High Sensitivity
    - Bat Assessment as Very High Sensitivity/High Sensitivity
    - Avifaunal Assessment as Vey High Sensitivity/High Sensitivity

Additional concerns

- Not all the infrastructure has been included on the map or addressed in terms of likely impact. The length of internal roads must be included, and the impact be declared.

Recommendations

- Additional Vantage points must be conducted to establish if species 23(Critically endangered) is present or not to provide more details regarding the potential impacts on the critical species.
- There should be an Oribi management plan in place. The plan should include how this area can be utilized as a sanctuary for the Oribi.
- The EWT's recommended 5 km buffer for the Martial Eagle's nest is non-negotiable and should be adhered to throughout the project lifecycle.
- The location of all but 3 turbines is in avifaunal exclusion zones. However, according to the MBSP proposed turbine 5 is in an CBA Irreplaceable area. Therefore only two proposed turbines ,turbine 15 and 14 are in Heavily Modified or Moderately Modified Areas ,however with some of the SCC

roosting and nesting in trees of alien invasive species ,and cultivated/vegetated lands which might be utilized for feeding areas for many Species of Conservation Concern such as white bellied bustard(Vulnerable)recorded on the broader area, therefore even the Heavily Modified or moderately Modified Areas might not be suitable for the placement of the proposed turbines as they might also be utilized by the birds.

- The current identified Avifaunal Sensitivities map of all 'no-go' areas (Figure (i)) indicates little area for available for the wind farm. With additional monitoring done appropriate buffers must be applied, and all the associated infrastructure such as roads and lay down structures removed from the sensitive areas, the MTPA cannot see how it would be possible to establish a wind farm within the proposed footprint area.
- Increase buffer zones for endangered bird nesting sites to reflect their wider flight ranges relative to the height of the turbines.
- Consider alternative locations with less ecological sensitivity, especially considering the numerous renewable energy projects already approved in Mpumalanga.

Conclusion:

The proposed Rochdale Wind Energy Facility and associated infrastructure poses a significant threat to the Critical Biodiversity Areas, intact grassland patches, Important Bird areas, Key Biodervisity Areas and the habitat of numerous threatened bird species. If we need to rely on the information presented to date, and the desktop assessments, then it is in our opinion that this project is fatally flawed. When considering the cumulative impact of the entire Rochdale Wind Energy Facility the anticipated environmental impacts on biodiversity, particularly on the avifauna, this project becomes a significant concern. The MTPA suggests that the applicant explores alternative locations, that are less environmental sensitive as it crucial before proceeding with this project.



Figure 1. MBSP terrestrial biodiversity map of the proposed wind turbines on portions 1,2 and 5 of the farm Schimmelhoek 272 IT and grid connection on various affected farm portions

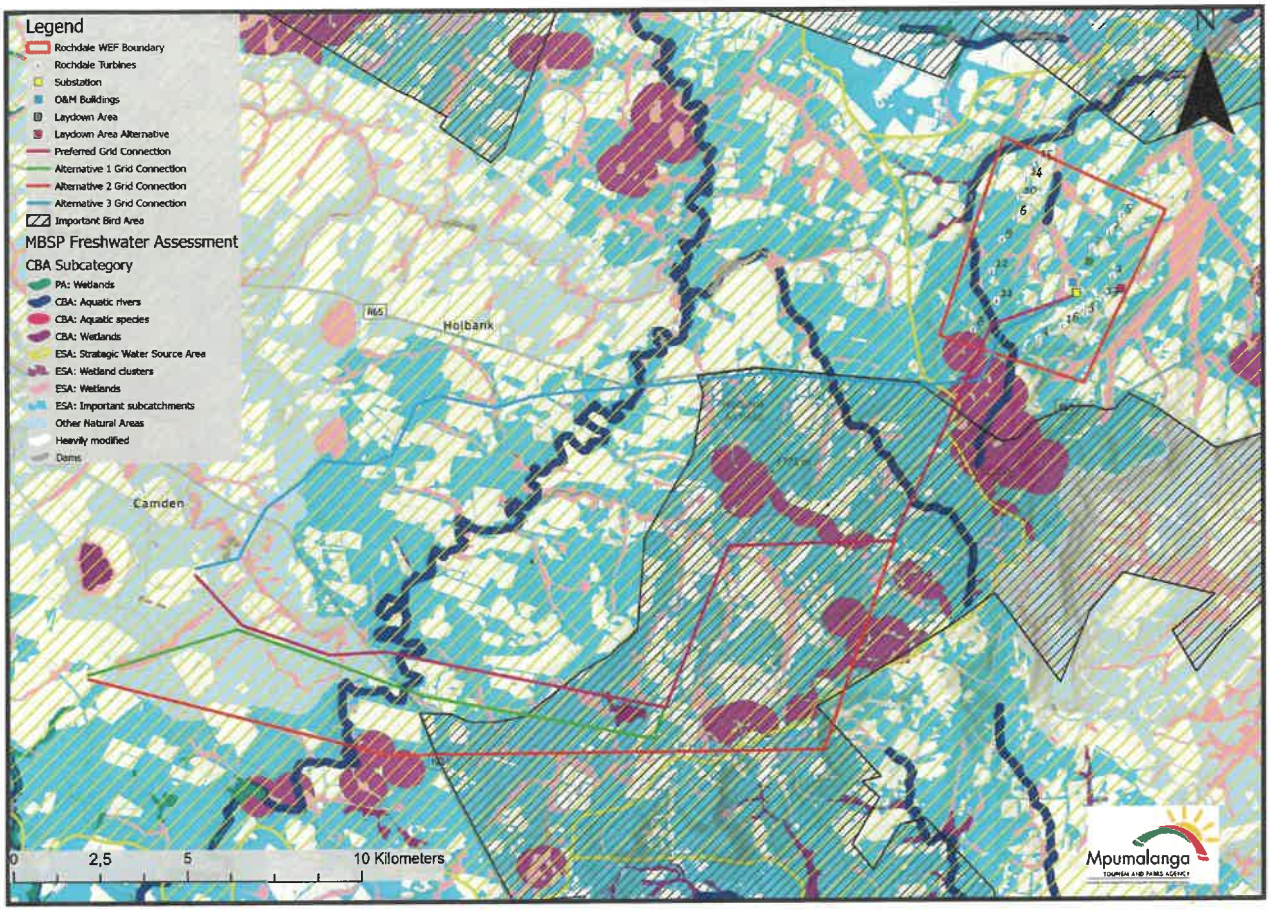


Figure 2: MBSP freshwater biodiversity map of the proposed wind turbines on portions 1,2 and 5 of the farm Schimmelhoek 272 IT and grid connection on various affected farm portions

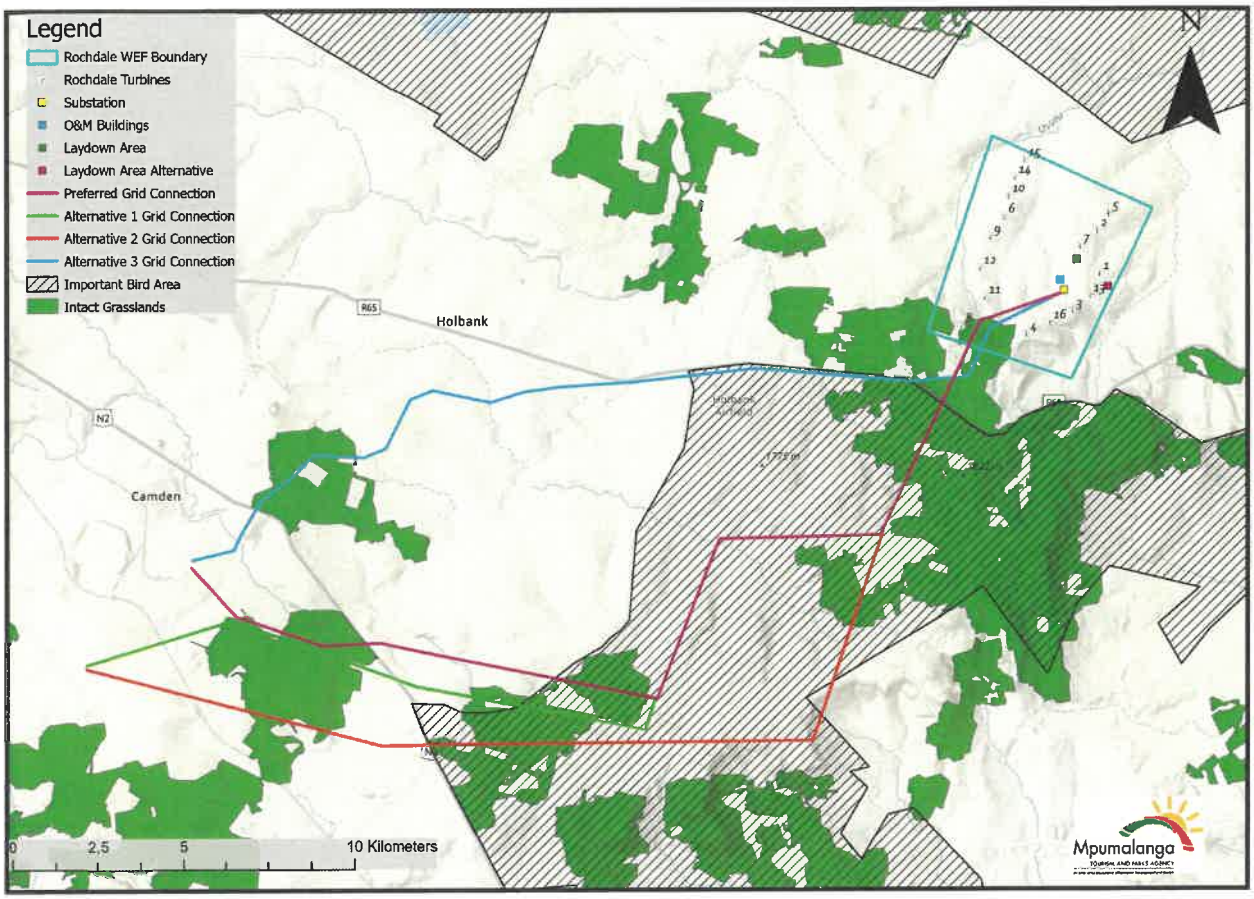


Figure 3: MBSP intact grassland map of the proposed wind turbines portions 1,2 and 5 of the farm Schimmelhoek 272 IT and grid connection on various affected farm portions

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Dear Ms., Gopaul

SUBJECT: MTPA'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE DRAFT SCOPING FOR THE 45 WIND TURBINES EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE,) AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE (1 ON-SITE SUBSTATION WITH A CAPACITY OF 200MW, AND 1 OVER-HEAD 132 kV POWERLINE OF APPROXIMATELY 30 KM) ON 18 PORTIONS OF FARMS COVERING AN AREA OF 6 964 HA EAST OF ERMELO FOR EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY (PTY) LTD, MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. DFFE REFERENCE NUMBER TO BE PROVIDED. MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

Your correspondence with the project ref no. 0684401 of date 28/08/2024.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

The sensitivity of the above farm on which the proposed activity is likely to occur was assessed according to the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP; MTPA, 2014). This sensitivity is assessed in terms of terrestrial and freshwater assessments. In the MBSP, priority sensitive areas are identified in terms of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs). CBAs and ESAs are deemed to be necessary to ensure protection of biodiversity, environmental sustainability, and human well-being, and are to remain unaltered.

According to the MBSP terrestrial assessment map (figure 1) the proposed development will occur within CBA Irreplaceable, CBA Optimal, ESA Landscape corridor, ESA Ecological Corridor, Important Bird Areas (IBA), other natural areas, moderately modified- old lands and heavily modified area (Degraded). According to the freshwater assessments map (figure 2), the proposed development will occur within a CBA Aquatic River, CBA wetlands, ESA wetlands, ESA Strategic water source, ESA Important sub-catchments other natural areas and heavily modified area (Degraded).

The MTPA have the following concerns:

The MTPA is concerned with the proposed project area for the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (WEF) and its associated Auxiliary infrastructure which is within Important Bird Areas (IBA), CBA Irreplaceable, CBA optimal, CBA aquatic rivers, ESA wetland clusters, ESA wetlands and intact grasslands. These areas are of biodiversity importance and the proposed Emvelo WEF and associated infrastructure will compromise the primary biodiversity objectives of these areas.

The MTPA is concerned with a number of turbines that are in no-go areas or highly sensitive areas. There are ten (10) turbines that are located within the intact grasslands which are turbines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13 and 15 (refer to Figure 3), intact grasslands are crucial for supporting threatened avifauna and these turbines will compromise that biodiversity objective. The MBSP specifically incorporated climate change into spatial priorities through the prioritisation of the connectivity of remaining intact grassland patches in the province, as they provide habitat for species to thrive, and allow for their dispersal.

Turbines 12, 14, 16, 17, 29, 32 and 33 are within CBA irreplaceable, which is to be maintained in a natural state with no loss of ecosystems, functionality or species with no flexibility in land-use options. Turbines 8, 18 and 19 are within CBA optimal which is to be maintained in a natural state with no loss of ecosystems, functionality or species with some flexibility in land-use options.

Turbines 1,2,3,5, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 24, 26, 31, and 35 are located within Important Bird Area (IBA). The Important Bird Area (IBA) as established by the Birdlife SA are areas that has the richness of conservation important bird species and care should be taken not to lose their breeding and feeding habitats. Wind turbines increase the risk of bird's collision. Surface water (Wetlands, drainage lines and dams) is crucially important for priority Avifauna, wind turbines and powerlines that that are placed near surface water pose a collision risk (as mentioned by the Avifaunal specialist). The most preferred sites are Moderately and Heavily modified areas; other natural areas are also preferred but under certain conditions.

The proposed Emvelo WEF and its associated grid connection is located in an area comprising a high diversity of threatened bird species, including the following confirmed on site: African Marsh Harrier (Regionally Endangered); Martial Eagle (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Denham's Bustard (Globally Near Threatened, Regionally Vulnerable); Secretary bird (Globally Endangered, Regionally Vulnerable); White-bellied Bustard (Regionally Vulnerable), Blue Crane (Globally Vulnerable, Regionally Near Threatened); Grey Crowned Crane (Globally and Regionally Endangered); Lanner Falcon (Regionally Vulnerable); Greater Flamingo (Regionally Near Threatened); Southern Bald Ibis (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable); Cape

Vulture (Globally Vulnerable and Regionally Endangered); and Yellow-breasted Pipit (Regionally and Globally Vulnerable).

Turbines 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 13 and 15 are within the 5km Martial Eagle Buffer, Birdlife South Africa currently recommends 5-6 km buffer for Martial Eagles, this 5km no-go buffer must be adhered to by the Applicant.

The MTPA would like to recommend the following:

- Key biodiversity areas should be avoided, and Wind turbines removed from such.

- A 100m buffer around wetlands and other waterbodies must be implemented and adhered to throughout the lifecycle of the proposed development.
- 5km radius Martial Eagle Buffer (as recommended by BirdLifeSA) must be implemented and avoided throughout the lifecycle of the proposed development.
- A Thorough Terrestrial Biodiversity assessment which also includes Intact grasslands patches.
- A thorough Avifaunal study must be done with all the best practices to avoid the bird collision risks.
- Proper mitigation strategies of the wind turbines to avoid collisions and mortalities must be included in the EIAr.
- The roads, temporary site camps and all the other associated infrastructure must be included on the site layout of the Emvelo WEF in the EIAr.
- The Applicant must find a more suitable alternative site for this development with less risk to biodiversity.
- The clearance or removal of vegetation must be restricted to the project footprint.
- Moderately modified- old lands and heavily modified areas (Degraded) are the most preferred sites for the Emvelo WEF, other natural areas are also preferred but under certain conditions.
- The applicant must apply duty of care to ensure that there is no significant pollution or degradation of the environment.

The MTPA does not support the Environmental Authorisation of the proposed Emvelo Wind Energy Facility (Pty) Ltd for proposed Wind Energy Facility and Auxiliary infrastructure operation within the application area with up to 45 proposed wind turbines. The sensitive areas cover most of the proposed Emvelo WEF project area, Important Birds Area (IBA) covers 43% of the project area; Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Covers 21.4% of the project area; Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA) covers 1,302.2 ha of the project area; and 2,272.5 ha of intact grassland patches within the project area.

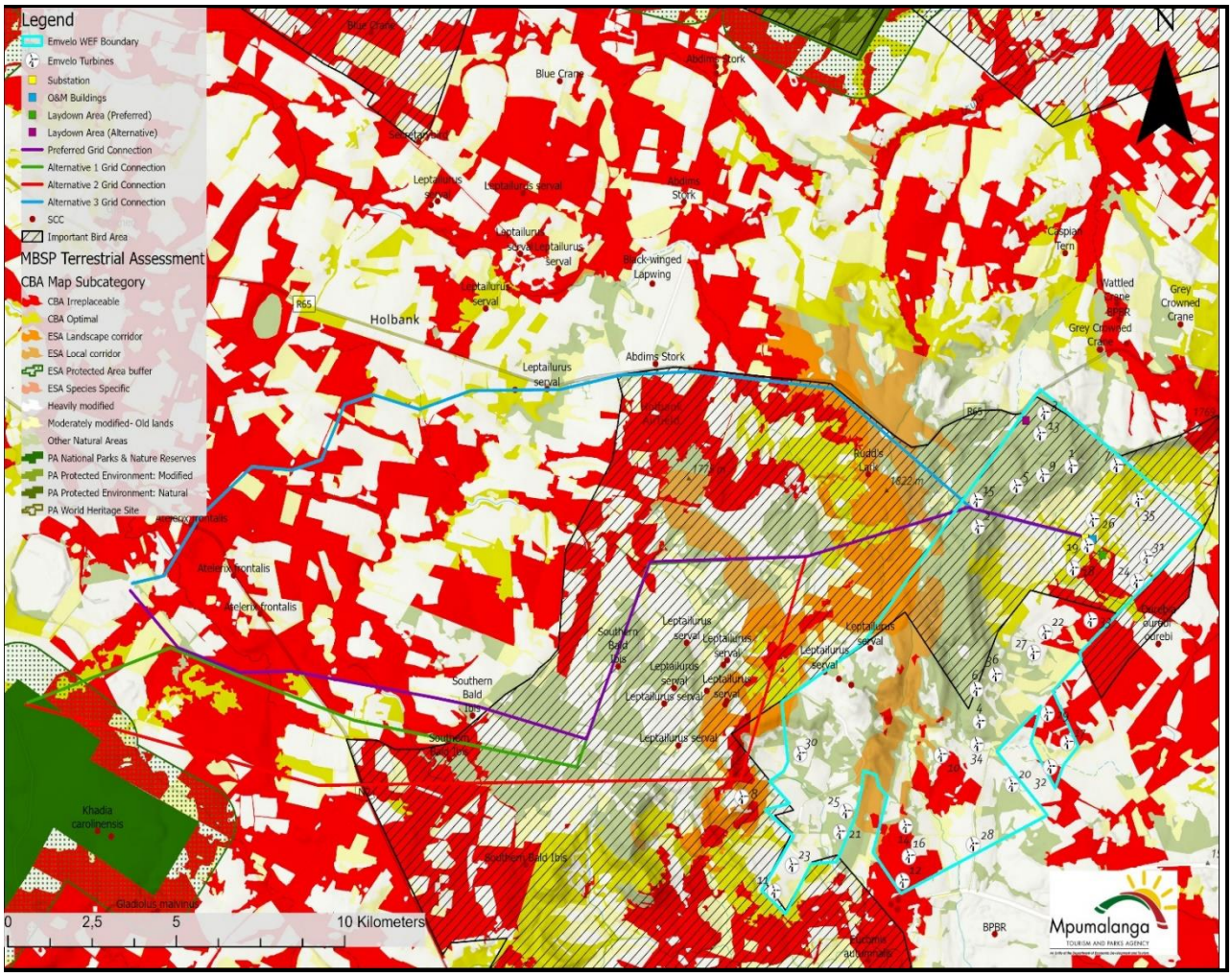


Figure 1. MBSP based terrestrial biodiversity assessment for the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility.

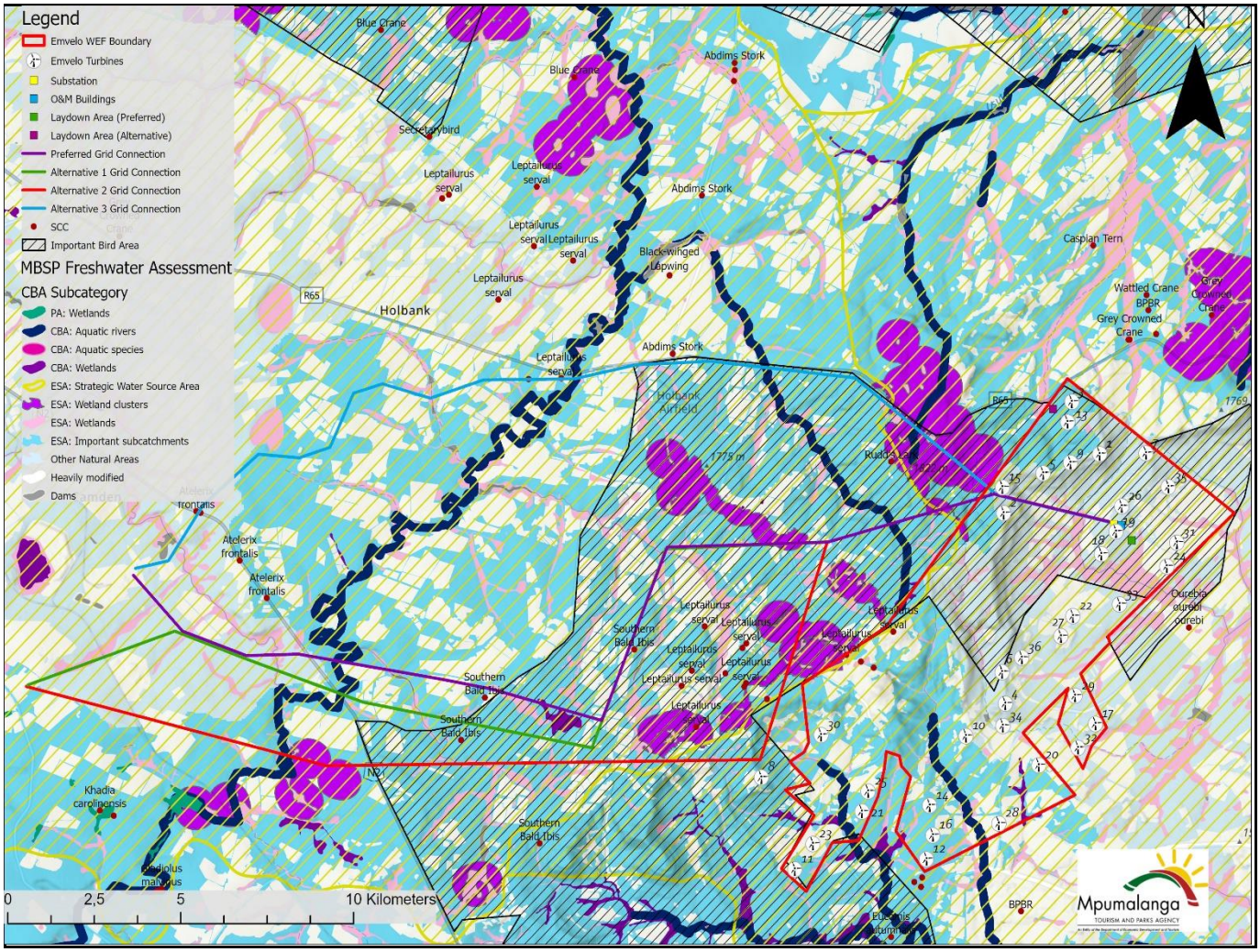


Figure 2. MBSP based Freshwater biodiversity assessment for the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility.

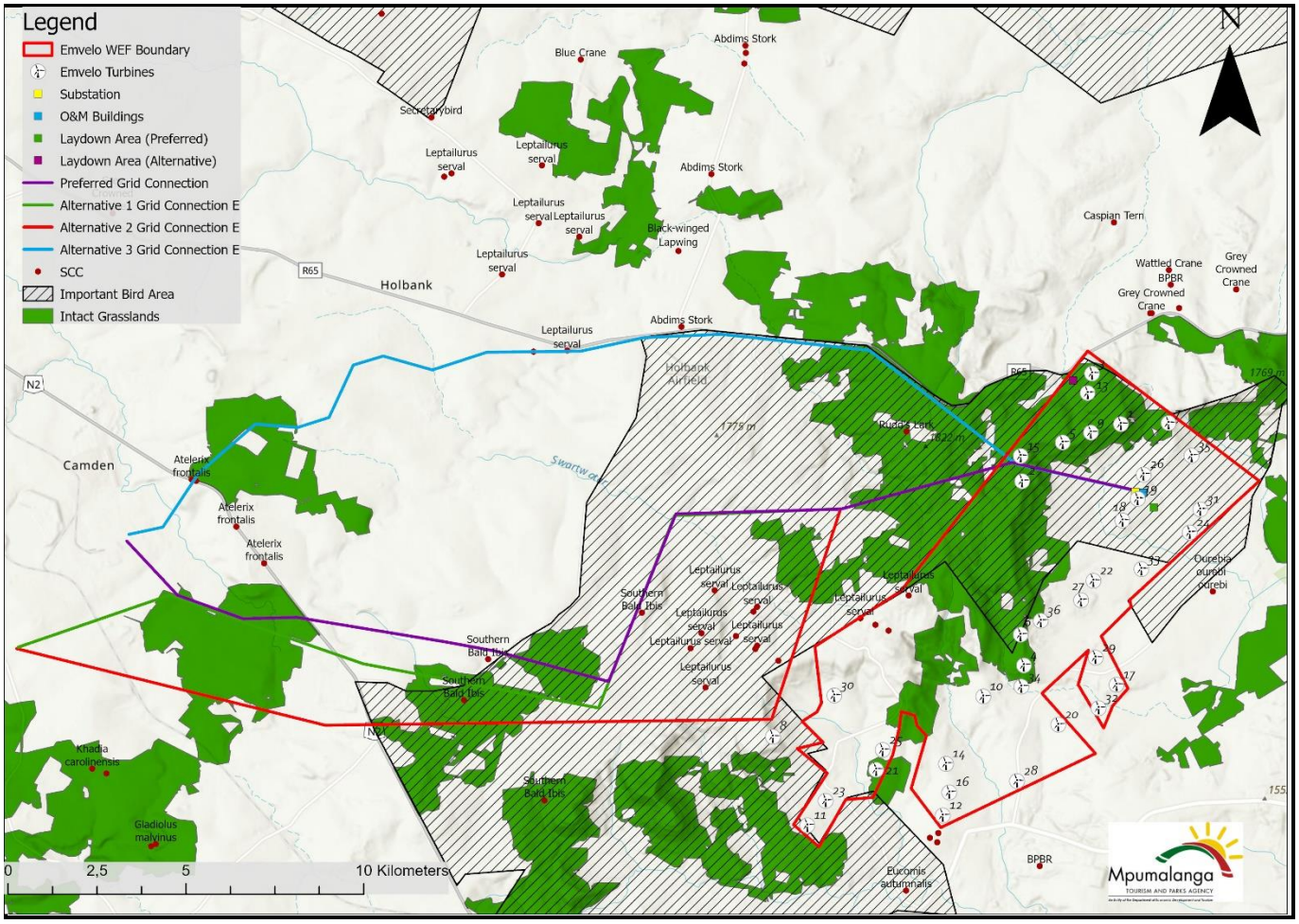


Figure 3. MBSP based Intact Grasslands map for the Emvelo Wind Energy Facility.

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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Gopaul

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

The final Scoping Report (SR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (PoSEIA) dated October 2024 and received by the Department on 07 October 2024, refers.

The Department has evaluated the submitted final SR and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment dated July 2024 and is satisfied that the documents comply with the minimum requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The FSR is hereby accepted by the Department in terms of Regulation 22(a) of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PoSEIA as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr) must comply with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

In addition, the following amendments and additional information are required for the EIAr:

The processing of personal information by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment is done lawfully and not excessive to the purpose of processing in compliance with the POPI Act, any codes of conduct issued by the Information Regulator in terms of the POPI Act and / or relevant legislation providing appropriate security safeguards for the processing of personal information of others.

General Comments

1. The meeting minutes in Appendix F of the Public Participation Report refers. The discussions during the meeting with the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) and the Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency (MTPA) on 11 September 2024 are noted.
2. The table of coordinates on page *x* of the SR is noted. The EIAr must include:
   a. The corner coordinates for the Battery Energy Storage System.
   b. Bend point coordinates for the 132kV powerline alternatives; and the main access roads.
3. The EIAr must include the approximate length of each grid connection alternative route, and these grid connection routes must be discussed in the "*Alternatives*" section of the EIAr.
4. You are requested to provide the estimated operational lifespan of the proposed Emvelo WEF and details of future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning, as well as the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies.
5. The EIAr must confirm the availability of services identified on pages 124 to 126 of the final SR.
6. If the EIAr contains listed activities and/or other information that differs from the application form, the application form must be amended accordingly and submitted to the Department with the EIAr.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

7. Applicable BESS technologies must be included under the Technology Alternatives section of the EIAr.
8. A risk assessment study is not required for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), however, impacts associated with the risks must be identified, considered, and assessed as part of the EIAr.

Public Participation

9. Comments on the draft EIAR must be obtained from this Department's Biodiversity Conservation Directorate at BCAdmin@dffe.gov.za and Protected Areas section (regarding the NPAES) at Tnethononda@dffe.gov.za. Further to that, these comments must be addressed and incorporated in the final EIAr.
10. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAr. This must indicate that this draft EIAr has been subjected to 30 days public participation process, stating the start and end date of the PPP.
11. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr.
12. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. Please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the draft EIAr for comment.
13. All issues raised and comments received must be incorporated into the Comments and Response Report (CRR).
14. Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.
15. Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to an I&AP's comments.
16. The CRR addresses comments on the draft SR, which have been received from organs of state, however, copies of these comments are not included in the report. Copies of original comments

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received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity must be submitted to the Department with the EIAr.

17. If applicable, the attendance registers and minutes of any meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and other role players must be included in the EIAr.
18. The newspaper advert proof in Appendix C of the Public Participation Report refers. Please submit a full page of the newspaper(s) containing the advertisement, ensuring that the name of the newspaper and date are visible.

Specialist assessments

19. Interim and final comments from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be addressed and incorporated in the EIAr.
20. Specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with the Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species).
21. The following specialist studies will form part of the EIAr as indicated in Section 12.6 of the FSR:
    a. Soil and Agriculture Potential Impact Assessment;
    b. Freshwater and Wetlands (Aquatics) Impact Assessment;
    c. Terrestrial Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna) Impact Assessment;
    d. Avifauna Impact Assessment;
    e. Bat Impact Assessment;
    f. Visual / Landscape and Flicker Impact Assessment;
    g. Heritage, Archaeology and Palaeontology Impact Assessment;
    h. Noise Impact Assessment;
    i. Socio-economic Impact Assessment; and
    j. Traffic and Transportation Impact Assessment.
22. Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
23. Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.
24. Should the specialist studies provide more detail regarding any of the project activity thresholds, please ensure that the project activity descriptions are amended accordingly in the application form and EIAr.
25. All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
26. Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
27. Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.
28. Where applicable, each specialist study must provide a preferred grid connection alternative.

Layout & Sensitivity Maps

29. Please provide a layout map which indicates the following:
    a. Wind turbine positions (numbered) and its associated infrastructure;
    b. Permanent laydown area footprint;

c. Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible);
d. Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used;
e. The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
f. Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
g. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads;
h. Buildings proposed within the substation footprint;
i. Buffer areas; and
j. All "no-go" areas.

Cumulative Assessments

30. Regarding the identified similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must indicate the following:
    a. Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
    b. Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process.
    c. Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
    d. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
    e. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

WEF Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

31. A construction and operational phase EMPr for the WEF, which includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the EIAr.
32. The EMPr must be developed in terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended and must include (but not limited to) the following plans and measures:
    a. A Re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats;
    b. A Weed and invader plant management plan, to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken;
    c. A Plant rescue and protection plan, which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase;

d. An Open space management plan, to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility;
e. A Traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations;
f. A Transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment;
g. A Stormwater management plan, to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off;
h. A Fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility;
i. An Erosion management plan for monitoring and rehabilitating erosion events associated with the facility. Appropriate erosion mitigation must form part of this plan to prevent and reduce the risk of any potential erosion;
j. An effective monitoring system to detect any leakage or spillage of all hazardous substances during their transportation, handling, use and storage. This must include precautionary measures to limit the possibility of oil and other toxic liquids from entering the soil or storm water systems;
k. Measures to protect hydrological features such as streams, rivers, pans, wetlands, dams and their catchments, and other environmental sensitive areas from construction impacts including the direct or indirect spillage of pollutants;
l. Dust management measures;
m. Waste management measures;
n. Emergency response; and,
o. All recommendations and mitigation measures recorded in the EIAr and the specialist studies conducted. This includes the management and monitoring plans and procedures appended in the specialist studies.

33. The decommissioning chapter of the EMPr for the facility must contain information relating to the handling, repurposing or disposal of dysfunctional, severely damaged batteries, module and containers.
34. The EMPr must distinguish between impact management actions and impact management outcomes.
35. The EMPr must not contain any ambiguity. Where applicable, statements containing the word “should” or “may” are to be amended to “must”.

Generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

36. The proposed development triggers Activity 11 of Listing Notice 1 (as amended). The relevant generic EMPr(s) must be included in the EIAr, over and above the EMPr for the WEF.
37. Part B: Section 2 of the generic EMPr(s) must be completed, and a copy of the signed EMPr(s) must be submitted with the EIAr. Please note that Point 7.1.1 in Part B: Section 2 needs to match the

details of the applicant as contained in the application form. The generic EMPr(s) must be signed by the applicant and submitted with the EIAr. An unsigned Generic EMPr is regarded as incomplete.

38. If any specific environmental sensitivities/attributes are present on the site which require more specific impact management outcomes and impact management actions, not included in the pre-approved generic EMPr template, to manage impacts, those impact management outcomes and actions must be included in Part C of the generic EMPr.

General

The EAP must provide detailed motivation if any of the above requirements are not required by the proposed development and will not be included in the EMPr.

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PER E-MAIL

Dear Ms Gopaul

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCOPING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROCHDALE WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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You may proceed with the environmental impact assessment process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the PoSEIA as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAr) must comply with the requirements of Appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended.

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4. You are requested to provide the estimated operational lifespan of the proposed Rochdale WEF and details of future plans for the site and infrastructure after decommissioning, as well as the possibility of upgrading the proposed infrastructure to more advanced technologies.
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Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

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Specialist assessments

19. Interim and final comments from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be addressed and incorporated in the EIAr.
20. Specialist assessments must be conducted in accordance with the Government Notice No. 320 of 20 March 2020 (i.e. "the Protocols"), and Government Notice No. 1150 of 30 October 2020 (i.e. protocols for terrestrial plant and animal species).
21. The following specialist studies will form part of the EIAr as indicated in Section 12.6 of the FSR:
    a. Soil and Agriculture Potential Impact Assessment;
    b. Noise Impact Assessment;
    c. Freshwater and Wetlands (Aquatics) Impact Assessment;
    d. Terrestrial Biodiversity (Flora and Fauna) Impact Assessment;
    e. Avifauna Impact Assessment;
    f. Bat Impact Assessment;
    g. Socio-economic Impact Assessment;
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    i. Visual / Landscape and Flicker Impact Assessment; and
    j. Traffic and Transportation Impact Assessment.
22. Please note that the Department considers a 'no-go' area, as an area where no development of any infrastructure is allowed; therefore, no development of associated infrastructure including access roads is allowed in the 'no-go' areas.
23. Should the specialist definition of 'no-go' area differ from the Departments definition; this must be clearly indicated. The specialist must also indicate the 'no-go' area's buffer if applicable.
24. Should the specialist studies provide more detail regarding any of the project activity thresholds, please ensure that the project activity descriptions are amended accordingly in the application form and EIAr.
25. All specialist studies must be final, and provide detailed/practical mitigation measures for the preferred alternative and recommendations, and must not recommend further studies to be completed post EA.
26. Should a specialist recommend specific mitigation measures, these must be clearly indicated.
27. Should the appointed specialists specify contradicting recommendations, the EAP must clearly indicate the most reasonable recommendation and substantiate this with defendable reasons; and were necessary, include further expertise advice.
28. Where applicable, each specialist study must provide a preferred grid connection alternative.

Layout & Sensitivity Maps

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b. Permanent laydown area footprint;
c. Internal roads indicating width (construction period width and operation period width) and with numbered sections between the other site elements which they serve (to make commenting on sections possible);
d. Wetlands, drainage lines, rivers, stream and water crossing of roads and cables indicating the type of bridging structures that will be used;
e. The location of sensitive environmental features on site e.g. CBAs, heritage sites, wetlands, drainage lines etc. that will be affected by the facility and its associated infrastructure;
f. Substation(s) and/or transformer(s) sites including their entire footprint;
g. All existing infrastructure on the site, especially roads;
h. Buildings proposed within the substation footprint;
i. Buffer areas; and
j. All "no-go" areas.

Cumulative Assessments

30. Regarding the identified similar projects within a 30km radius of the proposed development site, the cumulative impact assessment for all identified and assessed impacts must indicate the following:
    a. Identified cumulative impacts must be clearly defined, and where possible the size of the identified impact must be quantified and indicated, i.e., hectares of cumulatively transformed land.
    b. Identified cumulative impacts associated with the proposed development must be rated with the significance rating methodology used in the process.
    c. Detailed process flow and proof must be provided, to indicate how the specialist's recommendations, mitigation measures and conclusions from the various similar developments in the area were taken into consideration in the assessment of cumulative impacts and when the conclusion and mitigation measures were drafted for this project.
    d. The cumulative impacts significance rating must also inform the need and desirability of the proposed development.
    e. A cumulative impact environmental statement on whether the proposed development must proceed.

WEF Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

31. A construction and operational phase EMPr for the WEF, which includes mitigation and monitoring measures must be submitted with the EIAr.
32. The EMPr must be developed in terms of Appendix 4 of the EIA Regulations, 2014 as amended and must include (but not limited to) the following plans and measures:
    a. A Re-vegetation and habitat rehabilitation plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. Restoration must be undertaken as soon as possible after completion of construction activities to reduce the amount of habitat converted at any one time and to speed up the recovery to natural habitats;
    b. A Weed and invader plant management plan, to be implemented during construction and operation of the facility. The plan must include mitigation measures to reduce the invasion of alien species and ensure that the continuous monitoring and removal of alien species is undertaken;
    c. A Plant rescue and protection plan, which allows for the maximum transplant of conservation important species from areas to be transformed. This plan must be compiled by a vegetation

specialist familiar with the site and be implemented prior to commencement of the construction phase;

d. An Open space management plan, to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility;
e. A Traffic management plan for the site access roads to ensure that no hazards would result from the increased truck traffic and that traffic flow would not be adversely impacted. This plan must include measures to minimize impacts on local commuters e.g. limiting construction vehicles travelling on public roadways during the morning and late afternoon commute time and avoid using roads through densely populated built-up areas so as not to disturb existing retail and commercial operations;
f. A Transportation plan for the transport of components, main assembly cranes and other large pieces of equipment;
g. A Stormwater management plan, to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility. The plan must ensure compliance with applicable regulations and prevent off-site migration of contaminated storm water or increased soil erosion. The plan must include the construction of appropriate design measures that allow surface and subsurface movement of water along drainage lines so as not to impede natural surface and subsurface flows. Drainage measures must promote the dissipation of storm water run-off;
h. A Fire management plan to be implemented during the construction and operation of the facility;
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33. The decommissioning chapter of the EMPr for the facility must contain information relating to the handling, repurposing or disposal of dysfunctional, severely damaged batteries, module and containers.
34. The EMPr must distinguish between impact management actions and impact management outcomes.
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Generic Environmental Management Programme (EMPr)

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear AidaForm user,

Your form "Stakeholder Engagement Form" has a new response.

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2. Who do you represent?
Individual Affected party

3. Your Email
[redacted]

4. Your Phone Number
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6. Your Address
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7. What is your interest in the projects?
Strongly oppose

8. Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?
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Kind Regards,
Salome Mambane
Integrated Environmental Authorisations:
Priority Infrastructure Developments
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611
Date: Wednesday, 09 October 2024 09:11:05

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Sir/Madam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND AMENDED APPLICATION FORM FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITY AND AUXILIARY INFRASTRUCTURE, NEAR ERMELO, WITHIN THE MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, AND GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

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Kind Regards,
Lydia Kutu
Integrated Environmental Authorisations:
Priority Infrastructure Developments
Tel: (012) 399 9370
Email: LKutu@dffe.gov.za

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From: [redacted]
To: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2612; 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613
Date: Tuesday, 24 September 2024 18:07:46
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14-12-16-3-3-2-2612.pdf
14-12-16-3-3-2-2613.pdf

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Goodday

Please find attached, DSR comments for the proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEF developments.

Kind regards
Ms Bathandwa Ncube (EAPASA)
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
Integrated Environmental Authorisations
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: Stephanie Gopaul
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612; 2613: FSR Acceptance for the proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Date: Tuesday, 19 November 2024 21:59:46
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01 Acceptance of SR_Rochdale_2612.pdf
01 Acceptance of SR_Sheepmoor_2613.pdf

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Staphanie,

Attached please find the FSR acceptance letters for your attention.

Regards,

MASINA MORUDU

Integrated Environmental Authorisations
EAPASA Registration: 2019/1805
Tel: 012 399 9375
Cell: 066 283 0264
E-mail: MEMorudu@dffe.gov.za

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Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
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From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2612
Date: Wednesday, 09 October 2024 09:13:18

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[redacted]
Email: LKutu@dffe.gov.za

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Salome Mambane
Integrated Environmental Authorisations:
Priority Infrastructure Developments
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
[redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613
Date: Wednesday, 09 October 2024 09:15:34

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Priority Infrastructure Developments
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From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613
Date: Monday, 17 February 2025 11:29:57

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Salome Mambane
Integrated Environmental Authorisations:
[redacted]

Stakeholder Engagement Form [redacted]

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First Name
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Last Name
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Who do you represent?

Organisation
ABO Energy

Designation
Project Manager

Your Email

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What is your interest in the projects?

ABO is developing other renewable energy projects in the area

Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?

Yes

What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster?

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Hi Liandra,

I hope you're doing well.

Could you kindly register me as an I&AP for the Project Reference: 0684401 'Amsterdam Cluster WEF', including the proposed Rochdale , Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEFs including their associated infrastructure, since we're developing other renewable energy projects in the area.

Thank you in advance.

Kind regards,

Du Toit Malherbe
Project Manager

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Subject: Stephanie Gopaul; ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Date: Amsterdam Wind Cluster
Friday, 08 November 2024 08:22:33

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Dear Stephanie,

I filled in the online form - kindly confirm I am registered as an I&AP and will receive further info as the EIA process evolves.

Please note:

- There is a disconnect between the declared MW size and the number of turbines:
  - Rochdale: 240MW vs. 16 WTGs @ 8MW = 128MW
  - Emvelo: 200MW vs. 36 WTGs @ 8MW = 288MW
  - Sheepmoor: 360MW vs. 22 WTGs @ 8MW = 176W
- WTG8 of Emvelo falls outside of the declared development area

Can you kindly clarify?

Thanks and regards,

DAVID NUNEZ
executive director
[redacted]
[redacted] SOUTH AFRICA

From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Automatic reply: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
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Thank you for your email. Please expect a delayed response as I am currently attending AgriSA's Green Horizon Congress in Cape Town. [redacted]

For inquiries, you can also contact the [redacted]

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To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
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Kindly forward all EIA notices to environment@caa.co.za.

Kind regards

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Good day

Kindly receive the draft comments from Mr. Krige of LUA 24-3965. As soon as we have a signed copy, I will forward it to you.

Kind regards

Celia

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 October 2024 10:35
To: Erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3966 - Draft Scoping for 45 wind turbines (Emvelo Wind Energy)

Good day

Kindly receive two of the letters as requested

I will follow up with Frans Krige on LUA 24/3965, Rochdale, as soon as he is done with his meeting.

Regards

Celia

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 September 2024 09:56
To: stephanie.gopaul@erm.com
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3966 - Draft Scoping for 45 wind turbines (Emvelo Wind

Energy)

Dear Ms. Gopaul

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft Scoping report for 45 wind turbines for Emvelo Wind Energy Facility & auxiliary infrastructure.

Your project no: **0684401**

Our EIA reference number is **LUA 24/3966**

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

Mpumalanga
TOURISM AND PARKS AGENCY
An Entity of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Cecilia de Waal
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Data Capturer
Land Use Advisory (LUA)
Biodiversity Conservation: Scientific Services
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: MTPA"s comments LUA 24/3966 - Draft Scoping for 45 wind turbines (Emvelo Wind Energy)
Date: Tuesday, 01 October 2024 10:35:09
Attachments: LUA24-3966 obj. Emvelo WEF infrastructure Draft SR ERM.pdf
LUA 24-3967 MTPA objection DSR SHEEPMOOR WEF ERM.pdf

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Regards

Celia

From: Celia de Waal
Sent: 20 September 2024 09:56
To: stephanie.gopaul@erm.com
Cc: [redacted]
<[redacted]Wind Energy)

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Cecilia de Waal
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e-mail: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
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Good morning

Kindly send us, the MTPA a hard copy of the Final Scoping Report, for our scientists to comment on, to the following physical address:

To: Cecilia de Waal (MTPA EIA Data Capturer)
MTPA Office Building (Lydenburg)
End of Morgan street
Lydenburg 1120

[redacted]

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

Mpumalanga
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Cecilia de Waal
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Data Capturer
Land Use Advisory (LUA)
Biodiversity Conservation: Scientific Services
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, 10 October 2024 14:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province

Middag Frans

Moet ek vir die harde kopiee van die Final Draft aanvra

Groete

Celia

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: 10 October 2024 13:52
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party,

NOTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT(S) FOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE FOR THE PROPOSED SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

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DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611, 14/12/16/3/3/2/2612 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Final Scoping Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs , in the Mpumalanga Province.

The Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed Development(s) was subjected to the required 30-day comment and review period, from the 22 August 2024 to the 21 September 2024 (both days inclusive), taking into consideration Chapter 2 Regulation 3 (1); (2) and (3) of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). Comments received from the public were incorporated, addressed and responded to in the Final Scoping Report.

Following the 30-day public comment and review period, the Final Scoping Reports has been submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (competent authority) for decision and is available for the public to view and download via the ERM website.

With reference to the above, please send any queries to the below address. Please also indicate the contact details of any other potential I&APs that should be contacted and registered.

Email: mailto:ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com

Website: **https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/**

Thank you for the interest in the project.

Kind Regards

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Lucien Barbeau
Consultant

Cape Town
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From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: In sake : SHEEPMOOR, EMVELO en ROCKDALE WINDPLAAS PROJEK
Date: Tuesday, 17 December 2024 11:05:20

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Vir aandag : Mnr Lucien Barbeau

Dagse

Die volgende het onder my aandag gekom en plaas dit net op rekord
- die drie windplase is gewysig na slegs twee
- die windturbines se plasing is wesenlik gewysig
- as I&AP is geen kennis daarvan ontvang nie
- geleentheid om kommentaar op wysiging te lewer is sodoende my ontneem
- verskeie spesialiste het intussen weer area besoek om verdere verslae op te stel. afgesien van die voelkundiges het die ander twee, waarvan ek weet, my nie gekontak nie. my kontak detail is blykbaar van hul weerhou.

EAP is ook verskeie kere al versoek vir kaart wat turbines, plaas grense en distrik paaie duidelik toon. wag nou nog.

Bogemelde prosedure is totaal gebrekkig en regsadvies word in die verband ingewin.

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Good day,

Kindly see attached comments from MTPA. This is in relation to the Mulilo Amsterdam WEF cluster. Kindly read through all comments and respond to the comments directed at your speciality.

If responses could please be provided by the end of this week, it will be appreciated.

Thank you,

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From: [redacted]
[redacted] ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: MTPA"s comments: LUA 24/3965 - Draft Scoping report for the Rochdale Wind Energy Facility near ERmelo
Date: Wednesday, 02 October 2024 11:15:01
Attachments: LUA 24-3965 OBJ_D.Scoping.Rochdale.WEF_GridInfrastr_Msukaligwa.LM.pdf

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Good day

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft Scoping Report for the 240 MW Rochdale Wind Energy Facility near Ermelo.

Your reference number is**: 0684401**

Our EIA registration/reference number is**: LUA 24/3965**

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

Mpumalanga
TOURISM AND PARKS AGENCY
An Entity of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Cecilia de Waal
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Data Capturer
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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: New Response for "Stakeholder Engagement Form"
Date: Saturday, 21 September 2024 19:59:22
Attachments: 29bc0704-426f-493b-a46b-6d7f5f5f5e0b.mfj

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Your form "Stakeholder Engagement Form" has a new response.

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[redacted]

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[redacted]

3. Your Email
[redacted]

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[redacted]

5. Alternative Phone Number
[redacted]

6. Your Address
[redacted]

7. What is your interest in the projects?
Environment

8. Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?
Yes

9. What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Envrolo and Shaapmoor WEF Cluster?
It will change the environment forever

10. Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act, Act 4 of 2013
No (0)

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Stay productive and take care!
Your AidaForm Team

From:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject:	Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date:	Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:23
Attachments:	image001.png

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Party,

NOTIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT(S) FOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE FOR THE PROPOSED SHEEPMOOR, ROCHDALE AND EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

DFFE Reference: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611, 14/12/16/3/3/2/2612 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613

This email serves to inform you about the submission of the Final Scoping Reports for the proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs , in the Mpumalanga Province.

The Draft Scoping Report for the Proposed Development(s) was subjected to the required 30-day comment and review period, from the 22 August 2024 to the 21 September 2024 (both days inclusive), taking into consideration Chapter 2 Regulation 3 (1); (2) and (3) of the NEMA, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). Comments received from the public were incorporated, addressed and responded to in the Final Scoping Report.

Following the 30-day public comment and review period, the Final Scoping Reports has been submitted to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (competent authority) for decision and is available for the public to view and download via the ERM website.

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Email: mailto:ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com

Website: **https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/**

Thank you for the interest in the project.

Kind Regards

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From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: Out of office Re: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:34

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Thank you for your email. I am out of office and will respond to your email on my return. If urgent please contact Francois on [redacted]

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE:
Date: Wednesday, 02 October 2024 13:16:36
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Josua,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the proposed WEF cluster. We appreciate your input. Your comments will be considered during the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) phase.

As part of the process, we will assess potential changes to the wind turbine layout and work to avoid sensitive areas to minimize any negative impacts. Your feedback appreciated and we will keep you updated as the EIA progresses.

Kind regards,

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From: [redacted]
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject:

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From: Stephanie Gopaul
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611; 2612; 2613: FSR Acceptance for the proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP
Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2024 09:27:43
Attachments: image002.png
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Thanks you Masina. Received.

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Stephanie Gopaul
Partner
She/Her/Hers

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From: Masina Morudu <memorudu@dffe.gov.za>
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To: Stephanie Gopaul <stephanie.gopaul@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted] proposed Emvelo, Rochdale and Sheepmoor WEFs, MP

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Dear Staphanie,

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Regards,

MASINA MORUDU

Integrated Environmental Authorisations
EAPASA Registration: 2019/1805
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Cc: Stephanie Gopaul
Subject: Re: Amsterdam Wind Cluster
Date: Tuesday, 12 November 2024 12:09:10

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Can you kindly clarify?

Thanks and regards,

DAVID NUNEZ
executive director
[redacted]
website www.siriuspower.co.za

SIRIUS POWER SOUTH AFRICA

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Stephanie Gopaul
Subject: RE: Amsterdam Wind Cluster
Date: Tuesday, 12 November 2024 08:26:30
Attachments: image001.png

Hi David,

I have drawn up a list of ERM onshore Wind and Solar Renewable projects below:

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-amsterdam-wind-energy-facility-and-auxiliary-infrastructure-cluster-mpumalanga/

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/genesis-koup-wind-energy-facility-1-beaufort-west-province/

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/genesis-koup-wind-energy-facility-2-beaufort-west-province/

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-boshoek-solar-energy-facility-1-north-west-province/

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-boshoek-solar-energy-facility-2-north-west-province/

https://www.erm.com/public-information-sites/proposed-boshoek-solar-energy-facility-3-north-west-province/

https://www.erm.com/hugoandkhoe/

Kind Regards

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 9:57 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: Stephanie Gopaul <Stephanie.Gopaul@erm.com>
Subject: Re: Amsterdam Wind Cluster

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Thanks for your prompt response!

On a different note that is unrelated to the PPP for the Amsterdam cluster:

I have put together a database of renewable energy projects at different stages of development in South Africa based entirely on public information obtained from PPP of EIA applications. I lost track of EIA applications from your portfolio when ERM acquired Arcus and the public participation section on Arcus' website was removed, and there isn't a similar section on ERM's website (the closest I found is this site, but it is empty).

Is there a section of your website that I'm missing where I can find a list of "active" projects similar to this one? If not, is there any way I can automatically get registered as I&AP on existing and future energy projects?

Many thanks for your help

Best regards,

DAVID NUNEZ
executive director
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website www.siriuspower.co.za

SIRIUS POWER SOUTH AFRICA

> El 8 nov 2024, a las 9:45, ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> escribió:
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> Hi David,
>
> Thank you for the interest in the project. You have now been added and an I&AP database and will be notified as the EIA process continues. The project status: Transitioning from Final scoping to Draft EIA phase.
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>
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:21 AM
To: Stephanie Gopaul <stephanie.gopaul@erm.com>; ERM Arcus Amsterdam <erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Amsterdam Wind Cluster

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Dear Stephanie,

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Please note:

- There is a disconnect between the declared MW size and the number of turbines:
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
RE: Amsterdam Wind Cluster
Date: Friday, 08 November 2024 09:45:15
Attachments: image001.png

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[redacted]
[redacted] **SOUTH AFRICA**

From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc: [redacted]
[redacted] RE: Bat Specialist - Mulilo Amsterdam CA Commenting Responses required
Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 17:57:33
Attachments: image001.png
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Lucien

Do you have any updates on the next steps needed for me – are my comments below sufficient?

All the best

Jonathan Aronson
Camissa Sustainability Consulting

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2024 12:02
To: 'ERM Arcus Amsterdam' <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Bat Specialist - Mulilo Amsterdam CA Commenting Responses required

Hi Lucien

Thanks for sharing these comments.
I agree with the board on points regarding the CBA. I have used that in my structuring of risk as per the text and table below:

To align with regional conservation and integrated development planning, the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan Handbook (MTPA 2014) was consulted to further define spatial risk in the AoI. The intention here was to align biodiversity conservation policy objectives with renewable energy policy objectives, attempting to minimise trade-offs between conflicting goals (Jackson 2011, Gasparatos et al. 2017). The handbook includes a map of terrestrial areas that are important for conserving biodiversity and ecological processes – Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) and Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) respectively. CBA Irreplaceable Areas were categorised as High Risk (Table 6) because the conservation goals for these areas are to maintain them in a natural state with no loss of ecosystems, functionality or species, and with no flexibility in land-use options (MTPA 2014). The remaining areas were assigned low or medium risk where all infrastructure development should be prioritized. These included modified land, ESA, CBA optimal, and other Natural Areas (Table 6). Although the primary objective of the CBA optimal areas is to

maintain these spaces in a natural state with no loss of ecosystems, functionality or species, some flexibility in land-use options is permitted (MTPA 2014). Similarly, in ecological supports areas (ESAs), the objective is to maintain habitats in a natural, or near-natural, state with limited loss of ecosystems or functionality. Hence, these areas were classified as medium risk, permitting the siting of turbines in these spaces. All turbines will be subjected to a post-construction bat fatality monitoring program which will monitor residual impacts at turbines located in CBA optimal and ecological support areas, as well as turbines in low-risk areas. The results of this monitoring will inform management actions where needed to ensure alignment with the MTPA objectives to limit impacts to biodiversity.

Table 6: Features used to assign spatial risk categories in the AoI for bats (Chiroptera)

Risk Level			
Low	**Medium**	**High**	**No-Go**
Heavily modified land	CBA Optimal	CBA Irreplaceable Areas	Farm Dams (200 m buffer)
Moderately modified land	ESA Landscape corridor		Wetlands (200 m buffer)
	ESA Local corridor		Houses (200 m buffer)
	Other Natural Areas		Buildings (200 m buffer)
			Rivers (200 m buffer)
			Wetlands (200 m buffer)
			Rocky Outcrops (200 m buffer)

Based on the comments, it can be argued that the CBA Irreplaceable Areas would need to be elevated to No-Go as well which I would support.

Regarding comments 8.3, 9.3 and 10.3; these assessments would be addressed in the final EIA report.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday. Please advise what the next steps are.

All the best

Jonathan Aronson
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2024 10:44
To: [redacted]
Cc: Lloyd Barnes <lloyd@mulilo.com>; Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com>
Subject: Bat Specialist - Mulilo Amsterdam CA Commenting Responses required

Hi Jonathan,

Kindly see attached comments from DARDLEA/MTPA pertaining to the Mulilo Amster WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo).

Please could you read through all the comments for each development. However please focus your responses on the following points per development:

Bats	Rochdale	Sheepmoor	Emvelo
Point	1, 4, 6 and 9.3	1, 6, 7, 8 and 10.3	1, 4, 5, 6 and 8.3

Ideally, we would like these comments responded to by Monday the 23rd September, please let us know if this will be an issue.

A meeting invite for today at 14h00 will be sent out shortly to discuss the above. Kindly indicate your availability to attend.

Kind Regards

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From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: RE: Confirmation of Project Final EIAr Submission
Date: Tuesday, 26 November 2024 10:02:04
Attachments: image003.png
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Yes correct , Friday, 28 March 2025

Regards
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Department: Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Monday, 25 November 2024 12:48
To: [redacted]
Subject: Confirmation of Project Final EIAr Submission

Good day Ephron,

I trust that you are well. We have received acceptance of Final Scoping from the Department on the 19th of November 2024 for Project Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster within the Msukaligwa Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. References: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2611, 14/12/16/3/3/2/2612 and 14/12/16/3/3/2/2613.

I would like to confirm this projects Final EIA Report submission of the 28th March 2025 as telephonically discussed.

Awaiting your response,

Many Thanks

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted] LUA 24-3965 Rochdale Wind Energy Facility
Date: Tuesday, 01 October 2024 12:46:32
Attachments: image002.png

Thanks Celia!

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From: Celia de Waal <celia@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 11:15 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: DRaft Comments LUA 24-3965 Rochdale Wind Energy Facility

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day

Kindly receive the draft comments from Mr. Krige of LUA 24-3965. As soon as we have a signed copy, I will forward it to you.

Kind regards

Celia

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 October 2024 10:35
To: Erm.arcusamsterdam@erm.com
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3966 - Draft Scoping for 45 wind turbines (Emvelo Wind Energy)

Good day

Kindly receive two of the letters as requested

I will follow up with Frans Krige on LUA 24/3965, Rochdale, as soon as he is done with his meeting.

Regards

Celia

From: Celia de Waal
Sent: 20 September 2024 09:56
To: stephanie.gopaul@erm.com
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: MTPA's comments LUA 24/3966 - Draft Scoping for 45 wind turbines (Emvelo Wind Energy)

Dear Ms. Gopaul

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft Scoping report for 45 wind turbines for Emvelo Wind Energy Facility & auxiliary infrastructure.

Your project no: **0684401**

Our EIA reference number is **LUA 24/3966**

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

Mpumalanga
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Cecilia de Waal
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Data Capturer
Land Use Advisory (LUA)
Biodiversity Conservation: Scientific Services
[redacted]

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: MTPA"s comments LUA 24/3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility.
Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 11:49:03
Attachments: image001.png

Good day Celia,

Trusting you are well. Do you have any update for me on comments for Emvelo and Rochdale proposed Developments.

Kind Regards,

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:15 AM
To: [redacted]za>; [redacted]LUA 24/3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility.

Hi Celia,

Thank you for the update,

Regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 11:07 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>

Cc: [redacted]

[redacted]LUA 24/3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility.

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good morning

Regarding your enquiry below, the following:

- The comments for the Emvelo project (our ref: LUA 24/3966) is currently at the Acting Manager: Scientific Service for review). The signed copy might be released today, which will be send to you as soon as I receive it.

- The commenting scientist is currently still busy commenting on the Rochdale project (LUA 24/3965).

Kind regards

Celia

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2024 09:54
[redacted]rvyn [redacted]3967 - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility.

Hi Celia,

Thank you for providing comment on the Sheepmoor WEF facility. Are you able to please indicate when we can expect comment on the remaining 2 facilities, namely Rochdale and Emvelo.

Kind regards
Lucien

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From: Celia de Waal <celia@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 2:36 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]
[redacted] - Draft EIA Scoping Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoor Wind Energy facility.

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Dear Ms. Gopaul

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft EIA Report for the proposed development of the Sheepmoore Wind Energy facility (WEF) with 23 wind turbines and Auxiliary infrastructure.

Your reference number: **Project 0684401** (DFFE: 14/12/16/3/3/2/2593)

Our EIA registration/reference number is **LUA 24/3967** (kindly use this number in any further correspondence to us regarding this project)

Kind regards

Celia de Waal

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Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Data Capturer
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Biodiversity Conservation: Scientific Services
[redacted]
e-mail: celia.dewaal@mtpa.co.za

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: MTPA"s comments: LUA 24/3965 - Draft Scoping report for the Rochdale Wind Energy Facility near ERmelo
Date: Wednesday, 02 October 2024 13:38:43
Attachments: image002.png

Hi Celia

Signed copy well received

Kind Regards

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From: Celia de Waal <celia@mtpa.co.za>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 11:14 AM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Cc: [redacted]isi [redacted]
Subject: MTPA's comments: LUA 24/3965 - Draft Scoping report for the Rochdale Wind Energy Facility near ERmelo

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day

Kindly receive the attached comments from the MTPA regarding a Draft Scoping Report for the 240 MW Rochdale Wind Energy Facility near Ermelo.

Your reference number is**: 0684401**

Our EIA registration/reference number is**: LUA 24/3965**

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From: [redacted]
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam; Birding Africa (Callan Cohen)
Subject: Re: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster - DFFE Specialist Declaration Form and SACNASP registration request Final Scoping
Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 14:26:46
Attachments: image001.png
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eia.specialistdeclaration2023aug_Jonathan_Colville_Oct2024_p3.pdf
eia.specialistdeclaration2023aug_Jonathan_Colville_Oct2024_p1.pdf
134759JFColville_SACNASP_Certficate_2024.pdf

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Lucien

Please find attached the requested documents.

Regards
Jonathan

On Thu, 3 Oct 2024 at 10:14, ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

> Good day,
>
> I kindly request the following documentation for Final Scoping submission to DFFE:
>
> - DFFE Specialist Declaration form (see latest form attached); and
> - E-copy of SACNASP registration (if applicable).
>
> Kindly do forward these documents to me as soon as you can.
>
> Thank you

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)
Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 14:46:31
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Graham,

Kindly send invoices for projects attached in previous email.

Your response to comments are noted.

Thank you,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 12:29 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

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I have also attached our Statement for work done to date. Please note that we have not been paid for our Scoping Reports. The invoice was issued in November 2023.
G

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)
Date: Tuesday, 01 October 2024 15:23:52
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Gavin,

Hoping you are well. Noted on your availability to attend to these comments, however please do let me know if you are able to provide any comment before this coming Friday, it will be appreciated. Apologies for the delays in the VO – I am following up with finance.

Additionally, I just wanted to find out if you have uploaded the Heritage survey to the SAHRA via SAHRIS?

Kindest Regards,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 6:40 PM
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Re: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Hi Lucien
Highly unlikely that I can get comments by then. It is too short notice. If they require more than a sentence and if there are many it will take longer. I have been in the field for 3 weeks and have 3 weeks to go. Will see what I can do.
We still have not been paid that VO. Can you please look into it.
Regards
Gavin

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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
To: [redacted] and Emvelo)
Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 14:46:31
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From: Liesal Muller
To: [redacted]
Cc: ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject: RE: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)
Date: Tuesday, 01 October 2024 11:06:34
Attachments: image002.png

Hi Stephen

When you have a moment, kindly check if you are able to view and approve invoice 160 that I've routered to you. I'm holding thumbs it works this time around.

Liesal Muller
IT Coordinator
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From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:06 AM
To: Liesal Muller <Liesal.Muller@erm.com>
Cc: Stephen Burton <Stephen.Burton@erm.com>
Subject: FW: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)

Hi Liesal

Please see the invoice as requested.

Thank you!

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 9:55 AM
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)

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Dear Lucien
Attached the invoice as requested.
Kind regards
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> Kindly send invoices for projects attached in previous email.
>
> Your response to comments are noted.
>
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> **Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2024 12:29 PM
> **To:** ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>; [redacted]
> **Subject:** Re: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)
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From: [redacted] Menno Klapwijk
Subject: Re: Mulilo Amsterdam WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)
Date: Monday, 23 September 2024 12:30:20
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Date: Monday, 23 September 2024 10:02:42

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Morning

From my side no comments directly on the aquatic / wetland environment as any comments related to this field were related to the avifaunal i.e. waterbirds or buffers associated.

They have noted that some of the infrastructure is within some of the aquatic features / buffers as indicated in my reports and must be resolved in the design phase for the EIA

Thanks and regards

Brian

Dr Brian Colloty
Ecologist (Pr Sci Nat 400268/07)

EnviroSci (Pty) Ltd

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: New Response for "Stakeholder Engagement Form"
Date: Wednesday, 02 October 2024 13:32:46

Good day,

Thank you for your comment. Your comments will be taken into consideration during the EIA phase of the proposed WEF Cluster.

Kind Regards

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From: aidaform@aidaform.com <aidaform@aidaform.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 21, 2024 7:58 PM
To: ERM Accus Amsterdam <erm.accusamsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: New Response for "Stakeholder Engagement Form"

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4. Your Phone Number
[redacted]

5. Alternative Phone Number
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6. Your Address
[redacted]

7. What is your interest in the projects?
Environment

8. Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?
Yes

9. What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster?
It will change the environment forever

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Friday, 06 December 2024 08:35:00

Good day,

Thank you for your interest in the project. You have now been added to the I&AP Database and will receive updated information as the project moves forward.

Kind Regards

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Subject: New Response for "Stakeholder Engagement Form"

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Environmental Authorization progress

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Yes

9. What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Envrolo and Sheqmoor WEF Cluster?
No comments related to the projects but would like to be updated on the status of the environmental authorization progress.

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Date: Wednesday, 02 October 2024 12:32:57

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7. What is your interest in the projects?
Strongly oppose

8. Please visit the ERM website (link below) for more info and access to the reports. Are you able to access the website?
No

9. What are your comments regarding the Rochdale, Envelo and Sheepmoor WEF Cluster?
Negative impact on the environment and bird life.

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To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Cc:	[redacted]
Subject:	RE: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date:	Wednesday, 16 October 2024 13:11:09
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Kind regards,

Lindiwe Victoria Dlamini

Directorate: Biodiversity Mainstreaming and EIA
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Website:www.environment.gov.za

From: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Sent: Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52
To: ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province

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Kind Regards

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Good day,

Kindly see shapefiles as requested.

Thank you

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Date: Thursday, 21 November 2024 10:02:11
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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

Good day

What is the next step in the EIA phase for the above proposed three windfarms?

Where can the public comments, the address and response to that been seen?

Has the health risk and distance from occupied dwellings according to international standards and law been investigated and addressed?

Are there still public meetings to follow?

Can you please forward the procedure that is still to come?

Regards

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Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 12:43:53
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Hi Kristen,

That is correct.

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Thanks Lucien,

Will you be uploading the FSR onto the website (and notifying I&APs) once it has been submitted to DFFE?

Kind regards
Kirsten

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Subject: RE: Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEFs - Registration as I&AP

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Thanks Lucien,

Will you be uploading the FSR onto the website (and notifying I&APs) once it has been submitted to DFFE?

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Date: Thursday, 26 September 2024 08:18:52
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Hi Lucien

Sorry we could not attend the meeting - we've been busy with field work and Callan is still away in Australia.

I had a quick look at the comments - most seem related to the avifaunal theme and there appear to be no direct comments related to the faunal theme and animal SCC we assessed.

The general comment about the importance of intact grassland patches and CBAs: In this regard, we had considered intact grassland habitat and CBAs to classify our constraints map in terms of faunal sensitivity.

Once turbine placement and associated roads and other infrastructure are finalized, then one can better assess the site sensitivity of these specific areas and if any ecological processes may be impacted in relation to the animal theme and flagged animal SCC.

Best regards
Jonathan (and Callan)

On Wed, 18 Sept 2024 at 10:44, ERM Arcus Amsterdam <ERM.ArcusAmsterdam@erm.com> wrote:

> Hi Jamie, Jonathan and Callan,
>
> Kindly see attached comments from DARDLEA/MTPA pertaining to the Mulilo Amster WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo).
>
> Please could you read through all the comments for each development. However please focus your responses on the following points per development:
>
> | Terrestrial Biodiversity | Rochdale | Sheepmoor | Emvelo |
> |---|---|---|---|
> | Point | 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9.1 | 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10.2 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.1 |
>
> We would like these comments responded to by Monday the 23rd September, please let us know if this will be an issue.

A meeting invite for today at 14h00 will be sent out shortly to discuss the above. Kindly indicate your availability to attend.

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

From:	postmaster@transnet.net
To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject:	Undeliverable: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date:	Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:53:01
Attachments:	Undeliverable Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster Mpumalanga Province.msg

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

From:	postmaster@cellc.co.za
To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject:	Undeliverable: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date:	Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:55:12
Attachments:	Undeliverable Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster Mpumalanga Province.msg

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EXTERNAL MESSAGE

From: Microsoft Outlook
To: [redacted]
[redacted] of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:27
Attachments: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster Mpumalanga Province.msg

<https://products.office.com/en-us/CMSImages/Office365Logo_Orange.png?version=b8d930a9-fa8b-4e6a-9bc1-ef4f80fcaf470>
Your message to tanishaenning@mtnloaded.co.za couldn't be delivered.

tanishaenning wasn't found at mtnloaded.co.za, or the mailbox is unavailable.

ERM.AccessAmsterdam Office 365 tanishaenning
Action Required Recipient

Unknown To address

How to Fix It
The email address might be misspelled or it might not exist. Try one or more of the following:
* Retype the recipient's address, then resend the message - If you're using Outlook, open this non-delivery report message and click Send Again from the menu or ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this message, and then click "To send this message again, click here." link located just above the message preview window. In the To or Cc line, delete and then retype the entire recipient's address (ignore any address suggestions). After typing the complete address, click Send to resend the message. If you're using an email program other than Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow its standard way for resending a message. Just be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before resending it.
* Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List, then resend the message - If you're using Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow the steps in the "Remove the recipient Auto-Complete List" section of this article <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkId%3D532972&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccessAmsterdam%40erm.com%7C5c5d8c815c5d4013245608dce922012%7C2b5dbd39c4e485baa96c1882ba8818f0%7C0%7C0%7C638641579473512576%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ygqTHZZfZDlXpkRRcCdZeNw3HDt5dZF%2Bookfkw%2BW0RA%3D&reserved=0>. Then resend the message. Be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before clicking Send.
* Contact the recipient by some other means, (by phone, for example) to confirm you're using the right address. Ask them if they've set up an email forwarding rule that could be forwarding your message to an incorrect address.
If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the More Info for Email Address section below.
Was this helpful? Send feedback to Microsoft <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkID%3D717208&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccessAmsterdam%40erm.com%7C5c5d8c815c5d4013245608dce922012%7C2b5dbd39c4e485baa96c1882ba8818f0%7C0%7C0%7C638641579473773279%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eyjqae%2Fbv8CDIGGdxhzIn5cfo5MtjCG1f9tfNuPxsvp3ac%3D&reserved=0>.

More Info for Email Admins
Status code: 550 5.1.251
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If you or the sender can't fix the problem, contact the responsible party's email admin. Give them the error code and error message from this non-delivery report (NDR) to help them troubleshoot the issue. To determine who the responsible party might be, check the error for information about where the problem is happening. For example, look for a domain name like contoso.com. A domain name in the error might suggest who is responsible for the error. It could be the recipient's email server, or it could be a third-party service that your organization or the recipient's organization is using to process or filter email messages.
Although the sender might be able to fix the issue by correcting the recipient address, it's likely that only the recipient's email admin can fix the problem. Unfortunately, it's unlikely Office 365 Support will be able to help with these kinds of externally reported errors.

Original Message Details
Created Date: 2024/10/10 11:52:19
Sender Address: ERM.AccessAmsterdam@erm.com
Recipient Address: tanishaenning@mtnloaded.co.za
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Error Details
Error: 550 5.1.251 Remote server returned unknown recipient or mailbox unavailable -> 550 rejected because recipient verify failed -- user not found
Message rejected by: mxcentral-pl-mx7.syneg.com
Error Time: [redacted]
Sent by: DU2PR04MB8725.eurprd04.prod.outlook.com
Message Hops
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by DU2PR04MB8725.eurprd04.prod.outlook.com (2603:10a6:10:2dc::10) with
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11:52:19 +0000
From: "ERM Arcas Amsterdam" <ERM.AccessAmsterdam@erm.com>
To: "ERM Arcas Amsterdam" <ERM.AccessAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed
Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Thread-Topic: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the
Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Thread-Index: AduXXUrn1Kfnbv8zQ+CL7pxpRLqBQ==
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2024 11:52:19 +0000
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From: Microsoft Outlook
To: [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Envelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:26
Attachments: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor Rochdale and Envelo WEF Cluster Mpumalanga Province.msg

<https://products.office.com/en-us/CMSImages/Office365Logo_Orange.png?version=b8d100a9-4a88-4a4a-48c1-c4988fae0470>
Your message to alwyn@saaca.org couldn't be delivered.

alwyn wasn't found at saaca.org, or the mailbox is unavailable.

ERM.AccraAmsterdam Office 365 alwyn
Action Required Recipient

Unknown To address

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* Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List, then resend the message - If you're using Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow the steps in the "Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List" section of this article <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkId%3D532972&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccraAmsterdam%40erm.com%7C06f8b3afdb382444c77840&sdata=05%7C02%7CERM.AccraAmsterdam%40erm.com%7C06f8b3afdb382444c77840fdcec0220146%7C2fa6bd5f-9c4a-485b-aa69-a1882ba88130%7C0%7C0%7C638641579456165059%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7uuXIBOIEIjuMJayqcgZgf8BXzdFY3eOaojeroXcZ%2B6eO%3D&reserved=0>. Then resend the message. Be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before clicking Send.
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Was this helpful? Send feedback to Microsoft <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkID%3D717200&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccraAmsterdam%40erm.com%7C06f8b3afdb382444c77840fdcec0220146%7C2fa6bd5f-9c4a-485b-aa69-a1882ba88130%7C0%7C0%7C638641579456195209%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7NcnTgvTGoAO5yGKXDCcgy8KKwC69NBIZ2254%2Fncs6%3D&reserved=0>
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Status code: 550 5.1.351
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Original Message Details
Created Date: 2024/10/10 11:52:19
Sender Address: ERM.AccraAmsterdam@erm.com
Recipient Address: alwyn@saaca.org
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Envelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Error Details
Error: 550 5.1.351 Remote server returned unknown recipient or mailbox unavailable -> 550 No Such User Here
Message rejected by: vlan001.hawkhost.com
Notification Details
Sent by: DU2PR04MB8725.eurprd04.prod.outlook.com
Message Hops
HOP TIME (UTC) FROM TO WITH RELAY TIME
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11:52:19 +0000
From: "ERM .Accra Amsterdam" <ERM.AccraAmsterdam@erm.com>
To: "ERM .Accra Amsterdam" <ERM.AccraAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed
Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Envelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Thread-Topic: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the
Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Envelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
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Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2024 11:52:19 +0000
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X-MS-Has-Attach: yes
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Return-Path: ERM.Arcus.Amsterdam@erm.com
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From:	postmaster@justice.gov.za
To:	ERM Arcus Amsterdam
Subject:	Undeliverable: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Date:	Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:47
Attachments:	Undeliverable Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster Mpumalanga Province.msg

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WARNING: The sender of this email could not be validated and may not match the person in the "From" field.

EXTERNAL MESSAGE

From: Microsoft Outlook
To: [redacted]
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Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:25
Attachments: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster Mpumalanga Province.msg

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Your message to jorobertz@webmail.co.za couldn't be delivered.

jorobertz wasn't found at webmail.co.za.

ERM.AreasAmsterdam Office 365 jorobertz
Action Required Recipient

Unknown To address

How to Fix It
The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:
* Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose Send Again from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "To send this message again, click here." Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click Send.
* Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
* The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
* Send the message again later. The receiving server could be unavailable. For Office 365 customers: The email domain you're sending to has a temporary DNS issue. Fix email delivery issues for your domain using the Office 365 Remote Connectivity Analyzer tool: <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frca.microsoft.com%2Fen%2Fhl-IL&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AreasAmsterdam%40erm.com%7C5449d4552384dfd12608dce92260e0%7C2fe6bd39c4e40baed6c1882ba88130%7C0%7C0%7C638641579450825875%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dfc6IkJpbiI6IjAuMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&data=gLHIIM013Dpu9F4X50Wjq92IDxjfqUJicWECpt04941fQ%3D&reserved=0> and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting Send.
If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the More Info for Email Admins section below.
Was this helpful? Send feedback to Microsoft <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frca.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkId%3D525926&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AreasAmsterdam%40erm.com%7C5449d4552384dfd12608dce92260e0%7C2fe6bd39c4e40baed6c1882ba88130%7C0%7C0%7C638641579450847437%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dfc6IkJpbiI6IjAuMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&data=R1xZh5gNVI%2BOKnorrFF5snvr%2BRiqpv9F4jJpnu7uH%3D&reserved=0>

More Info for Email Admins
Status code: 550 5.1.1
This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address outside of Office 365, but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the How to Fix It section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:
The email address exists and is correct - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.
Synchronize your directories - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.
Errant forwarding rule - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.
Mail loop - Check for mail loops that cause excessive forwarding. Mail loops can be caused by mail flow rules (also known as transport rules), by groups in your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.
For more information and additional steps to fix this issue, see Fix email delivery issues for email in Office 365 <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkId%3D389363&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AreasAmsterdam%40erm.com%7C5449d4552384dfd12608dce92260e0%7C2fe6bd39c4e40baed6c1882ba88130%7C0%7C0%7C638641579450925135%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dfc6IkJpbiI6IjAuMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&data=RIzZh5gNVI%2BOKnorrFF5snvr%2BEkqpv9F4jJpnu7uH%3D&reserved=0>

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Recipient Address: jorobertz@webmail.co.za
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Error Details
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Message rejected by: MX.DRA.mailcore.net
Notification Details
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Server Hops
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From: "ERM Areas Amsterdam" <ERM.AreasAmsterdam@erm.com>
To: "ERM Areas Amsterdam" <ERM.AreasAmsterdam@erm.com>
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed
Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Thread-Topic: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the
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Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 12:52:42
Attachments: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster Mpumalanga Province.msg

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Your message to complaints@mosakalgwa.gov.za couldn't be delivered.

complaints wasn't found at mosakalgwa.gov.za.

ERM AccessAmsterdam Office 365 complaints
Action Required Recipient

Unknown To address

How to Fix It
The address might be misspelled or might not exist. Try one or more of the following:
* Retype the recipient's address, then resend the message - If you're using Outlook, open this non-delivery report message and click Send Again from the menu or ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this message, and then click the "To send this message again, click here." link located just above the message preview window. In the To or Cc line, delete and then retype the entire recipient's address (ignore any address suggestions). After typing the complete address, click Send to resend the message. If you're using an email program other than Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow its standard way for resending a message. Just be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before resending it.
* Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List, then resend the message - If you're using Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow the steps in the "Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List" section of this article: <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%2FLinkId%3D532972&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccessAmsterdam%40erm.com%7Cadf6e2fa7d6949123778f8dca922ba0b%7C2f6b6d39c4a485baa69c1882ba8813f0%7C0%7C0%7C638641579015950173%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dzfeyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C%7C&sdata=q7YdkJQhdH5ucXQW+lwWNYQEiCQo5UfkIL%2FSj1oeY1w%3D&reserved=0> . Then resend the message. Be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before clicking Send.
* Contact the recipient by some other means, (by phone, for example) to confirm you're using the right address. Ask them if they've set up an email forwarding rule that could be forwarding your message to an incorrect address.
If the problem continues, ask the recipient to tell their email admin about the problem, and give them the error (and the name of the server that reported it) shown below. It's likely that only the recipient's email admin can fix this problem.
Was this helpful? Send feedback to Microsoft <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%2FLinkID%3D731971%26data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccessAmsterdam%40erm.com%7Cadf6e2fa7d6949123778f8dca922ba0b%7C2f6b6d39c4a485baa69c1882ba8813f0%7C0%7C0%7C638641579015986929%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dzfeyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C%7C&sdata=F2uuMVvvsBAtrh3cRz5lfF7rgEELz6L7mudqdVcY%3D&reserved=0> .

Original Message Details
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Recipient Address: complaints@mosakalgwa.gov.za
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Error Details
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Message rejected by: CPTPEPF00000718.mail.protection.outlook.com
Notification Details
Sent by: DU2PR04MB8725.eurprd04.prod.outlook.com
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Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:33
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Phila.Mayisela wasn't found at westerncape.gov.za.

ERM.AccraAmsterdam Office 365 Phila.Mayisela
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The address might be misspelled or might not exist. Try one or more of the following:
* Retype the recipient's address, then resend the message - If you're using Outlook, open this non-delivery report message and click Send Again from the menu or ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this message, click here," link located just above the message preview window. In the To or Cc line, delete and then retype the entire recipient's address (ignore any address suggestions). After typing the complete address, click Send to resend the message. If you're using an email program other than Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow its standard way for resending a message. Just be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before resending it.
* Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List, then resend the message - If you're using Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow the steps in the "Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List" section of this article: <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkId%3D532972&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccraAmsterdam%40erm.com%7Cc527ada0e2e449d497308dcd9220532%7C2fa6bd39c4a485baa69c1882ba8813f9%7C0%7C0%7C638641579527526582%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dpbzy9WIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KeOiXfoizogVqPFaQdTIBAp6Ic%2BDcvNBYyf0J3v3Ka9A%3D&reserved=0>.
Then resend the message. Be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before clicking Send.
* Contact the recipient by some other means, (by phone, for example) to confirm you're using the right address. Ask them if they've set up an email forwarding rule that could be forwarding your message to an incorrect address.
If the problem continues, ask the recipient to tell their email admin about the problem, and give them the error (and the name of the server that reported it) shown below. It's likely that only the recipient's email admin can fix this problem.
Was this helpful? Send feedback to Microsoft: <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkID%3D731971&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccraAmsterdam%40erm.com%7Cc527ada0e2e449d497308dcd9220532%7C2fa6bd39c4a485baa69c1882ba8813f9%7C0%7C0%7C638641579527526582%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dpbzy9WIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cuCC2cjtpp8WSAIxYT4Kqzov9HBwwNCfBdCY2F9vA9c%3D&reserved=0>
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More Info for Email Admins
Status code: 550 5.4.1
This error occurred because a message was sent to an email address hosted by Office 365, but the address doesn't exist in the receiving organization's Office 365 directory. Directory Based Edge Blocking (DBEB) is enabled for westerncape.gov.za, and DBEB rejects messages addressed to recipients who don't exist in the receiving organization's Office 365 directory. This error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it can be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the How to Fix It section above don't fix the problem, try one or more of the following:
Check that the email address exists and is correct - Confirm that the recipient address exists in your Office 365 directory, is correct, and is accepting messages.
Synchronize your directories - Make sure directory synchronization is working correctly, and that the recipient's email address exists in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.
Check for errant forwarding rules - Check for forwarding rules for the original recipient that might be trying to forward the message to an invalid address. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Forwarding or Inbox Rules features.
Make sure the recipient has a valid license - Make sure the recipient has an Office 365 license assigned to them. The recipient's email admin can use the Office 365 admin center to assign a license to them (Users > Active Users > Select the recipient > Assigned License > Edit).
Make sure that mail flow settings and MX records are correct - Misconfigured mail flow or MX record settings can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are set up correctly.
For more information and additional tips to fix this issue, see this article: <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkId%3D532972&data=05%7C02%7CERM.AccraAmsterdam%40erm.com%7Cc527ada0e2e449d497308dcd9220532%7C2fa6bd39c4a485baa69c1882ba8813f9%7C0%7C0%7C638641579527526582%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dpbzy9WIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GuCYiT/9WiljziDQ57Zfs/6qdLBSXCs%2Fm8ee%2BEIlFKc8%3D&reserved=0>
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Your message couldn't be delivered. The Domain Name System (DNS) reported that the recipient's domain does not exist.
Contact the recipient by some other means (by phone, for example) and ask them to tell their email admin that it appears that their domain isn't properly registered at their domain registrar. Give them the error details shown below. It's likely that the recipient's email admin is the only one who can fix this problem.
For more information and tips to fix this issue see this article: https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=389561.

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Date: Thursday, 10 October 2024 13:52:32
Attachments: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster Mpumalanga Province.msg

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Your message to bongi@gisbandc.gov.za couldn't be delivered.

bongi wasn't found at gisbandc.gov.za, or the mailbox is unavailable.

ERM.AccraAmsterdam Office 365 bongi
Action Required Recipient

Unknown To address

How to Fix It
The email address might be misspelled or it might not exist. Try one or more of the following:
* Retype the recipient's address: Double-click the message - If you're using Outlook, open this non-delivery report message and click Send Again from the menu or ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this message, and then click the "To send this message again, click here." link located just above the message preview window. In the To or Cc line, delete and then retype the entire recipient's address (ignore any address suggestions). After typing the complete address, click Send to resend the message. If you're using an email program other than Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow its standard way for resending a message. Just be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before resending it.
* Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List, then resend the message - If you're using Outlook or Outlook on the web, follow the steps in the "Remove the recipient from the recipient Auto-Complete List" section of this article: <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?
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Then retype the message. Be sure to delete and retype the recipient's entire address before clicking Send.
* Contact the recipient by some other means, (by phone, for example) to confirm you're using the right address. Ask them if they've set up an email forwarding rule that could be forwarding your message to an incorrect address.
If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the More Info for Email Admins section below.
Was this helpful? Send feedback to Microsoft: <https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?
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More Info for Email Admins
Status code: 550 5.1.551
When Office 365 tried to send the message, the external email server returned an error stating that the recipient is unknown or the mailbox is unavailable. This error was reported by an email server outside Office 365.
If you or the sender can't fix the problem, contact the responsible party's email admin - Give them the error code and error message from this non-delivery report (NDR) to help them troubleshoot the issue. To determine who the responsible party might be, check the error for information about where the problem is happening. For example, look for a domain name like contoso.com. A domain name in the error might suggest who is responsible for the error. It could be the recipient's email server, or it could be a third-party service that your organization or the recipient's organization is using to process or filter email messages.
Although the sender might be able to fix the issue by correcting the recipient address, it's likely that only the recipient's email admin can fix the problem. Unfortunately, it's unlikely Office 365 Support will be able to help with these kinds of externally reported errors.

Original Message Details
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Recipient Address: bongi@gisbandc.gov.za
Subject: Notification of Submission of Final Scoping Report for the Proposed Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo WEF Cluster, Mpumalanga Province
Error Details:
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ERM.Arcus Amsterdam Office 365 makhabanapc
Action Required Recipient

Unknown To address

How to Fix It
The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:
* Send the message to different time steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose Send Again from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "To send this message again, click here." Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click Send.
* Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
* The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
* Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.1 in Office 365 <https://emailfi.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkId%3D389383&data=05%7C02%7CERM.Arcus.Amsterdam%40erm.com%7C2f1b4d8cadb6498449738fdcef522053252%7CE6e0bd38c4e485baae9e1802ba8d8130%7C0%7C0%7C638664175927669226%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dpeyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%3D%7C%7C%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tXF%2FXCw81w0%2FRFtFLeA%2Fv1Jc6ZnhdC%2FouK6%2FMZ0%3D&reserved=0>
, and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting Send.
If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the More Info for Email Admins section below.
Was this helpful? Send feedback to Microsoft <https://emailfi.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgo.microsoft.com%2Ffwlink%2F%3FLinkId%3D525926&data=05%7C02%7CERM.Arcus.Amsterdam%40erm.com%7C2f1b4d8cadb6498449738fdcef522053252%7CE6e0bd38c4e485baae9e1802ba8d8130%7C0%7C0%7C638664175927669226%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3dpeyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%3D%7C%7C%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qk4iJZMXZpILNMmAc%2FI%2BUq2%2BIDnjuzEINo8qYFZEf1r9%3D&reserved=0>
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More Info for Email Admins
Status code: 550 5.1.1
This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address outside of Office 365, but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the How to Fix It section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:
The email address exists and is correct - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.
Synchronize your directories - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.
Errant forwarding rule - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.
Mail flow settings and MX records are incorrect - Misconfigured mail flow or MX record settings can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.
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APPENDIX 7 MTPA AND DARDLEA MEETING MINUTES

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Subject	DARDLEA and MTPA Meeting
Project Title	Proposed Mulilo Amster WEF Cluster (Sheepmoor, Rochdale and Emvelo)
Project Developer	Mulilo Energy Holdings
Date	11 September 2024

Notes

Virtual Meeting: MS Teams 10h00 – 12h00

Meeting Attendees

Organisation		Name of Attendee	
Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	(DARDLEA)	Robyn Luyt	(RL)
Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	(DARDLEA)	Gavin Cowden	(GC)
Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs	(DARDLEA)	Sindy Mbuyane	(SM)
Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency	(MTPA)	Celia De Waal	(CDW)
Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency	(MTPA)	Frans Krige	(FK)
Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency	(MTPA)	Khumbelo Malele	(KM)
Environmental Resources Management	(ERM)	Stephanie Gopaul	(SG)
Environmental Resources Management	(ERM)	Stephen Burton	(SB)
Environmental Resources Management	(ERM)	Lucien Barbeau	(LB)
Afriavian Environmental	(AE)	Albert Froneman	(AF)
Mulilo Energy Holdings	(MEH)	Lloyd Barnes	(LB)
Mulilo Energy Holdings	(MEH)	Andrew Pearson	(AP)

ORGANISATION	COMMENT RAISED	NOTES / RESPONSES / ACTIONS
DARDLEA/MTPA	Concerns expressed around changes to the sites. Intact grassland as mapped by MTPA was raised as a potential constraint. It was queried if the vegetation specialist had taken this into account.	MTPA agreed to forward the dataset to the project proponents for inclusion into specialist assessments.
DARDLEA/MTPA	WWFT habitat was discussed with regards to its lack of detail in the scoping level reports.	Albert Froneman and Lloyd Barnes noted that the habitat mapping for this species would be included in the updated EIA phase reports.
DARDLEA/MTPA	Martial Eagle nests data and associated movement data were discussed with reference to buffers.	It was noted that data was still being received and that the buffer proposed for the nests and the bird movements were still under discussion with EWT.
DARDLEA/MTPA	The current laydown areas for Rochdale are placed within a CBA, and this will be problematic in future and thus will need to be moved.	The current layout will be altered during the EIA phase. CBA's will be taken into consideration when establishing revised layouts.
MEH	There will be a reduction in applications, where Sheepmoor may be incorporated into Rochdale. Thus going forward there will only be 2 applications.	Once Draft EIA phase is reached the new layout will be introduced and the two new applications submitted and the third one withdrawn
DARDLEA/MTPA	The Impact methodology does not appear to be included in the DSR's, DARDLEA and MTPA requested that the impact methodology be provided in a standalone form.	ERM sent the standalone impact methodology to all meeting invitees on the 11th of September 2024
DARDLEA/MTPA	It must be noted that comment can only be provided based on the layout provided, and thus there will likely me many comments related to tower positions, laydown areas and the other sensitivities identified across the sites.	It is noted that the current layout will need refinement and the draft EIA layout will likely look completely different, as the comments will be incorporated into the layout.

APPENDIX A ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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MULILO AMSTERDAMN WEF MEETING AGENDA

LOCATION	The Capital Mbombela, 4 Penny Gum Avenue, 1202 Nelspruit, South Africa
DATE	14 May 2025
TIME	12:00 – 13:30
TOPIC	Engagement on DARDLEA Comments

Item	Topic	Lead
1.	**Welcome and Introductions** • Brief introductions of attendees • Purpose of the meeting	Lloyd Barnes
2.	**Overview of DARDLEA's Comments on the Draft EIA Reports** • Summary of key comments and concerns • Clarification of any specific points	MPG - Robyn Luyt
3.	**Specialist Discussion: Avifaunal Comments** • Detailed discussion of avifaunal issues raised by DARDLEA • Specialist's response and clarification	AfriAvian - Albert Froneman
4.	**Strategic Insight: Importance of Wind Energy and the Just Energy Transition** • Importance of renewable energy for the province • The role of wind energy in supporting the Just Energy Transition	Mulilo: Group Chairman – Jan Oberholzer
5.	**Terrestrial Ecology: Intact Grasslands and Other Considerations** • Discussion of intact grasslands and other sensitive terrestrial features	Lloyd Barnes
6.	**Closing Remarks** • Final thoughts from DARDLEA, MUL, and consultant team • Meeting close	Lloyd Barnes

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

- Lloyd Barnes opened the meeting, thanking attendees and acknowledging the importance of the engagement.
- Clarified that the meeting was initiated by Mulilo to discuss comments received from MTPA and DARDLEA on the draft EIA.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Amsterdam Wind Cluster comprises two wind farms: Emvelo (22 turbines) and Sheepmoor (25 turbines), located near Ermelo and Camden Power Station.
- Turbine numbers and blade lengths have been reduced to address environmental sensitivities.
- Grid connection planned via Camden B Main Transmission Substation.
  Project timeline:
  - Final EIA submission: imminent
  - Environmental decision: expected July 2025
  - Financial close: Q2–Q3 2026
  - Operations commencement: late 2028

STRATEGIC CONTEXT AND JUST ENERGY TRANSITION

- Jan Oberholzer (Chairman, Mulilo) emphasized:
  - Mulilo's transformation post-acquisition by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners.
  - The critical role of renewable energy in South Africa's energy transition.
  - The need for robust transmission infrastructure.
  - Importance of Mpumalanga as a strategic location due to grid availability and aging coal infrastructure.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM AUTHORITIES

- Mervyn Lotter (MTPA) clarified that the meeting was not requested by MTPA/DARDLEA but welcomed the engagement.
- Reiterated support for renewable energy and the Just Transition, while emphasizing the need for rigorous environmental scrutiny.

CUMULATIVE IMPACT AND VIABILITY DISCUSSION

- Rebecca Thomas presented data on project viability:
  - Only ~5% of renewable energy projects nationally reach commercial operation.
  - Grid availability in Mpumalanga may increase this percentage.
  - Authorities emphasized the need to assess cumulative impacts assuming full build-out of authorized projects, per precautionary principles.

ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITIES AND MITIGATION

- Albert Froneman (Avifaunal Specialist) outlined:
  - Extensive bird monitoring, including Marshall Eagle tracking.
- Multi-tiered mitigation strategy:
  - Avoidance of high-risk areas

- Shutdown-on-demand (day and night)
- Proactive curtailment based on environmental triggers
- Radar systems for nocturnal species
- Commitment to transparency, annual reporting, and open access for research and audits.

TERRESTRIAL AND BIODIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- Lloyd Barnes and team addressed:
  - Reduction of turbines in sensitive areas (e.g., CBA irreplaceable, intact grasslands).
  - Proposal to manage and rehabilitate 326 hectares of vegetation.
  - Acknowledgement of the need for stewardship and biodiversity management plans.

PROCESS AND PROCEDURAL CLARIFICATIONS

- Robyn Luyt (DARDLEA) raised concerns about:
  - Lack of opportunity to review revised layouts and mitigation before final EIA submission.
  - Need for transparency and early engagement on substantive changes.
- Mulilo committed to:
  - Sharing updated layouts and comment-response reports with authorities before final submission.
  - Considering a follow-up engagement if time permits.

CLOSING REMARKS

- Authorities reiterated the importance of:
  - Avoiding development in intact grasslands and sensitive bird habitats.
  - Ensuring mitigation is evidence-based and enforceable.
  - Mulilo acknowledged the feedback and committed to continued collaboration.

ACTION ITEMS

Action	Responsible	Due Date
Share updated layout and comment-response report	Mulilo	Before 27 May 2025
Review and provide feedback on revised documents	MTPA & DARDLEA	As soon as received
Consider follow-up meeting if needed	All parties	TBD

APPENDIX 8 LEGAL MEMO

NICHOLAS SMITH ATTORNEYS
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SPECIALISTS

MEMORANDUM OF ADVICE:

IN RE: **AMSTERDAM WEF CLUSTER (PROPOSED SHEEPMOOR AND EMVELO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES)**

Prepared for:

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3. MY ADVICE **8**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

We act for Mulilo Renewable Project Developments (Pty) Ltd.

Our instructions are that client proposes undertaking the development of two wind energy facilities ("WEFs") where three WEFs were originally envisaged.

The three WEFs originally envisaged were the Sheepmoor WEF; the Emvelo WEF and the Rochdale WEF. The current proposal is to incorporate areas from the Rochdale WEF into the two remaining projects (the Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs) following the scoping phase, which excluded most of the turbines originally part of the Rochdale WEF.[1] This is explained in more detail in the two paragraphs directly below.

The Sheepmoor WEF, as approved for the EIA phase after acceptance of the scoping report by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment ("DFFE")[2] will now include properties that were assessed as part of the scoping process for the Emvelo WEF and the Sheepmoor WEF.

The Emvelo WEF will, for purposes of the EIA phase for that WEF, now include immovable properties assessed, and accepted by DFFE, pursuant to the Emvelo and Rochdale scoping processes.[3]

The Chief Directorate: Environmental Affairs[4] in the DFFE (i.e. the competent authority) has confirmed in writing that the proposed approach as described above is substantively sound, and that the Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs (collectively the Amsterdam Cluster herein) can both proceed to the EIA phase.

DFFE's Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations has confirmed DFFE's opinion in writing, in the following terms:

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[1] Our instructions are that the number of turbines originally envisaged for the Rochdale WEF were scoped out principally because of concerns pertaining to aspects raised by the civil aviation authority; and potential impacts on avifauna.

[2] By letter dated 19 November 2024 and signed by Ms. Masina Morudu. Ms. Morudu is the Designated Control Environmental Officer: National Integrated Authorisation, and at the behest of Dr. Sabelo Malaza the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations in DFFE.

[3] The Emvelo and Rochdale scoping reports and respective plans of study for environmental impact assessment (PoSEIA) dated October 2024 and received by the Department on 7 October 2024 were accepted by Ms. Morudu for and on behalf of Dr. Malaza on 19 November 2024.

[4] Represented by Ms. Milicent Solomons of the Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations in the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment ("DFFE"). Ms. Solomons expressed the competent authority's position in an email to our client's Mr. Barnes dated 17 February 2025.

"*The trailing emails below refer. Please note the opinion of the Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisations after internal consultation …*

2. *In terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended) we do not see any prohibition of the proposed process, incorporating the 20% of the Rochdale site into the Emvelo application. The project scope and the relevant assessments will have to comply with all legislative requirements.*

3. ***However it is important to indicate that we foresee several challenges, should you adopt to follow this process:***

    a. *This is the 2nd application for the same development and as you are aware a few concerns have been raised by stakeholders.*

    b. *The screening reports and approved plan of study does not include this portion of the property (20% of Rochdale) and will very likely be challenged by stakeholders. The current approved plan of study and terms of reference for Emvelo does not include the 20% of Rochdale and this can be challenged based on procedure.*

Based on the potential risks, we suggest that you consider withdrawing the two applications in question, i.e. Rochdale and Emvelo and submit one application as Emvelo (including 20% Rochdale portion). The screening report and the plan of study will include the whole area; all stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment and provide input at scoping phase during the public review process." (My underlining; bold text as in the original.)

As regards the *verbatim* extract above from the emailed correspondence from the DFFE's Chief Directorate: Integrated Environmental Authorisation, in summary, and in my considered view, any procedural challenge would only have reasonable prospects of success if the public/registered interested and affected parties ("I&APs") are excluded from the EIA phase, which is not client's intention nor the practice that will be followed.

All relevant stakeholders will be entitled to participate fully in the EIA process, which will conform to the requirements of regulation 23 of the NEMA EIA Regulations (which governs the submission and consideration of EIA Reports and supporting documents to the competent authority; and Chapter 6[5] in the latter Regulations, which governs pubic participation; and regulation 45[6] of EIA Regulations, which stipulates adherence to the regulatory time-frames.

[5] Chapter 6 is titled "*Public participation*".

[6] Regulation 45 is included in Chapter 7 of the NEMA EIA Regulations, titled "*General matters*".

The public participation processes obliged in the DFFE's letters accepting the respective scoping reports are exactly the same. In other words, even with the proposed inclusion of turbines from the Rochdale WEF in the Emvelo WEF, and turbines from the Emvelo WEF in the Sheepmoor WEF, the same nature and extent of PPP is obliged of the applicant.

What is also clear from our instructions[7] is that our client is not proposing to expand upon the areas already assessed during scoping.[8] As such, there can be no suggestion of procedural or substantive unfairness in the EIAs as authorised by the DFFE and to be undertaken respectively for the Emvelo and Sheepmoor WEFs.

If the areas assessed during the two EIAs were to be increased (either additionally or cumulatively) then there could be an argument that the scoping process should commence afresh. The same principle would apply if additional NEMA-listed activities were to be triggered by the proposed merger of the three WEFs originally envisaged into the two WEFs now proposed for purposes of EIA. On the facts, neither of these scenarios arises, and it follows that the two WEFs now contemplated can lawfully be progressed to the EIA phase, with particular reference to meeting the procedural and substantive requirements laid down in DFFE's acceptance letters dated 19 November 2024.

2. **THE APPLICABLE LAW**

2.1 **The constitutional point of departure in respect of fair process**

Section 33 of the Constitution[9] provides that administrative action (in this instance, the DFFE's decision-making procedures that pertain to the grant or refusal of EA after the EIA phase) must be lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair.[10]

[7] By email from client's Mr. Barnes.

[8] See the unnumbered second paragraph of our emailed instructions.

[9] Act 108 of 1996 (as amended).

[10] Section 33 of the Constitution (titled "*Just administrative action*") reads as follows in full: "*(1) Everyone has the right to administrative action that is lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair (2) everyone whose rights have been adversely affected by administrative action has the right to be given written reasons (3) National legislation must be enacted to give effect to these rights, and must – (a) provide for the review of administrative action by a court or, where appropriate, an independent and impartial tribunal; (b) impose a duty on the State to give effect to the rights in sub-sections (1) and (2); and (c) promote an efficient administration.*" (We mention for the sake of completeness that the national legislation enacted to give effect to the right to just administrative action is the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 3 of 2000).

Procedural fairness will depend on the facts of the particular administrative action in question as well as the prevailing law that applies to a particular procedure.[11]

2.2 **The requirements in NEMA pertaining to procedural fairness**

In this instance, procedural fairness in respect of the two WEF applications to be proceeded with by client to the EIA phase and pursuant to acceptance of the scoping phase is regulated in the main by the NEMA EIA Regulations, and in particular, the requirements incumbent upon an applicant as those are set out in Chapter 6 of the aforesaid Regulations.

Before considering the procedural requirements (or safeguards) articulated in the NEMA EIA Regulations, it is useful to have regard to the provisions of NEMA itself.

Among the relevant principles in NEMA's section 2 are the following:

Section 2(3) of NEMA stipulates that:

> "*Development must be socially, environmentally and economically sustainable.*"

Section 2(4)(b) of NEMA provides that:

> "*Environmental management must be integrated, acknowledging that all elements of the environment are linked and inter-related, and it must take into account the effects of decisions on all aspects of the environment and all people in the environment by pursuing the selection of the best practicable environmental option.*"

Section 2(4)(f) of NEMA obliges the following:

> "*The participation of all interested and affected parties in environmental governance must be promoted, and all people must have the opportunity to develop the understanding, skills and capacity necessary for achieving equitable and effective participation, and participation by vulnerable and disadvantaged persons must be ensured.*"

Section 2(4)(g) of NEMA stipulates that:

> "*Decisions must take into account the interests, needs and values of all interested and affected parties, and this includes recognising all forms of knowledge, including traditional and ordinary knowledge.*"

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[11] See *Director: Mineral Development, Gauteng Region and Another v Save the Vaal Environment and Others* (133/98) [1999] ZASCA 9; [1999] 2 All SA 381 (A) (12 March 1999).

Section 2(4)(k) of NEMA provides that:

> "*Community well-being and empowerment must be promoted through environmental education, the raising of environmental awareness, the sharing of knowledge and experience and other appropriate means.*"

The general objectives of integrated environmental management in section 23 of NEMA include ensuring "*… adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation in decisions that may affect the environment.*"

It is clear with reference to the Constitution and the primary regulation that gives effect to the environmental assessment process that public participation forms an integral part of any environmental assessment process, whether basic assessment or (as in this instance) scoping and EIA.

On the facts of the present matter DFFE's Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisations[12] has accepted the scoping reports respectively for the Rochdale WEF; the Sheepmoor WEF and the Emvelo WEF. He has also accepted the plan of study for the EIA in each instance, dated October 2024 and received by DFFE on 7 October 2024. In each case, the EAP employed by Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd[13] has been authorised to proceed "*… with the* [EIA] *process in accordance with the tasks contemplated in the* [plan of study for EIA] *as required in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014, as amended. The EIA report must comply with the requirements of appendix 3 of the EIA Regulations 2014, as amended*".

In each instance the DFFE's Chief Directorate has progressed the scoping phase with particular reference to regulation 22(a) of the NEMA EIA Regulations. That regulation provides that the competent authority must, within 43 days of receipt of a scoping report accept the scoping report, with or without conditions, and advise the applicant to proceed or continue with the tasks contemplated in the plan of study for EIA.

Subsequent to DFFE's acceptance of the scoping report, client's EAP attended a meeting with DFFE, the aim of which was to formally present the proposed way forward post-scoping approval, for the proposed WEFs in this matter. Another principal aspect for discussion was the review and discussion of agreed changes to the project boundaries in the EIA phase. It is clear from the minutes of the meeting that the remaining turbines comprising the Rochdale WEF "*… will be merged with Emvelo*". The scope of the Sheepmoor WEF has been reduced and will include a small portion of the previous Emvelo application. It is clear from the minute of the meeting that the updated Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs are contemplated for completion in terms of regulations 31 and 32 of the NEMA EIA Regulations. The provisions of the EIA

[12] Dr. Sabelo Malaza.

[13] Ms. Stephanie Gopaul.

Regulations applicable to the submission and consideration of an EIA report and supporting documents to the competent authority

Regulation 23(1) obliges the applicant for EA, within 106 days of the acceptance of the scoping report to submit an EIA report inclusive of any specialist reports, and an EMPr (in this instance, by no later than Thursday 27 March 2025[14]).

The submission of the EIA report and accompanying EMPr is subject to a peremptory procedural requirement: Both documents "*… must have been subjected to a public participation process of at least 30 days and* [they must reflect] *the incorporation of comments received, including any comments of the competent authority.*"

In the alternative the applicant must submit to the competent authority a notice in writing that the documents contemplated in regulation 23(1)(a) will be submitted within 156 days of acceptance of the scoping report by the competent authority, as significant changes have been made or significant new information has been added to the documents, which changes or information was not contained in the original documents consulted on during the initial public participation process contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a), and that the revised documents contemplated in sub-regulation 1(a) will be subjected to another public participation process of at least 30 days.

In the circumstances there can be no suggestion that the relevant procedural safeguards in relation to an EIA report pertaining to the two proposed WEFs (Emvelo and Sheepmoor) will not occur.

Another of the substantive requirements in regulation 23 that includes a procedural safeguard is to be found in regulation 23(3) which provides as follows:

> "*An* [EIA] *report must contain all information set out in appendix 3 to these Regulations or comply with a protocol or minimum information requirements relevant to the application as identified and gazetted by the Minister in a Government Notice.*"

The EMPr delivered simultaneously with the EIA report must contain all information set out in appendix 4 to the EIA Regulations or must be a generic EMPr relevant to the application as identified and gazetted by the Minister.

Specialist reports must contain all information set out in appendix 6 to the NEMA EIA Regulations.

[14] The 106-day period must exclude the period from 15 December 2024 to 5 January 2025. In this regard, regulation 3(2) of the NEMA EIA Regulations provides as follows: "*For any action contemplated in terms of these Regulations for which a timeframe is prescribed, the period of 15 December to 5 January must be excluded in the reckoning of days.*"

As regards the scope of assessment and content of EIA reports as regulated by appendix 3 to the EIA Regulations it is important to have regard to paragraph 2 thereunder which provides the following:

> "*The objective of the EIA process is to, <u>through a consultative process</u> –*
>
> *(a) Determine the policy and legislative context within which the activity is located and document how the proposed activity complies with and responds to the policy and legislative context;*
>
> *(b) describe the need and desirability of the proposed activity, including the need and desirability of the activity in the context of the development footprint on the approved site as contemplated in the accepted scoping report.*"

As to the scope of assessment and content of EIA reports appendix 3 contains certain peremptory obligations (i.e. the report "*… must contain the information that is necessary for the competent authority to consider and come to a decision on the application and must include – (h) a full description of the process followed to reach the proposed development footprint within the approved site as contemplated in the accepted scoping report, including: … (iii) a summary of the issues raised by interested and affected parties, and an indication of the manner in which the issues were incorporated, or the reasons for not including them ...; (i) a full description of the process undertaken to identify, assess and rank the impacts the activity and associated structures and infrastructure will impose on the preferred development footprint on the approved site as contemplated in the accepted scoping report through the life of the activity, including – (i) a description of all environmental issues and risks that were identified during the EIA process; and (ii) an assessment of the significance of each issue and risk and an indication of the extent to which the issue and risk could be avoided or addressed by the adoption of mitigation measures.*")

Also required is a reasoned opinion from the EAP as to whether the proposed activity should or should not be authorised, and if the opinion is that it should be authorised, any conditions that should be made in respect of that authorisation.[15]

Another important obligation incumbent upon the EAP is set out in paragraph 3(1)(s) which obliges the EAP, under oath or affirmation to confirm the inclusion of comments and inputs from stakeholders and I&APs as well as any information provided by the EAP to I&APs and any responses by the EAP to comments or inputs made by interested or affected parties.

[15] See paragraph 3(1)(q) in appendix 3.

It is clear that the procedure pertaining to EIA after the acceptance of a scoping report includes detailed procedural requirements which act as a bulwark in respect of fair and defensible public participation.

In the circumstances and provided that the EAP ensures full and proper public participation with all I&APs registered during the scoping phase (as accepted by the DFFE) there should be no procedural difficulties with the proposed merger of the originally envisaged three WEFs into two WEFs.

3. **MY ADVICE**

Mulilo needs to ensure that there is a detailed but succinct explanation contained in the EIA reports of the following:

(1) How the scoping phase for each WEF culminated in the DFFE's approval thereof on 19 November 2024, which acceptance letters include reference to PPP in the EIA phase as follows:

- Under the heading "*General Comments*" at paragraph 1 the acceptance of the scoping report reads as follows:

  "*The meeting minutes in Appendix F of the* [PP] *Report refers. The discussions during the meeting with the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) and the Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency (MTPA) on 11 September 2024 are noted.*"

- Under the heading "*Public Participation*" in DFFE's written acceptance of the scoping report the following is recorded:

  "*10. Proof of correspondence with the various stakeholders must be included in the EIAr. This must indicate that this draft EIAr has been subjected to 30 days* [PPP]*, stating the start and end date of the PPP.*

  11. Please ensure that comments from all relevant stakeholders are submitted to the Department with the EIAr.

  12. Should you be unable to obtain comments, proof should be submitted to the Department of the attempts that were made to obtain comments. Please provide proof of written notice for the availability of the draft EIAr for comment.

  13. All issues raised and comments received must be incorporated into the Comments and Response Report (CRR).

14. *Comments from I&APs must not be split and arranged into categories. Comments from each submission must be responded to individually.*

15. *Please refrain from summarising comments made by I&APs. All comments from I&APs must be copied verbatim and responded to clearly. Please note that a response such as "noted" is not regarded as an adequate response to an I&AP's comments.*

16. *The CRR addresses comments on the draft SR, which have been received from organs of state, however, copies of these comments are not included in the report. Copies of original comments received from I&APs and organs of state, which have jurisdiction in respect of the proposed activity must be submitted to the Department with the EIAr.*

17. *If applicable, the attendance registers and minutes of any meetings held by the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) with I&APs and other role players must be included in the EIAr.*

18. *The newspaper advert proof in Appendix C of the* [PP] *Report refers. Please submit a full page of the newspaper(s) containing the advertisement, ensuring that the <u>name of the newspaper and date are visible</u>. (Underlining as in the original.)*

- As regards comments from organs of state paragraph 19 (under the heading "*Specialist assessments*") provides as follows:

  "*Interim and final comments from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) must be addressed and incorporated in the EIAr.*"

(2) Subsequent to the approval of the scoping phase it became clear that only some of the turbines comprising the Rochdale WEF could be erected.

(3) The proposal assessed in the EIA is to merge Rochdale's remaining turbines into the Emvelo WEF, and the registered stakeholders (i.e. I&APs) are entitled to participate fully in the on-going EIA process.

My advice is that there can be no procedural prejudice to the registered I&APs provided that they are fully engaged in the statutory PPP as envisaged in NEMA, the EIA Regulations and the relevant provisions of the letter from DFFE that confirms the Chief Director: Integrated Environmental Authorisation's acceptance of the scoping reports at issue in this matter. There is a substantively good *rationale* for the accepted scoping report for the Sheepmoor WEF now including properties that were assessed (and

accepted by DFFE) as part of the Emvelo and Sheepmoor scoping processes, which will now form part of the Sheepmoor WEF.

The same *rationale* applies to the accepted scoping report for the Emvelo WEF now including properties that were assessed (and accepted by DFFE) as part of the Emvelo and Rochdale scoping processes, which will now form part of the consolidated Emvelo WEF.

In an abundance of caution, the EAP could include DFFE's Chief Directorate's emailed correspondence to client's Mr. Barnes as an annexure to the two EIA reports to be submitted by 27 March 2025.

It would also be useful to append an aerial photograph that shows conclusively that the consolidated and respective Sheepmoor and Emvelo WEFs incorporate properties that were assessed during scoping and accepted as such in DFFE's acceptance letters dated 19 November 2024. As already pointed out, there can be no suggestion that the now-proposed Sheepmoor WEF and Emvelo WEF include any properties that were not the subject of the scoping exercise that culminated in the acceptance of the scoping reports. An aerial photograph as proposed would provide the reader of this memorandum with conclusive evidence in that regard.

We advise accordingly.

PREPARED at CAPE TOWN on this 6th day of MARCH 2025

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