



## environmental affairs

Department:  
Environmental Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### DETAILS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER, DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND

#### UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH

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Application for authorisation in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998, as amended and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2014, as amended (the Regulations)

#### PROJECT TITLE

Environmental Impact Assessment Process for the Hugo Wind Energy Facility and ancillary infrastructure, near De Doorns, within in Breede Valley Local Municipality, and Cape Winelands District Municipality in the Western Cape Province.

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## 1. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP) INFORMATION

EAP Company Name:	Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd			
B-BBEE	Contribution level (indicate 1 to 8 or non-compliant)	1	Percentage Procurement recognition	135%
EAP name:	Stephanie Gopaul			
EAP Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masters in Environmental Management, University of the Free State, South Africa, 2012</li> <li>• BSc. Environmental and Engineering Geology, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, 2005</li> </ul>			
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The appointed EAP must meet the requirements of Regulation 13 of GN R982 of 04 December 2014, as amended.

## 2. DECLARATION BY THE EAP

I, Stephanie Gopaul, declare that –

- I act as the independent environmental assessment practitioner in this application;
- I have expertise in conducting environmental impact assessments, including knowledge of the Act, Regulations and any guidelines that have relevance to the proposed activity;
- I will comply with the Act, Regulations and all other applicable legislation;
- I 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 applicant;
- I will take into account, to the extent possible, the matters listed in Regulation 13 of the Regulations when preparing the application and any report relating to the application;
- I undertake to disclose to the applicant 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; and - 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 it will be indicated that such information exists and will be provided to the Competent Authority;
- I will perform all obligations as expected from an environmental assessment practitioner in terms of the Regulations; and
- I am aware of what constitutes an offence in terms of Regulation 48 and that a person convicted of an offence in terms of Regulation 48(1) is liable to the penalties as contemplated in Section 49B of the Act.

**Disclosure of Vested Interest (delete whichever is not applicable)**

- I do not have and will not have any vested interest (either business, financial, personal or other) in the proposed activity proceeding other than remuneration for work performed in terms of the Regulations;

- ~~• I have a vested interest in the proposed activity proceeding, such vested interest being:~~

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Signature of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

Environmental Resource Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd

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Name of Company:

03 July 2024

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Date

3. UNDERTAKING UNDER OATH/ AFFIRMATION

I, STEPHANIE COFALL, swear under oath / affirm that all the information submitted or to be submitted for the purposes of this application is true and correct.

[Signature]  
Signature of the Environmental Assessment Practitioner

ERM SOUTHERN AFRICA PTY LTD  
Name of Company

03/07/2024  
Date

[Signature]  
Signature of the Commissioner of Oaths

03 July 2024  
Date

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